

Keep Reading!

There has been a noticeable improvement in children arriving at school, before the gates are shut for the morning session. Thank you for your efforts with this; it really does make a difference in supporting all the children to settle, and ensures your child receives a full and varied daily learning experience.



I was delighted to welcome so many of our Nursery families back to school for our Pyjama Party last week.

Remember- reading just two stories to your child at bedtime each day, means they will hear over 700 stories in a year. This will develop a love of books and your child will hear so many different words their vocabulary will also develop rapidly.

Research shows this is one of the best ways your child will become an overall successful learner!

You could try a visit to the library this halfterm holiday, where it is free to borrow books but also provides a cosy space to read books together. I wish you all a safe and happy half term.

Mrs Macdonald

February

CONGRATULATIONS !



Inna, who is one of our Early Years Apprenticeship Practitioners in Nursery, has just completed, and passed, her Level 3 Early Years Educator Qualification.

Inna has been studying throughout her time working at Kingswood, and has learnt so much from being involved in the daily routine of Nursery, surrounded by a supportive team.

We are delighted that she has achieved such a milestone.



Reminder: SCHOOL CLOSED next week for HALF TERM Mon 17th to Fri 21st Feb

See you on Monday 24th February!

Nursery Pyjama Party

We all had a wonderful time, at our Nursery Pyjama Party Sessions last week!



We sang a story, joined in with stories, and stretched to a story, as well as singing some songs about Bedtime. It was a great way to spend an hour together-thank you to all the families who were able to attend!



'where learning is an exciting adventure'

E-SAFETY WEEK



Your child is growing up in a fast paced technological world, which is both exciting but also exposes them to risks within their own home, that previous generations never experienced. The need to understand the associated dangers of going online is more important than ever.

50% of 3 and 4 year olds are online for over an hour a day.

Research shows that smartphones in the home are disrupting children's developmental journey because parents are interacting with their phone rather than their child. This is leading to a greater amount of children with speech and language difficulties and challenging behaviour.

This week is Safer Internet Week, and we have been reminding the children in school of how to be safe when accessing apps and the internet. Key messages include:

- Only use a device such as phone or tablet if an adult is in the same room.
- Always tell a grown up if you see something online that makes you scared.

This forms part of our 5 Ways to Wow outcome: To be confident.



Parents:

- Ensure parental settings and safe search are set on any device your child is accessing.
- Limit online access, so that children have a greater amount of time screen free.
- Keep devices out of the children's bedroom and the bathroom. This sets up important boundaries for the future.
- Encourage children to make choices about what they watch and the apps they use, rather than mindlessly scroll.
- Make time to engage with your child without the distractions of a phone or screen.
- Remember an ipad or phone IS NOT a babysitter.

More information can be found at: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

Seeking Parent Governors

- ✓ Do you have a passion for ensuring quality in education?
- ✓ Can you advocate for children?
- ✓ Do you have skills to offer a leadership team, possibly with a background in premises, HR, finance, welfare or education?
- ✓ Can you work as a member of a team?
- ✓ Would you like to volunteer and 'give something back' to support our school community?



We are looking for proactive parents, who can work as a member of a team, to enhance the Leadership and Management of our school.

You would need to commit to attending 7 meetings a year, plus additional visits to school, and participating in regular training.

This is a voluntary role.

In April 2023 Ofsted stated "Leaders want the very best for all children. As a result, children learn a lot while they are at Kingswood. The nursery gets children's education off to an exceptionally good start."

If you are interested in finding out more about the role and coming to visit, please speak to Mrs Macdonald at the gate or get in touch via the office: admin@kingswood.herts.sch.uk

We would love you to join us.!