



# Kingsclere CE Primary School

Edition 18 – 9.2.24

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a super half term with so many great opportunities for the children. Last night the Valentine Disco, organised by our super FKS team, took place. Children danced the night away and enjoying being with their friends. Thank you to all FKS volunteers and staff who set up and supported at the event.



## Children's Mental Health Week

This week we celebrated Children's Mental Health Week based on the theme, 'Your Voice Matters'. Children were taught about the power to talk and work together as a team to have a bigger impact and bring positive change to our school, community and world. The children had many great ideas about changes they would make and pursue in the future to improve the world we live in.

Today we enjoyed, 'Dress to Express' and children chose to wear what made them happy to celebrate and express their individual identity. Thank you to each child for being you!

## Our library

Hampshire Library Services carried out a library diversity audit earlier this week. We greatly value the importance of ensuring our coverage of books celebrate diversity and help our children to develop respect and appreciation of all protected characteristics. Our visiting librarian was also impressed with how well used the library was throughout the day, with children returning and choosing books and using the space to read or be read to throughout the school day. Thank you to our school librarians who are helping to keep the library in tip top shape, provide a lunchtime reading club and also our librarian volunteer Alan Clements. We also have a dictionary club led by some of our Year 2 children who have enjoyed finding new words in the junior school dictionaries!

Thank you to everyone who supported our book fair last week and to Mrs Stephenson and Mrs Dudman for setting this up. The event raised £600 worth of library books for our new school library – this is absolutely brilliant and will enable us to buy new books to ensure we have adequate diversity coverage in our school library.

## Young Voices

A huge well done to our Key Stage 2 choir who performed in the Young Voices concert at the O2 last month. We are so proud of all the children that took part and sang a great variety of songs brilliantly in the record-breaking largest choir in the world! The children behaved brilliantly throughout the day and were great ambassadors for our school. We performed with the jazz artist Natalie Williams and MC Grammar. A very special thank you to Mrs Bowden for organising and preparing the children for this event and to all volunteers who supported on the day too!



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## **Curriculum Events**

It has been fantastic to see so many parents and carers support our curriculum events including, the Maths multiplication and division workshop. Well done to our Maths Ambassadors who supported Mrs Bentall in the running of this event. Keep an eye open for the videos they are preparing for our website!

The Year 5 and 6 Quiz on Wednesday this week brought vibrant discussions between parents/carers and children and supported children's enquiry learning linked to Geography. This was a fun way to help the children revise previously learnt knowledge.

Thank you to our staff team for putting on the curriculum events and we hope that this provides parents and carers with a greater understanding of what the children are learning in school. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher if you have any questions about your child's learning in any subject area.

## **Sporting Events**

Well done to our netball and football teams who have been playing matches against other local schools. We have been so impressed with your resilience, teamwork and efforts in all the competitions you have taken part in and thank you for representing your school so bravely!

Finally, have a great half term and we will see you all at 08:45 on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Kind regards,  
Jo Messenger  
Acting Headteacher

## **Notices**

### **Bed Bug Drive**

Please see the attached poster about the beetle drive with a Kingsclere twist! Fun for all the family on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

### **School Grounds and Building Improvements**

It has been a busy week for school building and grounds improvements. You may have noticed tree surgeons have been cutting down any unsafe trees, creating quite a spectacle at playtime with real-life spiderman stunts! We also had our electrical circuits inspected and our fire alarm serviced. Thank you for your patience when the rain and scaffolding made the usual footpaths too difficult to navigate when moving between the Key Stage 2 and Year R/Key Stage 1 playgrounds. We do appreciate your support with this as safety is always our priority. We hope the necessary improvements will be completed soon so that the pathway is open for use again.

### **Advice and a Slice**

All parents and carers are warmly invited to the Acorn Nurture Room on 27.2.24 at 08:45 for 'Advice and a Slice'. This is a session for all parents, carers to meet together and with Mrs Wickham-Smith (Senco support) for advice linked to special education needs and wellbeing support in place at school for your child(ren). Tea, coffee, cake will be available. Please do join us.

### **Lunchtime and Breaktime Rewards**

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We have introduced a new breaktime and lunchtime reward scheme which recognises children's positive behaviour linked to our school values, British values and our Code of Conduct. Each week, children's names are put in a hat for showing positive behaviours. During our Celebration Collective Worship each week, 10 children's names are picked out of the box and the children are invited to attend the Acorn Nurture Room with Mrs Messenger to enjoy a drink, games, music, colouring or a chance to relax with a friend as part of their lunchtime. Well done to the following children who have been recognised for some super behaviours so far: Jake W, Alice W, Florence F, Joey H, Zola L, Remy V, Heidi B, Zoe W, Maisie P and Lily K.

### **Attendance**

This month's best attendance in Year R and KS1 was Ash with 95.12% and in KS2 - Chestnut with 95.52%. As you know the school day starts at 08:45 and thank you to everyone that is getting to school punctually supporting your child to have the best possible beginning to the school day.

### **Mental Health Support**

There is some good advice linked to mental health on the CAMHS website. If you click on the CAMHS mental health tab, and then click on 'I am worried about my child' there is lots of information, videos and support about mental health. The Parent and Carer Support Tools have a range of helpful video clips as well. Please click on the following link: <https://www.what0-18.nhs.uk/mental-health/your-childs-mental-health>

### **Artist of the week for the week commencing 19.2.24**

#### **Artist of the Week: Lina Iris Viktor**

*British Liberian Painter and Sculptor*

**1987 – Now**



#### **Interesting Fact:**

Lina uses 24 carat gold to create dark artworks embedded with "layers of light"

**IV. In Timelessness We Built  
Our Temple Black. Materia  
Prima, 2015-19**



Lina is best known for her visually striking self-portraits predominantly using a narrow palette of richly contrasting colours – black, gold, white, blue and red.

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## **Kingsclere CE Primary School Calendar Dates 2024**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February	Half Term
Monday 19 February	Children return to school NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Week + National Road Safety Week
Wednesday 28 February	Grounds Day
Thursday 7 March	World Book Day
Friday 8 March	Ash Class Mummies please 'save the date' from 2pm – 3pm
Monday 11 March	Science Week
Tuesday 19 March	Parents and Carers Consultation Evening 15:45 – 18:45
Thursday 21 March	Parents and Carers Consultation Evening 15:45 – 18:45
Monday 25 March	School Led Clubs stop
Tuesday 26 March	Easter Service at St. Mary's at 09:30. All parents/carers, friends and family members invited!
Monday 1 April – Friday 12 April	Easter Holiday
Friday 26 April	FKS Break the Rules Day
Monday 13 May	Mental Health Awareness Week SATS Week (Year 6)
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 10th July	Y5 and Y6 Performance 13:15
Thursday 11th July	Y5 and Y6 Performance 18:30
Monday 15th July	Y3 and Y4 Swimming Gala 10.00 – 11.30 am
Tuesday 16th July	School Grounds Day
Wednesday 17th July	Y5 and Y6 Swimming Gala 10.00 – 11.30 am Y5 and Y6 Oscars Evening 6.30 pm
Monday 22nd July	Whole School Walk with picnic lunch
Tuesday 23rd July	Last day of term. Y6 Leavers Service at St Mary's Church 9.30 am. All Year 6 parents/carers and families welcome to attend Year 6 lap of honour in the school playground 15:00 – all parents/carers welcome
Wednesday 24 July	Summer Holiday Begins