



Year 6 School Journey

Last week, year 6 visited Kingswood activity centre in Kent. We stayed for four nights and had a fantastic time! During each day, we completed 4 group activities and 1 whole year group evening activity so it was nonstop action and adventure from the moment we woke until our heads hit our pillows at night. The children's favourite activities included the 3G swing, laser tag, leap of faith, the zip line and (of course) the mud challenge.

'My favourite activity was the 3G swing because when we got to the top it was so high it felt like I was in the sky!' – *Year 6 child, Sycamore.*

Our evening activities included: a scrap heap challenge where we had to earn materials to transform a member of our team into a knight using old recyclable materials; a campfire where we sang songs around the fire with lots of different schools; a head to head quiz and the long awaited disco where we finally got changed out of our old tracksuits and dressed to impress. This became the highlight of our days as we all got to come together and share new experiences.

'The best part was being able to make and experience new memories with my friends.' – *Year 6 child, Sycamore.*

Finally, we would just like to share with everyone how proud we were of our year 6s when they were away from home- many for the first time ever. We were approached on the final day by a number of Kingswood staff expressing how lovely they thought our children were and how staff had discussed how much they looked forward to having our groups throughout the day due to our courage, perseverance and excellent behaviour.



Bikeability

The week of 7th October the year 5 and 6 children participated in bikeability. During the week, the children learned about bike safety and controlling their bike through an obstacle course in preparation for going out on the streets.

The practical road portion of the course helped the children learn when to use hand singles, develop an awareness for other road users, and become more confident in riding alongside traffic and turning corners with stability.

The children who participated received certificates of completion and some earned badges in recognition of their ability to ride safely on the road.

Attendance

We are extremely pleased to say that the whole school attendance is 96.6% so far this year. We are slightly above the expected 96% so a big well done to all the children who have been arriving on time!

The classes with the best attendance this term are:

- Sycamore with 98%
- Maple with 97.8%
- Snowdrop with 97.7%

Calendar of Events

Please check the website for updates

November

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
28 Children return to school	29 Savings Club Coffee morning 14:30 - 15:20 PTA meeting	30 Year 2 Bright Sparks Concert Royal Festival Hall Reception Stay and play	31 Final submission deadline for Secondary school applications	1 Starling Thames trip	2	3
4	5 Y5/6 Prevent workshop Nursery Stay and Play Bikeability	6 Bikeability	7 Butterfly trip to Surrey Docks Farm	8 Ladybird trip to Surrey Docks Farm	9	10
11 Friendship Week	12 Friendship Week	13 Individual School photos Friendship Week	14 Friendship Week	15 Friendship Week Children in Need Magpie Thames trip	16	17
18	19 10:30 - 12:00 Y2 trip, Fire station	20	21	22	23	24
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Right of the Week

Focus right of the week:

Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this. (Article 24)

Pupils say this is important because:

'Because it is not fair if some children get to see a doctor and other children who are sick can't see anyone to help them.'

- Key Stage 1 Pupil from Daffodil

'I think it is important because some countries do not give children free health care and others do. Health care is important because it protects us from getting illnesses and disease.'

- Key Stage 2 Pupil from Maple

Black History Week

This week we have been celebrating Black History in each class throughout the school. The classes selected an influential black person that has impacted history and transformed the way we live today. The children have researched people like Barack Obama, Katherine Johnson, Mae Jemison, and Malorie Blackman.

Once they finished their research, the children created a piece of work in class to highlight the global contributions these individuals have made. The week finished with a celebration of work and the children all showcased their learning at our school.



Maths Parent Workshop

On the 6th November at 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. we will have a parent work shop focusing in on Maths. We will be highlighting the different programs we have available for home learning, as well as the basic skills children need to know to help grow their confidence in Maths. We will have time for questions at the end if you need additional strategies with supporting your child with their homework.

PTA

Our next PTA meeting is on Tuesday 29th October at 2:30. We hope to see many new faces, as well as our current members at the next meeting.

If you have any questions or would like more information please see Mr Sinko or Kirsty in the playground at the start or end of the day.