

Newsletter

Friday 29th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It really has been an excellent first few weeks back. Reception have settled quickly into their new school and we've been impressed with their focus, kindness and purposefulness. Across the rest of the school, the teachers are really impressed with the children's academic levels, their enthusiasm for learning and their home learning, including Numbots, Times Tables Rockstars and reading at home.

Hopefully your child has spoken to you about their learning journey and you have read through the overview and vocabulary list. You can see below what each year group is studying this term and that there is a history focus in many year groups.

Reception's learning journey is entitled 'All About Me', which, as it says focuses on the children as individuals but is also about them being part of the class and school community. They will focus on settling into school, learning rules and routines, making friends, exploring the classroom, and managing feelings and behaviour.

Year 1 are travelling around the world, visiting different continents and countries, comparing the lives of people abroad to life in Horsham, as well as learning about hot air balloons.

Year 2 are learning about the Victorians. They have already started using artefacts to find out about life in Victorian times, the life of Queen Victoria, as well as learning about the British Empire and what it was like to be a Victorian child.

Year 3 are learning about the Mayans, including comparing that era with British history, what every day life was like in Mayan times and will be moving on to a very popular aspect of the learning journey: 'chocolate', including the history of chocolate and making their own treats.

Year 4 are learning about the Ancient Egyptians, with a focus on the geographical and historical aspects of the pyramids and hieroglyphics. They will also form their own opinions as to whether Egyptian treasures should be returned from UK museums to Egypt.

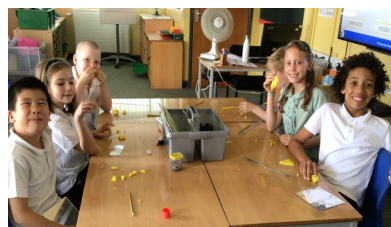
Year 5 have immersed themselves in Ancient Greece, where they will be learning about city states, gods, philosophers and the development of democracy.

Year 6's learning journey is entitled 'We'll Meet Again' and children will find out what it was like to be a child in the 1930s. They will study the events that lead to the outbreak of WW2, Kindertransport and key events during WW2.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for parents' evening on Tuesday 17th October and Wednesday 18th October. Please do arrive early to have a look at your child's books. There will also be a book fair in the hall. For every book that you buy, a percentage of the price goes to the school to enable us to buy books for the children.

As always thank you for your support and the way you are open to working together for the benefit of your child and our community.

Alexis Conway and the Kingslea Team.



House Captains

Whilst we'd like to congratulate our new House Captains, we would also like to congratulate every child who put themselves forward to be a House Captain. All potential House Captains presented to the rest of Y6 about why they would like to be a House Captain, what difference they would make and why the rest of the year group should vote for them. It takes courage to put yourself forward for something that you might fail at, courage to talk in front of your peers and courage to try out for something new. This year, the Y6 teachers were blown away by the quality of the presentations and were so impressed that some of the children repeated their presentations to the whole school as an example to everyone.

We've also asked Y6 about additional roles the House Captains can undertake, and last week they began one of their first new roles which is spending time in Y1 and Y2 classrooms in the morning reading with and helping the younger children - an excellent idea.



Play Leaders

There must be something in the water! Miss Custard and Mr Mothee received more applications for Play Leaders than they had ever received before. Play Leaders are Y5 children who are taught various games and activities and then lead those games and activities in the KS1 playground for Reception, Y1 and Y2 children.

This encourages mixing across the year groups, a greater sense of community and more fun for everyone. Although the Play Leaders have only been in the KS1 playground for the last two weeks, they have had such a positive impact. Well done everyone!



Sporting Fixtures

We have a whole host of sporting fixtures planned for this term. As I'm sure you are aware, Kingslea is one of the most sporting schools in the Horsham area, with two PE leaders - Mrs Smith and Miss Custard - as well as our own sports coach, Mr Mothee. Competitions and festivals this term include badminton, numerous football fixtures, hockey, athletics, netball and team games, with over 100 children representing the school this term alone. Children are selected to play in competitions based on their club attendance, attitude and proficiency, whereas festivals are non-competitive and aim to give children the experience of attending events with other schools.



Y5 at Southwater Country Park



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.



