

Welcome to the new Summer Term. I hope you all feel refreshed after the break from school. We have a very busy term ahead. School trips are planned for all, swimming after the half term break, SAT's, Phonics tests and sports day before we finish off with our grand finale -Family Open Evening!

Year 2 had a vigorous PE lesson – and burnt off any extra calories from those Easter treats!

The children split into teams for a relay and competed against each other. Their objective was to run with confidence and agility, at different speeds for short and longer durations.



Year 1 used maths games to reinforce their counting skills.

A giant game of Snakes and ladders is a fun and exciting way to recognise numbers.

Reception children have been learning about Van Gogh and read *Van Gogh and the Sunflowers* together.

The children became artists for an afternoon and used different media and sunflowers to create a picture in the style of Van Gogh.

The finished artwork has made a colourful display for their classroom.



The whole school was taken on a journey through the animal kingdom when Wild Science visited us for the day.

All the children were given the opportunity to get hands-on with a variety of animals.

They will be drawing on their experience to write poetry inspired by the animals.

DIARY DATES

MONDAY 1ST MAY

School Closed – Bank Holiday

2nd-26th May

KS1 Statutory Tests

Monday 8th May

Class Photographs

Friday 12th May

Stranger Danger Assembly with PCSO Keith Sayers

Friday 19th May

Year 2 Gulliver's World Visit

Wednesday 24th May

Full Governing Body Meeting

Wednesday 24th May

Reception Mead Farm Visit

Thursday 25th May

Year 1 Whipsnade Visit

HALF TERM

Mon 29th May-Fri 2nd June

Wednesday 14th June

New Parents Meeting (Sept 2017 Intake) 2.00pm & 7.00pm

Mon 12th-Fri 16th

Yr1 Phonics Tests (+ some Yr2)

Monday 26th June

Theatre Visit - Wizard of Oz + Yr2 Workshop

Thursday 29th June

Sept 2017 Intake - School Meal Taster Day 10.30 am & 1.30 pm

FRIDAY 30TH JUNE

Occasional Day – School Closed

Wednesday 5th July

Sept 2017 Intake Visit 1.30-2.30pm

Friday 7th July

Non Uniform Day – Tombola Bottles

Wednesday 12th July

Family Open Evening 5.00-6.00pm

Year 2 Show 6.00-7.00pm

Full Governing Body Meeting

Thursday 13th July

Non Uniform Day – Cakes

Sept 2017 Intake Visit 1.30-2.30pm

Summer Fair 2.30-4.00pm

Friday 14th July

Sports Day 9.30-11.30am

Rec & Yr 1 Meet the Teacher

Reports go home

Monday 17th July

Rocksteady Assembly

Families of Rocksteady bands welcome 2.15pm

Wednesday 19th July

End of Year Disco 5.00-6.00pm

SUMMER TERM 2017 ENDS

Thursday 20th July at 1.30pm

FRI 21ST & MON 24TH JULY

INSET Day – School Closed for Children

Special Awards - Well Done to

Violet, Jimmy, Faith and Freddie in Blue Class for their super recounts with time conjunctions.



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Kingsway Verse Speaking Competition

Our Verse Speaking Heats took place on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. All the children had learnt their poem during the spring break – a different poem for each year group. Each child performed in front of their class and the teacher from the adjoining class selected the three best recitals to go through to the final. The final takes place this afternoon so we will let you know who gave the best performances in next weeks newsletter. Our congratulations go to the three finalists in each class as follows:-

Orange Class	<i>Lily, Albie, Lauren D</i>	Green Class	<i>Patryk, Effie, Oliver</i>
Red Class	<i>Siobhan, Amelia, Caitlin</i>	Blue Class	<i>Seth, Graham, Jakub</i>
Yellow Class	<i>Isla, Victoria, Kaiden</i>	Purple Class	<i>Elodie, Ethan, Koh-Hing</i>

Fundraising – Wonderful News!

The Spring term was a fantastic term for fundraising. The Quiz Night raised £524.00, the Easter Fair £553.00, the recent disco £181.00 and the iPad money box £15.92. Making a grand total of £1,273.92 to add to our iPad Fund. As you can see we are getting very near to our target and the Governors have agreed that we can order the iPads! This means our Year 2 children will be able to make use of them before they leave us at the end of the year. Thank you so much for your support.

PE Lessons – Plimsolls

We are expecting the weather to become dryer and warmer this term and will be taking our PE lessons outside as often as possible. Please would you make sure your child has a pair of plimsolls in school each day.

Stick Insects

Blue Class Stick Insects have been busy laying eggs and we have more than we have room for! If you are interested in providing a good home for some please speak to Mrs Toombs or the school office. The eggs may take up to 10 weeks to hatch and then you will need a small/medium size aquarium style container to house them.

Safeguarding

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

Purple Class won the attendance cup for the last week of the Spring Term, excellent! Congratulations to all the children who were in school every day for all of the Spring Term or for the second half of the Spring Term, we will celebrate their success in our achievement assembly on Monday with certificates and badges. Names will be sent home on a separate sheet and will be displayed in school and on our website

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	94.3%	RED	98.0%
GREEN	96.3%	YELLOW	96.7%
BLUE	88.3%	PURPLE 🏆	98.2%

Maths Challenge

Can you write the numbers 11 to 20 in words?

Philosophy For Children (P4C)

Who is special to you?

What do you think?

£12,615
iPads

£10,841.87

Twitter

See what's happening at Kingsway!
The children are going to be sending messages, 'tweets' each day.
Each week a different class will be *tweeting* news and events that are special to them.
Green Class will be *tweeting* next week.



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Letters

Sent Out This Week

Year 2 Gardening Club
NSPCC Letter

By ParentMail

Secret Life of 4 Year Olds
Junior School Headteacher