



-----26<sup>th</sup> January 2018-----

### Headteacher Awards - Well Done to .....

Elliott, Ricardo and Elodie from Green Class for speaking so confidently about eSafety and being excellent representatives of our school.

### Deputy Headteacher Awards - Well Done to .....

Raymond in Blue Class for his super sentences.

## Reception – Fruit Tasting

Reception classes have travelled to Africa this week with the help of the story *Handa's Surprise*. In the story Handa takes pieces of fruit to her friends and this week our children tasted some of those fruits.

The children tasted pineapple, avocado, passionfruit and kiwi and recorded their likes and dislikes as a pictogram. The most popular fruit in both classes was pineapple and the least favourite was avocado.



## Year 1 – Maths

One of the learning objectives for Year 1 this week was to use Dienes to represent and partition numbers. The children were first shown how much a Dienes stick is worth (10) and how much a cube is worth (1).

Using the sticks and cubes the children made numbers and shared how they could record this in their books.

They explored the changes to the results when they removed sticks or cubes or added more.

## Year 2 – Design & Technology

This week Year 2 have designed a Tudor house. The children looked at images of Tudor houses to observe the similarities and differences between them.

They worked independently to design their own Tudor house taking time to think about the appearance and materials they were going to use. Once completed they added colour to their design and labelled the materials. We are really looking forward to seeing the houses when they are made and the burning of them at our re-enactment of the Great Fire of London next Wednesday!



## DIARY DATES SPRING TERM 2018

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

## Big Garden Bird Watch

Join the Big Garden Birdwatch this weekend. It's simple – just spend an hour in your garden or local park, and record what you see. For full details go to [www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](http://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch) you can enter your results online or download a pack and send in a paper copy by freepost. By counting the wildlife you see you are providing valuable information to The RSPB, they can see what's thriving and what's under threat. It's also a fun way to spend an hour together, and don't worry if you don't see anything as it's still really useful information.

## Year 1 and Reception Dangerous Dinosaurs – Community Learning Partnership

Come and have fun learning with your child. This course is totally **free** and fills up fast so please get back to us quickly. Parents who have previously completed the course said it was wonderful to spend quality time in school with their child and learn something at the same time. The course covers phonics and there will be lots of craft activities to do with your child - some super meal ideas, bedtime tips and ideas about all sorts of things related to you and your child. The course starts on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February from 12.30pm to 3.00pm for 6 weeks**, please return the reply slip on the letter sent home with your child this week as *soon as possible* and by Wednesday morning, 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018, at the latest. You will be contacted by the Community Learning Partnership soon after 31<sup>st</sup> January to confirm if you have a place.

## Phenomenal Phonics & Year 2 Great Fire of London

It is our Phenomenal Phonics afternoon next Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January, from 2.30pm for all year groups. All families are welcome to join the children in their classroom to see the phonics resources and activities we use to make phonics learning fun. It is also the afternoon our Year 2 children and parents will see the Tudor houses they have made burn on the playground – under the supervision of the fire brigade! If you are joining us for either event before the normal gate opening times please use the North Approach entrance and the gate to the left of the building. We do hope you can join us, the children are looking forward to showing you their amazing learning!

## School Fund Contributions

If you haven't already paid your Spring Term School Fund contribution towards food for cooking, art, and science and technology materials you can send your contribution to school, via the post boxes, cash in a named sealed envelope, cheques payable to Kingsway Infant School. You may pay £3.50 per term or £10.00 for the whole year. Thank you for your support.

## Safeguarding – Pupil Voice, Feeling Safe in School

Children are asked if they feel safe in school. From what they tell us we know that they have an age appropriate understanding of what constitutes unsafe situations such as hurtful behaviour, eSafety, using apparatus, roads, fire etc., and a of perspective of their own and others safety. The children know that they can ask for help and all issues raised will be dealt with promptly by the school and they feel safe and respected in the company of staff and other adults in the school.

## Attendance

Blue Class won the attendance cup last week with 99.3%, Orange Class came a very close second with 99% - excellent. Yellow Class had brilliant punctuality again last week 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.*

<b>ORANGE</b>	99.0%	<b>RED</b>	98.0%
<b>GREEN</b>	95.7%	<b>YELLOW</b>	97.2%
<b>BLUE</b>	99.3%	<b>PURPLE</b>	98.3%

## Literacy Challenge

Can you remember the months of the year?

## Philosophy For Children (P4C)

If you could be an African animal which one would you be and why?

What do you think?

## DIARY DATES SUMMER TERM 2018

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

Summer Term starts

Poetry Week

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

Verse Speaking Heats

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

Poetry Competition Finals

St. Georges Day

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

St. Georges Disco

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

Class Photographs

**1<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> May**

KS1 Statutory Tests

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

Bank Holiday – School Closed

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

Year 1 Whipsnade Visit

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

Year 2 Southend on Sea Visit

**HALF TERM**

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> June

See our website for dates after half term

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

INSET Day – School Closed for

Children

**SUMMER TERM ENDS**

FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> July at 1.30pm

**23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> July**

INSET Days – School Closed for

Children

**25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> July**

Occasional Days – School Closed

## AUTUMN TERM 2018

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> September**

INSET Days – School Closed for

Children

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

Autumn Term Starts

See our website for more dates for

2018/2019

## Letters

### Sent Out This Week

**Yr2 Great Fire of London**

**Phenomenal Phonics Flyer**

**eSafety Newsletter**  
(via Parentmail)

**Yr 1 & Rec**  
**Dangerous Dinosaur Course**



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