

Newsletter

Tuesday 29th March 2022

Dear Parents,

Thank you for the positive feedback from parents' evening and about the work in the books that we sent home; we are very pleased with the progress the children are making across all subjects. We do realise that many of you haven't been into the school building for quite a while or had the chance to visit your child's classroom. We really do miss having you in school, so on Tuesday 26th April we are inviting you to come into your child's classroom after school, look at their books and have a walk around the school. Children will be dismissed at the end of the day as usual into your care. Once all the children have been dismissed, at the end of the day, you can then come into the classroom and have a look at books. It's not a parents' evening, but teachers will be in classrooms immediately after school. We will keep classrooms open until 6.30pm so those of you that are picking up from Rocketeers also have the chance to see the books, visit the classroom and walk the school. Please do book the date in your diary.

We currently have two assemblies a week. One for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and one for Years 3,4,5 and 6. The themes can vary between the year groups but over the last few weeks we have discussed what it means to be a bystander and when and how you should get involved if you see unkindness. We've looked at the life of Queen Elizabeth II and celebrated International Women's Day with a focus on the life of Emmeline Pankhurst. In our most recent assembly one of our Y6 pupils, Ollie, spoke about his experience of being deaf. Ollie explained what those 'things' on his head are, how the cochlear implants work, what he finds difficult and how technology helps him. Ollie explained that he is very active including playing football and swimming and he doesn't allow his deafness to hold him back. Not only was it an excellent presentation but all our children, from Reception to Y6 listened intently and asked some pertinent questions at the end. A fantastic assembly which you can see a clip of on our Twitter page. Thank you Ollie.



We aim to get the Summer Term club timetable out before Easter. As always a huge thank you to all the members of staff who are running clubs; we know how much the children love them and how much you appreciate them.

Over the last few months we have been designing a historical timeline to go up in the main hall. We have identified key events from international, national and local history to go on the timeline. It will be going up in the Easter holidays and we will be using it in assemblies and lessons. Thank you to KLASS for funding.

Please remember we've got the Welly Walk coming up on Friday 8th April. Children can wear suitable footwear for the walk and here is the link for sponsorship.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/kingsleawellywalk?utm_term=243ejwGdK

Alexis Conway and the Kingslea Team.



International Women's Day 2022

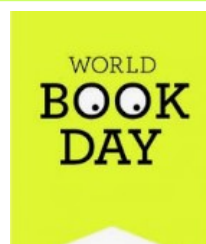
International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. This year it was held on March 8th and we started the week off by making the children aware of the day in assembly. We focused on the life of Emmeline Pankhurst, sharing with the children her background and how she is best remembered for organising the UK suffragette movement and helping women win the right to vote. We then teamed up with the FA and Barclays and took part in their 'Biggest Ever Football Session'. All girls from Year 1 up to Year 6 were given the opportunity to take part in a special football session on the MUGA to celebrate and to promote equal access to the sport. Carly, who also trains our football teams, got the girls practising lots of skills and playing lots of fun games. So many of the girls enjoyed the opportunity that they have been asking for more sessions! Perhaps something for us to consider in the near future!

Have you thought of working in a school?

Over the last few years we have successfully trained and subsequently employed around a third of our current teachers. We are now looking to do something similar with teaching assistants. If you are interested in a role as a teaching assistant and would like to find out more please contact the office or Mr Conway. We would initially talk you through the role, the hours and the pay. If both parties felt that they wanted to take things further we would then give you experience of working in the classroom environment, assess your suitability to the role and offer further training with the aim of future employment at Kingslea or another school.

World Book Day

What a day! The variety and creativity of the hats were second-to-none. Thank you so much for the thought and effort that went into the hats. We held an online assembly so all the children could show off their hats to the rest of the school and we've had photos of the children on a slideshow outside the main hall. The books sale has inspired so many children to want to read at lunchtime and to ask for the next book in a series. I'm sure the book sale is something we will do again next year.



Finance sessions with HSBC

Over the last few weeks all classes have been having finance sessions with HSBC. From Reception up to Year 6, children have been learning about personal finance and we have been amazed at the interest the children have shown and the questions that they have asked. Children have learnt about using money in shops, whether to buy branded or non-branded items and the markup between them, savings, mortgages, salaries, debit and credit cards and bank accounts. Questions have included 'What age can I have a bank account?', 'Do I have the same bank account as my parents?' and Y6 were particularly interested in financial fraud! Please do speak to your child at home about the session they have had.



Landscaper required

We are looking at doing some landscaping in the KS2 playground where the grass mound beyond the table tennis tables is. If anyone has any recommendations, please contact the school office or see Mr Conway.

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 Miss Nicholls. 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.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy on our governing body for a Parent Governor. Governors are volunteers from our community who work in the best interests of the school. They support the strategic leadership of the school, ensure clarity of the vision, ethos and strategic direction as well as hold the leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils. Governors also oversee the financial performance of the school and ensure that its money is well spent.

