

Issue 2—22nd October 2020

KINGSWOOD PARKS NEWS

Kingswood Parks Primary School takes seriously its responsibility to safeguard all children and adults and have rigorous procedures in place to do so.

Message from Mrs Miller:

What a fantastic day we have had today! The children have really enjoyed their Halloween celebrations and they will all be bringing home a pumpkin for you to decorate or cut out together as you wish. I would like to thank the Parents Group who made a very generous donation towards the cost of the pumpkins. I have written a separate letter which I hope you will find informative. I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on 3rd November.

Diary Dates:

Thursday 22nd October - Last Day of Term

Friday 23rd October - Teacher Training Day (School Closed to Children)

Monday 2nd November - Teacher Training Day (School Closed to Children)

Tuesday 3rd November - Children return to School

Wednesday 2nd December - Flu Immunisation Day (FS2-Year6)



Year 6: We have really enjoyed writing our non-chronological report on the River Ganges and are currently writing our own character flaw story about a boy and his dog! In Maths we've been looking at multiplying 3 and 4 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers and investigating word problems which include this. In Geography we have been looking at the world's deserts and locating them. We have finished our Take one Picture presentations in our Computing lessons which showcase all of the skills from our art lessons — have a look at them on j2e!

Foundation Stage 2: Over the last few weeks our Foundation Stage 1 and 2 children have continued to delve into an array of nursery rhymes! All of our children have had lots of opportunities to create delightful performances of our latest story maps, 'The Wheels on the Bus' and 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes', followed by either drawing characters /objects featured in the rhymes, or by making their own version of whole story maps from start to finish.

Foundation Stage 1: Children have enjoyed rolling, squeezing and pinching playdough during our exciting Funky Fingers sessions called 'dough gym', which helps with pencil grip and control. It is great to see the children making meaningful marks during our 'Mark Making to Music' sessions with their newly acquired skills. Harvest Festival went very well indeed! Thank you for all of your very kind donations. Our children learned about the significance of Harvest Festival, in preparation for a special assembly delivered by Rev. Ben Norton via our interactive white boards.

Year 5:

Year 5 have had a successful first half term. We have faced many challenges with our Take One Picture project, which has combined art, computing and design skills to create moving buggies.

The buggies are topped with our painted horses. We have used Crumble Kits: this is an electronics system, which the children control using coding on our Chromebooks. This is complex, requiring a lot of resilience and perseverance. We'd like to commend all of the children for their work on this project.



Year 3: We have had an amazing half term in year 3 ! We have been looking at the Vikings as warriors, discovering where they came from, what they did and when they arrived. As part of our Take One Picture, the children have performed a battle using both body percussion and instruments. Using the glockenspiel, the children have performed simple tunes using GAB. They have also sketched expressive portraits of Vikings in battle using the music of 'Charge' by Karl Jenkins to inspire them! In writing we have written a journey story based on our text 'Ocean Meets Sky', which has been very successful. In maths we have focused on place value and have moved onto addition and subtraction. Well done to the children for their efforts this half term. Please ask them all about what they have learnt! The Year 3 team.



Year 1:

We have had a lovely half term in Year One. In Literacy we have written a recount of our Autumn Walk. We really enjoyed looking for signs of Autumn and describing the different objects that we found. In Maths, we have been learning to add and subtract using different methods. In our Mastery of Skills lessons, we have been researching David Attenborough. We watched some clips of his documentaries and found out about his life. We have also enjoyed painting the school in the style of Vincent Van Gogh. In our Science lessons, we have been classifying animals into the following categories: reptiles, amphibians, mammals, birds and fish. We thought about the features of each animal. For our Take One Picture project we designed and created an animal mask. We were very enthusiastic to parade around the hall moving as our animal.



Year 4: What a wonderful half term we have had! In Year 4 we have fallen head first into the Wilderness, whilst using Run Wild by Gill Lewis. The children have written some amazing journey stories based around this. In Science, we have been looking at how the digestive system works, from this we then wrote an information text. During our mastery of skills lessons, the children have created a blanket panel each for a soldier in the trenches. They needed to applique a symbol to raise the soldiers moral. These will then be sewn together to create a patchwork blanket, that will be our entry for this years Take One Picture, for the National Gallery in London.



Year 2: We have had a wonderful half term in Year 2 and it has been fantastic to see how eager the children have been to get back into school life. The children have loved learning about our class text 'Mr Big' and have now written a super wishing tale about finding a friend, as well as a non-chronological report about gorillas. We now have a year group full of gorilla experts! In Art, the children have worked hard to develop their detailed drawing skills when designing a hat for Niccolo Da Tolentino using different grades of pencils. In Computing we have used Jit5 to create different styles of hats and then used these designs to create our own Ebooks. Thank you for all your continued support this half term, it has been a real pleasure to welcome back the children.



Whole School Attendance:

Our whole school attendance for the month of September at XXX%. Individual classes are as follow:



FS2G—93.7%	FS2R —94.6%	FS2D—95.3%	YR1M—96.4%	YR1C—97.0%
YR1G—96.0%	YR2S—97.0%	YR2M—97.7%	YR2F—95.3%	YR3B—93.1%
YR3H— 95.2%	YR3S—94.9%	YR4B—95.3%	YR4D—97.0%	YR4G—96.1%
YR5C—94.7%	YR5P—91.8%	YR5Q—92.4%	YR6BR—92.4%	YR6ER—94.7%
YR6SR—95.7%				