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A message from Mr Witts, Executive Headteacher

To all in our Kingsnorth Family I want to say a massive thank you for your enduring patience and support. I do understand the challenges the past few weeks have caused for many of you. Once again, our Kingsnorth Family have come together. It is fabulous to see the children's smiling faces in school and focusing on their learning.

It has been a very busy few weeks. We were delighted to welcome visitors who were working with our English Hub to review how we teach reading and promote the pleasure of reading in school. Well done to the entire team but especially to the group of Year 5 children who attend Book Club with Mrs Bone and Mrs Mummery. They spoke with such eloquence and passion about reading and we were so very proud of them. On that theme, we are very excited to welcome families into school for our Story Time on 2nd February.

We welcomed Francis from Restore, Reform, Respect, into school on Monday for a Year 6 Workshop. He explored with the children how important decisions are in creating the life and career that they aspire to have. He spoke about the impact of poor decisions and the reform system that helps people to repair and change their lives. It was a powerful session.

We have also seen some amazing book making. As part of our new approach to writing, children having been making and writing their own books. It has been fantastic to see the excitement as they have been learning.

It has been great to see the work on volcanoes in Year 3, the children engaging in the OPAL play during the chilly lunchtimes and the amazing opportunity for the choir to sing at the O2 Arena on Tuesday night – they were awesome.

To support the safeguarding of our children we led another NSPCC PANTS Collective Worship this week. The children are very good at singing the song now and understand the importance of talking to a trusted adult if anyone upsets, hurts them or touches their body.

In spite of the challenges, it has been a really positive start to the New Year and I hope the rest of 2024 brings you peace and joy.

Things to Remember

Year 6 - It is PE block week next week (22.01.24 - 26.01.24). The children will need to bring their PE kit in on Monday to change into at school.

Please can we ask that all drivers are courteous and respectful when parking around the school at both drop off and pick up times. A reminder that Tudor Farm Close off of Church Hill is a private road for residents only with no parking or turning at any times please.

Dates for the Diary

25.01.24 - 5R Class Assembly
25.01.24 - Y3 & Y6 Anti-Racism workshops
30.01.24 - Y5 Living History Workshop
29th - 2nd Feb - National Storytelling week
02.02.24 - Reading Session with parents
05.02.24 - Open Classrooms
06.02.24 - Safer Internet Day
08.02.24 - 1M Class Assembly
09.02.24 - Y6 Magistrates Visit
12th-16th Feb - Half Term

ACHIEVEMENTS

Learning Award

RB Harry G, RG Joshua T, 1A Harry B,
1M Freddie M, 2H Minnie-Mai R, 2K Yann
R, 3B Layla T, 3G Daisy D, 4C Edie B,
4P Arese A, 5N Lucas Q, 5R Jack S,
6C Francesca B, 6L Daniel AJ

Values Award

RB Belle P, RG Grace H, 1A Vito C,
1M Emilia G, 2H Millie T, 2K Charlotte M,
3B Anola B, 3G Eric C, 4C Callum R,
4P Lily W, 5N Chloe W & Freya W,
5R Phoebe R, 6C Elsie H, 6L Thomas M



This Term's AR Award is for the most well-presented class library.

This week the trophy goes to
2K.

House Points

Beckett	1694
Dickens	1609
Churchill	1659
Harvey	1706
Holmes	1612
Shakespeare	1537

CONGRATULATIONS TO
HARVEY
This week's Winners

School News

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Poppy Appeal in November. As a school we raised a total of £254.41.

Thank you to Tesco Park Farm who have kindly donated Christmas wrapping paper to the PFA and to the school. As a school we will be able to use this in our arts and crafts area of OPaL.

Premises Update

As previously shared with you we have heating in all parts of the school building. We are due some additional works during the week of 22nd January, to install an additional power source for part of the new heating system.

Breakfast Club

Thank you to those of you who have set up and registered for the Tax Free Childcare. Please choose 'Kingsnorth Church of England Primary School' (not after school club). We have successfully processed our first few payments. Please could we ask that you provide the full code via email to breakfastclub@kingsnorth.kent.sch.uk once registered so that we can match the payments quickly.

Congratulations to Elena, Chloe and Kayden from Year 5 who performed in the Ashford Pantomime - Cinderella throughout the Christmas period.

They have all shown a huge commitment with auditions in July followed by rehearsals every Sunday from the start of September culminating in performing in several evening and daytime shows.



Young Voices O2

On Tuesday, the Choir spent a day at the O2 Arena for our annual trip to the Young Voices concert. We were all very excited, having spent several months learning lots of songs. It was a busy and rewarding day, with the children putting their all into both the afternoons and the evening concert. We were able to sing with special guests such as soul singer Natalie Williams, DJ Grammar and an excellent thirteen-year-old drummer called Nandi Bushell.

We sang our hearts out all day and all evening! The children involved were an absolute credit to Kingsnorth, showing exemplary behaviour throughout a very long, tiring and exhilarating day. We can't wait for next year!



Year 1 Learning

IA have been creating artwork in the style of Piet Mondrian - using just primary colours and black, straight lines and squares/rectangles

