



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: We have had a very busy half term. Children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 have taken part in their nativities, which were amazing. All the children watched the pantomime of Cinderella, this was thanks to money raised by the PTA and a real treat for the children. Father Christmas popped in on Thursday 14th December and delivered each child a small present. We had our fabulous Christmas Fair on Thursday 7th December which was well attended and supported by you all. Finally we wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Dates for your Diary

9th January - Children back to school
12th January — Book Launch Days

Year 6: In Year 6, we have had a very busy end to our half term. In D&T, the children have designed and made a motorised WWII model vehicle, using their woodwork and computing skills. They have tinkered with the CrumbleKit and coding software to not only make the wheels turn, but many have also added complex programming for stopping sensors and steering. In Writing, the children have completed their discussion texts about whether evacuation was the right thing to do during WWII, showing both sides of the argument before coming to their own conclusions. They have also used everything they have been taught so far this term to invent their own WWII based stories on j2e.

Foundation Stage: We have had such a busy few weeks in Foundation getting ready for our fabulous Nativities. The children all did an amazing job and we were all incredibly proud of their performances. In Foundation Stage Two we have been getting into the Christmas spirit with a 'Present wrapping station' and even a post office for the children to write and post their letters to Santa. We have also continued to enjoy our class text 'A Polar Bear in the Snow' with the children both drawing and writing about the story and of course learning about life in the Arctic.

In Foundation Stage One, the children found a series of special letters from Santa, which had been left in the classroom by the elves. Earlier this week, a note arrived stating that Santa would contact the children via video call. Before the phone rang, the children busily generated questions in pairs to ask Santa about his preparations for his epic journey on Christmas Eve. The children loved talking to Santa and in turn, Santa was very impressed by the polite way they communicated. Mr Harris also dropped by to read a wonderful story to the children called 'What the Ladybird Heard', which was enjoyed by all.

Year 5: We have had a busy half term! In Writing, we have been writing a journey tale about Harrison Beck and his friend Lenny travelling on a train through different areas of the world. We also used the book 'The Safari Star' to help us write our journey tales. Continually, we have been writing persuasive texts to persuade people to ride on a train we have created. In Maths, we have finished our fractions unit and started the second half of our multiplication and division unit. We have learnt how to do short division and long multiplication to help us with our arithmetic. In D&T, we have been designing and making emergency vehicles that are fit for purpose. We looked at the design of emergency vehicles and used this to help us design our own. We also used our computing skills to help us code CrumbleKits to put inside of our vehicles to help them move. In RE, we visited St Mary's Church and learnt about how Jesus shows peace and the church shows peace. We are looking forward to a busy half term next half term and welcoming everyone back in January. Have a wonderful Christmas holiday.

Year 3:

I'm sure even Paul Hollywood would have been impressed by the baking know-how of Year 3. Our D&T task was to design and bake a bread roll, suitable for a sandwich, with a decorated top. This involved the children gaining knowledge of how to knead dough.



Soon the 2nd floor cookery room was filled with the smell of freshly baked bread, both children and teachers were lightly dusted with flour. The children felt very proud of their bakes.



Year 1:

Following our brilliant trip to The Deep, we have been learning lots of skills needed to write a recount in Literacy. We've looked at using different sentence types, adjectives and adverbs of time.

In Maths, we have enjoyed our unit of work on shapes and learnt about the properties of different 2D and 3D shapes.

In D&T, we had lots of fun designing and making mazes. We used art straws for the maze walls and discussed ways to make our mazes stronger by using other materials.

We've been learning all about our five senses in Science and the body parts we can see on a human. We loved our lesson where we conducted an investigation to use each of our senses. Trying to figure out what was in the mystery box was great fun.

We hoped you all enjoyed our Christmas performance, 'Baarmy Bethlehem'. We've put a lot of effort into practising and we were all extremely excited to share it with you.

Year 4: We have had a very busy term! In Geography, we have been learning the difference between a city and a county. Using atlases, we have looked closely at the Capital Cities. In the UK we looked at the rivers that run through them. In Maths, we have finished learning all the timetables and related division facts. It would be wonderful if the children could continue to practise these on TT Rockstars! We have thoroughly enjoyed swimming this half term. The children have demonstrated resilience during the swimming lessons and respect towards the swimming instructors. We have enjoyed making Christmas cards and calendars ready for the New Year. The children have also been amazing when practising our year group song 'Merry Christmas Everyone' and we are excited to perform to the rest of the school.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Congratulations
to the **BLUE** House for
winning the Cup this
month!



Year 2: We have had a fantastic term in Year 2. This month we have been learning to write instructions in our Writing sessions. So that we could do this accurately, we have followed a range of instructions to make jelly, rocky road and biscuits. We linked this to our D&T topic and created our own shortbread biscuits. We decorated them using marshmallows, chocolate drops and jelly tots. The children did a fabulous job and they looked very yummy. During our Music lessons we have been learning to play a tune on the glockenspiels. We learnt to play Tony Chestnut. Finally we have worked really hard in Computing to create an Ebook about the Great Fire of London. The children added images and text to their work, they also had to add an animation.

We hope you enjoyed our Christmas Production 'Everyone Loves a Baby!' We have worked very hard and I'm sure you will agree that the children's performances were outstanding. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Whole School Attendance: Target attendance is above 97%.

Our whole school attendance to-date for this year is 95.3%. Individual classes are as follows:



FS2R— 95.5%	FS2G— 93.6%	FS2M— 94.0%	YR1A— 94.6%	YR1C— 96.1%	YR1T— 95.7%
YR2S/M — 96.5%	YR2D— 94.7%	YR2M— 94.8%	YR3B— 95.3%	YR3Q— 95.7%	YR3S— 96.8%
YR4B— 94.7%	YR4P— 95.8%	YR4M— 96.9%	YR5K— 96.0%	YR5C— 96.6%	YR5R— 92.7%
YR6R— 95.6%	YR6HB— 93.0%	YR6W— 96.1%			