

Newsletter

Thursday 16th January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

One of the key roles of schools has to be widening children's understanding of the world around them. Be it through direct teaching in the classroom, day to day conversation, visits the children go on, visitors to the school, the foci of assemblies or a myriad of other ways.

Recently I was talking with a group of children and we got on to discussing the jobs they would like to do when they were older. I was pleasantly surprised with the range of jobs that the children came out with. Some of these jobs were linked to their reading—e.g. palaeontologist, spy, superhero, designer, mountaineer, inventor—whilst other children talked about jobs that their parents did. A third group of children talked about jobs that they had seen through their everyday life: firefighter, hairdresser, police, officer, teacher, delivery driver, beautician, dog walker, builder, swimming coach, check out assistant, doctor etc. We are all very aware of how the range of jobs and the nature of the world of work is constantly changing.

It also made us think about this statement from the Foundation of Young Australians. I'm not sure how they came up with the figure and we won't know its accuracy for many decades but it's certainly something to think about.

A 15 year old today can expect to have up to 17 different jobs in five different industries

For a while, we have talked about holding a careers-type fair at Kingslea. It's never too early to widen our children's knowledge of the world, and part of that is the world of work. After the great success of last year's International Day, we are going to hold a similar day in the summer term, entitled 'Aspiration Day'. This will be an opportunity for our children to meet people from a wide variety of careers and to give them a better understanding of the wider world.

And to do this, **we need you!** Our parent body work in such a wide range of jobs and we would like you to come in and talk to our children about a job that you currently do or have done in the past. Even if you are not currently working in that role because, for example, you have taken a career break, we would still like to hear from you.

We will be sending out a request for help, with further information. However, we intend to use the small hall and set up a market-type event with 'stalls' where you could display photos and objects linked to your role, the more visual the better. You wouldn't need to stay for the whole day, a few hours would be great. We would group people together from similar backgrounds, so you wouldn't be alone! The children would then come in a year group at a time and talk to you about your job, how you got into it, what you enjoy about it etc.

We're excited about Aspiration Day and we hope you and your children will be too.

Alexis Conway

The photos below are from International Day 2019



Governor Profile- Kimberley Showell

I am the newest member of the Governing Board, having been a Governor at Kingslea since September 2019. However, I have been part of Kingslea since my son started in Reception in September 2017. I have enjoyed my start as a Governor and learning the critical role the position plays in the bigger picture of the school. It is clear that the members of the Governing Body have a range of expertise and experience but are all focussed on making the school a better place for our children to be safe and achieve. I feel pleased to have the opportunity to be a part of this.



I am the Governor for safeguarding at Kingslea, which means I have a specific focus on the ways the school is ensuring safeguarding is a priority, our children are kept safe and correct policy is in place to do this. Outside my Governor role, I work within Children's Services. This gives me a good understanding of the role Kingslea has in safeguarding children and I am able to support the school to uphold their responsibilities to the level required. I have seen that Kingslea provides a safe and happy environment for its pupils, which allows the best starting point for education and development. I look forward to continuing my role and contributing to the school.

Staying Safe Online

On Thursday 12th March 2020 from 6.00pm-7.30pm at Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee School, Comptons Lane, Horsham there is a FREE Digital Online Safety Awareness Session for parents/carers. The session aims to offer you invaluable tips and advice on how to keep your children safe online. Each session aims to cover the following:

1. What children are doing online
2. Identifying some of the risks children may face online
3. Looking at how you can support your children to protect themselves
4. Showing you the help/support and resources available
5. How to report any concerns



You will be given useful resources to take away with you and have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about your child's internet safety. Although these sessions are aimed at parents/carers please feel free to bring friends and other family members along with you. The session is aimed at parents of secondary pupils but will be very appropriate for parents of pupils in Key Stage 2. **Please note these sessions are for adults only.**

To book your place please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/secondary-parentcarer-digital-online-safety-awareness-tickets-83995283153>

Parking

Please can we remind all our parents about parking in a manner that does not impact on local residents e.g. blocking driveways, and that the nursery car park is only to be used if you have a child at the nursery. Recently, there was a near miss in the nursery car park involving a vehicle and a child.



Assemblies this term

Every Monday morning we have an assembly for Year 1 to Year 6 (Reception will be joining us in the summer term). The assembly allows us to explore topics as a whole school. Recently we have discussed three key words and their meaning, particularly in relation to our school: kindness, curriculum and expectations. We talked about the curriculum being more than just academic subjects, the expectations that we have of ourselves and others, and at the end of assembly we watched one of our kindness videos:



<https://kingslea.w-sussex.sch.uk/kindness.html>

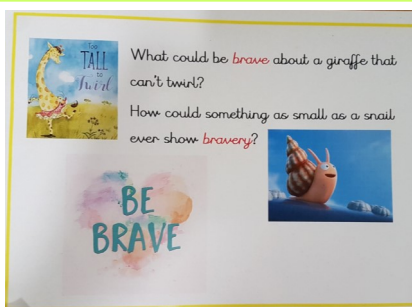
As you can see from the section below, bravery is a focus for this half-term. In assembly, teachers shared the times when they were brave or times that they still have to be brave. This included going to new places, speaking in front of large groups, having an injection, being afraid of the dark and trying new foods. We talked about the times when children have to be brave and then watched Derek Redmond in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, if you've not watched it you can see it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZIXWp6vFdE>



Being Brave

In our entrance hall we have an ever changing interactive display which Mrs Barrett uses to raise awareness of personal, social and health education (PSHE). This half-term the focus is on being brave. On the display are a series of photos, there are some questions we want the children to think about and two books 'The snail and the whale' and 'Too tall to twirl'.



