

# Kingsfield Chronicle

Week ending: 21.04.23



Ready, Respectful, Safe

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that you had a lovely Easter break. It's been so nice returning to school with the sun shining and children being able to get out onto the field to play. However, this has meant an increase in lost school uniform! Please can we ask that you name every item of clothing and check regularly in case names have washed off. Thank you!

As you know, the end of May is the deadline for staff to resign in order to change jobs for September and this is the time of year when we see most movement of staff within schools. Regrettably, I need to inform you that both Miss. Latimer and Mrs. Smart will be leaving us to work in more exotic locations, teaching in America and China! Miss. Latimer will be leaving at half term so Mrs. Moss will be increasing her number of days in school. Mrs. Smart will not be leaving until the end of term which means we have time to recruit a new teacher to our team. With that in mind, if you know of any teachers who are looking to work at our lovely school, please send them to MyNewTerm, a link to which can be found on the school website under vacancies.

At the start of the week parents were informed by the Local Authority as to whether their child has gained a place at Kingsfield for September in Reception. If you have received such an offer, please can I urge you to update the status on the portal or call the office and let them know. A letter relating to transition will be coming out shortly to all new parents.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Coates

Headteacher

## Coronation Events

To celebrate the King's Coronation, we will be holding an afternoon of celebratory events, including a picnic lunch and the unveiling of our Coronation bench and special tree, on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

As part of the Year 1 history topic, Kings and Queens, they will be having a special event on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May** but will also take part in Friday's events. A separate letter has been sent to Year 1 parents to communicate more about the event.

## Swimming

After some issues with the pool this week, we are pleased to tell you that swimming lessons will start next week.



## Governance

We are still looking for governors. If you want to be more involved in school life, please contact Mrs. Coates on [head@kingsfield.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:head@kingsfield.cambs.sch.uk). Governance sounds scary but it really isn't! You are there to be a critical friend to the school and ensure that we are doing the best for your children.

## Clubs

We will be sending out a revised club offer / schedule next week but, in the meantime, please do have a look at Premier Sport's offer below. They have added an additional club due to high attendance.



### Before & After School Clubs at your School...

- Kickstart the day with our brilliant before-school sessions
- Let loose with lunchtime activities
- Keep on moving with awesome after-school clubs

Over the past 20 years, we've expanded our term-time offer of school activities to include sessions held before the school day begins, in lessons – covering or supplementing existing lessons, at lunchtimes as an extra chance to get active, or after-school, giving parents a more convenient pickup time while the kids keep engaged.

#### What's happening at your school:

Kingsfield Primary School

#### Sport Active After School Clubs

Monday Gymnastics (3 weeks- £14.25)  
Tuesday Athletics  
Wednesday Girls only Football  
Thursday Dodgeball

3pm – 4.15pm | £23.75 | 5 week block

Limited To 20 Spaces

Avoid disappointment, visit [premier-education.com](https://premier-education.com) to book!!

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## Prime Bottles

We are having ongoing issues with children bringing in Prime bottles. Please can we ask that these stay at home as they are causing some upset and fallout amongst our student population.

Thank you!



# Curriculum Update

## Reception

It is incredible how your wonderful children have flourished and grown since they started school in September. Many parents have commented to us on how the children are keen to read and write at home in their play and self-chosen activities. We love seeing what they do at home on Tapestry so please keep posting the photographs on there as these form an important part of your child's learning journey. Keeping on the theme of growing, this half term our focus is 'Things that grow, mini-beasts and lifecycles'. We are looking forward to reading and sharing the books 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle and 'Superworm' by Julia Donaldson. We will also be spending time in our outside area and planting things that we hope will grow. If you have any plant pots, plants, seeds etc. which you could donate to us we would be very grateful.

We are also looking forward to some exciting activities this half term. In Maths we will be completing a 'Sunflower Challenge'. Sports' Day is on 18<sup>th</sup> May and we will be preparing for this in our PE lessons. We will also be having a visit from some REAL LIFE mini-beasts! Look out for the letter with more information about this.

