

# Kingsfield Chronicle

Week ending: 07.01.22



Ready, Respectful, Safe

Dear Parents / Carers,

I have been reluctant to send out any information to you earlier in the week regarding the pandemic because I sensed things might change this week which indeed they have! From Monday 10th January, positive lateral flow tests are now acceptable proof of having the virus - there is no need for a PCR as well. To reduce transmission as much as possible, we intend to continue in the same way as we were last term. Class assemblies to parents will remain virtual this term. Visitors will be limited to essential contractors / inspectors and parental meetings will be held virtually wherever possible. The term's consultations will remain as telephone calls as well. The advice is for adults to also wear face masks and we will leave this to your discretion on the playground but, in school, adults will continue to be expected to wear them in communal areas (not in the classrooms).

Lunchtime clubs will be restarting from next week and after school clubs (led by school staff) will start the week after. Please check out the timetable on the following page and look out for sign up letters via Parentmail. It would be great to have every child in the school take part in at least one club this year; if there are no clubs that interest your child/ren, please let me know what sorts of things would as we might be able to accommodate new club 'titles'.

On Friday 14th January, we will be hosting a **final book fair** selling off all copies of our old reading scheme books for 20p. After that time, we will be donating the remaining books to other schools in the area. It will run from 2:45 in the King Edward Hall and be packed away at 3:15. Please wear a face mask upon entering the building unless you are exempt.

And finally, I wanted to wish you a Happy New Year! I hope that 2022 is a fantastic year that is full of fun and happiness for you all.

Mrs. Coates

## Piano Lessons

Our peripatetic music teacher - Hannah Caller - is now able to offer weekly piano lessons at school on a Thursday morning. Lessons are usually 20 minutes for individual (but 15 minutes can be possible on discussion) and cost £10. We can also offer taster for students who would like to trial piano.

If you would be interested in piano lessons or would just like some further information, please email [hannahcaller@gmail.com](mailto:hannahcaller@gmail.com) and she will respond to you directly.



## House Points

This week's points:

Blue	290	Green	294
Red	340	Yellow	355

Well done to **Yellow Team!**

## Weekly Awards

Well done to the following children:

Class	Star of the Week	Resilience Rock
Reception - CK	Reggie S.	N/A
Reception - HM	Theo B.	N/A
1B	Hatun T.	Kyrone F.
1M	Hannah O.	Megan B.
2R	Logan E.	Jayden H.
2C	Swailey A.	Vilte P.
3DH	Arla L.	Victoria B.
3W	Teigan R.	Aaron H.
4C	Milasi D-A.	Rhys B.
4R	Paulius M.	Ben M.
5P	Charly M.	Elysia W.
5S	Lily C.	Evie J.
6R	Rieleigh B-S.	Millie P.
6T	Charlie B.	N/A

# Kingsfield Chronicle

Week ending: 07.01.22



Ready, Respectful, Safe

## Clubs

We are pleased to announce this term's clubs which are nearly all FREE to attend!

**UPDATE— Mrs. Dickinson's science club sessions from last term will be rearranged for Tuesday 11th, 18th and 25th January and the 1st February.**

### Spring 1 from 15th January until the 11th February

#### Monday

12:00 - 12:45	Spanish for Year 6	Led by Mrs. Pearson
12:15 - 12:45	Computer club for Years 3/4	Led by Miss. Rushmer
15:00 - 16:00	Multi-sports for all ages	Led by Premier Sport (paid club)

#### Tuesday

15:00 - 16:00	Film club for Years 3/4	Led by Miss. Corrigan
15:00 - 15:45	Choir for Years 3-6	Led by Mrs. Bendzulla and Mr. Rhodes

#### Thursday

15:00 - 16:00	Mindful colouring for Years 3 - 6	Led by Mrs. Hunter
15:00 - 16:00	Dodgeball	Led by Premier Sport (paid club)

### Spring 2 from 21st February until 1st April

#### Monday

15:00 - 16:00	Multi-sports for all ages	Led by Premier Sport (paid club)
12:00 - 12:45	Spanish for Year 6	Led by Mrs. Pearson
15:00 - 16:00	Science for Years 3/4	Led by Mrs. Dickinson

#### Tuesday

15:00 - 15:45	Choir for Years 3-6	Led by Mrs. Bendzulla and Mr. Rhodes
15:00 - 16:00	Netball for identified group	Led by Mrs. MacNeil
12:15 - 12:45	Origami club for all years	Led by Mrs. Coates

#### Thursday

15:00 - 15:45	Story time for EY and Years 1-2	Led by Mrs. Culyer
12:00 - 13:00	Gardening club for Years 3-6	Led by Miss. Candish

# Kingsfield Chronicle

Week ending: 07.01.22



Ready, Respectful, Safe

## Curriculum Updates

### Reception

This half-term the focus in Reception is 'Fire, Dragons and Mythical Creatures'. We have already read a non-fiction book about a firefighter and the job they do. We are looking forward to learning about dragons and celebrating Chinese New Year. We are ending the theme by reading the book 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson. We are also going to have a surprise activity for all the children to share at school.

