

Newsletter *January 2020*

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NEWS FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Term started in earnest with exciting topic days to excite the children for the term ahead. The children have made a super start to the term and KPS is looking better and better.

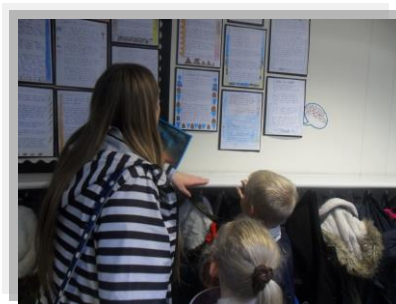
The terms between now and May are particularly busy and are vital learning points for the year. Please help us to do the best for your child by reading with them as often as you can (at least 3x per week) and making sure you keep a close eye on the homework given.

Thank you to those who attended our visit afternoons; we were so proud of the great writing produced by the children across the school - I know many parents were delighted to share in their children's success. Thank you so much for taking the time to visit, it really does motivate the children to do their very best when they know mum or dad will be coming to look.

As ever, we value our partnership greatly and welcome any feedback (positive as well as constructive) that you wish to give. Should you need to contact me at any time, I am always available via email on exechead@kingsway.gloucs.sch.uk.

May I take this chance to wish you all a belated Happy New Year. All of us at KPS send our best wishes for an exciting and productive year ahead.

Best wishes
Lee Pajak



Young Mathematicians Competition

On 15 January 2020, 4 of our Year 6 children took part in a Young Mathematicians Competition at the global learning centre, where they tackled mathematical puzzles against other local schools. While we are still waiting for the results, the children worked brilliantly together to display great team work and proudly represented Kingsway Primary School.



NEW CHROMEBOOKS

We are really pleased with our new chrome books which have been purchased to support the children's learning across the school. Year 2 have had a great time this week using NumBots to support their learning in maths.



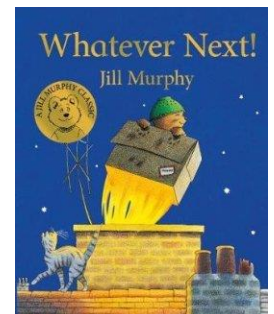
WHAT HAVE THE CHILDREN BEEN UP TO SO FAR...

Yet another amazing Year 3 trip to the dizzy heights of Coaley Peak! The weather was a bit against us, what with the heavy mist which made it difficult to see across the land. However, the children persevered and did not stop from working together, looking at the geography of the land and using their OS map reading skills to study the physical features of the Severn Valley, as well as enjoying the great outdoors and investigating the remains of a Long Barrow. There was also an addition to the class, Mr Bull, who also kept an eye on Year 3.



EXPLORING EARTH FROM SPACE

Swanfisher have been using the story Whatever Next? They have journeyed with Little bear into space and were able to look down on Earth (using google Earth) exploring countries and seas. The children worked together to find England, then Gloucester, then Kingsway and thoroughly enjoyed finding their own houses. They even found countries where some of the children have lived and compared how they are different to Kingsway.



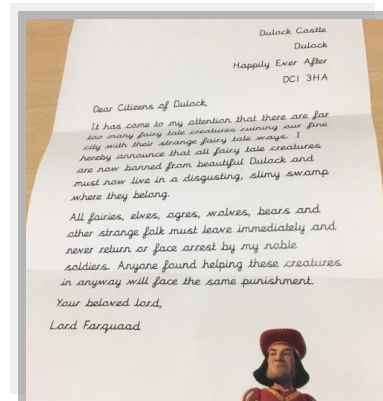
Little Bear popped in to school after his trip to the moon. Little Bear told the children that some people had already been to the moon. The children didn't believe this, so they have been busy researching and looking at images of moon landings and talked about who astronauts are and why they go to space.

WHICH FAIRY TALE CHARACTER ARE YOU?

In Year 1 we had an exciting start to our new theme 'Tell Me a Story'. We came to school dressed as our favourite story characters and shared our favourite books with our friends. In the afternoon, we received a letter from Lord Farquaad, from Shrek, who wanted to banish all of characters, which led to us having a debate about whether we should stay or go.



This led to a great stimulus for our writing for the first couple of weeks back.



AUTUMN TERM SPORTS ROUND UP!

Wow! What a busy term of sporting events here at Kingsway Primary School. Our children have been involved with QLC cricket, QLC B team football, house cross-country, whole school Daily Mile as part of the county record attempt for most pupils running the Daily Mile in one day and Gloucester School Sports Network events. Kingsway Primary School is proud to be members of the Gloucester School Sport Network (GSSN) and have been able to give many children opportunities to represent Kingsway at the following events: KS1 Panathlon Challenge, Year 3 New Age Kurling and Bouccia Festival, Gloucester Primary School Cross-Country Championships, School Games Sportshall Athletics and Year 2 Christmas Multi-Skills



At the Gloucester Primary School Cross-Country Championships we had 59 children representing Kingsway at the event from Year 2 to 6. Our Year 2 team were particularly successful with a 3rd Place finish as a team – making our Year 2 team the 3rd best Year 2 runners in Gloucester. Individual runners received personal success with two Year 6 girls Taylor and Ruby receiving Gloucester City selection places to go through to the County Cross-Country in the New Year if they choose to. Taylor ran a very strong and controlled race with an outstanding 2nd place finish which not only gave her a silver medal but makes her the second fastest Year 6 girl in Gloucester! Exceptionally proud.

