



Kingham Primary School

Always learning to be our best

Bulletin

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Kingham Among Top Schools in England

We were thrilled to hear this week that Kingham Primary School was ranked in the top 350 primary schools nationally and 2nd highest in Oxfordshire!

The Sunday Times Parent Power League (published last week) which highlights 'the best primary schools' in England, ranked us 316th (top 1.5% nationally) based on high academic standards in reading, writing and maths!

We are especially pleased that this has been achieved with extra pressures on our school such as year-on-year budget cuts, significant staffing cuts, falling pupil attendance and, as the Sunday Times put it, "a mental health crisis". We are also bucking the national trend of falling results since 2019.

Thank you to all our parents and students for your hard work and support and thank you to all our staff right the way from Nursery through to Juniors who work so hard for our children.

Kingham's Got Talent Finals 2024

Prior to the Easter holidays, we watched the thrilling *Kingham's Got Talent* Finals hosted by Mrs



Smith. Our three judges: Mr Prockter-Cowell, Ms Allemann and Mrs M Smith gave their honest views on all of the sixteen finalists.

Mr Prockter-Cowell exclaimed that, "the talent this year has been phenomenal!" and he hopes that when the finalists are famous, they will remember, "It all started at Kingham Primary!" One performer, Mille Davey, stated "as a performer, I think everyone was nervous, but I felt amazing when I was on the stage!"

The results were as follows:

- 1st The Juggling Duo (Benji and Max Y6)
- 2nd The Orphans (Elia, Grace and Isla Y4)
- 3rd Hilarious Harlie (Harry and Charlie Y6)

Well done to all our talented performers! *By Jemimah, Year 6*



KPSA Kingham Fun Run

The Kingham Fun run is back on **Saturday 18th May** at 9:15am!

The run is free to take part (but we hope to raise money through the sponsorship pages) and children can choose either the mini course of 1km, or challenge themselves on the 3km big run around the school and millennium woods.

The route will all be all off-road, with marshals along the way, so children

can run by themselves if family members are not keen to join them, although you are of course very welcome to run too! We do suggest that children up to and including Year 2 should run with an adult or an older sibling though, due to big roots and uneven surfaces in the woods.

Each runner will receive a race number, their own sponsorship page to ask friends and family for sponsorship and a medal for taking part.

Teas, coffees, bacon butties and ice creams will be on sale all morning for racers and supporters, so even if you aren't racing, we hope you will come and cheer everyone on!

[Please use this link to sign up](#), using a different form per family member running. We will then send you your own personal sponsorship page link. Happy racing!



Farewell Miss Brooker

At the end of last term we said a sad farewell to Miss Brooker, who was covering Ms Allemann's maternity leave in Year 5.

We thank Miss Brooker for all the hard work in Year 5, and wish her every success in the future.



Open Doors

On the final week of this half-term, we are opening classroom doors at 3:20pm for parents to come in and look at some of the work your children have been doing this term at Kingham. The times for each class are in the Diary Dates (overpage). We hope you can pop along and see what we've been up to.

KPSA Quiz night -Save the Date!

The Kingham Quiz night is booked in for Thursday 13th June at 6:30pm. Tickets will be on sale soon and once again will include delicious food made by the Kingham Plough. Watch this space!

Junior Interhouse Football



The sun came out (at last) for our House Football tournament on Tuesday. It was a lovely afternoon, of friendly competition and lots of goals! Congratulations to Robins who came first in Upper Juniors and Otters who won in Lower Juniors.

Sam Copeland Author Visit (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

The author Sam Copeland will be visiting our school on April 30th and working with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 students.

Sam is the author of the bestselling *Charlie Changes Into a Chicken* series, which was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize. With Jenny Pearson, he has also written *Tuchus & Topps Investigate: The Underpants of Chaos*, and *Tuchus & Topps Investigate: The Attack of the Robot Librarians*. If you wish to order discounted, signed copies of Sam's books, please click on this link.



Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS)

Congratulations to the following students for their hard work on TTRS over the last 6 days.

Most minutes:

Gold	150pts	Olivia, Year 1	OWLS
Silver	100pt	Raff, Year 4	OTTERS
Bronze	50pts	Alina, Year 3	OTTERS



Highest minutes by class: Year 4

Highest scores by class: Year 4

Value of the Month - Respect

Respect:
is liking who I am
is treating others as I would want to be treated
is appreciating that other people have different ideas and beliefs
is listening to others.

Volunteers Needed for Chipping Norton Scouts

Chippy Scouts are on the lookout for new adult volunteers to join the team at Chipping Norton. They have spaces for team members to help with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, or to help behind the scenes e.g. gardening, looking after kit and fundraising.

If you wish to put your skills to good use, learn new ones and contribute to your community (with full support and training) then please contact ceri@chippyscouts.org.uk



Cotswold Youth Choir

Cotswold Youth Choir are looking to recruit new members aged 10-18 years.

CYC run 10 rehearsals each term, which culminate in an end-of-term performance. All rehearsals are 5:30pm-7pm in the Chipping Norton Town Hall. To sign up please click on this link. If you have any questions, please email CYC at

contact@cotswoldyouthchoir.org.uk or check out their website for more info: www.cotswoldyouthchoir.org.uk.



Diary Dates

Wb 22 Apr	Year 5 Cycle Training
Weds 24 Apr	Year 4 at CNS Languages Festival (pm)
Tues 30 Apr	Sam Copeland Author Visit to Infants
Sun 5 May	Farmers Market at The Plough
Tues 7 May	Year 3 Trip to Cadbury World
Tues 7 May	Year 5 River Evenlode field trip
Weds 8 May	U10s Chipping Norton rugby tournament
Weds 8 May	Book Fair (until Monday 13 th)
Fri 10 May	Year 2 Class Assembly
w/b 13 May	Year 6 SATs week
Thurs 16 May	Y5 Parent Meeting - Residential Trip 3:15pm
Fri 17 May	Year 1 Class Assembly
Sat 18 May	Kingham Fun Run
Mon 20 May	Year 5/6 Road Safety Workshop pm
Mon 20 May	Nursery/Year 6 Open Doors – 3:20pm
Tues 21 May	Reception/Year 5 Open Doors – 3:20pm
Tues 21 May	KPSA Zoom Meeting 8pm
Weds 22 May	Year 1/Year 2 Open Doors – 3:20pm
Weds 22 May	Year 5/6 trip to Gloucester Mosque
Thurs 23 May	Year 3/Year 4 Open Doors – 3:20pm
Fri 24 May	Year 5 Class Assembly
Fri 24 May	Last day of half term
Mon 3 Jun	INSET Day
Tues 4 Jun	First day back
Sun 9 Jun	Churchill Car Show
Tues 11 Jun	Nursery trip to Science Oxford
Thurs 13 Jun	Year 5 Residential (Windmill Farm 2 days)
Thurs 13 Jun	KPSA Quiz Night