In Maths, we are working on numbers 0 to 5 and then 6, 7 and 8. In phonics we will continue to learn additional sounds and become more confident in using our phoneme fingers to blend them together to read words. We will also be learning more words that we just have to read from sight. In Reception we love singing and we will be learning some new songs related to our theme.

Remember P.E. is on a Friday and all children must come to school in their PE kit with appropriate footwear. If possible, children should be wearing a coloured T-shirt which links to their team colour. If you are not sure of your child's coloured team it is on the front of their reading record book. This half-term the focus is gymnastics and we will be making fun gym shapes.

The children are making really good progress with their reading. They will be heard to read by an adult in school at least once a week. Their books will be changed weekly on a Monday. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE listen to your child read their books at home. This will help them to become confident readers.

### Year 1

This half-term our cross-curricular topic will be 'Great Fires'. In English, we will be focusing on The Great Fire of London as well as poetry and writing our own recounts. This links to our History topic where we will be comparing the Great Fire of London with the Fire of Chatteris. In Maths, we will be exploring addition and subtraction within 20 and place value within 50. 'Animals including humans' is our Science focus. We will be identifying, naming, describing, and comparing a variety of common animals. We will also learn about the basic parts of the human body and will learn which body parts are associated with the senses,

In P.E., during the half term, we will be looking at gymnastics and dance. PSHE will enable us to explore healthy and safer lifestyles and how to manage safety and risks. Reading and Phonics are a particular focus in Year 1. Daily reading is vital to your child's continued development and access to the curriculum. Your continued support in this is essential.

### Year 2

This half-term we will be learning about division in Maths. In English, we will focus on persuasive writing and story sequels through the text 'Traction Man'. We will be learning about explorers in History answering the question, 'who is the most inspirational explorer?'

In Science, we will be learning about living things and habitats answering the question, 'How do you know if something is alive?' Whilst in PSHE lessons, we will learn about rights, rules and responsibilities, answering the question 'What am I responsible for and how can I demonstrate responsibility?' During R.E. lessons this half-term, we will be learning about the features of a church.

In Music, we will be learning about the genre of rock music and in D.T. we will design and make our own puppets, investigating how to join two materials together successfully. In P.E., we will focus on invasion games and gymnastics.

We will enrich our learning through a visit to the church, the Sealife Centre in Hunstanton and a virtual parliament workshop.

# Kingsfield Chronicle

Week ending: 07.01.22



## Year 3

This half-term we will be focussing on developing our geographical skills through our new topic 'Water, Water, Everywhere!' In our English lessons, we will be conducting an in-depth study of Jeannie Baker the author of 'Where the Forest Meets the Sea.' We will also be exploring 'Tin Forest' by Helen Ward and Wayne Anderson.

Ready, Respectful, Safe

In Maths we will be focusing on multiplication and division, concentrating on developing a quick recall of the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Science will see us learning all about plants; what they need to survive, the names and functions of their different parts and growing our own!

## Year 4

This half-term we are beginning our topic on Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. We are using the text the 'Firework Maker's Daughter' to write a newspaper report on key events. We are going to learn the history of the Viking invasion and the key people within the era. This will be complimented with our trip to West Stow on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

In Maths, we will be continuing to develop our multiplication and division skills and the methods that we use to solve these calculations. In Science, we will be learning about Living Things and Their Habitats, including what living things need to survive in their habitats. We will also be thinking about different ways to group living things.

In R.E. we will be beginning our topic on Hinduism, learning about their celebrations and how worshippers respect their Gods. During PSHE lessons, we will be looking at our identities as well as the community and how we can work together. In P.E. lessons we will be learning the basic skills of table tennis as well as going swimming.

## Year 5

In Year 5 this half-term, we are looking at the 'Maya Civilisation'. We will be reading the Roald Dahl classic 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.' From this, we will be writing a diary entry that explores the protagonist's (Charlie) feelings when he receives chocolate for his birthday. We will also be exploring our inner journalist and writing about events that happen throughout the story. To go with our 'Maya Civilisation' topic, we will be studying artefacts that show us how the Maya people lived. We will also focus on the Geographic location of where the Maya Civilisation were in the world.

