



KINGSCLERE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Edition 6 – Friday 13th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It feels like Autumn has finally arrived. Thank you, as ever though, to our Friends of Kingsclere Primary School (PTA) team who are providing refreshments on the playground Thursday morning – rain or shine - so parents/carers can meet and chat over a warm drink.

Our INSET day last Friday was successful. We have implemented a new computing curriculum – linked to coding and programming. We also considered how we can further develop children’s metacognitive thinking practices. The Education Endowment Foundation research shows that children can make 7 months progress with improved metacognitive skills. Some of the ways we are developing children’s metacognitive strategies is through our 4Ts – see poster.

Your child may also have talked about a big class mix-up day last Thursday. Our staff foundation subject leaders met with children from all year groups to discuss aspects of their subject considering areas such as what children enjoy in a subject and what changes they would like to see. The feedback has supported us in considering some next steps in developing our curriculum. Our subject leaders are detailed below so do please check in with the relevant staff member if you have any questions about any of our subject areas:

- Art - Mrs Voke
- Computing, Geography and History (Curriculum Lead and Phase Leader) - Miss Williamson
- Design Technology – Mrs Wyles
- English - Mrs Stephenson
- Languages and Religious Education - Miss Randall
- Maths – Mrs Bentall
- Music and Outdoor Learning - Mrs Bowden
- PE - Miss Bagshaw (supported by Mrs Verney)
- PSHE and Science - Mrs Taylor

Think, pair, share

Pose the question, think time, then talk to a partner before gathering and sharing ideas as a class



Take part

Strategies that expect everyone to respond e.g., mini white board, post-it notes, exit task/cards, 'Quizizz' popcorn, lolly pop stick names



Think time

Providing time for children to formulate their ideas before responding



Talk through the thinking

Talk through the thinking when modelling to children so they can hear the thought process



We will be saying farewell to Mrs Featherstone, who will be leaving us next Friday to spend more time with her family. We have been very grateful to her for teaching Holly Class since September at Kingsclere. After half term, Mrs Voke will teach Holly Class for 4 days per week and Mrs Reed will be joining us to teach Holly Class on a Monday each week. Mrs Reed is also an experienced teacher, who has worked at Kingsclere in the past and we are delighted to have on our staff team.

School clubs are well established and this week. 'Thinking Club' have been unpicking the idea of friendship – starting with the question what makes a good friend and developing into a philosophical enquiry around whether good friends find us or the other way around. Some children have been part of the group for several years now but there are new members every week - Mrs Bentall is thrilled that we now have all year groups represented on the free Tuesday lunchtime gathering and if any other children would like to give it a whirl, then please encourage your child(ren) to drop in for a taster session.



Our Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed their tour of the village this year. As part of the children’s History learning, they visited key landmarks in the village and learnt about the history of each building and how the village has changed over time and reasons for this. This supported the children’s enquiry learning question, 'How has life in Kingsclere village changed?' and children were able to talk confidently about how the trip supported their learning. It confirmed to me that every day is a school day for us all; I had never noticed the bed bug on the church weather vane and the reason it was there until now! A huge thank you also to our two parents who supported us in supervising the children on this trip – these out of school activities could not happen without volunteers.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend.

Kind regards,
Jo Messenger
Acting Head

Notices

Outcome Events – Parents/Carers and family members are welcome!

Year 5/6 parents/carers are warmly welcome to attend Chestnuts and Hazel's Class Outcome Event on Wednesday 18th October from 14.30-15.00. The event will show case aspects of the children's learning about the world's resources: "Is there enough for everyone?" There will be interactive activities, led by the children, for parents and families to get involved in. We kindly request that you bring a food label with you for one of these activities!

Year 1 and 2 parents' carers are also welcome to attend Rowan and Willow's Class Outcome Event on Thursday 19th October from 14:30 – 15:00. The event is called, 'Our Documentary; Kingsclere in the Past' and children will be sharing what they have learnt in the school hall.