In Phonics, we have learnt all the sounds we need to know in Reception. We will now use these more and more to read and write words. I am so impressed with the amount of reading the children are doing at home and this is really helping them to make huge progress. Thank you so much for your support with this.

As you can see we have an action packed half term where we will be learning and growing together!!

## Year 1

This half term our cross-curricular topic will be 'Kings and Queens'. In English, will be focusing on fairy tales and story writing. We will also be learning about the monarchy in History. This will culminate in a Year 1 celebration of the King's Coronation. In Science, we will be studying plants: identifying and naming a variety of common wild and garden plants and describing their structure. In Maths, we will be exploring multiplication and division as well as time and money.

In PSHE, we will be thinking about how we can keep ourselves safe, looking at identifying different feelings; recognising which adults and friends we can trust and thinking about school / classroom rules that help us feel safe. In PE we will be practising skills that we will need for Sports' Day and will also be covering a dance unit based on the theme weather.

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

In English, we will be focusing on traditional tales and non-fiction texts linked to our 'castles' theme. In Maths, we will learn about fractions, statistics and time. In Science, we will learn about plants and what they need to grow whilst in History, we will learn about castles with a particular focus on Lincoln Castle. During Art lessons, we will develop our observation and sketching skills, again with a castle theme. In RE, we will learn about Sikhism and, in PSHE, we will learn about how we have grown and changed. PE continues to take place on a Wednesday and Thursday and lessons will focus predominantly on athletics. In music, we will sing friendship songs based within the pop genre.

This half term, we will enrich our learning with an incredible visit to Lincoln Castle. We will also take part in a 'Skills Escalator Day' at the North Cambridgeshire Training Centre in Chatteris to learn more about different industries and businesses.

Please support your child by hearing them reading regularly and sharing books. Continuing to use Numbots / TT Rockstars with them will also be really helpful in developing their number skills. Please try to complete a homework task to embrace our theme.

### Year 3

In Year 3, we will be learning about Ancient Egypt. In English, we will be reading 'The Story of Tutankhamun' where we will be writing recounts and biographies. We will continue this learning in our History lessons where we will begin learning about Ancient Egypt. In Maths, we will be understanding and answering word problems, recapping our understanding of time, and looking at Statistics. In our Science lessons, we will be learning about light.

We will be introduced to the religion of Islam in our RE lessons, and how to maintain a healthy lifestyle in PSHE. In PE, we will be preparing and practising skills for our Sports' Day, and will begin our weekly swimming lessons. We will be learning the names of different fruits in French. We will be learning about and creating our own stop-frame animations in Computing and, in our DT lessons, we will be making our own savoury Egyptian bread loaves – we look forward to tasting these!

### Year 4

This half term, we are starting a new topic of 'Angry Planet'. We will be looking at earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis and the devastating impact they can have on life in different countries. In English, we are going to be using the texts 'The Iron Man' and 'The Iron Woman' by Ted Hughes to write newspaper reports and also to write a story exploring pollution and the effect it has on the planet.

In Maths, we will be revisiting place value, including taking a look at Roman Numerals. We will also start to investigate mass, capacity and volume. We will also be continuing to practise our times tables to support us in our learning. Science is going to be investigating sound: what it is and how it is created. Our work in Computing will be linked to this as we investigate audio files.

In PSHE, we will be looking at safe and healthy lifestyles this term. RE will be a whole term investigating the beliefs and origins of Sikhism. In PE, we are going to be preparing for Sports' Day with a range of athletic activities. This term we will be switching to a DT topic and creating an illuminated warning sign linked to our Angry Planet topic. Finally, French lessons will focus on the language used to describe the weather.