Maths Competitions

Congratulations to the Y5 and Y6 Year Maths teams who attended the Christ's Hospital and Windlesham House Maths Challenges earlier this week. On Tuesday, the Y6 team travelled to Windlesham House, competing against 50 other schools, both state and private schools, from all over the Sussex. Our Y5 teams came a fantastic 2nd, 13th and 15th, with our team that came 2nd beating every private school that entered.

On Wednesday our Y5 team competed at Christ's Hospital, coming 9th and 38th came out of over 60 schools in their first ever maths tournament. Congratulations to them All of the children will receive their maths colours in assembly.



Healthy Snacks

During the mornings, Reception, Y1 and Y2 children are provided with piece of fruit or a vegetable to snack on. We encourage Y3 to Y6 children to bring in their own piece of fruit or vegetable. Other 'healthy' snacks are allowed such as dried fruits, cereal bars (read the nutritional values carefully & no nuts please) crackers etc., but obviously not items from their packed lunch or crisps, chocolate etc.



Notes from the School Office

- **LOST PROPERTY** — The children all returned to school looking so smart in their new uniform. Please remember there are currently 427 children all wearing the same clothes!! Please, please ensure all items are clearly marked with your child's name. If items are lost they will always be returned if they are named. Please note, so called 'permanent markers' do fade very quickly in the wash, so please check after each wash and remark as necessary. Better still are iron on or sew on name tags.
- **LATE ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL**— Just a reminder that any time your child enters school through the Office once the gates are locked in the morning, they receive a late mark on the register (L code). If they arrive after 8.55am they are marked with a U code, which represents an unauthorised absence for the **entire** morning session, impacting negatively on their attendance record.



Autumn Term 2023	
Friday 29th September	4.00pm Y5&6 Football @ Tanbridge
Tuesday 3rd October	Y5&6 Albion Cup Football @ BHA Training Centre
Thursday 5th October	Individual & Sibling Photos pm Y1 African Drumming
Friday 6th October	4.00pm Y3&4 Football @ Tanbridge
Monday 9th October	12.30pm KS1 Conker Competition
Tuesday 10th October	1.00pm KS2 Conker Competition
Wednesday 11th October	Y3 Mayan Day 1.30pm Governors Curriculum
Friday 13th October	4.00pm Y5&6 Football @ Tanbridge
Tuesday 17th October	3.40pm Parents' Evening & Book Fayre
Wednesday 18th October	3.40pm Parents' Evening & Book Fayre
Thursday 19th October	Y2 Horsham Museum Workshop Y4 Maidstone Museum Trip
Friday 20th October	International Day 4.00pm Y3&4 Football @ Tanbridge
HALF TERM—MONDAY 23RD—FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER	
Tuesday 31st October	9.30am Y3 visit to Mr Simms
Thursday 2nd November	Y5 Horsham Victorian Houses Walk 4.00pm Y5&6 Netball @ The Bridge
Friday 3rd November	4.00pm Y5&6 Girls Football @ Tanbridge
Monday 6th November	Y2 Rainbow Theatre Workshop Y6 WW2 Day
Wednesday 8th November	Governors Morning
Thursday 9th November	5.30pm Firework Night
Friday 10th November	4.00pm Y5&6 Hockey @ Tanbridge
Monday 13th November	Flu Vaccinations—All Year Groups
Tuesday 14th November	Y5 Greek Workshop Day
Thursday 16th November	9.15am Governors Resources
Friday 17th November	4.00pm Y5&6 Girls Football @ Tanbridge
Tuesday 21st November	9.45am Y3&4 Badminton Festival @ Collyers
Friday 24th November	4.00pm Y5&6 Hockey @ Tanbridge
Thursday 28th November	3S Last Swim Before Christmas
Friday 1st December	Y5&6 Girls Football @ Tanbridge
Wednesday 6th December	9.30am Y1 Christmas Production 2.30pm Reception Christmas Production
Thursday 7th December	9.30am Y2 Christmas Production 2.15pm Y1 Christmas Production
Friday 8th December	9.30am Reception Christmas Production 2.15pm Y2 Christmas Production
Tuesday 12th December	7.00pm Candlelit Concert
Thursday 14th December	6.30pm Drama Production
Friday 15th December	Last Day of Term

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