P.A.C.E. (Parent, Carer and Professionals Events) - Yateley School - 30th October

A free event to help families better understand the needs and difficulties that young people can face and how to manage potential issues/concerns they have about their young person is available at Yateley School. You can book onto different workshops/talks via the following page: <https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events/p-a-c-e-copy-copy-2-copy-copy-copy-copy-copy-copy-copy/>

COVID-19

Please be aware of the most recent guidance linked to COVID-19:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/managing-specific-infectious-diseases-a-to-z#respiratory-infections-including-coronavirus-covid-19>

New Year R Tours and Visits for children starting school in September 2024

We would love for parents/carers of children, who will be starting school in September 2024, to visit Kingsclere CE Primary School and meet the staff team and see the school in action. Any parents/carers of children due to start school next academic year can contact the school via email: adminoffice@kingsclere.hants.sch.uk or on the school telephone no. 01635 298583 to arrange a visit. **The following open mornings or afternoons are available this Autumn Term or new parents/carers may wish to book an individual tour.**

Friday 3rd November at 09:30
Tuesday 12th December at 13:30


Attendance

This week's best attendance in Year R and KS1 was 98.99% for Ash Class and for KS2 the best attendance was Chestnut Class with 98.21%. We are unable to authorise holidays in term time so we kindly ask that any holidays are booked out of term time. We are required to follow government guidance linked to holidays during term time and this is likely to involve a penalty notice (fine).

Artist of the Week - Next week we will be looking at the following artist:


Artist of the Week: Yves Klein

French Artist
1928 – 1962

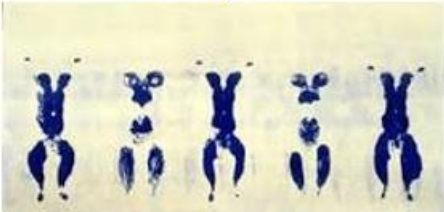


Interesting Fact:
Yves decided to focus on just one colour in particular - the colour blue. *"It will be blue and nothing but blue that I will devote my life to!"*

Aerostatic Sculpture, 1957



Ant 82, 1960



Best known for his use of a single colour, the rich shade of ultramarine that he made his own: International Klein Blue.



Kingsclere CE Primary School Calendar Dates 2023 - 2024

Date	Event
Wednesday 18 October	Year 5 and 6 Outcome Event 2:30pm
Thursday 19 October	Year 1 and 2 Outcome Event 2:30pm
Friday 20 October	Bags to School Donations to school please
Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October	Half Term
Friday 3 November	New Year R Parents' Visit and Tour 9:30am
Saturday 4 November	FKS Fireworks Event – all families and community members welcome TIMINGS TBC
Tuesday 7 November	Parents consultations 3:45 – 6:45pm
Thursday 9 November	Parents consultations 3:45 – 6:45pm
Wednesday 15 November	Grounds Day or Half Day
Thurs 16 November	Football Festival Year 2 – Cheam 2:00 – 4:00pm
Friday 17 November	Children in Need Day
Tuesday 12 December	Nativity performance 9:30 – 10:30am New Year R Parents' Visit and Tour 1:30 – 3:00pm
Wed 13 December	Nativity performance 9:30 – 10:30
Thurs 14 December	Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch.
Friday 15 December	Christmas Service at St. Mary's 09:30 – 10:30
Monday 18 December – Monday 1 January	Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 2 January	INSET Day
Friday 19 January	Young Voices at the O2 - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
Monday 5 February	E safety week and Children's Mental Health Awareness Week
Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February	Half Term
Monday 19 February	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Week + National Road Safety Week
Monday 1 April – Friday 12 April	Easter Holidays
Monday 13 May	Mental Health Awareness Week
Monday 20 May	Y5 and Y6 residential to Calshot Walk to school week.
Monday 27 May – 31 May	Half Term
Monday 3 June	INSET Day
Wednesday 24 July	Summer Holiday Begins