In Maths, we will be focusing on fractions for the half term, specifically looking at adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions. Our Science topic will focus upon forces and we will be taking part in lots of experiments to support this.

In R.E., we will focus on Buddhism and how the teachings of Siddhartha (The Buddha) are still applied across the faith today. We will also explore how the teachings of Buddhism can be compared to the teachings of Christianity. PSHE will see us explore our 'Personal Safety' unit where we will discuss how to keep ourselves safe and how to seek support if we need it.

## Year 6

This half term, pupils in Year 6 will begin their topic of Victorians and Trade, which will include a Victorian Day experience. In Guided Reading, our texts will be set in the Victorian era, including Street Child, and an adapted version of Oliver Twist. In English, we will be focusing on discussion texts and journalistic writing, again with links to the Victorian topic. Design Technology will focus on a Victorian menu, with Art focused around our topic, including William Morris designs.

In Science, we will be learning about Evolution and Inheritance which will include learning about fossils. R.E. will be focused on Christianity as well as looking at Humanism. Our P.E. topics will be gymnastics and hockey, with P.E. days on Monday afternoons. Computing, Music and French lessons will continue to take place weekly. Our PSHE topic will be focused on Citizenship, considering rights and responsibilities.

## Diary Dates

New dates will be added weekly so please do read this section each week.

### **January 2022**

6th - NHS height and weight measurement for Reception and Year 6

12th, 19th, 26th - Year 4 swimming

14th - 3L Class Assembly—virtual

17th - 20th - Bikeability for Reception

28th - 6T Class Assembly—virtual

### **February 2022**

1st - 11th - Fairtrade Fortnight

2nd\*, 9th, 23rd - Year 4 swimming \*to be reorganised due to trip

4th - Year 4 trip to West Stow

8th - Year 2 trip to Sealife Centre

9th - Year 2 - virtual parliament event

11th - 4R Class Assembly—virtual

14th - 18th - Half term

23rd - Funky Cones for Reception and Year 1

24th - Vision screening for Reception and Year 1

W/C 28th - Personal Safety Week

### **March 2022**

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th - Year 4 swimming

4th - 2R Class Assembly—virtual

7th - World Book Day

8th - Mini-beasts visit Reception

11th - 20th Science Week

15th - Whole school science day

18th - 1B Class Assembly

18th - Non-uniform day for Comic Relief

W/C 21st - Start of parental consultations (telephone)

21st - Year 6 trip to Stibbington

22nd - Years 3/4/5 production—virtual

22nd - World Water Day

### **April 2022**

1st - Year 6 netball competition at Thomas Clarkson Academy

1st - Last day of term

19th - Children return to school

20th, 27th - Year 3 swimming

21st - Class group photos and Year 6 leavers' photos

22nd - Earth Day

W/C 25th - Bikeability Year 1/2

### **May 2022**

2nd - May Day - no school

W/C 3rd - Bikeability Year 1/2

4th, 11th, 18th, 25th - Year 3 swimming

9th - W/C Bikeability Year 1/2

6th - 5P Class Assembly

11th - Wellbeing Day Years 3&4

20th - 3DH Class Assembly

24th - 6R swimming

26th - 2C Class Assembly

26th - 6T swimming

27th - PD Day

30th - 3rd - Half term

### **June 2022**

6th - Children return to school

7th, 14th, 21st, 28th - 6R swimming

8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th - Year 3 swimming

9th, 15th, 23rd, 30th - 6T swimming

14th - Olympic and Paralympic Pentathlon Yrs 5&6

17th - 1H Class Assembly

24th - RK Class Assembly

### **July 2022**

1st - RM Class Assembly

5th, 12th - 6R swimming

7th, 14th - 6T swimming

13th - Year 6 production

20th - Celebration of Work

21st - Last day of term

21st - Leavers' Assembly

22nd - PD Day

## **Dates for the 2022-23 academic year:**

### **Autumn Term Dates 2022**

1<sup>st</sup> September – PD Day

2<sup>nd</sup> September – PD Day

5<sup>th</sup> September – Children return to school

18<sup>th</sup> October 2022 - Individual photographs

24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – Half term

20<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term

21<sup>st</sup> December 2022 – PD Day

### **Spring Term Dates 2023**

4<sup>th</sup> January – Children return to school

13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Half term

20<sup>th</sup> February – PD Day

21<sup>st</sup> February – Children return to school

31<sup>st</sup> March – Last day of term

### **Summer Term Dates 2023**

17<sup>th</sup> April – Children return to school

1<sup>st</sup> May – Bank Holiday

26<sup>th</sup> May – PD Day

29<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Half term

19<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of term