Parents' Evening

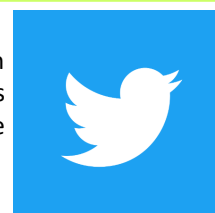
On Tuesday 11th February and Wednesday 12th February we will be holding our Spring Term Parents' Evenings, you will be able to sign up from 6.00pm on Monday 20th January.

At the meeting, you will receive a short report for you to take away which will have key areas to work on at home. KLAS will be in attendance selling disco tickets, Easter raffle tickets, second hand uniform and there will be a book fair.

If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and has Ms Baldwin for maths you can see her once you have finished your main appointment with the class teacher. She will be based in the Maths Room.

Twitter

Please remember if you want to keep right up to date with what is going on at Kingslea then you can follow us on Twitter. The main school account is @KingsleaPrimary and the sports account is @PEKingslea. If you are not on Twitter then you can log onto our website and both accounts are on the front page.



Notes from the School Office

A Big Thank You.....

We just wanted to say a big thank you for the way parents managed the Spring term club booking process. We have had significantly fewer double bookings this term, which has saved a huge amount of admin time. We have been able to ensure as many children as possible have been allocated at least one club of their choice.

Messages

While we will always endeavour to deliver messages to class teachers/children regarding pick up or after school arrangements, in the very busy environment of the school office it is not always possible. Please try to make sure your child/the school office are aware of collection arrangements at the start of the day. If arrangements do change during the day, please telephone (not email) the office by 2.00pm to ensure we have time to get any message to your child or teacher before the children are dismissed.

If you have a child in Year 5 or 6 please remind them to return to the school office rather than wait in the playground if they are late being picked up after school.



Spring Term 2020

Friday 17th January	4.00pm Y5&6 Hockey @ Tanbridge (last fixture)
Wednesday 22nd January	4.00pm Netball League @ Collyers
Tuesday 28th January	10.00am-2.00pm Y3&4 Sports Hall Athletics @ Collyers
Wednesday 29th January	2.45pm Y1 Parents' Classroom visit
Friday 31st January	5.30-7.00pm Table Tennis @ Collyers
Monday 3rd February	Choir to Young Voices @ O2 Y3 Big Bird Watch
Tuesday 4th February	3S Last Swim
Friday 7th February	5.30-7.00pm Table Tennis @ Collyers
Tuesday 11th February	am Y3 to Horsham Park 3.30-7.00pm Parents' Evening & Book Fair
Wednesday 12th February	3.30-7.00pm Parents' Evening & Book Fair
Thursday 13th February	12.30pm Y5 New Age Kurling @ Millais 1.00pm Cross Country @ Christ's Hospital
Friday 14th February	5.30-7.00pm Table Tennis @ Collyers

HALF TERM: Monday 17th February — Friday 21st February 2020

Monday 24th February	INSET DAY
Tuesday 25th February	Y4 Viking Workshop 10.00am-2.00pm Y5&6 Sports Hall Athletics @ Collyers 3L First Swim
Wednesday 26th February	Family Links first session (then every Weds until 1st April) 2.45pm Y1 Parents' Classroom visit
Thursday 27th February	6.00pm Governors Curriculum
Friday 28th February	4.00pm Girls Cup Football @ Horsham Park 5.30-7.00pm Table Tennis @ Collyers
Monday 2nd March	Y1 Rainbow Theatre Great Fire of London Workshop
Tuesday 3rd March	1.00-3.00pm Y3&4 Rugby Festival @ Horsham Rugby Club
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Friday 6th March	Y3 to Wakehurst Place 4.00pm Y4 Cup Football @ Horsham Park 5.30-7.00pm Table Tennis
Monday 9th March	Author visit—whole school
Tuesday 10th March	Dance Festival @ The Hawth 6.00pm Family Games Night
Wednesday 11th March	2.45pm Y1 Parents' Classroom visit
Friday 13th March	Y5 Cup Football @ Horsham Park
Wednesday 18th March	6.00pm Parent Workshop (Teaching & Learning) 7.00pm Full Governing Body
Friday 20th March	9.00am Parent Workshop (Teaching & Learning) 4.00pm Y6 Cup Football @ Horsham Park
Tuesday 24th March	1.00-4.00pm Y5&6 Rugby @ Horsham Rugby Club
Wednesday 25th March	2.45pm Y1 Parents' Classroom visit
Friday 27th March	School Discos
Monday 30th March	Class & Y6 Individual Photos
Wednesday 1st April	Y6 Citizenship Day
Thursday 2nd April	4.30pm Basketball Tournament @ Collyers
Friday 3rd April	Last day of term Welly Walk

Spring Term 2020

First Day	Monday 6 th January 2020	Last Day	Friday 3 rd April 2020
Half Term	Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February	INSET Days	Monday 24 th February 2020

Summer Term 2020

First Day	Monday 20 th April 2020	Last Day	Friday 17 th July 2020
Half Term	Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May	INSET Days	Friday 26th June 2020