



THE NEWSLETTER FOR KINSALE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Friday 18th June 2021



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you all well. We have had some lovely weather for the past couple of weeks, the exception being yesterday and today. On hot sunny days please make sure that your child has plenty to drink, a sunhat and that sunscreen has been applied in the morning before leaving for school. If you wish, your child can carry sunscreen with them to school and apply it again at lunchtime.

This week has been very strange for me. Unfortunately, I was one of the members of staff who had to go into self-isolation for 10 days. It has felt very odd not being in school and I have missed the daily routines and interactions with the children. Thankfully, we will all be back at school on Monday. I would like to take this opportunity to say 'well done' to all the Year 6 children who have had to isolate. You have been superstars! The Year 6 staff report that you have engaged with the work and 'live' events on Google Classroom really well. Isolation is not easy and we couldn't be prouder of you.

The recent announcement from the government this week regarding the delaying of the national roadmap has meant that we have made the difficult decision to alter our plans for transition. Parents of children in Year 6 will receive communication from whichever high school they will be attending next year. I will be finalising our plans and completing the necessary risk assessments over the weekend and will write again next week to let you all know what our plans will be.

Have a great weekend. I hope that those who are football fans enjoy the England v Scotland game this evening.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Robinson

YEAR GROUP NEWS

YEAR 3

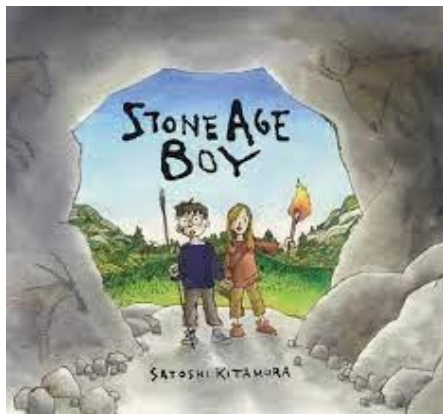
Since returning from half term, Year 3 have travelled back in time hundreds of thousands of years, all the Stone Age! We have been exploring archaeological evidence from the Palaeolithic (Old Stone Age), Mesolithic (Middle Stone Age) and Neolithic (New Stone Age) periods, discussing what those discoveries tell us about how people lived during those times and how their way of life changed from being hunter gatherers to settling and building villages. Prehistory has also made its way into our English

YEAR 4

This week Year 4 have completed their times table check test. Some of the children were a little bit worried about completing this but soon realised that all of their practise on TTRS helped hugely as the sound check is set out in exactly the same way! They have all worked really hard and should be proud of their achievements. In our maths lessons, we have been continuing our learning on fractions and have thought lots and lots about chocolate and pizza! In English, we decided to focus on our reading skills as we have spent lots of time developing

lessons, as we have begun reading Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura!

In Maths, we have been learning how to tell the time on analogue clocks using o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to, as well as using these skills to solve time problems. We have particularly enjoyed 'playing' with the mini clocks to support our learning!



our writing. The children have been split into groups and each day would complete a different activity ensuring that every child was able to share stories with their teacher and discuss their opinions of the different books. We are all very excited to return to writing next week, we will be working on our final piece of assessed writing which is all about animals!

Carrying on with our relationships education, we have learnt about peer pressure and that we all have a right to say no to anything that makes us feel uncomfortable. We have been practising ways to say no respectfully and have discussed why some people may find it difficult to say no to their friends. We have also reflected on our own learning and achievements, thinking back to when we were babies and all of the things we couldn't do. This has helped us to realise just how much we have achieved in our lives and we've also discussed things we might be able to do in the future that we can't do now.

Year 4 have loved the recent hot weather but are happy that it's beginning to cool down a bit! Please remember to make sure that when it is hot, your child comes to school in appropriate clothing, a full water bottle and sun cream.

YEAR 5

Year 5 have spent the week settling back into school and enjoying their learning. They have started their new core text 'Fantastic Beasts And Where To Find Them' and exploring the features and ideas behind non-chronological



reports. Year 5 have found out about many magical creatures and developing their note-taking skills from the extract and are looking to be developing their own non-chronological report over the term.

YEAR 6

Well, it certainly has been a strange turn of events here in Year 6!

60 children are currently in isolation and working hard from home with their remote learning on 'Google Classroom'. It is with great pleasure that I can state how well they have adapted to their situation and they have approached this change with maturity and responsibility. It will be lovely to have you all back in school again soon.

Next week is our scheduled 'Assessment Week' and children have had plenty of opportunity to practise and develop their test techniques. The testing next week will allow the cohort to celebrate their learning and achievements throughout the Key Stage.

We are all thoroughly looking forward to next Thursday (24.6.'21) when the whole school will spend a day learning about Banham Zoo and the animals that live there. There will be a special input by a senior member of their staff and hopefully a visit by some of the animals too!

In PE, they have played Quick Cricket, learning fielding and batting skills and incorporating their knowledge and skills from Tennis last term in order to learn a new sport.

Furthermore, we are also looking forward to commencing our 'Sandbags and Sirens' Discovery Learning unit which will focus on Norwich during World War 2. Alongside this unit we will be reading the wonderful novel 'Letters from the Lighthouse' and completing tasks and activities related to it.

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 21st July

Last day of summer term

Monday 6th September

First day of term



It has come to our notice that some drivers of parked vehicles are leaving engines running for some time when parked near the school which is undoubtedly a health hazard.

As far as we are aware it is an offence to leave an engine running unnecessarily when parked, for which we understand a £20 fixed penalty fine relating to the Road Traffic Vehicle Emissions Regulations can be imposed.

PE UNIFORM

Thank you to everyone who has made sure that their children are in the correct PE uniform each week. I really saw a marked improvement on Wednesday last week, when the whole school was wearing PE kit. However, there are still some children wearing clothes for PE that are not suitable for school.

The PE kit is as follows;

- **Plain white T-shirt or Kinsale PE T-shirt**
- **Plain dark coloured shorts – black (preferably), grey or navy**
- **Plain dark coloured tracksuit trousers**
- **Plain dark coloured sweatshirt or hoodie**
- **Trainers**