

KINGSWEAR PRIMARY SCHOOL



Kingswear Friday Post

Friday 27th January 2017

We would like to say a big thank you to the staff of Alf Rescos, for coming over this morning and running our breakfast club. They served up some delicious pancakes with various toppings. We hope that everyone who attended enjoyed their breakfast.

Please can I remind parents and carers about running in the playground at the end of the school day. We have had an increase recently in children being knocked over or hit at the end of the day. Can I remind you that it is a small playground with potentially 74 children out there, could you talk to your child about speed if they are playing a game? Please also remember that there will still be some children under our duty of care, and we will ask children to slow down or stop if we feel it is not safe.

Today, the 27th January, we have commemorated Holocaust Memorial Day. This is a time to remember the millions of people whose lives have been changed beyond recognition, not only during the Holocaust but in subsequent holocausts as well. The date marks the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp.

Tuesday 7th February is Safer Internet Day. Each class will be looking at how to keep themselves safe online and what to do if they find themselves in a difficult situation whilst using the internet.

Tomorrow is the Chinese New Year. Nian the Monster is a wonderful story to share with your children to celebrate this festival.

Jessica Alford- Head of School

Key Dates

Tuesday 7th February- Safer Internet Day
Friday 10th February- Valentines Cake Sale
Monday 13th February- Start of half term
Monday 20th February- Return to school after half term
Monday 27th February- Otters Parents Evening
Tuesday 28th February- Otters Room on a Broom trip/
Otters and Orcas Parents Evening
Wednesday 1st March- Dolphins Parents Evening
Thursday 2nd March- World Book Day/ Orcas and Dolphins
Parents Evening
Thursday 23rd March- CAP Parent workshop 3.15pm
Friday 24th March- Comic Relief
Tuesday 28th March to Thursday 30th March- CAP
Workshops in school for all classes
Friday 31st March- Easter Cake Sale
Monday 15th May to Wednesday 17th May- Yr 3-5
Residential
Wednesday 24th May to Friday 26th May- Year 6 London
Residential

Star Awards



This week the Tripod Trophy is awarded to-

Jacob Maule

Mrs Clark's Star Awards-

Morgana, Lewis and Jowan

Mrs Simnett's Star Awards-

Leland and Henry

Miss Francis and Miss A's Star Awards-

Harry and Ollie

Facebook

We have a wonderful new Facebook page dedicated to Kingswear Primary.

Please like our page and share with your friends.

We have begun to update the new page and we hope you are enjoying seeing the wonderful activities enjoyed by our children.

<https://www.facebook.com/Kingswear-Primary-School-106667156483757/>



Attendance

Congratulations to Otters, who this week, win the award for the highest attendance.

Thank you for continuing to support our attendance targets.



Parents/ Carers Evenings



We will shortly be taking appointments for parents/ carers evenings.

Otters will be held on Monday 27th February and Tuesday 28th February from 3.30pm to 5pm.

Dolphins will be held on Wednesday 1st March and Thursday 2nd March from 3.15pm to 6pm.

Orcas will be held on Tuesday 28th February and Thursday 2nd March from 3.15pm to 6pm.

Lists will be placed on the door to each classroom. Please fill in the time slot that you would like.

Please can we ask that if your child is being picked up by someone other than yourself, that you let school know. As part of our safeguarding of the children, we must ensure that they are being sent home with the correct adult.

Many thanks.

Celebration of Achievement

We really love to hear about the activities that the children take part in outside of school. If you have anything you would like to share with us please send them to-

parent.kw@our-school.org.uk

Can all emails be marked for the Friday Post. These will then be passed on to Emma.

In November, Jack sat his Grade 1 drumming exam in Plymouth. He scored a fantastic 98% and was awarded a Distinction for this! His certificate has now arrived and Jack is very proud of his achievement. He is now working towards his Grade 3 exam!

Congratulations Jack!



Well done to CJ, who this week, has passed his level 4 certificate in trampolining. Excellent work!



Team Points

Each week the children have the opportunity to earn points for their own colour team. At the end of the year these points get added to the final Sports Day totals. We will be updating the points tally weekly on the Friday Post. These totals will also be displayed at the top of the main stairs.

The current standings are-

Red 780

Blue 784

Yellow 842

Green 859

Headteacher/ Maturity Awards

Congratulations to Christian, Zoltan, CJ, Jemima, Sam J, Maddie, Harry, Charlie, George, India, Sam B, Daisy, Romini and Neve, who this week, have received Headteacher and /or maturity awards for their kind acts, mature attitude, terrific work and for persevering when things become a little bit tricky.



Parents/ Carers Message Board

If you know of or are arranging any events in your local community that you would like included in the Friday Post, please send them to-

parent.kw@our-school.org.uk

Christingle Service

St Clement's Church, Dartmouth

This Sunday, 29th January, in the Parish of Dartmouth, we will be holding our annual Christingle service where we celebrate the light of Christ breaking into the darkness of our world at Christmas, the seasons of our world and the wonderful gifts we have.

