

Newsletter

Friday 12th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of this week, I'm sure the majority of you are looking forward to the half-term like never before. Thank you for the support you have given to your children this half-term; it hasn't been easy but the vast majority of you have understood that you have been key in ensuring your child has completed their school work and attended live events. You have made a significant difference to your child's learning which will help them transition back to school when the time comes. We are not setting any learning over the half-term but there is a live PE session on Tuesday if your child would like to attend (see over for more details).

After half-term it is World Book Day on **Thursday 4th March** and we are going virtual!

During the week beginning 1st March we will be celebrating books and book characters throughout the week in our online learning and incorporating activities into our Teams assemblies and meetings.

The teachers are planning lots of book related tasks on other days, as well as on Thursday's official World Book Day. Videos on World Book Day will feature teachers dressed as a range of book characters too.

Activities for all year groups during the week include:

Class Assembly - the teachers will dress up and share their favourite book and talk about their costume character (The children can join the assembly dressed up, wearing a hat or with a prop to represent their book or character)

Group Meetings - Please could all the children bring a favourite book to discuss with the rest of the group to their meeting. (The children can join the group meetings dressed up, wearing a hat, with a prop to represent their book or character)

Design a Book Token - This will be completed by all children as one of your lessons during the week. This is a national competition so if you wish to submit your child's application then please follow this link to do so. One lucky winner's design will be made into a real life National Book Tokens gift card and distributed across bookshops nationwide in time for Christmas! And there are National Book Tokens to be won for schools of the winning entries age category winners.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/competitions/design-a-national-book-token-2021/>

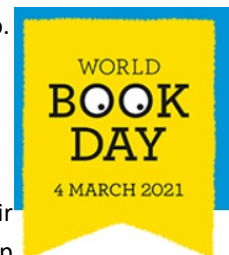
The Masked Reader - The teachers will be performing a Michael Rosen poem. Each teacher will wear a mask and be recorded reading a section each from the poem. The children will be asked to guess who is reading which part. Look out on teams for the competition application for this.

World Book Day Tokens — this year you will receive a digital token via parentmail which you can redeem for the official World Book Day books available in a range of stores. The token can also be used as part of any purchase for a book in a bookstore.

We are looking forward to seeing all the amazing costumes, hats or props in the assemblies and group meetings that week. If your child attends Kingslea Cares on World Book Day then we look forward to seeing them in their costumes, hats or with a prop too on their assembly and/or small group meeting day.

Have a lovely half term,

Alexis Conway and the staff of Kingslea



Congratulations Oliver and Arwyn in 5W

One of our Y5s pupils, Oliver, entered the National Deaf Society's Big Story Challenge competition last year. His story, 'Ginger Ninja' - which Arwyn helped him with—has been chosen as the winner for the 8-11 category. Congratulations!

The competition was judged by Danny Murphy (Actor and ITV presenter), Sarah Driver (Author, *Once We Were Witches*), Lucy Rogers (Illustrator) and Maya Wasserman (Competition winner and author of *The Quest for the Cockle Implant*). Here's what the judges said:

'We found it to be a really memorable entry, which was funny, adventurous and entertaining. We think it would interest young people of all ages.' As one of the winners, Oliver will now have his work turned into an ITV Signed Story with his illustrations used to bring the story to life.

A photograph of Oliver will appear alongside the story on the ITV website. We will inform you when it appears so you can view it too.

Many congratulations to Oliver and Arwyn



The Big Story Challenge



Half –Term PE with Mr Mothee on Tuesday 16th February

After the success of the live PE with Mr Mothee sessions and over 100 children/adults joining him to complete the Sussex School Games activities, we are keeping them running over half-term. On Tuesday 16th February Mr Mothee will be leading live PE sessions for Y1-Y6. Just log in via Teams in the PE with Mr Mothee channel. Siblings, adults and pets can join in too.

Thank you to Mr Mothee for offering to run these during half-term.

1F	10.00 – 10.20am		4B	1.15pm-1.35pm
1S	10.30-10.50am		4U	1.40pm – 2.00pm
2B	11.00-11.20am		5W	2.05pm – 2.25pm
2C	11.30-11.50am		5M	2.30pm – 2.50pm
3L	12noon-12.20pm		6W	3.00pm – 3.20pm
3S	12.30-12.50pm		6N	3.30pm – 3.50pm

The future

So, to the future. The government is announcing the 'road map' on the 15th and 22nd February which should include the plans for the return to school. It has been talked about that Monday 8th March is first possible day for children to return to school. Whilst I have no insider knowledge, whatever date is decided I would have thought it will be phased by year groups, full-time rather than on a rota and regional so as to take account of transmission rates in different areas of the country. As there are only 4 weeks between 8th March and Easter, any phased return would have to be pretty swift to get all primary year groups back. Once we have the details from the government, we then have to wait for guidance from West Sussex and only then we will let you know how things will work at Kingslea. You can be assured we want the children back in school as much as you do.

Therefore, for the first two weeks after half-term remote learning will continue in the same format.