Our school Football and Netball Teams have been busy with their league matches as part of the Gloucester Primary School Football Association (GPSFA). The Football team have had some unlucky scores which haven't always reflected the standard of play and are currently 6th with 10 points after playing 7 games so far. The Netball Team have had more success with a mixture of wins and losses over the first half of the season and are currently 3rd with 10 points after 6 games with two games left to play in the new year.



Kingsway took a strong team to compete at the Sportshall, Athletics School Games on Monday 25th November where children showed skill and ability in track and field events throughout the afternoon finishing middle of the pack.



Finally both our Year 2 classes went for a fun Christmas themed Multi-skills Sports morning at Oxstalls Sports Park. The children were well behaved and demonstrated great control of movements and skills. Four children also received prizes for the Christmas hat competition.

That makes it a staggering 92 children going out to represent the school in sporting events in this first term alone and all children participating in a physically active event here at school either as part of the Daily Mile Day or the House Cross Country Championships.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The full School Council met for the first time in Spring term. They spent time discussing reading, improving break times and encouraging pupil voice. Next time they meet they will be sharing some book reviews they have done and some class suggestion boxes they have made.

We look forward to sharing our ideas, thoughts and success with you.

ONLINE INTERNET SAFETY

There is a lot of talk around school from the children around the use of the video-sharing social media app TikTok. We would like parents to be aware that the recommended age for use of this app is 12+ due to mature content and social networking.

In addition to this, we were alerted by a parent about the potential dangers of strangers attempting to contact children through Roblox. If your child uses this game, we recommend that you disable the chat facilities and check that your child is registered with the correct age.

If you need any further information regarding internet safety, then www.saferinternet.org.uk and www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety have up to date information for parents.

There is also some advice on TikTok called 'What Parents Need to Know About TikTok', which can be found by following this link: <https://2j39y52a62gm1afygb3g1xbu-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/NOS-TikTok.pdf>

FOOTBALLS AT SCHOOL

Could parents/carers remind their children that if they bringing their 'own balls' to school, they will not allowed out on the playground during break or lunchtime. The school provide balls for the children to play with at these times. This is managed by our Sports Leaders.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

- Whole School Traffic Light Certificates will be going out before Feb Half Term.
- Lateness is being monitored and letters will be going home to parents/carers of children who are regularly late. Fines can be issued.
- Under 89% Attendance is being monitored fortnightly.
- Please call school office before 8.45am if children aren't going to be in.
- Please remember to bring in copies of any medical appointments that are during the school day.

SCHOOL DINNER MENU CHANGES

There have been a couple of slight menu changes for parents/carers to be aware of.

These are as follows:

Monday – Pizzas are **ALL** Cheese & Tomato only - no peppers or roasted veg

Thursday - Soup - Tomato & Veg mix

Friday – Cheese & Crackers substituted to **Jelly**

MEAL COSTS ARE REDUCED TO £2.32

WET WEATHER CLOTHES

Please can I remind you that it is important for the children to have the appropriate clothing for the weather. All children should come to school with a coat in order to keep themselves warm and dry. Hats and gloves are optional but are a good idea as hands can get red and sore in the cold.



DIARY DATES 2020



January 2020

20th Jan 2020

- Eagle Class to Skills Zone – 9:30am – 12:30pm

22nd Jan 2020

- GSSN KS1 Gymnastics Event at Ribston (5 Children) - 9am – 1pm

23rd Jan 2020

- Year 5 trip to 'We the curious' - All day
- 5 a side Football Tournament at Bentham 1:30pm – 4pm

27th - 31st Jan 2020

- Bikeability Training Week

February 2020

4th Feb 2020

- GSSN Gymnastics Event Year 3 & 4 (6 Children) 9am – 1pm

5th Feb 2020

- QLC Cross Country at Beach Green 1pm – 3pm

10th Feb 2020

- Year 6 SATs Briefing – 6pm – 7pm

17th – 21st Feb 2020

- **Half Term – School Closed**

24th Feb 2020

- **Inset Day – School closed**

25th Feb 2020

- Return to School

March 2020

3rd March 2020

- QLC Year 2 Sports Hall Athletics - Robin Greaves Sports Hall – 8am – 11:30am

18th March 2020

- Year 1 Provisional date for trip to Warwick Castle

23rd March 2020

- Year 6 Trip to Harry Potter – All day

April 2020

6 – 17th April 2020

- **Easter Holidays**

May 2020

8th May 2020

- **Bank Holiday**

15th May 2020

- Reception and Year 6 Photographs – 9am – 10:30am

20th May 2020

- QLC Year 1 Multi skills event on school field – 8:30-12pm

25th – 29th May 2020

- **Half Term**

June 2020

8th June 2020

- QLC Alternative Sports Festival for Year 5 & 6 at Haresfield – 9am – 11am

15th June 2020

- QLC Quadkids athletics for Year 3 & 4 at Blackbridge Track – 9am – 11am

30th June 2020

- Forensic Science Day at Severn Vale School for Year 5 – All day

positive parenting
Resources & Programme

Treasure Seekers
On the road again!

Time Out For Parents
Children with Special Needs

Sessions for anyone parenting children
with special needs aged 3-11

Starting Thursday 6th February, 10am-12noon
(Running for 7 weeks (including half term) - Cost: £21)

At The Wellbeing room, above the Treasure Seekers Gift Shop,
46 Westgate Street, Gloucester GL1 2NF

Booking via our website below, email
Training@treasureseekers.org.uk or call 01452 307201

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And Finally.....

Please ensure that your contact details are up to date. If unsure contact the school office on 01452 881800 or email admin@kingsway.gloucs.sch.uk