### Year 5

This half term in Geography we will be exploring rivers. We will develop our understanding of what rivers are and the different components of a river. We will then, link this knowledge to the Amazon River to answer the question 'What makes the Amazon river so amazing?' This will link to our DT topic where we will be creating bridges to go over the Amazon river. In Science, we will learning about animals and living things. We will compare the lifecycles of different animals and plants to discover if all lifecycles are the same for all living things. In RE we will be starting our unit on Judaism. In PSHE, we will be focusing on drug education – exploring and understanding what different drugs are, how to use them safely and about different medicines.

During French lessons, we will be learning about the Olympic Games and Computing sessions will be based on using Crumbl kits. In English, we will be reading 'Journey to the River Sea' and completing a range of written compositions linked to the text. We will also read 'Kensuke's Kingdom' during our reading lessons. Finally, in Maths we will be learning about properties of shape, capacity and weight and the position and direction of shapes.

### Year 6

Pupils in Year 6 will be taking part in KS2 SATs tests from Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May. Please ensure your children are in school on those days.

This half term, the children in Year 6 will be focusing on the topic 'Fair Trade'. In English, we will be reading the book 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret'. We will be using this text to inspire our own narrative stories. In Maths, we will continue our work on the four operations alongside work on word problems, statistics and

algebra. Our Science topic will be 'Living Things and their Habitats' and we will be discovering how scientists classify animals.

Our DT unit of work will link to our Fair Trade topic, where the children will be cooking using fair trade ingredients. In RE we will be learning about Islam, and the role prayer has for Muslims. During Computing we will be learning about website design. PE days will continue to be a Thursday and Friday. Our topic in PE is athletics, with a focus on getting prepared for Sports' Day and the events in a decathlon. Swimming sessions will start week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> May. In PSHE, pupils will be taught lessons on Relationships and Sex Education. Please refer to your letter from earlier this week regarding this learning.

## Vocabulary Update

Our curriculum is designed to develop a child's vocabulary. Please see the grid below for the key words that your child will be learning in their foundation topic.

<b>Year 1</b>	past / present, timeline, country, reign, royalty, majesty, kings, queens, His Royal Highness (HRH), British, nation, society, family tree, connection, relationship, Coronation, throne, crown
<b>Year 2</b>	medieval , today, residence , monarchy, King/Queen, royal, coat of arms, castle, protection, defence, warfare, army, knight, armour, shield, sword , fortification, servants, prisons, prisoners, battlements, barbican, tower, keep, moat, bailey, gatehouse, drawbridge, turrets, catapult, bows and arrows, portcullis
<b>Year 3</b>	AD/BC, ancient, evidence, primary and secondary sources, photographs, investigate, archaeologists, location, continent, landscape, desert, River Nile, flood, floodplain, silt, fertile, irrigation, pyramids, trade, Pharaoh, artefact, Scarab, papyrus, scribe amulet, protection, Canopic jar, Sarcophagus, symbol, tomb, burial chamber, afterlife, hieroglyphics, mummification, shaduf, shabti figures, Sphinx, Ankh
<b>Year 4</b>	slope, eruption cloud, mantle, ring of fire, active, extinct, map, risk, atlas, face, Mercalli scale, shock waves, benefit, fault lines, mountain, snowline, casualties, foot, outcrop, summit, conduit, main vent, formed, outer core, surface, continent, hypocentre, Pacific Ocean, tectonic plates, countries, inner core, peak, tree line, crater, key, plate boundary, tsunami, crust, layers, plateau, valley, dormant, location, range, volcano, earthquake, magma chamber, Richter scale, waves , epicentre, magnitude, ridge, world map
<b>Year 5</b>	longitude, latitude, coordinates, degrees, lake, sea, ocean, mouth, meander, floodplain, source, bank, bed, climate, vegetation, temperature, v-shaped valleys, waterfalls, rapids
<b>Year 6</b>	oxbow lakes, delta, estuary, tributary, confluence, biomes, terrain, deforestation



# Celebrations and Awards

Class	Star of the Week	Resilience Rock
RK	Simeon T	Darcie-Mae D
1B	Ruby J	Darcie-Rose H
1M	Olivia V	Ryder T
2C	Oscar B	Roman T
2D	Kamile M	Poppy S
3LM	Abdullah T	Sofia B-S
3S	Leah D	Harry P
4P	Joshua B	Poppy J
4W	Shana T	Charlie G
5R	Freya G	Lily F
5G	Ben M	Diya T
6C	Lyla H	Louis R
6R	Amelia H	Elysia W

## House Points

This week's points are:

Blue 362      Green 262  
Red 304      Yellow 310

Well done to *Blue Team*!