New governors receive comprehensive support and training to help them get to grips with the role and undertake it effectively. You *do not* need experience of governance and you *do not* need to be an education expert in order to undertake the role. In fact, we want to ensure that our governing body is as representative of the Kingslea community as possible. We are therefore looking for governors who reflect the wide variety of skill sets, lived experience and ethnic and social diversity in our school community. An interest in finance, premises or auditing would be an advantage but not essential.

Diverse governing bodies are stronger bodies, reflecting the diversity of school communities and the wider country. Building a diverse governing body ensures that decisions about the school are made in a robust way with input from governors representing the breadth of perspectives and lived experience in our community. It's also vital that children see people of all backgrounds on the governing body at their school.

If you would like to talk more about the role please contact Mr Conway by Friday 8th April.

Sports Update

It has been a fantastic year of sport so far. The children have been working so hard in PE and at our after school clubs to really push progression and their development in sport. This year, we have already had great results at many competitions, showing great teamwork and determination! A winning start for our table tennis teams and then a great performance from our cross country team, particular mention to the girls' team who were overall winners and came back with the trophy!

Our most recent success was the Year 4 football team winning the Cup last Friday, scoring some brilliant team goals and showing great teamwork and sportsmanship throughout.

We are going to need a bigger trophy cabinet!



Notes from the School Office

Return to Normality

We are really pleased to let you know that we will be removing the perspex screen on the Office window in the next few days. It will be so lovely to be able to have a normal conversation with parents without the use of the microphone!



Spring Term 2022		
Wednesday 30th March	Y5 to Greenwich Maritime Museum	3.20pm Young Voices Rehearsal
Friday 1st April	1.30pm 6L Orienteering in Leechpool Woods 4.00pm Y3 Cup Football @ Tanbridge	3.15pm-6.30pm School Discos
Tuesday 5th April	4 x House Captains visiting Arunside School	
Wednesday 6th April	9.15am Y5 Music Festival Rehearsal @ Arunside 3.20pm Young Voices Rehearsal	1.30pm 3K (M-Z) Outdoor Learning
Thursday 7th April	4.00pm Y5&6 Netball @ Arunside	
Friday 8th April	Welly Walk Last Day of Spring Term	1.30pm 6W Orienteering in Leechpool Woods
EASTER BREAK : MONDAY 11th—22nd APRIL		
Summer Term 2022		
Monday 25th April	First Day of Summer Term	Young Voices @ O2
Tuesday 26th April	Parents invited into school at the end of the day 3.30pm-6.30pm	
Thursday 28th April	Y1 Arundel Castle Trip	6.30pm Y6 Swanage Trip meeting
Friday 29th April	1.30pm 5W to Music Studio	4.00pm & 5.30pm Circus
Monday 2nd May	BANK HOLIDAY	
Wednesday 4th May	Y3 Stone Age Workshop	
Thursday 5th May	Y4 Mosque Visit	3.45pm Y5&6 Basketball Comp @ Kingslea
Friday 6th May	5H to Music Studio	
Monday 9th May	Start of Y6 SATs Week	
Tuesday 10th May	YR British Wildlife Centre Trip	
Thursday 12th May	1.30pm Governors Resources	
Monday 16th May	9.30am/1.00am/1.30pm New Intake Children Visits	
Wednesday 18th May	9.30am/1.00am/1.30pm New Intake Children Visits	1.30pm Governors Curriculum
Thursday 19th May	Y6 Individual & Class Photos	
Friday 20th May	Platinum Jubilee Celebration Day	
Monday 23rd May	Y6 Swanage Trip (return Friday 27th)	pm Y5 Music Festival Rehearsal & Performance @ The Hawth
Thursday 26th May	Y2 World Bee Day	
Friday 27th May	Y3 Bronze/Iron Age Workshop	pm Y6 Return from Swanage
HALF TERM : MONDAY 30th MAY—FRIDAY 3rd JUNE		
Tuesday 7th June	3.45pm & 7.00pm New Intake Parents' Meeting	
Thursday 9th June	Y2 Drusillas Trip	pm Y5 Tom's Talking Reptiles Visit
Friday 10th June	Y4 Camping Night	
Friday 17th June	Y4 Day of Art	
Thursday 23rd June	Y2 Day of Art	6.00pm Full Governing Body
Friday 24th June	INSET DAY	
Tuesday 28th June	4.00pm Country Dancing Festival @ Shelley Primary School	
Wednesday 29th June	Y4 Maidstone Museum Visit	
Thursday 30th June	Y2 Earth Cafe	
Friday 1st July	Y3 Butser Ancient Farm Trip	
Saturday 2nd July	Kingslea Fest	
Monday 4th July	YR Day of Art	
Wednesday 6th July	Transition Day	
Friday 8th July	Mr Conway's Surprise Event	
Monday 11th July	Trip to Women's Euro 2022 match @ The Amex	
Tuesday 12th July	Cricket Festival @ Kingslea	3.30pm-7.00pm Parents' Evening
Wednesday 13th July	Y5 to Southwater Watersports	3.30pm-7.00pm Parents' Evening
Thursday 14th July	Y5 to Southwater Watersports	
Friday 15th July	Y5 to Southwater Watersports	
Tuesday 19th July	Whole School Sports Day (9.00am-12noon)	
Thursday 21st July	Last Day of Term	