



Kingham Primary School

Always learning to be our best

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Farewell to our Loyal and Long-Serving Dependables

This afternoon in assembly, we said a sad farewell to Cherie Gregory (our cook) and Susan Hill (Teaching Assistant).

Cherie Gregory officially retired earlier this year from Oxfordshire County Catering Services but her link with our school goes back to the 1970s when she herself was a pupil at Kingham Primary. Cherie started work at Kingham as a dinner supervisor 29 years ago and then as the school cook in 1999. Cherie has worked as a dinner supervisor, lollipop lady, cook, cleaner and caretaker since that time, helping Kingham to become the school that it is now. Cherie has always been there for us when we have needed her and her honest and dependable personality will be missed by all!



Susan Hill was also a pupil at Kingham Primary School, starting here as an infant in the swinging sixties, and as a teaching assistant nearly 20 years ago. Susan's gentle, calm, encouraging nature will be greatly missed by pupils and staff alike, and we send her our best wishes for her future adventures.



House Art

The deadline for our House Art Competition is Monday 3 March which still gives you plenty of time to get your entries in. The theme is *landscapes or nature*, and prizes will be awarded to winners in each year group.

Free Maths Course for Year 5 and 6 Parents

Abingdon and Witney College are running a 5-week online course on Monday evenings starting on 3 March. This course will explain the current teaching methods used in schools and hopefully help parents to feel more confident to support their children. The course will cover column addition and subtraction as well as long multiplication and division. To book a place, please call 01235 216278 or email enquiries@abingdon-witney.ac.uk.

Value of the Month: Resilience

Resilience:
is recovering quickly from setbacks
is remaining confident and optimistic
is helping others move forward when things go wrong.

Medical Appointment Evidence Now Required

In line with government guidance, we request that, wherever possible, hospital and dental appointments are made outside of school hours or during the holidays, unless they are emergency appointments.

With effect from Monday 24 February, we will need to see the letter or appointment email, in advance, in order to authorise medical appointments.

[If you require leave for an appointment please use this link.](#)

Year 6 Trip to Ashmolean



As part of their Ancient Greece topic, Year 6 students visited the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford this week where they experienced statues and real-life artefacts from this fascinating historical period. During the trip students learned more about Gods and Goddesses, architecture and Greek money.

Author Visit

We are delighted to be able to welcome author Ben Lerwill to our school on Thursday 6 March, which is also WORLD BOOK DAY! Ben will be talking to pupils from Years 1 to 6 about his new non-fiction book, *The World at Night*, which takes readers to the ends of the Earth and everywhere in-between to uncover the hidden wonders of our nocturnal planet.



Ben Lerwill is a multi-award-winning travel writer and children's author. He has written 18 books for children (with many more on the way!) and has been published in more than ten languages. Find out more at www.benlerwill.com

[If you wish to purchase signed and dedicated discounted books please click on this link.](#)

Crochet Club



This half term, Crochet club have been making these lovely 'granny squares' using treble and chain crochet stitches. Thank you to Holly Donaghy-Sutton for inspiring us!

Netball Tournament



Kingham netballers played in a friendly tournament this week vs Kitebrook and Sibford schools. Our teams were brilliant, showing off some amazing set plays inspired by their coaches Miss Ralf and Mrs Baxter. Well done all and kudos to Team A who won every single match.

Footsteps



The days are now beginning to get longer and the weather will soon start to improve, so hopefully during next week's half term you and your children will be able to spend some time outdoors.

Half term would be a great chance for you to use the OCC **Footsteps** programme to begin to support your children in their journey to becoming safer, independent pedestrians and road users.

The **Footsteps** guide gives parents and carers ideas about how to support your child in becoming a responsible pedestrian able to keep themselves safer when they eventually walk to school or a friend's home independently.

If children are ill-prepared, they are more likely to be injured in a road traffic incident, as seen by the fact that the number of child pedestrians injured rises significantly around 10 -12 years of age – the time at which they begin to go out unaccompanied by adults.

The **Footsteps** programme is simple to use as it can be carried out in everyday situations such as walking to school or to the local shops. Rather than *telling* children what to do, parents are guided to *ask* lots of open questions to make children think about the decisions they are making.

Learning to cope with traffic is a practical skill, which cannot be learnt in the classroom. As parents, you are the best people to help as you spend the most time out and about with your children.

It is never too early to start talking to your child about road safety as, having a good understanding of road safety skills, could one day save their life.

[Click on this link for the Footsteps guide](#) and start giving your children the skills and knowledge they will need to stay safer on our roads.

Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS)

Congratulations to the following students for their hard work on TTRS over the last 7 days.

Most minutes:

Gold	150pts	Skyler
Silver	100pts	Tom
Bronze	50pts	Lucy

OWLS
OTTERS
STAGS



Highest minutes by class: Year 3

Highest scores by class: Year 4

Diary Dates

Mon 24 Feb	First day back
Friday 28 Feb	U11s and U9s District Cross Country Finals
Mon 3 Mar	Kingham Book Week
Thurs 6 Mar	World Book Day – Author Visit
Fri 7 Mar	Book character dress-up day
Wed 5 Mar	Year 1 CNPS Dance Festival
Fri 7 Mar	Year 5 Class Assembly (2:45pm)
Fri 14 Mar	Year 2 Class Assembly (2:45pm)
Mon 17 Mar	Science Week
Tues 18 Mar	KPSA Movie Night
Thurs 20 Mar	Interhouse Benchball
Fri 21 Mar	Reception Class Assembly (2:45pm)
Tues 25 Mar	Year 4 Viking Workshop
Weds 26 Mar	Parents Evening (3:30pm to 6pm)
Thurs 27 Mar	Parents Evening (3:30pm to 7pm)
Thurs 27 Mar	Nursery Mothers' Day Forest Session
Fri 28 Mar	Year 4 Class Assembly (2:45pm)
Tues 1 Apr	Nursery Open Door
Weds 2 Apr	Reception trip to Daylesford Farm
Fri 4 Apr	Last Day of Term (School closes 2pm)
Tues 22 Apr	First day back
Wb 22 Apr	Year 5 Bikeability



Half-term Storytime

Friday 21st February at 11am

**Come and join in with our fun
half-term storytime!**

Ages 4+, must be accompanied by an adult.

Booking recommended. Please ask at the desk, telephone 01865 815134, or email chippingnorton.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries

