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# *Kingswear Friday Post*

*Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017*

A big thank you to everyone who lent us teapots for the Mad Hatter's Tea Party and to Rachel Shannon for the buzzers that were used in the quiz. It was a wonderful occasion and the teapots really added an extra element to the lunch.

Please can we make you all aware that there is no school adult on the public footpath leading up to school. This means there is no supervision for children walking up the path on their own. We have supervision on the playground every morning from 8.45am, as this is the start of the school site. The path up to school is a public footpath so there could be members of the public using it at the start and end of school. Can we ask that children are brought up to the school gate. Can we also request that parents/ carers are not parking across the school entrance, this is making it very difficult for others to enter school safely.

There will be no outdoor day on Monday due to the poor weather forecast. Children will need to be dropped and collected from school. The children can come to school wearing their PE kit.

A huge well done to all of our amazing Year 6 children, who this week, learnt their secondary school placements. We know that everyone is going to thrive in their new learning environments. Congratulations to Jemima, who has received an academic scholarship to Stover School based on her entrance exam.

**Jessica Alford- Head of School**

## 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 1135**

**Blue 1161**

**Yellow 1227**

**Green 1206**

## Attendance

You can earn even more team points by achieving 100% weekly attendance.

Mrs Tucker will be calculating weekly attendance on a Thursday (it will run Thursday - Thursday), if your child has 100% attendance they can earn 5 extra team points!

This could make a real difference on Sports Day!

## Star Awards



**This week the Tripod Trophy is awarded to-**

**Jowan Rickard**

**Mrs Clark's Star Awards-**

**Ezme and Zoltan**

**Mrs Simnett's Star Awards-**

**Justin and George**

**Miss Francis and Miss A's Star Awards-**

**Connie and Alex**

## Key Dates

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March-** Scout's bake sale

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March-** Orcas trip to Paignton Zoo

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March-** CAP Parent workshop 3.15pm

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March-** Comic Relief (Wear Red day to help raise money)

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March to Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March-** CAP Workshops in school for all classes

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March-** Easter Cake Sale/ Egg Drop/ Mufti Day

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May to Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May-** Year 3-5 Residential

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May-** Year 6 London Residential

## Head of School/ Maturity Awards

Congratulations to, Lewis, Zoltan, Charlie and Malakai, who this week, have received Head of School and /or maturity awards for their kind acts, mature attitude, terrific work and for persevering when things become a little bit tricky.



## PTA Film Night



**There is going to be a film night for all pupils on Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> March, straight after school.**

**We are asking for a £2.50 donation per child for a goody bag with a drink, a bag of popcorn and a bag of crisps to enjoy during the film.**

**Children will need to be collected at 5pm.**

**Letters with all the details will be distributed next week.**

**Please return your form and money to Mrs Tucker in reception no later than Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> of March. Please don't leave it until the day to decide as, if we don't have enough children signed up in advance, the PTA won't be able to run the event.**

## School contacts

Please telephone us on

01803 752356



Please email us

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<http://www.kingswearprimary.org.uk/>



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## 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@kingswearprimary.org.uk](mailto:parent@kingswearprimary.org.uk)

**These will then be sent on to Emma.**

## Attendance

**Well done to the children listed below, who all achieved 100% attendance this week (Thursday to Thursday)! They each earn 5 extra points for their colour team!**

### **Otters-**

**Will, Dylan K, Pippa, Toby, Max, Archie, Daisy, Connie, Alex, Iris, Charlie, Neve, Beau and Lewis.**

### **Orcas-**

**Summer, Jack, Edan, Flynn, George, Mason, Millie, Justin, Balazs, Daisy, Lewis Y, Lewis A, Harvey, Leland, Mackenzie, Kirsten, Nicole, Malakai, Elliot, Charlie, James M, Henry, Ruby, Archie and James K**

### **Dolphins-**

**Sam B, Dylan, Timmy, Ezme, George, Sam J, Maddie, Jemima, Josh, Romini, Jemima, Maisy, Zoltan, India, Ollie, CJ, Isabelle, Harry, Jacob P, Jacob M and Hamish.**

**Congratulations!**

## Swimming

Next week's session will be the final one for the Group One year 6 swimmers.

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, the second group of Year 6 swimmers will begin their three sessions.

Emma will email full details to the parents/ carers of these children next week.

## World Book Day

Yesterday, the whole school celebrated World Book Day. As part of the celebrations, the children and staff dressed up as their favourite character from a book. We had a huge array of characters, from Alex Rider to Puss in Boots.

As part of their home learning, the children were asked to create dioramas of their favourite story to bring into school. The other children then had to guess the correct story for the child who made the diorama to win 5 team points.

We had five activities running throughout the day. With Miss Polly, the children created models of a character using clay, with Annette they decorated character shaped biscuits, with Emma the children wrote character descriptions based on the character they came to school dressed as, Miss Francis ran a quiz that brought out some stiff competition and Mrs Simnett created a continuing story with each group that was then placed onto bunting.

At lunchtime Miss A, Mrs Tucker and Victoria arranged a wonderful Mad Hatter's Tea Party. Thank you to everyone who lent us the teapots for this.

It has been an incredible day and we hope this has inspired the children to keep enjoying and exploring stories.

The more you read,

The more things you will know.

The more that you learn,

The more places you'll go. - Dr. Seuss



## 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@kingswearprimary.org.uk](mailto:parent@kingswearprimary.org.uk)

Can all emails be marked for the Friday Post.

These will then be passed on to Emma.

## Forest School

**Reflecting on their Birdwatch from last week, the children, this week, produced paintings of the birds they spotted in our forest.**

**Please note- No outdoor day on Monday due to the weather forecast. Children to be dropped and collected from school.**



## Parent/ Carer Email

Please could everyone note that we have a new email address for parents and carers to send enquires and information to.

[parent@kingswearprimary.org.uk](mailto:parent@kingswearprimary.org.uk)

Please can we ensure that we are using this email address and not emailing staff directly.

### Egg Drop/ Mufti Day

**On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, we will be holding our annual Egg drop challenge and a mufti day to raise money for Nick Banwell (Executive Headteacher at Christow Primary School and Headteacher at Rydon Primary School, both schools are part of Education South West) who is running the London Marathon to raise money for Mental Health Foundation.**

**The egg drop rules will be sent out in a separate email next week but it is always an eggcellent and eggciting event!**



**For the mufti- day, we are asking for contributions of £1 for Mr Banwell's charity run.**

### Virtue of the Week

Fairness and Equality

Article 2 (Rights Respecting Schools)

All children have rights!

Each week, in our celebration assembly, we will give out awards to those children who have embodied this virtue.

This week's award winners are, Freddie, Mawgan, Maddie and Dylan.



### 'Parenting in a digital age'

South West Grid for Learning has some excellent tips and advice on how to manage children's time online and how to keep them safe.

Please use the link below to have a look at their February newsletter.

<http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?ca=303bd935-7e99-4b5d-9038-daf44f6fac7f&m=1112397943011>



## Next Week in Otters-

Well done to everyone for their efforts for World Book Day yesterday. The array of costumes on display was incredible and we thoroughly enjoyed discussing the children's wonderful dioramas. It was a terrific day and we hope that this has embedded the children's love of reading and learning through books.

Next week, the Literacy focus will be on sentence structure. They will begin to use connectives alongside punctuation reminders, particularly where the full stop sits in the sentence.

The children will spend time observing the changes in their beans and recording their observations on the vast changes in development going on in the tadpole tank.

In Numeracy, the children will use Jack and the Beanstalk as the inspiration for measuring. They will measure the room looking at the different types of measurement they can use.

The Room on the Broom trip was a wonderful success. The children were engrossed in the whole production. It was superbly re-enacted with colourful costumes and an imaginative set.

## Next week in Orcas-

### Literacy- Diary Writing

We will be completing our diary entries describing Ernest Shackleton's expedition on Endurance. We will consider how best to describe the events and feelings of the crew as the journey progresses. We will edit and improve our work to create more complex sentence structures and use more challenging vocabulary.

### Numeracy- Decimals

In band 2 we will recognise, find, name and write fractions  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$  and  $\frac{2}{4}$  of a set of objects or quantity; write simple fractions, for example,  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 6 = 3 and recognise the equivalence of  $\frac{2}{4}$ .

In band 3 we will count up and down in tenths; recognise that tenths arise from dividing an object into 10 equal parts and in dividing one-digit numbers or quantities by 10; recognise, find and write fractions of a discrete set of objects: unit fractions and non-unit fractions with small denominators; recognise and use fractions as numbers: unit fractions and non-unit fractions with small denominators; recognise and show, using diagrams, equivalent fractions with small denominators; add and subtract fractions with the same denominator within one whole. In band 4 we will recognise and write decimal equivalents of any number of tenths or hundredths; recognise and write decimal equivalents.

### Topic- Extreme Survival

We will be classifying animals based on specific characteristics and exploring how food chains describe feeding relationships between plants and animals in a specific habitat.

## Next week in Dolphins-

### Literacy- The Battle Cry

We will be completing a 'Read, Write, Perform' unit where the children will look at famous battle speeches written through history. We will aim to use these to plan, write and perform our own battle speeches.

### Numeracy - Decimals and Percentages

Next week, the children will can recognise and write decimal equivalents of any number of tenths or hundredths; recognise and use thousandths and relate them to tenths, hundredths and decimal equivalents; read, write order and compare numbers with up to three decimal places; multiply and divide numbers and those involving decimals by 10, 100 and 1000; round decimals to the nearest whole number and to one decimal place.

### Topic- 'Rule Britannia'

Who were the significant figures of this period?

In groups, the children will research key figures of this time period (King Alfred, King Edward, King Athelstan, King Edgar, Eric the Red, Ragnar Lodbrok etc.)

They will use their research to create fact files.

What are the differences between Anglo-Saxon and Viking costumes?

The children will look at historical evidence using BBC clips,

They will note the similarities and differences.

They will then design and make a Viking helmet, shield or sword.