

Kingsford Catch-Up!

February 2020

Christmas seems a long time ago now but I am sure you all enjoyed our Nursery concert and our P1-P3 Nativity. The children did us all proud and looked like stars in the local press pull-out.

Pounds for Primaries

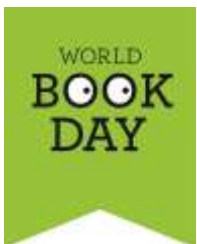
A huge thank you to everyone who collected the Evening Express 'Pounds for Primaries' tokens. We were delighted to come first in our category winning £1500 for our school. P4JR accepted the cheque on behalf of our school and the children were thrilled to be featured in an article in the press. Everyone in our school community will be asked what the money should be spent on and we will keep you posted as to the final decision.

Pupil Council

The Pupil Council is now in full swing with all our members having been elected by their classes. So far they have discussed the charities that they would like to support as a school (more information to follow at a later date) and making their pupil suggestion box more visible. The main focus for our Primary Five to Primary Seven pupils is engaging with a document called 'How Good is OUR School'. This allows pupils to have a voice in the self-evaluation and improvement of the school. The pupils are planning how they are going to gather the information needed, this will involve a range of strategies, surveys, interviews, focus groups, learning walks around the school and looking at the range of information we make available to parents.

Mental Health Survey

Thank you to everyone who took part in the ASG survey on mental health. Information will be coming home soon about the ASG Mental Health evening to be held on Thursday 19th March 2020 at Hazlehead Primary School inviting you to come along and hear a keynote speaker and sign up for 2 workshops of your choice.



World Book Day

Primary 2 are organising World Book Day this year. It is on Thursday 5th March. Your child can dress as their favourite book character that day. We have changed this year to a book swap so no money required. Your child can bring a book to swap with a friend in their school year.



Please be vigilant!



Sadly our school has been the target of vandalism over recent weeks. This has included two fires being started in a doorway resulting in the fire brigade and police being called out, a window being smashed and our Nursery play area being trashed. What makes this even more disappointing is that some ex-pupils have been involved and some of these have siblings who still attend Kingsford School. Our pupils, staff and community take a pride in our school so please help us by being vigilant and reporting any anti-social behaviour to the police.



A parent has contacted me to say a number of cars are still parking on the yellow lines and zig-zag lines especially near the main gate and this is endangering the pupils' safety as they are finding it hard to cross the road safely.

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Sports Teams

Our sports teams continue to thrive and take part in energetic training sessions, matches against other schools and festivals. A huge thank you goes to the range of school staff, partner agencies and parents who give freely of their time and talents to support all these groups. A special mention goes to Fraser Rose (P7) who, assisted by Miss Kingston, is training our 'junior rugby team' on Monday lunchtimes – well done Fraser!

Active Schools Tennis

A special well done to the seven pupils from P2CP & P2RM who attended the Active Schools Tennis Ball Festival at Hazlehead Primary back in November. The children worked hard at six stations to earn as many points as possible for their team. The stations involved running, throwing, catching, bouncing the ball and using tennis rackets. Kingsford's teams came joint 2nd with another school and 4th. All of the pupils behaved exceptionally and did us proud.



Burns Assembly

Our Burns Assembly at the end of January was a huge success involving every child from Nursery to P7 sharing an array of talents; singing, dancing, poetry and drama and Mr MacArthur and Mr Bain thrilled us all with their bagpipe playing and address to the haggis.

Cricket Club

Our cricket coaches who work with our senior classes also regularly comment that our children's enthusiasm and behaviour is the best they experience across the range of schools they visit. Great to hear!

Clubs in school

Many of our children (and staff!) enjoy their Monday ukulele session with Anna from Sheddocksley Baptist Church and our Monday after school engineering club organised by Miss McHardy and Mr Roach has got off to a very positive start.

Important Dates:

Monday 17th February:

Holiday Monday (school closed to everyone).

Tuesday 18th February:

In – service day (school closed to all pupils).

Wednesday 19th February:

In – service day (school closed to all pupils).

Monday 2nd March:

Work starts on our new nursery build on the grass area adjacent to Sheddocksley Drive. The work is scheduled to last approximately six months but the site will be fenced off and have a separate entrance/exit so as not to interfere with school life.

Thursday 26th March:

Pupil reports for children in P2-P7 will be sent home. Pupil reports for Nursery and P1 will be sent home in Term 4.

Tuesday 31st March:

Easter service in Mastrick Parish Church.

Friday 3rd April:

School closes at 3.15pm for the Easter holidays.

Tuesday 21st April:

School restarts for all pupils at the normal time.

