

# Kingsfield Chronicle

Week ending: 20.05.22



Ready, Respectful, Safe

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week I would like to share a number of reminders about some very exciting events happening next week. Firstly, Year 6 will be starting swimming lessons on Tuesday for 6R and Thursday for 6T; these lessons will continue after the half term break. Also on Tuesday, our fantastic school choir will be putting on a performance in the King Edward Hall between 3pm and 4pm. Parents, carers and family members of the choir members are very welcome to join the audience but we would also like to open an invitation to any of our school community who would like to come and listen. On Wednesday, the whole school will be participating in sports day with Key Stage 2 competing in the morning (9am-12noon) and Key Stage 1 competing in the afternoon (1pm-3pm). Parents, carers and extended family members will be welcomed on site for the event with entry and exit via the Burnsfield Estate. Our children will also enjoy a Jubilee Picnic on Wednesday; all school meals on offer will be a picnic option which the children can eat outside alongside children having a packed lunch. On Thursday at 2.30pm, 2C will be performing their class assembly to their parents and carers in the King Edward Hall. And finally, please remember that the school will be closed on Friday 27th May for a professional day for teaching staff.

We are working very hard in school to offer a range of enrichment activities for our children to keep school interesting and exciting. This week has been no exception with a group of our Year 5 and 6 children taking part in a Quadkids tournament, competing against different schools from the area; Year 4 taking part in a national attempt to break a record for the number of children participating in a virtual multiplication lesson and cricket coaching taking place in Year 1 and Year 2. Further information about these can be found below. We have also asked children to share their thoughts on the school visits they have taken part in this year and I have shared the results of this survey with you below.

I would like to say well done to all our Year 2 children who have been taking their Statutory Assessment Tests this week. The children have shown excellent resilience and have approached the SATs with confidence. Tests will continue for Year 2 children next week and results will be published with the children's school reports at the end of the summer term.

Enjoy your weekend, Mrs. Read

This week's Eco-Award goes to 2R for using their recycling bins well to sort their rubbish.

Congratulations!



## House Points

This week's points are:

Blue	284	Green	176
Red	211	Yellow	195

Well done to **Blue Team!**

## Weekly Awards

Well done to the following children:

Class	Star of the Week	Resilience Rock
RK	Olivia G	
RM	Esther L	
1B	Joris S	Ezra T
1H	Zsuzanna G	Mustafa T
2R	Sofia B-S	Jessica S
2C	Jayke R	Bluebell S
3DH	Mia N	Poppy J
3W	Rhys W	Catherine S
4C	Jake J	Freya G
4R	Natalia S	India H
5P	Elysia W	Alison S
5S	Logan T& Braydn H	Shelby R
6R	Sarah B	Preston R
6T	Freya S	Emma-Rose C

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## Year 5 and 6 Quadkids Festival



On Tuesday this week, two teams from Year 5 and Year 6 attended an athletics competition to compete against children from other schools. The children prepared for the competition in their own time, attending an after-school club.

We had some excellent team, and personal, results. Of seventeen teams competing, one of our Kingsfield teams came sixth overall and our other team came second! There were 85 boys competing and Vinny (6R) came 7th overall. In the girls' competition, of the 85 girls taking part, Cameryn came 7th and Elyssia came 4th. All the children represented the school beautifully and showed great resilience.

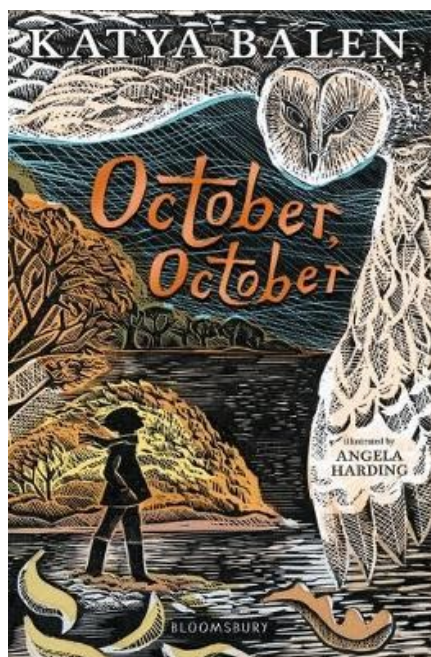


Well done to the children who took part and thank you to Mrs. Macneil and Mrs. Walker for helping the children to prepare.



## Book Recommendations

This week's recommendation was from Mrs. Bendzulla, one of our Year 1 teachers. She has recommended the book "October, October" written by Katya Balen. The book would be perfect for children in Key Stage 2.



I love this beautiful book. The story is about a little girl who lives in the woods with her Dad but due to some unexpected events, she is forced to move to London. There are some amazing descriptions of the city from the viewpoint who has never before seen a city or even a terraced house!





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## Pupil Survey: Educational Visits

Over the last couple of weeks we have been asking children about the visits they have taken part in during this school year. Children were very positive about their experiences and were able to suggest other places they would like to visit.

Children gave a star rating of 4.25 for the visits they had been on this year. They told us that they liked exploring new places and history visits and visitors seemed to be particularly popular with children talking excitedly about visiting West Stow, being inside Belvoir Castle and also having themed days in school. Children liked being in new places and seeing real things to help them with their learning.



4.25 Average Rating

Some of our children were able to tell us what would have made their visits better. They told us they needed more time in the locations to complete activities and wanted more time to play...especially where there were play parks to visit.

