

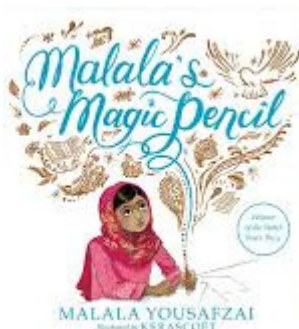
Kingslea Primary School

NEWSLETTER

18th January 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. It's lovely to see all the children back and I've been very impressed with the wide range of excellent work I am seeing across the school. Reception are so focused and settled, they are particularly enjoying the part-part-whole work and using tens frames in maths. I've been enjoying reading the writing Year 1 and Year 2 have been producing, particularly the increasing independence of many of the children and their grasp of spellings. Year 3 have produced some high quality painting of Monet's garden which will be up on display later in the term and Year 4 have been researching Anglo-Saxon life and reading the story of Beowulf. Year 5 have been learning about Eric the Red and space exploration and Year 6 have started learning about life in Ancient China.



In the first few assemblies of the term we have talked about what it takes to be in a team, read the story Malala's Magic Pencil and thought about the term 'If it's not excellent, it's not finished'. In the latest assembly I showed the children a few photos of adults who didn't put 100% thought into what they were doing and the subsequent consequences. A couple of examples can be seen on your right. Your children can talk you through the photos.



On a Monday assembly we've introduced 'This week in history'. Every week we look at historical events that occurred during that

week. So far we have had the introduction of the Euro (1999), the opening of the first underground railway (1863) and the unvieling of Concorde (1976).

On a Friday we hold our 'STAR of the WEEK' assembly. One child from each class is chosen to come up to the front of the hall to be presented with their certificate and, if they want to, have a spin on the headteachers chair. Children are chosen for a wide variety of reasons including kindness, teamwork, perseverance and improvement in their work.

Yours sincerely,
Alexis Conway

Clubs / Half-term club

As you are aware clubs have started this week. We are running 23 clubs this term, which really is impressive. Please remember we expect children to attend every week. If they are in school and not attending the office must be informed.

Parents evening sign-up

Parents' Evenings are taking place on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st February from 3.30-7.00pm. You will be able to sign-up from Monday 18th January at 6.00pm. We will be running our usual system of online booking. Around 80% of parents book in the first 24 hours, so if you would like a particular time or day you do need to be prompt.

Y5/Y6 SATS meeting

Thank you to Y5 and Y6 parents who attended the SATS meeting on Tuesday 9th January. It was an excellent turn out from children and parents and hopefully gave you greater clarity about the timings and content of the tests and how you can support your child. This year's tests are the week of the 14th May.

Half -Term Holiday Club

Mr Mothee will be running two days of sports activities during the half-term break on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th February, 9.00am – 12noon (10.00am-12noon for Reception) and 1.00pm to 4.00pm at a cost of £10 per child. Sessions will take place outdoors (weather dependent) and indoors. Booking details will be coming out soon.

Request from Reception Classes

If you have any spare baby dolls, dolls clothes; 'tinkering items' (nuts, bolts, nails, screws, child friendly tools, old computer keyboards/pieces of unwanted electrical equipment) that you are happy to donate our Reception teachers would be very grateful.

Twitter/Facebook

As you are aware we have two school Twitter accounts, one general account and one for sport and PE. We regularly posts news and photos on these sites so you can get a feel for daily life at Kingslea. A number of parents have asked if we can post on Facebook, as Facebook tends to be more widely used by our parent body. We are therefore going to trial using Facebook alongside Twitter. We will be using an app that copies the Twitter posts onto a newly created Kingslea Facebook page. Therefore exactly the same posts will appear on both sites. The new Facebook site will allow more parents to see what we are doing on a day-to-day basis. The Facebook site will not be for parents to communicate with the school; that is still to be done through the usual channels, although positive comments can be left as with Twitter. We have a small number of children whose photos we do not post on Twitter and we will continue with this policy for Facebook. However if there are any other parents who do not want their children's photos on Facebook please let us know.

We will be sending out a separate communication about the above but we thought we would let you know via the newsletter as well.

Playtime snacks

As I'm sure you are aware Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are given fruit at breaktimes. Year 3,4,5 and 6 are encouraged to bring a healthy snack for their breaktime. Whilst the definition of 'healthy' can be varied, the Oxford English dictionary uses it in this example sentence '*stimulates physical and mental performance supplying the body readily usable energy and vitamins.*' We would recommend fruits and vegetables, as little packaging as possible, if any, and as unprocessed as possible.



E-safety

It has come to our attention that some parents are giving children unsupervised access to YouTube. Please remember there is a restricted mode that can be used, but children still need supervising when on the internet. Below are some tips on how to help ensure your child's safety online.

How else can I help ensure my child's safety online?

The tips below will help you to set rules for your child about accessing videos on the internet and their online behaviour, and support them to understand the risks and what to do if something happens.

