

Dear Parents/Carers,

As a school, we should be one of the cornerstones of our local community, keeping children safe and instilling a love of learning in those who, themselves, will grow up to shape the country in years to come.

When you look around Kingslea, you see, hear and feel many, many things: from children and adults talking and interacting, the sound of singing coming from the hall and classrooms, the smell of fish and chips on a Friday, the shouts of excited break time play, the concentration during history lessons to the ingenuity of children using computer animated design. There is always so much going on and so much to be proud of.

One of the things that I do see a lot of is success. Not the success defined as the attainment of fame, wealth, or social status but the accomplishment of an aim or purpose. Success can be found in every part of the school: in every classroom, in the playground and in the hall. At Kingslea, we see success in every child, as well as in every adult.

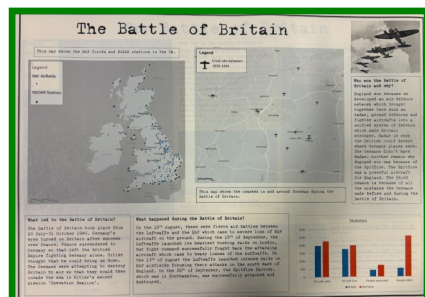
For a few children, success is just being in school; for others it's the academic progress they've made. For some, it's their desire to represent the school at a sports tournament or for others to stand up on a stage in front of their peers and family. Success is a child that found the previous year a challenge, thriving a year later, or who had difficulty sustaining friendships and is now a House Captain. Success can be a child developing a love of learning (or knitting – see the photo of Y6!), the anticipation of reading a new book or to be named Star of the Week.

This success doesn't come by accident. Every adult that works at Kingslea contributes to this success. Be it teachers, classroom support staff, the office or site team. Everyone ensures that we are a caring, organised, high achieving, inclusive and community-focused organisation.

And finally to you, our parents. Thank you for how you support your child, how you are the role model for them as they grow up, and how you value and back up what we do.

Whilst there may be a fair amount of doom and gloom, real and imagined, in the outside world, at Kingslea, we continue to aim to be a beacon of positivity, success and joy.

Alexis Conway and the Kingslea Team



Panto 2023





Housepoints

Autumn 2023

Final



1199



1125



1119



1180

Extra Curricular Clubs

Over the last 10 years, we have run around 30 clubs a term, offering hundreds of places each term across a wide range of different areas, be it sport, drama, coding, history, choir, construction, philosophy or gardening - we think we've offered something for everyone!

Our clubs are there to enhance our children's lives, to introduce them to something new, to allow them to further develop a skill or an attribute, and to help them find success at something.

I am not aware of any other school in the country that offers such a wide range of clubs, at no cost to parents. However, with the government not financing schools at the level that we believe they need to, we may have to adapt what we do.

We are looking into the possibility of charging for clubs, but before we make any decision I'd like your thoughts. Please take the time to fill out the survey using the link below.

- **Option 1** — reduce the number of extra curricular clubs, but keep them free to parents.
- **Option 2** — introduce a voluntary payment of £10 per term for each club (all children would be treated equally, regardless of whether their parent has made a voluntary payment or not) then adapt the number of clubs (and therefore places) depending on the amount of parent contributions received.
- **Option 3**— keep the range of clubs, charging everyone £10 per term per club (apart from those who are on income support or similar benefit).

Please fill out the [survey here](#) to let us know your preference and for the chance to add your comments.

Classroom Visit

On Friday 26th January, we will be running a workshop for all year groups entitled '*Supporting your child to grow and flourish*'. Over the past few years, we have seen a rise in the number of parents asking the school for help, advice and support with home issues, from children saying 'No' to their parent, not going to bed, refusing to eat certain foods to children talking about self-harm and showing significant signs of anxiety. Talking to other schools, it seems that more and more parents are asking schools for help with parenting.

At the workshop, we will be looking at

- What is 'normal' age-appropriate behaviour
- What parenting strategies can be used at home to support the emotional well-being of your child
- Support beyond the home (the graduated response)

Following on from the workshop, you will be able to visit your child/ren in the classroom and take part in a task with them. The session will start at 9.10am and finish at 10.30am (or 10.45am if you'd like to stay for playtime!)

The workshop and classroom visit are not suitable for pre-school children.

Please let us know if you will be attending by completing the [form here](#).

