

NEWSLETTER 11: 25th February 2022

Welcome back!

I hope you and your families had a happy half term, and could avoid being affected by the storms. Thankfully we have experienced very little storm damage at school, however we had to limit the outdoor areas that the children could access safely on Monday, as we have so many large trees on site. Following on from my letter earlier in the week I would like to thank you for your cooperation in parking considerately.

Mrs Macdonald

Safeguarding Audit

Safeguarding is a priority here at Kingswood; your children are not well placed to learn, unless they are safe, well and comfortable. It is vital that the adults responsible for them have the necessary skills and experience to provide a safe environment.

This week Caroline Chalke, an adviser from Herts for Learning, and Peter Williams, our Chair of Governors, spent time in school yesterday auditing the many aspects of our Safeguarding provision. They were pleased with many of the systems we have in place, and noted that members of the team demonstrated appropriate knowledge. Part of the visit included speaking to parents, and in particular this feedback was very positive.

I would not expect any visit to be complete without some actions; ours, in the main, are minor and quick to implement. I requested this audit and I am reassured by the outcomes. Overall it demonstrates how considerate, caring and knowledgeable staff are at Kingswood, and provides reassurance that our school is a safe place to learn.



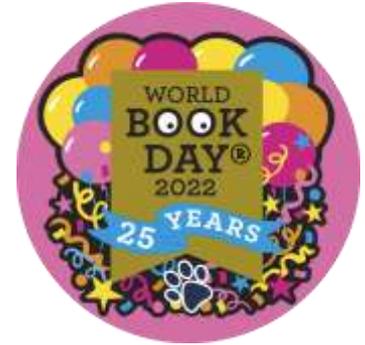
World Book Day 2022



Our 5 ways to Wow! curriculum includes the aim for children to relish participating in stories and rhymes, which contributes to them becoming creative. A love of reading, and engaging in stories, is necessary for children to become efficient readers themselves and paves the way for future academic and creative success.

World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March, with the theme 'You are a Reader'. We want all our children to view themselves as readers so we are going to celebrate reading ALL week at Kingswood.

- Look out for the daily Reading email to support Reading at home. These activities will also go onto Tapestry.
- The Kingswood Giant Book Swap is taking place on Thursday 3rd March onwards. Children have been asked to bring a loved book to school, to swap for a 'new' one. We will supplement the choice box so all children can take home a book that is new to them. Please do not worry if you don't have a book available to bring to school, we will still send one home.
- Nursery Parents have also been invited to visit to share a book with your child, and other children in their key group, at story time. Please book a space through the office, if you are able to join us.



No character costumes are necessary this week!

Recruitment: Can you help us at lunchtime?

Are you looking to work during term time only? We are looking to increase the number of staff we have supervising the children at lunchtime, and require responsible adults who can work 1.5 hours a day, Monday to Friday. If you are interested please take a look at the advert here:

https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,midday-supervisory-assistant_70723.htm