

Dear Parents and Carers,

*Hello / Bonjour*

We have had a wonderful half term with your children across the school day with **football tournaments**, a **residential trip** to Kingswood for Year 6, and for those children that haven't gone to Norfolk a wealth of activities have been organised including a trip to Coneygear Park and 'work experience' in KS1.

In the Infant School the children also had a **Parklife trip** to the same venue as part of the Sparky Start for the first enquiry across the school. There has been so much going on and to finish we had an **art exhibition** to complete the half term's learning on Vincent Van Gogh. I do hope that you came along to see the children's work in the Infant School.

If you feel your child has had a good experience this half term, please engage with [OFSTED Parent view](#) to share your thoughts. We are reflective and once we have had enough responses to the short survey we can see the results and make changes as necessary.

After half term we will all **start school at 8.45am** in the **Infant and Junior school**. The **junior doors will open at 8.40am** but **ALL** doors will **close at 8.45am**. The preschool will open as normal at 9.00am. Please help us by being on time, when children come through the front office it impacts upon the staffing levels across the school whilst we escort late comers to their classrooms. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Have a wonderful half term, lots of rest but maybe squeeze in a bit of reading with the children if you can.

Meilleurs vœux, Rae Lee [Headteacher]

### *Kingswood Trip/ Kingswood Voyage*

Our **Year 6 children** have been superstars this week, leaving home for the first time for 4 nights for a residential in Kingswood, Norfolk. Staff have been impressed with their attitudes across the week. The children have engaged with a wealth of activities such as fencing, silent discos and picnics on the beach. Thank you to all the staff for making the trip so enjoyable and giving up their family time.

### *DISCO/Discotheque*

Wow! What a busy event we had last night, we raised over £500 for school funds, THANK YOU! We were overwhelmed with the amount of children who wanted to come and will make some tweaks for the next disco in February. If you have any ideas for improvements, come join our PATHS committee and help out with discos and other fundraising events. Our AGM is scheduled for **9.00am** in the **Infant School Staff Room** on **Tuesday 1st November**. Everyone is welcome.

### *Flu Programme/Programme Grippe*

Please find the **online link** below where you can submit a consent form on behalf of your child to either accept or decline the **flu vaccination**. Please note you need to consent **before 3.45pm** on **Wednesday 2nd November 2022**, after this time your child **will not be** on the list to be vaccinated. <https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/.../cambridgeshire>  
The Local Authority is imploring all parents to give consent to support everyone in school this Winter. We have offered our staff a free flu jab so that we can keep attendance rates high and protect everyone. Thank you for our continued support.

### *Parking*

At drop off and pick up time **please park behind Mayfield Shops** where there is a large carpark. Please don't use Mayfield Crescent to drop off your child or enter the school premises with cars unless agreed with the school for exceptional circumstances. We have had a few near misses in the past and need to keep everyone safe. There are new parking measures with updated signage at the start of Mayfield Crescent which must be adhered to. Thank you for your continued support.

### Preschool

This week, Preschool children had their first PE session in the school hall, a circuit was set up which incorporated balancing, jumping, crawling and tip toeing! The children really enjoyed it and then thought about how it had an affect on their body and made sure they drank to re-hydrate afterwards, remembering about self care. They have listened to animal sounds in a game as part of our phonics work this week. They also carved open a pumpkin and had a look inside, Jensen could tell us, 'I got it from Tesco I think it will be yellow inside' Archie said 'one seed, oh no two, seeds, a big one and a baby one' good observing Archie! We also made 'warm, crunchy toast' and enjoyed spreading butter and tasting it. After half term, we will continue exploring pumpkins, scooping them out, carving faces and hopefully tasting some!

### Year 1

This week, Wow! What a busy week in Year 1! We have been learning about being thankful in RE, looking at the Harvest celebration in Christianity and Ramadan in Islam. To end our half term we loved showing off our Van Gogh inspired sunflowers in our Art exhibition. When we come back after half term, our new text in English will be 'Once There Were Giants' by Martin Waddell and we would like all of the children in Year 1 to bring in a photograph of their family.

### Year 3

This week, we finished 'The Iron Man' and the children loved the book! They enjoyed the characters and the great battle of the Iron Man vs the space-bat-angel-dragon (Iron Man was victorious). We also finished our place value unit in maths. In science, we looked at creating healthy, balanced meals and we labelled a human body with bones and organs. After the half term break, we will be looking at the poem 'Silver' in English, we will be starting addition and subtraction in maths and lastly, we will be studying rocks in science. This has been a great start to Year 3 and everyone should be really proud of their accomplishments!

### Year 5

This week we have been partitioning, comparing and rounding numbers up to a million. We will move on to addition and subtraction after half term. In English we have been thinking carefully about the use of figurative language and using this to write setting descriptions. We produced some fabulous descriptions of imaginary rooms in 'The Nowhere Emporium'. In science we were looking the work done by Jane Goodall in Tanzania with chimpanzees and children wrote fabulous fact files about her work. After half term, our focus in science will be Space!

### Reception

This week, we have all been digital artists and have created a portrait using an iPad app! We have been learning about different types of celebrations and have planned for a birthday party for Stripes, our class mascot. We have learned about the Hindi festival of Diwali in RE and made and decorated our very own diva lamps. After the half term break we will be sharing and retelling our new literacy focus book 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' and beginning our new enquiry learning with an exciting sparky start day linked to 'A World of Toys'.

### Year 2

This week, has included lots of art in class 5 and 6. We used a printing technique to recreate the wind from Van Gogh's 'Starry Night' and digital tools in the Sketches App. In phonics we learnt alternative ways of writing the long sounding vowel /oo/, such as, **flute**, **grew** and **clue**. In maths we were assessed by our teachers to see how much we had learnt about addition and subtraction. After half term, we will focus on addition and subtraction by using two 2-digit numbers and in English we will begin a new text 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers. We are excited to start our new enquiry learning about toys from the past.

### Year 4

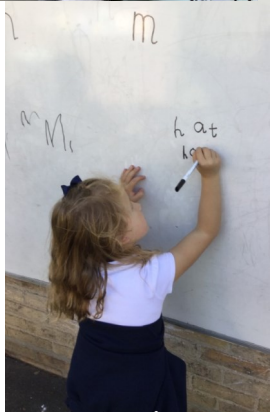
This week, we have been looking at writing letters from the perspective of Jamal, a football mad Afghan refugee trying to escape to Australia, to his friend Yusuf who was left behind from our class text 'Boy Overboard'. This incorporates quite a few of the children's writing skills. In maths, we have been looking at how we can partition 4-digit numbers in different ways and identifying them on a number line. In history, we have been learning more about some of the key leaders, such as Hannibal and Scipio, in the battles between the Romans and the Carthagians. When we return after half term, in geography we will be learning about the effect a country's population has on its societies.

### Year 6

This week, the children have experienced a wealth of activities in and out of school. The children at Kingswood have had a wonderful time joining in with fencing, silent discos, camp fire and night time walks. Whist the children in school have been to Coneygear Park, had a cinema experience in school, made pizzas, helped out as TAs across the classrooms in the Infant School. Who knew we have such amazing helpers! After half term, the children will be meeting a new TA called Mrs Bells-Fortune who will be joining the team to support the learning.



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