As usual, it will be an informal, fun and family-friendly service and it would be lovely if you come along to join us at 4:30pm in St Clement's Church.

Christingle



Virtue of the Week

This week our virtue is good manners. Every week in our celebration assembly, children will be awarded with a virtue certificate. This will be awarded for demonstrating the chosen virtue all week, in class and at playtimes.

This week's award winners are Harvey, Ollie, Neve and Alex.



Education South West is now up and running and as part of the process, our email addresses will change. Therefore could we ask that you contact parent@kingswearprimary.org.uk to request any details, or any questions from staff.

The old email addresses will be switched off very soon, and your email will not be received.

Thank you.

Chinese New Year in Otters Class

This week in Otters, the children have been learning all about Chinese New Year. They have learnt the history of the festival and how it is celebrated.

The children were so inspired, that they created an almost 7 foot long dragon of their very own!



Orcas visit Kingswear Church

On Wednesday, the children of Orcas visited the church in Kingswear. Once there, they spent time looking around for signs and symbols that may be important to followers of the Christian faith. Reverend John was on hand to answer any questions they had about the items that they had found.



Forest School/ Land Day

This half term in PE, the children have been learning about dance movement through the theme of the outdoors learning and birds (Forest school theme). This theme not only allows a strong PE tone to exist but to emphasise to children that dance movement is part of this area of learning. Children have developed key movements of dance and learnt to use the music to develop their actions/gestures and ideas. The children have also learnt about OAA/team working skills related to their Monday experience on the land and in Forest school. The OAA section aims to help children improve their team work skills and builds individual confidence. They have used complex skills learnt from Forest school work and applied them to different PE related physical challenges.

During their Forest School sessions, the children's objective was to create a bird collage using natural materials. This activity produced some wonderful and inspiring results.



Next week in Otters-

We have had another exciting week, culminating in the making of a wonderful Chinese dragon with Jules. We found all sorts of decorative pieces of fabric for the collage body of the dragon. This helped to begin our work on materials and we will be continuing with it next week.



We have put in place a new reading system. Please could you assist your child in putting their reading book in the reading journal and place it in the box provided. There will be a box for book bags at the top of the stairs and a box for the home learning and spellings!



If anyone has any spare old CDs that we can use for collage, please send them into school.

Many thanks.

Next week in Orcas-

Literacy - Myths and Legends

We will be reading Egyptian myths and legends and use our story writing skills to write our own version of an Egyptian legend. In our grammar lessons we will be learning about prefixes and suffixes.

Numeracy - Measure

Band 2 children will: choose and use appropriate standard units to estimate and measure length/height in any direction (m/cm); mass (kg/g); temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$); capacity (litres/ml) to the nearest appropriate unit, using rulers, scales, thermometers and measuring vessels; compare and order lengths, mass, volume/capacity and record the results using $>$, $<$ and $=$; recognise and use symbols for pounds (£) and pence (p); combine amounts to make a particular value; find different combinations of coins that equal the same amounts of money. Band 3 children will: measure, compare, add and subtract: lengths (m/cm/mm); mass (kg/g); volume/capacity (l/ml); measure the perimeter of simple 2-D shapes; add and subtract amounts of money to give change, using both £ and p in practical contexts; tell and write the time from an analogue clock, including using Roman numerals from I to XII. Band 4 children will: Convert between different units of measure [for example, kilometre to metre; hour to minute]; measure and calculate the perimeter of a rectilinear figure (including squares) in centimetres and metres; find the area of rectilinear shapes by counting squares; estimate, compare and calculate different measures; read, write and convert time between analogue and digital 12- and 24-hour clocks; solve problems involving converting from hours to minutes; minutes to seconds; years to months; weeks to days.

Topic- Ancient Egypt

We will continue our science work by learning about how plants grow and why the soil around the Nile helped the Egyptians to become wealthy through farming. In music, we will create soundscapes using various percussion instruments.

Next week in Dolphins-

Literacy-Argument and Debate

Next week, we will be finishing off our argument and debate unit by editing the arguments we have written. We will then be moving on to focus on journalistic writing. The children will analyse a range of newspaper front pages, with the final piece to the unit being a front page spread reporting on a natural disaster.

Numeracy- Measure

Band 5 children will convert between different units of metric measure; change metric units to become imperial units; calculate the perimeter of multi-shape shapes in centimetres and metres; calculate the area of rectangles in square centimetres and square metres and estimate the area of irregular shapes; estimate volume; convert between the units of time; solve more difficult problems which involve units of measurement, decimal numbers and scales; solve problems about different units of measures with three decimal places; convert measurements of length, weight, volume and time up to three decimal places in length. Band 6 children will convert between miles and kilometres; know that even though shapes may have the same area, the perimeter may be different - or a shapes with the same perimeter may have a different areas; use a formulae for area and volume of shapes; calculate the area of parallelograms and triangles; work with the volume of cubes and cuboids using cubic centimetres and cubic metres, and other units too such as mm³ and km³.



Topic- Disaster!

The children will create a souvenir from a historic site. They will then have to persuade a gift shop owner to stock the product. They must consider price and materials.