



Weekly Newsletter

20th April 2018

Discussion of the Week

What a busy and exciting first week back it has been! 7 new Independence Champions awarded, all thoroughly deserving winners (and very difficult choices for all staff!). Attendance certificates for 100% attendance in the spring term awarded, and new topics started all round school in every year group.

Children have returned refreshed, eager and ready to be curious. We launched our 'Curiosity' learning value in Monday's assembly and I am looking forward to finding out about what makes everyone unique as this half term goes on. I am proud of everyone for getting their heads down to hard work after the Easter break, and particularly impressed with the continued amazing attitude of Team Y6 who continue to wow me with their focused enthusiasm for their end of key stage tests. Well done everyone! Don't forget those early nights Y6. This will really help your brain function at its best! 😊

Attendance

In assembly today, a total of 70 children out of our whole school have been awarded their 100% attendance certificates for the spring term. This represents 34% of our school who have been present for every session which is impressive. Our attendance figure to date is 95.8% and I would like to thank everyone who does their bit to value the education of their children by enabling children to attend school as much as possible. ***I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that taking your children on holiday during term time is almost always not able to be authorised.*** We need to work together to ensure that our attendance figures remain strong, so I would politely ask that you to avoid using term time for holidays. I will be writing to you all again next week with an update on your child's attendance since September. As always, if you are concerned about this, please come and speak to me about it.

Bags 2 Schools

We had a great turn out of heavy bags this morning, resulting in 208kg being converted into £83.20 of funding for PTA to give back to our children. Thank you for your support with this. There will be another opportunity to participate in the Autumn Term.

Summer Event

Please save **Saturday 30th June** in your diaries and hope for a sunny day for what promises to be a fabulous extravaganza! PTA are keen to really work hard to organise a brilliant event and as usual we will be asking for your support with offering your help with this. A letter from PTA will come to you in due course. Thank you to all the wonderful PTA for everything that you do, I cannot stress enough how valuable the time and effort of this group is for our children!

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Can you be curious about things that you already know about?

Merits this Week

Bronze – Evan (Y1)
Silver – Ben (Y1), Madi & Layla (Y6)
Ruby – Izzie B and Izzy S (Y3)
Diamond – Natasha & Leo (Y6)
Granite – Ayla (Y6)

Well done everyone!

Dates for Diary

23rd April Clubs start
26th April Parents Workshop on supporting children with anxiety
30th April Recorder and woodwind concert at 10.15am
7th May Bank Holiday

Letters sent out this week

Workshop for parents - Supporting Positive Mental Health

After school club letter

Braille Club (Y3) only

Achievements this week

Amy (Y6) achieved her 150 rehearsals certificate from Mrs Staniforth

Izzy S (Y3) had achieved her 25m swimming award and also achieved Zookeeper status, adopting a fieldmouse along the way

Zainuddin (Y2) had achieved a fabulous medal for attending a football club

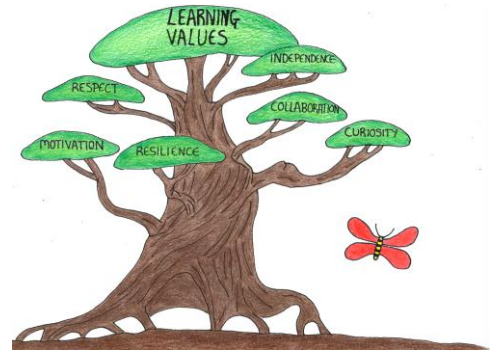
Well done. We are proud of you all!

This week's winning team:

ELM



The children continue to impress us with their enthusiasm for our learning values. So many ambassadors for our school, focused on working hard to be the best that we can be.



KINGS COPSE BIG PEDAL (Monday 23rd – Friday 4th May)

During the next two weeks our school is taking part in 'The Big Pedal'. We invite children (and their families) to travel to school on bikes and scooters. If as a school we hit a certain threshold (15% per day) we will be entered into a daily draw for exciting prizes. This is one of our regular events which we take part in to promote sustainable travel, being active, reduction of the amount of cars on the road leading to cleaner air and healthier lifestyles. During the two weeks we are expecting to have 'Bike it Ray' in school to help us promote these important messages. We will notify you of the dates and details when they are confirmed.

Text messaging

Thank you to those of you who have let us know that our text messages have not been coming through clearly identifiable as Kings Copse. We have spent time today investigating what is happening with our system and unfortunately it seems this is not going to be something we can change. Text messages from us will potentially keep coming from different numbers. We don't think this is either useful or acceptable and as such are planning to consider changing our communication provider. We feel it is important to try as much as possible to make communication between school and home successful, and we thank you for your help and support with this.

School lunches

The summer menu has now begun. The hot meals menu will remain the option until May half term. From June 5th onwards, the kitchen will be providing children with the packed lunch option.

Sunny and hot weather

It has been fabulous to see so much sunshine this week (although it appears that it will be quite a fleeting visit this time!). Thank you to families who have applied suncream before the start of the day and have provided children with hats/water bottles. These protective factors help children to be able to enjoy the sun safely. Children have started to use the field this week and we hope to continue with this throughout the term.

Enjoy your weekend.

Hayley Ferguson