

Kingsford Catch-Up!

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Mrs Walker's Words

Welcome to Kingsford Catch-Up! – Our new newsletter designed to keep the Kingsford School community up-to-date with developments across our school. We will be regularly sharing news and announcements as well as celebrating achievements and activities from Nursery to P7.

We have a fantastic community across Kingsford. Pupils and staff take great pride in our school and we appreciate the role that parents can play in our future success. Parents have already contributed to our survey to agree 3 positive behaviour rules and our Parent Council will soon be actively engaged in supporting the school across three key development areas. Watch this space for developments!

Behaviour Policy

Thank you for the responses to our recent survey about the rules you would like to see in Kingsford School. We really appreciate your input. We have been working hard as a staff over several sessions to begin looking at changes to be implemented and we will be sharing these with you before the summer holidays. Our Pupil Council has given pupils the chance to share their thoughts and opinions about the relationships in our school. They created their own survey and asked pupils in P4 to P7 to complete it. They also have plans to interview some younger pupils and staff members over the coming weeks. The children in the Pupil Council are thoroughly enjoying their role in this. Look out for further updates.

Lines System

We introduced the children to a new lining up system and they are positive about it. In the morning the children, line up in one straight line for each class. They are met outside by their teacher or specialist teacher and brought into the school together.

At Break and Lunch times the children are no longer lining up and have a greater responsibility to enter the school building responsibly and safely, ensuring they are ready for more learning.

No Gym Shoes

Children no longer need to change from outdoor shoes into gym shoes for the classroom. This is saving lots of time at the pegs and the children are in their classrooms more promptly when they enter the school.

A pair of gym shoes or trainers is required for P.E. as part of the gym kit.

WINNERS: Engineering Extraordinaire

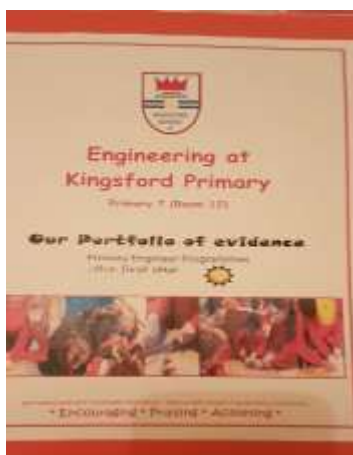
Attending the Primary Engineer Celebration Event at the Aberdeen University was great fun for the lucky participants who represented Kingsford so well. Andrew and Vandana (P7) and Miller and Oskar (P2) not only had a great morning away from school but came home with certificates galore and some Winning and Highly Commended medals! Our Primary 2s won the best overall car for the Apprentice Level 1 category and the Primary 7s were deemed to be the Best Communicators by the judges.

Further Engineering success followed when one of the P7 pupils, Andrew Will was one of two winners for his category in the Leader's Award for Engineering. Andrew identified a problem, designed a solution and persuaded engineers that his idea would be worth developing. Andrew will be awarded a trophy in Glasgow next month. An update will follow next month.



Future Engineers

Primary 7 and Primary 3 create cars...



Term 3 saw the enthusiastic children in Primary 7 (Room 12) and Primary 2 (Room 3), work together successfully to build their own moving cars.

Primary 2 made their cars using shoe boxes and demonstrated fantastic skills in teamwork and cooperation. The Primary 7s also developed these skills and worked tirelessly to create electronic cars – a mean feat for any 11 or 12-year-old. Perseverance pays off!

Well done everybody who took part – what a major success and a fantastic opportunity to use

tools in the classroom, helping and learning from each other ensuring that we all stayed safe.

Cromdale Residential Trip

Some of the children in Primary 6 had a fantastic time with Adventure Aberdeen at Cromdale in Grantown-on-Spey exploring the Highlands. They were very busy and active and had adventures in the gorge, in the moors and local countryside.

The staff who accompanied the children had a great time and ensured that the children have many memories from their holiday away from home.

P6 ASG Transition Games

While some of our P6 pupils were away on their residential trip, the children in school attended the ASG Games at Hazlehead Academy. This was their first transition activity as they begin to think about Secondary School. The children mixed with children from other schools in the ASG and had a brilliant day completing team challenges and showing great sportsmanship. Well done everyone, you represented Kingsford very well.

Jake: A Responsible Citizen

Well done to Jake Blackett, in P5, who recently carried out a litter clean at Aberdeen Beach along with some of his friends. Instead of having a party to celebrate his 10th birthday he carried out this good deed instead. Jake and his 15 friends collected over 11 bags of rubbish. Everyone at home and at school is very proud of Jake.



Upcoming Events:

CCC for P7

Residential Trip, Leaving Monday 10th – Friday 14th June

Sports Day

Monday 17th June – Fingers crossed for lots of sunshine as our young athletes show off their skills. If the weather is poor, Sports Day will be the next available dry day that week.

Move Forward Day

Thursday 27th June – Children will have a chance to meet their new teacher and visit their new classroom.

Kingsford Cobras

The Kingsford Cobras have had their best ever season yet, having won a Bronze Medal at National Level. The team travelled down to Glasgow and played schools from across Scotland.

This was part of a Junior NBA programme in which Kingsford represented Brooklyn Nets.