## Attendance

**Kingsfield Primary  
School**

**Attendance  
Award**

w/b 27.03.23

6C

98.3%

## Reading Success

Congratulations to the following children for their amazing reading achievements:

30 reads	Darcey A (3), Gabriella M (3)
50 reads	Melody C (6), Felicity M (3)
100 reads	Autumn H (6), Amelia E (6), Katherina dP (6)
150 reads	Cameryn M (6), Leni V (6), Khloe S (6), Charley T (6), Libby B (6), Ellie S (6), Alfie R-P (6)
200 reads	Noah C (3), Millie M (2), Olivia G (6)



## Other Certificates

Well done to Dominic C who was awarded student of the month in April for working hard in class and at his grading.

Freya G and Charley T both achieved swimming certificates recently – a massive well done to them for improving their skills. Olivia G in Year 1 also achieved a trophy in football - great job!



Amazingly, Ella B (4) and Eleanor C (3) recently climbed Snowdon! What an amazing achievement!

# Diary Dates

New dates will be added weekly so please do read this section each week. New dates or changes are highlighted in red font.

## Summer Term Dates 2023

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

19<sup>th</sup> April - 28<sup>th</sup> June - Year 3 Swimming

20<sup>th</sup> April - Group Photographs

21<sup>st</sup> April – 26<sup>th</sup> May – Maths Workshops for Parents

26<sup>th</sup> April – UKTM Junior Maths Challenge for a team of Year 5/6 children at Cromwell

1<sup>st</sup> May – Bank Holiday

2<sup>nd</sup> May – Year 5 Math Challenge

3<sup>rd</sup> May – Animal experience in school for EYFS

4<sup>th</sup> May – Coronation events

8<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation

9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs

16<sup>th</sup> May – 4P class assembly

18<sup>th</sup> May – Sports Day

3<sup>rd</sup> May – 4W class assembly

23<sup>rd</sup> May—11<sup>th</sup> July - 6C swimming

25<sup>th</sup> May - 13<sup>th</sup> July - 6T swimming

26<sup>th</sup> May – PD Day

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

5<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 Bikeability

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 Music Project

9<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Quadkids Competition

20<sup>th</sup> June – New Reception transition meetings

23<sup>rd</sup> June – Year 4 Quadkids Competition

24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> June – Chatteris Midsummer Festival

29<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Transition Visit to Neale Wade

29<sup>th</sup> June – Home visits for new Reception children

29<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Transition Visit to Cromwell

4<sup>th</sup> July - Y6 Transition Visit to Cromwell

4<sup>th</sup> July – Home visits for new Reception children

7<sup>th</sup> July – Year 5 NFL Flag Football Competition

7<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Transition Visit to Neale Wade

7<sup>th</sup> July - Y6 Transition Visit to Cromwell

11<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Transition Visit to Neale Wade

13<sup>th</sup> July - Year 1 Visit to Wicken Fen

18<sup>th</sup> July - Celebration of Work

18<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers' Production 6pm

19<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 9am

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

## Term Dates for 2023-2024

1<sup>st</sup> September – PD Day

### 4<sup>th</sup> September – Children return to school

### 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October - Half term

### 19<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term

20<sup>th</sup> December – PD Day

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

### 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Half term

### 27<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of term

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – PD Day

### 15<sup>th</sup> April – Children return to school

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – PD Day

### 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May - Half term

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