We asked children where they might like to visit in the future. Some children said they were keen to visit museums, and specifically dinosaur museums. A very popular suggestion from children was going to see animals either at a zoo or in a safari park.

It has been great to hear what the children think of our visits and we will be using their feedback to reflect and plan for our visits for next year.

## Reading Success



Well done to Charlie W, Evie W, Georgia R and Sophie H-E all in Mrs. Walker's class for some excellent reading achievements this week.

Since September, the children have read the following number of times at home:

Charlie - 100 times

Evie - 150 times

Georgia - 150 times

Sophie - 200 times

Well done to Charlie S in Mrs. Moss's class who has achieved his 50 reads at home this week.

## Cricket Coaching in Year 1 and Year 2

On Tuesday this week Year 1 and Year 2 children were able to take part in some special PE sessions focussed on cricket skills. The children practised their throwing and catching skills and received feedback from some cricket coaches.



The children had a fantastic time learning about the game and also made some great progress in their throwing accuracy.



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## Personal Achievements

Sophie H-E has earned two trophies for representing and playing for her football team this year.

Well done also to Vilte for earning a medal for playing in her first ever football match.



## Maths Deep Dive

Last Friday, Miss. Thomas joined Miss. Candish and myself to undertake a deep dive in Maths. We visited lessons, looked at maths displays, reviewed our maths data about children's achievements and spoke to children about their experiences in maths.

Overall, the day was very positive and, most importantly, our children spoke about enjoying maths in school. We are pleased to report that children's work in maths is showing good progress across the school and that lessons are well planned to support children to move their understanding on. There was evidence of strong teaching in maths and good support for learning in place.

Having looked at our assessment data, we are now reviewing what will be taught over the next half term in maths to ensure that the topics that children have not yet understood are focused on in detail. We will also be looking at making sure children have lots of opportunities to come back to topics throughout the year to make sure they have consolidated their learning.

Next year, maths will be one of our school priorities for improvement so we can be sure that children are getting the best possible opportunities to learn basic skills in preparation for their transition to secondary school as well as for later life. We will be focussing on learning multiplication tables and over-learning number facts such as number bonds as well as supporting children to improve the speed of their mental calculation skills.

You could support your child with this at home by helping with homework and calculating mentally.

## Year 4 Multiplication Event

This week all of our Year 4 students took part in a national multiplication even run by Times Table Rockstars.



The children took part virtually with hundreds of other children from across the country in an attempt to achieve the Guinness World Record for the number of children learning their times tables together. The children in Year 4 loved the active nature of the event and had fun learning their tables.

Thank you Miss. Corrigan and Miss. Rushmer for organising the event in school.



## Support for Families

As the cost of living continues to rise, we are aware that a number of families may be struggling to make ends meet. If you feel that you need some help or advice, please get in touch with Miss. Mills, Mrs. Read or contact the school office. All enquiries will be dealt with confidentially.

## Grafham Water Residential Visit

A reminder for current Year 5 parents that the £20 deposit to secure your child's place for the Grafham Water residential visit for September 2022 is now due. All payments should be made via ParentMail. You will be receiving a letter today to give the final cost of the visit and a breakdown of payments. Any families who may need support with this, please contact the school office.

## **Diary Dates**

New dates will be added weekly so please do read this section each week.

### **May 2022**

24th - 6R swimming

24th - Choir Performance 3pm—4pm

25th - Sports Day

26th - 2C Class Assembly

26th - 6T swimming

27th - PD Day

30th - 3rd - Half term

### **June 2022**

6th - Children return to school

7th, 14th, 21st, 28th - 6R swimming

8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th - Year 3 swimming

8th - Sports Day back-up

9th, 15th, 23rd, 30th - 6T swimming

14th - Olympic and Paralympic Pentathlon Yrs 5&6

14th - New Reception Parent Information Meetings 2.30pm & 5pm

17th - 1H Class Assembly

17th - Year 4 Athletics Quadkids Event

22nd - Choir Performance at Chatteris Church

23rd - Reception visit to Old Hunstanton

24th - RK Class Assembly

25th - 26th - Chatteris' Summer Festival

29th - Year 6 transition day to Cromwell #1

29th - Meet the Teacher #1 **pm session**

### **July 2022**

1st - RM Class Assembly

5th, 12th - 6R swimming

6th - 5P visit to Ferry Meadows

7th, 14th - 6T swimming

13th - Year 6 transition day to Cromwell #2

13th - Meet the Teacher #2 **pm session**

14th - Year 6 production 6pm

14th - French Event

18th - Bikeability Year 6

20th - Celebration of Work

21st - Last day of term

21st - Leavers' Assembly

22nd - PD Day

## **Dates for the 2022-23 academic year:**

### **Autumn Term Dates 2022**

1<sup>st</sup> September – PD Day

2<sup>nd</sup> September – PD Day

5<sup>th</sup> September – Children return to school

19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> September - Year 6 Residential Visit to Grafham Water

18<sup>th</sup> October 2022 - Individual photographs

24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – Half term

20<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term

21<sup>st</sup> December 2022 – PD Day

### **Spring Term Dates 2023**

4<sup>th</sup> January – Children return to school

13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Half term

20<sup>th</sup> February – PD Day

21<sup>st</sup> February – Children return to school

31<sup>st</sup> March – Last day of term

### **Summer Term Dates 2023**

17<sup>th</sup> April – Children return to school

1<sup>st</sup> May – Bank Holiday

26<sup>th</sup> May – PD Day

29<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Half term

19<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of term