



19th January 2018

Deputy Headteacher Awards - Well Done to
Ethan in Green Class for his super Great Fire of London model.

Reception - Maths

In Maths reception children have been learning to estimate.

After gathering their resources of a whiteboard, pen, conkers and different size containers they first recorded their estimate on the whiteboard. They filled their chosen container with the conkers and then counted them to see if their estimate was correct. They recorded the actual amount on the whiteboards and discussed whether the estimate was correct, more than or less than the actual amount of conkers.



Year 1 – Toys Workshop

In history Year 1 are learning about toys from the past, and took part in a workshop this week which provided them with a fantastic opportunity to have some 'hands-on' experience of a range of toys. They had the chance to play with outdoor toys such as wooden hoops and yo-yos, twisting and turning toys which included spinning tops, and a wind-up Jack-in-the-box, tumbling toys such as a Jacob's ladder and toys for imaginative play such as hand puppets and a wooden theatre. The children really enjoyed the experience and found out a lot about toys from the past. It was lovely to see how fascinated they were by the toys and how they worked.



Year 2 – Money

In maths year 2 have been solving problems involving money. They used their knowledge of coins to work out which coins to use to make different amounts. Working in pairs they found different coins to make the same amount and recorded the results as addition in their workbooks.

To reinforce their learning the children visited the local One Stop Shop with 50p to experience for themselves paying for an item with cash – and in some cases receiving change!



DIARY DATES SPRING TERM 2018

- Monday 22nd January**
Full Governing Body Meeting
- Friday 26th January**
Green Class Assembly – 2.30pm
- Wednesday 31st January**
Phenomenal Phonics – 2.30pm
- Friday 2nd February**
Yellow Class Assembly
- Monday 5th-9th February**
Computing Week
- Tuesday 6th February**
Safer Internet Day
- Thursday 8th February**
Yr2 Great Fire of London Workshop
- Friday 9th February**
Purple Class Assembly – 2.30pm
- HALF TERM**
- Mon 12th-Fri 16th February**
- Tuesday 20th February**
100 Day Celebration
- Friday 23rd February**
Blue Class Assembly 2.30pm
- Wednesday 28th February**
Yr2 Intra School Sports Competition
- Monday 26th February**
Parent Consultations
- Wednesday 28th February**
Parent Consultations
- Thursday 1st March**
St. David's Day
- Friday 2nd March**
Quiz Night
- Wednesday 7th March**
Yr1 Intra School Sports Competition
- Friday 9th March**
Orange Class Assembly 2.30pm
- Thursday 15th March**
Yr2 Buck County Museum Visit
- Friday 16th March**
Red Class Assembly 2.30pm
- Saturday 17th March**
St. Patrick's Day
- Monday 19th March**
Book Fair in school until 22nd March
- Full Governing Body Meeting
- Thursday 22nd March**
Yr1 Aldenham Country Park Visit
- Friday 23rd March**
Sports Relief Non Uniform Day – sports clothes & small change for Sport Relief
- Sport Relief Activities & Assembly
- Monday 26th March**
Rock Steady Concert + Parents
- Wednesday 28th March**
Easter Egg Tombola & Cake Sale
- Thursday 29th March**
Sponsored Fundraising Event
- SPRING TERM ENDS**
- Thursday 29th March at 1.30pm**

School Council

The School Council met with Mrs Walmsley this week and Attendance was on the agenda. Thinking ahead to the end of the year the children looked in a brochure at medals and trophies that could be given out to those children who achieved 100% attendance for the whole of a school year. They made a decision to change from the medals that we currently award to a trophy for this school year. Punctuality also came up and they thought of ways to reward children who were in school on time – by 8.55 am each day – and encourage those few children who are sometimes running a couple of minutes late. After some discussion it was decided that we would have two 'Punctuality Weeks' when all the children who are in school on time will receive a special sticker each day, see below for dates and details. Mrs Walmsley is ordering the trophies and punctuality stickers that the School Council agreed on.

Punctuality Weeks – 5th February and 19th February

We are focusing on punctuality for the week before and after the half term break and celebrating the achievements of all the children who arrive on time for school. Classroom doors open at 8.45 am Monday to Thursday and all children who arrive by 8.55 am at the latest will be awarded a special punctuality sticker. Mrs Walmsley has bought lots of stickers and we are hoping to award stickers to every child every day!

Brownies

The 23rd Watford Brownies meet on Monday nights from 5.45 pm until 7.15 pm at Kingsway Junior School. The age range is from seven until ten years old. They now have spaces available. If you are interested in your daughter joining this group please register her details. Registration to join the Brownies is now done through the Girl Guides website. <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/> Or email 23watfordbrownies@gmail.com for more details.


Safeguarding - Child Protection Procedure at Kingsway Infant School

It may be helpful for parents to know that Headteachers are required to report any obvious or suspected cases of child abuse or neglect to Social Services. This procedure is intended to protect children at risk. Headteachers are encouraged to take the attitude that, where there are grounds for suspicion, it is better to be safe than sorry. This does mean that there is a risk of upsetting some parents by reporting a concern, which on investigation proves unfounded. In such circumstances, it is hoped parents will appreciate how difficult it is to carry out this delicate responsibility, and would accept that the Headteacher was acting in what were believed to be the child's best interests. To find out more about this you can read our Child Protection Policy in full on our website. As members of the community we all have a duty to report any concerns or suspicions that a child is not being treated correctly. You can telephone Children Schools and Families on 0300 123 4043 to report your concerns or if it is very serious/urgent dial 999 and ask for the police.

Attendance

Yellow Class won the attendance cup last week – with 99.3%, excellent, Yellow Class were also the best for punctuality with no late arrivals.

Late arrivals will be marked as unauthorised absence. If you arrive late, after 8.55 am, it is important to sign your child in at the school office.

ORANGE	98.3%	RED	88.3%
GREEN	97.1%	YELLOW 	99.3%
BLUE	96.4%	PURPLE	98.6%

Maths Challenge

Can you count backwards from 20?

Philosophy For Children (P4C)

Is it important to learn about the past?

What do you think?

DIARY DATES

SUMMER TERM 2018

Monday 16th April

Summer Term starts

Poetry Week

Thursday 19th April

Verse Speaking Heats

Monday 23rd April

Poetry Competition Finals

St. Georges Day

Wednesday 25th April

St. Georges Disco

Thursday 26th April

Class Photographs

1st-25th May

KS1 Statutory Tests

Monday 7th May

Bank Holiday – School Closed

Thursday 17th May

Year 1 Whipsnade Visit

Thursday 24th May

Year 2 Southend on Sea Visit

HALF TERM

Mon 28th May – Fri 1st June

See our website for dates after half term

Friday 15th June

INSET Day – School Closed for

Children

SUMMER TERM ENDS

FRIDAY 20th July at 1.30pm

23rd & 24th July

INSET Days – School Closed for

Children

25th, 26th & 27th July

Occasional Days – School Closed

AUTUMN TERM 2018

3rd & 4th September

INSET Days – School Closed for

Children

Wednesday 5th September

Autumn Term Starts

See our website for more dates for

2018/2019

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are **VERY** short of spare pants for our boys. If you have any you can donate to the spare clothes cupboard we (and the boys) would be very grateful



Letters

Sent Out This Week

Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop/Dress Up Day

Parent Governor Nomination Letters



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