- Try to have your child in the same room as you when they are using the internet, and discourage them from using headphones
- Chat to your child about what online videos might not be suitable for them to watch and share
- Regularly check the history of videos they have watched online for anything inappropriate, or create a playlist for them
- Encourage your child to tell you if they see something they find worrying or nasty
- If your child wants to share a video they have recorded, check they get permission from anyone who features in it before they upload it
- Tell your child not to give out any personal information or anything that can identify them, such as a school uniform or street name
- Regularly check comments made on your child's videos. Talk to your child about how they could receive nasty or negative comments from other people, and what they should do if this happens
- If another YouTube user posts a video of your child or shares personal information without consent, you can ask for this content to be removed by using YouTube's privacy complaint process

Notes from the School Office

- **Club Attendance** – *If for any reason your child is not able to attend a club they are signed up for, they must inform both the club leader and the office. If we have not been informed you will receive a phone call to check that your child has arrived home safely.*
- **School Uniform/Lost Property** – *Please, please ensure all uniform and items brought to school are clearly labelled with your child's name. We have 420 water bottles, around 200 lunch boxes, 420 sweatshirts/cardigans and coats coming into school every day. Not to mention PE kits, PE hoodies, shoes etc. If an item is named we can return it to the owner, however without a name it just becomes another item of lost property to be disposed of at the end of term*

Spring Term 2018

Wednesday 17 th January	4.00pm Netball League @ Collyers	
Thursday 18 th January	9.00am Resources Committee Girls and Dads evening Doors open 6.00pm for a 6.30pm	
Monday 22 nd January	6.00pm Parents Evening sign-up opens	
Tuesday 23 rd January	9.00am Reception endangered species workshop	
Thursday 25 th January	4.00-6.00pm Basketball League @ Henfield LC	
Thursday 1 st February	6.00pm Governors Curriculum meeting	
Friday 2 nd February	5.00pm Table Tennis League @ Collyers	
Tuesday 6 th February	Choir @ O2 for 'Young Voices'	
Thursday 8 th February	10.00am Indoor Athletics Tournament	4.30pm Basketball League @ Collyers
	6.15pm Boys and Mums Evening (TBC)	
Friday 9 th February	Pancake Café	5.00pm Table Tennis League @ Collyers
Half Term : Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February		
Tuesday 20 th February	pm Music Festival Rehearsal for Choir @ Arunside	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 21 st February	Parents' Evening	
Thursday 22 nd February	1.00pm Cross Country @ Christ's Hospital	4.30pm Basketball League @ Collyers
	6pm Full Governing Body	
Friday 23 rd	Y4 Viking Day 4.00pm Y3 Football Cup @ Horsham Park	
Thursday 1 st March	Y4 Maths Competition @ Christ's Hospital	
Friday 2 nd March	4.00pm Y5/6 Girl's Football Cup @ Horsham Park	5.00pm Table Tennis @ Collyers
Tuesday 6 th March	1.00pm Y3/4 Rugby @ Collyers	
Wednesday 7 th March	4.00pm Netball League @ Collyers	
Thursday 8 th March	pm Dance Rehearsal Evening Dance Festival Performance @ The Hawth	
Friday 9 th March	9.15am – 11.00am Dads' Morning	3.30pm onwards Discos
	4.00pm Y4 Football Cup @ Horsham Park	5.00pm Table Tennis @ Collyers
Tuesday 13 th March	Reception visit to British Wildlife Centre	1.00pm Tag Rugby Tournament @ Horsham RC
Wednesday 14 th March	pm Music Festival Rehearsal for Choir @ Arunside	
Thursday 15 th March	Y5 to Houses of Parliament	
Friday 16 th March	4.00pm Y5 Football Cup @ Horsham Park	
Wednesday 21 st March	Fun Run @ Horsham Park Y3&4	
Thursday 22 nd March	am Y2 Space Dome	
Friday 23 rd March	Y2 Space Café	4.00pm Y6 Football Cup @ Horsham Park
Thursday 29 th March	Welly Walk Last day of term	

Term Dates for 2017/18 and 2018/19

Autumn Term 2017	
First Day Wednesday 6 th September	Last Day – Thursday 21 st December
Half Term – 23 rd – 27 th October	INSET Days 4 th /5 th September & Friday 20 th October

Spring Term 2018	
First Day Thursday 4 th January	Last Day – Thursday 29 th March
Half Term – 12 th February – 16 th February	INSET Day Wednesday 3 rd January

Summer Term 2018	
First Day Monday 16 th April	Last Day – Friday 20 th July
Half Term – Monday 28 th May to Friday 1 st June	INSET Day Friday 22 nd June

Autumn Term 2018	
First Day Tuesday 4 th September	Last Day – Thursday 20 th December
Half Term – 22 nd – 26 th October	INSET Days 3 rd September and 19 th October

Spring Term 2019	
First Day Thursday 3 rd January	Last Day – Friday 5 th April 201
Half Term – 18 th February – 22 nd February	INSET Day Friday 15 th February

Summer Term 2019	
First Day Tuesday 23 rd April	Last Day – Friday 19 th July
Half Term – Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May	INSET Day Friday 21 st June