



THE NEWSLETTER FOR KINSALE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Friday 21st May 2021



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to our last newsletter of this half term. Time seems to be flying by and before we know it we will be at the end of the school year. I have been impressed this week with the work that I have seen the children doing. Lots of classes have been working on their double-page spreads as we are approaching the end of the current topic. It has also been lovely to see the children enjoying their daily reading session with their class teacher. When I have spoken to the children they have been very enthusiastic about the stories they have been listening to.

Thanks you to everyone who has completed the survey I sent out regarding your experiences during the last national lockdown. Your responses will help me put contingency plans in place in case we have revert to remote learning again – I sincerely hope that this will not be the case!

We have one more week in school then it is the half-term holiday. I hope that the weather improves and we are all able to enjoy the well-earned break.

Stay safe and take care.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Robinson

YEAR GROUP NEWS

YEAR 3

This week, Year 3 have been reading 'The Pebble In My Pocket' which has taken us on a journey back in time millions of years! The children have used their ever-expanding knowledge of descriptive vocabulary to identify the amazing adjectives and similes within the text and are currently using these as inspiration to write their own journey stories.

In Geography, we have continued our learning about volcanoes and their impact on the local and wider environment, all the time gathering knowledge which can soon be displayed on our 'double-page spreads'! It has also been particularly wonderful to see a few children creating their own double-page spreads for their own areas of interest.

The whole of the Year 3 team would just like to say a big 'well done' to all the children for their continued hard work this half term! Keep up the

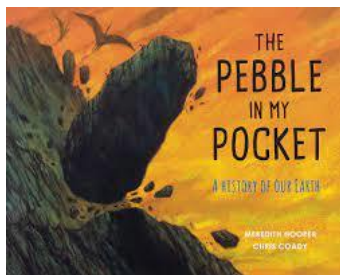
YEAR 4

Year 4 are very excited this week to be writing their own stories inspired by our class read 'Floodland' which is a fantastic novel based in Norwich. The children have been given free reign with their stories and can be as creative as they like, something that they are very pleased with! We've got a wide range of bizarre and wonderful characters and we can't wait to read their completed disaster stories!

In Maths, the children have returned to fractions and are getting to grips with new terminology! It appears that all of their hard work during remote learning has paid off as lots of the children can remember the knowledge they learnt during that time and are correctly applying it to their work in class.

We are all still continuing to learn about our emotions and how we can regulate ourselves when we feel an uncomfortable emotion. These lessons are a great opportunity for all of us in

super effort in our final week before the half term break!



Year 4 to discuss the mistakes we may have made and how these have helped us to grow. Year 4 are very aware of the difference between right and wrong as we all work hard together to keep ourselves and our school a happy and safe place to be!

Thank you for all of your hard work this term Year 4, we hope you have a wonderful half-term break and we look forward to welcoming you back for the final term of the year!

YEAR 5

In Year 5 the children are now coming to the end of writing their Greek myths and we have been really impressed by their imaginative plots! In maths we have moved on from adding and subtracting fractions to multiplying fractions and solving word problems. We will be continuing with fractions after half-term. In science, we are nearly at the end of our forces topic. The children have enjoyed investigating the force of friction using Mrs Williams' smelly shoes! We are also coming towards the end of our topic on the Ancient Greeks and we look forward to seeing the double page spread that the children will produce about the legacy of the Ancient Greeks, demonstrating their amazing knowledge. Linked to this, the children all participated in making a dish as part of a Greek Meze. They particularly enjoyed the tasting! It was also lovely to hear that some children had gone home and made their own Greek dishes.

YEAR 6

Recently in year 6, we have had a number of incredibly exciting lessons. In science, the children have been examining the microbes and bacteria that are in our classroom and on their hands using agar plates. In geography, we are finishing off our poaching unit and we are all looking forward to a video call from Banham Zoo, where we will discuss which species are poached and how it affects animals in the wild. In maths, we have just begun our completely new algebra topic; this has been a challenge for some, but we are all working hard to master it and overcome 'the learning pit'! Finally, in English, the children have just completed some fantastic pieces of narrative writing, based on our class novel: Warrior Boy by Virginia Clay. Following this, we are now working towards writing a persuasive cross-curricular text, arguing against poaching using what we have learnt in English and geography.

DIARY DATES

31st May – 4th June

Week beginning 5th July

14th – 16th July

21st July

Monday 6th September

Half-term holiday

End of year reports sent out to parents

Transition days

Last day of term

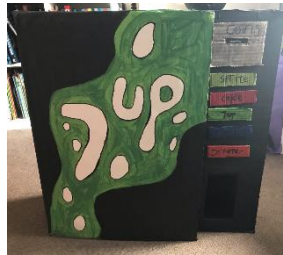
Pupils return to school

SCIENCE COMPETITION WINNERS

Well done to everyone who took part in last half-term's science competition. We had some wonderful imaginative entries! I am delighted to announce that the winner is Phoenix in 3B who not only described how he thought a vending machine works before he met Dudley but he made one too!

Congratulations also to our runners up Lily (3B), Eleanor (3EF) and Anya (5HW).

Mrs Williams



POLITE REMINDER

All adults, including siblings who attend high school, must continue to wear a face mask whilst on the school grounds until further notice.

Please remember that we still request only one adult per family to drop off and collect our pupils. We have noticed that groups of high school students are gathering on the school grounds to collect one child of a friend. We would request that you make sure that older children collecting their sibling continue to follow our Covid rules.

I have informed the Principals of Hellesdon High School of this issue and will be working with them to enforce our requirements.

Many thanks.

FRIENDS OF KJS



A very big thank you to all of the *Friends of KJS* for the time they gave last weekend at the Hellesdon Yard Sale in order to raise money for the school. Over the last two years we have not been able to hold the normal fundraising events and their commitment and dedication to the school is very much appreciated.

UNIFORM

When we returned to school in March I was very relaxed about uniform and acknowledged that some pupils may have grown out of their uniform. At that time, the shops had not reopened and it was challenging to find the correct uniform through online retailers. However, I have noticed that some children are coming to school not wearing anything that resembles the uniform, particularly on PE days. As shops are now open could I please request that all children wear appropriate coloured clothing for school, including PE kits. Could I also remind you that we have never allowed children to wear high-heeled shoes or boots to school, brightly coloured T-shirts or hoodies with large logos or slogans on them.

I have updated the uniform page on the school website and it now has the complete list of all uniform and a link to Fosters Schoolwear if you wish to buy any items with the school logo. From September onwards I will expect all children to be in the correct uniform every day. We will be continuing with wearing PE uniform to school on the days that PE is taught.

Children in Years 5 and 6 next year, will continue to be allowed to wear the old style uniform, but respectfully ask that you consider the current requirements if buying any new items.