



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**Kingsland CE (VA)
Primary School**



The Kingsland Times

Friday 3rd February 2023

Let your light shine

“Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

Let your light shine on our vision:

As God’s children, overflowing with His light, we will shine before others to inspire, nurture and bring joy so all may embrace life in its fullness to the glory of God.



Our Christian value for this half-term is **JUSTICE**

Please help your child to reflect on the importance of this Christian value

Life at Kingsland CE Primary School: life in all its fullness (John 10:10)

This week has been somewhat of a turbulent week in the world of schools and education, with teachers across the country going on strike. This, of course, is not because they do not want to be in classrooms, but because of the concerns surrounding the long-term sustainability of the teaching profession and the decline in school budgets. Although our school was able to run as normal this week, it is perhaps the time to reflect on the dedication and skill of our wonderful staff in school. The range of high-level qualifications that our staff hold is quite phenomenal, including degrees, masters degrees, and PGCEs, as well as nationally recognised professional qualifications such as sport coaching badges, primary maths specialist training, and Specialist Leaders in Education. This year, five of our teachers are undertaking National Professional Qualifications with the Church of England. As headteacher, I would like to thank all the staff for their incredible hard work and commitment in ensuring the best possible education for all our children.

PLEASE DO NOT PLAN HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

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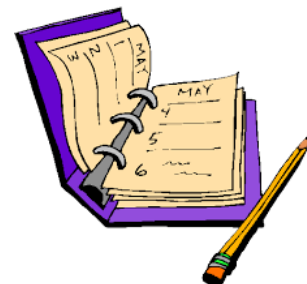
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Dates for your diary



Tuesday 7 th February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 7 th February	Winter Concert 5.30pm
14 th and 15 th February	Parents' Evenings
Friday 3 rd March	World Day of Prayer (Y6s)
3 rd – 5 th March	Ventures residential (Y4/5) ... details to follow shortly
Monday 6 th March	Whole school photograph; individual photographs after school
WB 13 th March	Herefordshire Performing Arts Festival
Friday 31 st March	Easter service in Kingsland Church 1.30pm

The full 2022 - 2023 term dates can be found on the school website following the link:

<https://www.kingslandceprimary.com/term-dates/>

Congratulations go to the following children who have received Headteacher's Awards:

Renee for super art work; **Eleanor** and **Poppy** for super recall of information about Islam; **Olivia, Imogen** and **William** for super writing about a trick in The Twits; **Perry, Eleanor, Hallie, Connie, Oliver** and **Darcy** for super writing about The Big Blue; **Mollie** for super fine motor drawings; **Nicko** and **Flo** for super expressive story telling; **Iris** for a super story map about The Very Hungry Caterpillar; **Alice, Arthur** and **Daisy** for super writing about bats – well done!

House Tokens

Congratulations to the following children for achieving a house token!

Ambrey	Berrington	Croft	Mortimer
Adele	Hugh	Harry	Alice
Olivia	Harvey	Lilly	Nora
Lucy	Helen	Isabelle	Archie
Scarlett	Mya	Eleanor	Hattie
Ada	Jasmine	The Class 1 Team	Ella
Jacob	Riley		Rockley
Hallie	Ollie		Austin
Perry	Jamie		Connie
The Class 1 Team	Leo		Olivia
	Flo		The Class 1 Team
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Mental Health and Wellbeing Advice

As children's mental health and wellbeing is increasingly under the microscope, the school continues to be extremely keen to support children and families in every way possible in order for us all to 'Let our lights shine'. Already, the school has instigated some new initiatives in order to support children's mental health - Miss Williams is currently working through Senior Mental Health Lead training; our new calm-down area has been created (see photo in last week's newsletter); and Kerry Jones, school counsellor, is a weekly feature in school.

Each week in the newsletter, we shall share a link to the Place2Be website which gives practical tips to support parents with their child's wellbeing and behaviour. This week's featured article is '[Raising a resilient child](#)'.

This week's attendance – congratulations to Class 1

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	School total
99.38%	92.7%	96.67%	93.53%	97.06%	95.41%

Big Question

We continue our series of BIG QUESTIONS as a focus for family discussions. In Worship Time on Thursday we heard the story of Jesus and the children ... so this week's BIG QUESTION is:

Which is more important, smiling or frowning?



Winter Concert

We look forward to our Winter Concert on Tuesday 7th February at 5.30pm in the school hall. Children who are performing should arrive at 5.15pm, wearing smart school uniform and school shoes. Please make sure you bring your instrument and music with you!

Individual Photographs

We shall be having our whole school photograph taken on Monday 6th March. After school on this date, in the playground, families will have the opportunity to have an individual photograph taken of their child/ren ... no need to book, just form an orderly queue in the playground!