Safeguarding



If you have any concerns about a child, be it in school or out of school, you are able to report your concerns to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads. These are Mrs Barrett, Mrs Howard and Mrs Payne. You can either approach us directly or ask to speak to us via the office. Whilst something might seem quite minor to you, it could be one piece of information that is part of a bigger picture.



Special mention to Y6 who are learning how to knit and have developed a love of knitting. When we had wet plays in December, many Y6 children took up their knitting needles and opted to continue their creations during their lunchtime.



Notes from the School Office

Administration of Medication at School

Schools do not have a statutory duty to give medicines during the school day, however medications are administered to enable children with medical needs to attend school.

Only prescribed medications can be administered at school (with the exception of paracetamol for children over 10).

Short Term Medication

- If your child has been prescribed medication to treat a short term illness such as tonsillitis, ear infection etc. to be taken three times a day, please administer all three doses at home whenever possible—i.e before school, after school and before bed.*
- If your child requires medication to be given four times a day, this will require one dose to be administered during the school day. In this case, contact the school office to request the link to our Medication Consent Form which must be completed before we are able to give medicine.*
- Medicines must be brought in to the School Office on the first day (they can go directly to the classroom on subsequent days) and must be in the original packaging including the dispenser's label showing the child's name and dosage.*

Spring Term 2024	
Monday 15th January	First Week of Clubs
Wednesday 17th January	Y1 Rainbow Theatre Workshop 12noon Y2 New Age Kurling @ Millais 1.30pm Governors Curriculum 7.30pm KLASS AGM
Thursday 18th January	10.00am Y6 Indoor Athletics @ Forest
Friday 19th January	4.00pm Y5&6 Table Tennis @ Forest
Thursday 25th January	12noon Y3&4 Netball Festival @ Millais
Friday 26th January	9.10am Parent Workshop 4.00pm Y5&6 Dodgeball @ The Bridge
Monday 29th January	Young Voices @ O2
Tuesday 30th January	6.00pm Full Governing Body
Thursday 1st February	Y2 Victorian Geography Field Trip 10.00am Y5 Indoor Athletics @ Forest
Friday 2nd February	9.00am Y3 Big School Birdwatch 4.00pm Table Tennis Skills Event @ Forest
Monday 5th February	3.40pm Parents' Evening & Book Fair
Tuesday 6th February	Y4 Viking/Saxon Workshop 3.40pm Parents' Evening & Book Fair
Wednesday 7th February	12.30pm Dance Festival Rehearsal 6.00pm Dance Festival @ Tanbridge
HALF TERM—MONDAY 12th-FRIDAY 16th FEBRUARY	
Tuesday 20th February	pm Class 3C First Swim
Thursday 22nd February	9.15am Governors Resources
Friday 23rd February	9.00am Y3 to Horsham Park 4.00pm Y6 Cup Football @ Tanbridge
Wednesday 28th February	Y3 trip to Wakehurst Place 1.00pm Y4 Maths Competition
Friday 1st March	4.00pm Y5&6 Girls Cup Football @ Tanbridge
Monday 4th March	9.00am YR Stay & Play 12.30pm Y3&4 Football Festival @ Heron Way
Wednesday 6th March	2.15pm YR Stay & Play
Friday 8th March	9.00am YR Stay & Play 4.00pm Y5 Cup Football @ Tanbridge
Monday 11th March	12.30pm Y2 Football Festival @ Leechpool
Thursday 14th March	Y2 Trip to Arundel Wetlands
Friday 15th March	4.00pm Y4 Cup Football @ Tanbridge
Monday 18th March	12.30pm Y5&6 Football Festival @ Heron Way
Wednesday 20th March	10.00am Y4 Indoor Athletics @ The Bridge
Friday 22nd March	4.00pm Y3 Cup Football @ Tanbridge
Wednesday 27th March	Y5 Trip to Greenwich Maritime Museum
Thursday 28th March	Last Day of Term Welly Walk

TERM DATES 2024

Spring Term 2024			
First Day	Wednesday 3 rd January 2024	Last Day	Thursday 28 th March 2024
Half Term	Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th February	INSET Days	Tuesday 2 nd January 2024

Summer Term 2024			
First Day	Monday 15 th April 2024	Last Day	Friday 19 th July 2024
Half Term	Monday 27 th May-Friday 31 st May	INSET Days	Friday 21 st June 2024 Monday 22 nd July & Tuesday 23 rd July