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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 Loten:

It has been a lovely start to the Spring Term. It has been a pleasure to watch the enthusiasm of the children as they become immersed in their book for the Spring Term. There are lots of interesting titles and thoroughly engaging novels. Thank you to all those parents who continue to support their child with the Reading Challenge. Year 6ER have had 6 weeks of 100% attendance so well done to them. They will be rewarded with a local trip. We continue to celebrate the successes of many of our children in Merit Assemblies with a Kingswood Parks certificate and sticker.

Diary Dates:

Monday 3rd May—Bank Holiday

Tuesday 4th May—School Open

Friday 28th May—Last Day of Term

Monday 7th June—Children return to school

Friday 23rd July—Last Day of Term



Year 6:

In Year 6, the children have really been enjoying our class text 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Rauf. The children used this to create their own backpacks using Giacomo Balla's love of sculpting as inspiration. They had the opportunity to use a range of tools to sculpt their designs. In writing the children have written their own warning story and are now looking at a discussion text about the life of refugees in the United Kingdom. In Maths, the children have been resilient in their learning of angles and how to use a protractor.

Foundation Stage: The children in the Foundation Stage have loved going 'Down in the Jungle' as we have begun to explore our new theme for this half term. Foundation Stage 1 have been learning about different types of jungle animals, they have used their imaginations to draw their own pictures of the animals and to think about what life might be like in the jungle. They have explored tasting a variety of jungle foods and were surprised at how tasty they were, the banana was definitely the most popular favourite fruit! They are also going to learn about jungle vegetables. Foundation Stage 2 have been going wild as we dressed up as jungle creatures for our book launch day. We saw a whole variety of jungle animals including parrots, monkeys and butterflies. Thank you to all the parents for helping us to have such an enjoyable day. After this we began to think about what jungles look like and which animals live there. The children were amazed to find that people live in jungles too. We have begun reading the story 'Monkey Puzzle' in our literacy lessons and are beginning to learn the story using the story map. We will be sending this home for the children to perform and share the story with you.

Year 5:

What is the collective noun for a group of Sherlocks? This was a question we posed on our book launch day, where we came to school dressed as detectives or police officers. Our new book, 'High Rise Mystery' by Sharna Jackson, is a children's mystery story set in a fiction high rise estate in London called 'The Tri'. The children are enjoying the story and identifying the suspects— we have four so far! This book has inspired us to look at the history of policing, including some key inventions from the Victorian era, which have aided detectives such as fingerprinting.

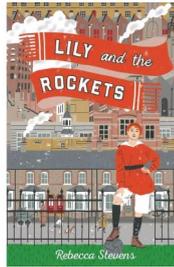


Year 3: Throughout this half-term, the children have been applying their skills in literacy by writing a 'Losing Tale'. In maths, they have been looking at addition and subtraction using the column method. In science, they have had an exciting start to 'Forces'. The children have enjoyed using magnets, investigating which material attract and repel. They have been using atlases to identify eight European countries as well as identifying countries in the northern and southern hemisphere.

We appreciate all of your support with the online classes. Looking forward, the children will be designing and making wooden boats. We will be focusing on strengthening the different parts of the boat.

Finally, well done for the fantastic effort for both 3B and 3C for their work completed during the home learning period.

Year 4: We have returned to school full of curiosity and a thirst for learning. The children are loving reading 'Lily and the Rockets' our new class text and have learnt about life in WWI at a munition factory. We have learnt about life on the home front in History and what role propaganda played to recruit men and women during WWI. In Science we are learning about electricity and creating simple circuits. We have investigated how to make a circuit work, and what an insulator and conductor is. We have also begun to use the crumble kit in computing, and learnt how to code the kit to make a light flash on and off. We will be making an alarm for the munition factories using this. During maths we are learning about decimals and linking it to our fractions work. We have had a lovely few weeks back! Well Done Year 4!



Year 1: In Year One we had a great day on our book launch. We read our new book 'Alfie's Big Adventure', a story about a little boy who goes on an adventure to a dark cottage and finds an owl. We made our own owls using feathers and each class adopted their own owl. In Maths, we have started multiplication and have been making equal groups. We have enjoyed using counters and plates to show this. In our Mastery of Skills lessons we have adapted the song 'Old McDonald' and have played untuned instruments to go along with our singing. We have some brilliant performers in Year One! In Geography, we have found out the differences between cities, towns and villages. We have also talked about our local area and where we live. This term in RE we have had some interesting discussions about how we keep our world safe and learnt about different creation stories.



Year 2: We have returned to school full of energy and eager to learn. We are so pleased to be back! We have really enjoyed our work in Maths on time, learning to tell the time to the nearest five minutes. Please help your child to practise this at home! We are enjoying reading our new text The Secret Diary of Kitty Cask, and are enjoying our writing tasks associated with this. We are looking forward to writing and innovating the story.

In Art, we have loved looking at Paul Klee's artwork and practising our painting skills including making tints and tones. We will apply these skills in our final painting.

Thank you for supporting your children by sending sandshoes to wear in the classroom and PE kits including outdoor shoes.

Whole School Attendance:

Our whole school attendance for the month of April at 97.36%. Individual classes are as follow:



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| FS2S—96.91% | FS2R —95.52% | FS2D—96.25% | YR1M—99.38% | YR1C—97.07% |
| YR1G—98.29% | YR2S—95.85% | YR2M—98.58% | YR2F—97.41% | YR3LB—97.83% |
| YR3SH—99.21 % | YR3S—97.52% | YR4B—97.57% | YR4D—98.89% | YR4G—96.83% |
| YR5C—97.06% | YR5P—93.72% | YR5Q—95.02% | YR6BR—98.87% | YR6ER—99.44% |
| YR6SR—99.22% | | | | |