

KINGSTEIGNTON
SCHOOL

Newsletter

November 2022

I'm not sure where this term has disappeared to! It has gone so fast - here we are just into December and zooming towards Christmas.

It has been a tough term for us all in terms of the levels of illness that we have been experiencing both with children and staff and we can only hope that a relaxing break at Christmas will see us back in the New Year healthy and hearty!

Don't forget the Christmas Fayre tomorrow night - the PTA as usual have worked so hard to organise what we hope will be a very successful evening.

Thanks

I would like to thank all the staff at the school who have had to be so flexible, adaptable and generous with their precious time to get us through the last few weeks of illness. They have shown real resilience and determination to ensure that the children have continued to receive high quality learning and educational experiences. We really do have a great team here at Kingsteignton.

Attendance

Attendance figures still remain at or around National figures but are generally lower than we would expect at this time of the year but it is to be expected given the number of absences due to illness.

If you are in doubt as to whether to bring your child to school or not, please do and we will happily ensure that if they need to return home will be let you know.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child's water bottle is clearly labelled and contains only water. The children drink from their bottles though out the day to keep them hydrated and juice and squash, as opposed to water, mean that the children's teeth are constantly awash

with sugar which has a serious impact on their dental health.

Theatre Alibi

We have just had, once again, a fantastic performance from Theatre Alibi. They are such a talented group and their newest production lived up to all previous ones. The excitement and magic of the delivery of an enormous parcel in the school hall which, once the children were settled in front of it, started to make snoring noises and which, ultimately, turned out to contain two travellers who posted themselves around the world was a joy to see. We look forward to booking them in next year their next production

Primrose class

In Year Two, the children have had some fantastic experiences that have enhanced their learning all around Florence Nightingale. The first was a Victorian Day where the children came dressed up from the Victorian era and then immersed themselves fully in a range of different Victorian activities.



The second was where we had a visit from Florence Nightingale herself and a modern-day nurse. This allowed us to contrast how elements of their role

were the same, but actually how drastically they have changed as medicine and health care developed. After this, the children had the opportunity to be nurses themselves, putting bandages on their teddies, testing their heart rates and taking x-rays to see which bones they had broken.



Buttercup Class

Mrs Green, from Newton Abbot museum visited Buttercup Class to kick start our topic on Toys. She brought with her a collection of toys that were older than our grown ups! Some were 200 years old!



Christmas Cards

We are happy for children to bring in Christmas cards for their friends and will redistribute them if posted

in the red post box in the lobby between admin and main school.

Cranesbill Class

In Cranesbill, we have been learning about the Stone Age to the Iron Age. In English, the children have immersed themselves in writing about Stone Age animals. After using chromebooks to research interesting facts about stone age animals, they have produced exceptional non-chronological reports to inform their readers about Woolly Mammoths and Sabre-Toothed Tigers.

In Art, we have been looking at Cave Paintings and we have learnt that communication in the prehistoric era was very different to how we communicate now. In History, we have been looking at the role of archaeologists and we have produced a timeline of the Stone Age to the Iron Age to explore how much

Bluebell Class

Bluebell have been out and about the last few weeks with groups of children visiting Combeshead School for a range of different workshops. These have included

Blue bell are also gathering resources ready for a protest in the playground to support the **Eco-Ambassadors** push to make our school 'Plastic Free' as soon as possible. This will involve us all in trying to move away from disposable plastic which ends up in landfill to using reusable plastics eg Tupperware boxes in lunchboxes. The Kitchen will be receiving a visit from the **Eco Ambassadors** very soon to discuss how they can continue to lead the way in reducing unnecessary plastic use.

The **Eco-Ambassadors** will be sending out information and tips for becoming 'Plastic Free' to parents very soon!!

Speedwell Class

Year 6 were delighted to be invited to a fantastic performance of 'Oliver' from the students at Combeshead School. They all thoroughly enjoyed the amazing acting, singing and dancing!!

Anti Bullying Week

In our classes we have been thinking about what bullying is using STOP to support us, (Several Times, On Purpose). Each class made anti-bullying posters and pro kindness messages which we took out into the playground to show that at Kingsteignton School, we all stand together against bullying.

Christmas Baubles

Children across the school have been decorating beautiful baubles ready for Christmas - you will be able to purchase your child's bauble at the Christmas

Fayre. Any not bought will go onto our central Christmas tree

Christmas Jumper day and Christmas Lunch

We will be holding our Christmas lunch on the 14th of December and we hope all children will wear a Christmas jumper to make the day really festive. There will be crackers and prizes and we will be raising funds for the Ataxia-Telangiectasia charity. See the letter that we have sent out separately to find out how to donate towards this great fundraiser.

Fundraiser for Jay's Aim

As many of you may remember Newton Abbot College very kindly gave us one of the defibrillators that they had purchased through fund raising for Jay's Aim. We decided that we would do our own fundraising to say thank you and we are delighted to be able to tell you that we have raised £349.00 for this great charity. Thank you to all who contributed.

Playground benches

We were so excited to see the delivery of our playground benches earlier today. The PTA have raised the money through a range of events to allow us to purchase three covered benches which you can now see on the playground.



Dr Penny Fitch, Principal