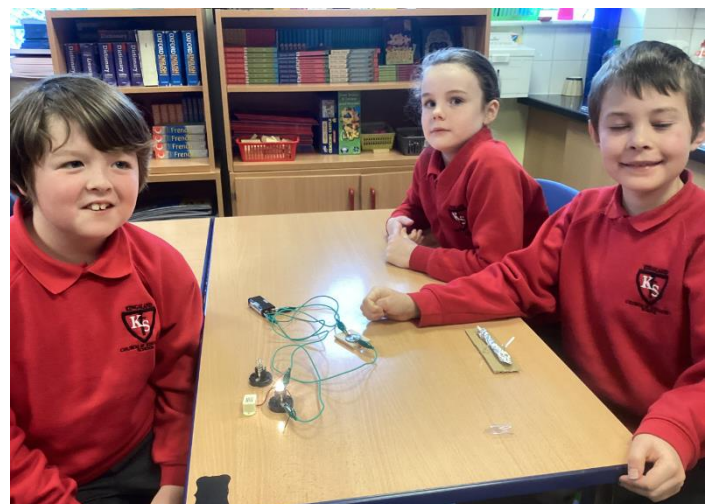
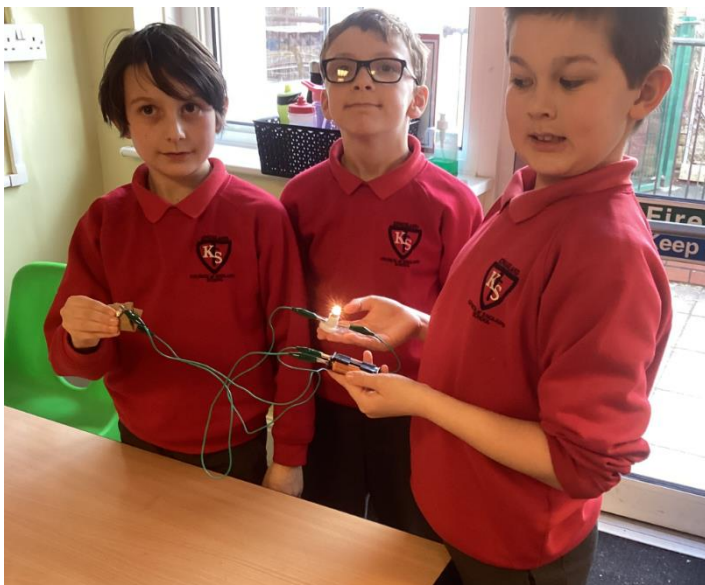


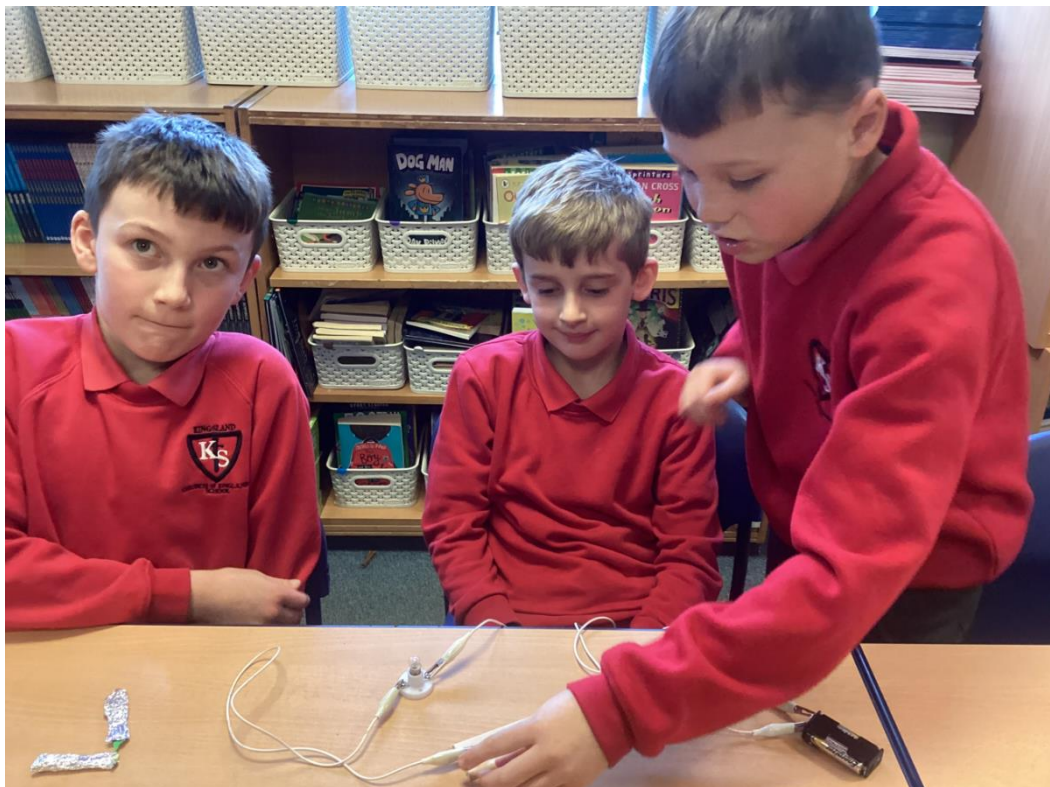
An update from the school governors: this week, the Full Governing Body met to reflect on our recent Ofsted inspection, discuss future building projects, and ratify a number of whole school policies.



Every Friday, a child is awarded with "The Maths Rock" – this is given to a child who has worked especially hard in maths during the week. This week's winner is **Gilbert** ... Well done!

Class 4 have been learning about electricity and circuits ...





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Friday 10th February
£4 per child

Class 1/2/3 - 5.15pm to 6.15pm
Class 4/5 - 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Refreshments
included in
the price

Please bring money in an envelope, with your child/children's name(s) and class written on it, and place it in the drop box opposite the school office by Tuesday 7th February. Please write on the envelope if your child has an allergies.

Year 2s have been doing drama work this week ...



It has been another busy week in Class 1 ...






Sunday 5th February 9.30am



How do we hear God talking to us? How do we pray? Samuel lived in the temple as a boy and he didn't know either! Come and find out through a range of messy and creative activities! Then we will join in worship before sharing breakfast of sausages, cocoa pops and more!

All children with any members of their families welcome! Meet at Kingsland Church. Please let us know if you are coming so that we can cater for enough people, including any food preferences or intolerances!

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Knowing more and remembering more.

Being INCLUSIVE and GREEN.

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'Let Your Light Shine'



What are our aims for this year?

Developing a sense of passionate service and courageous advocacy.

Fulfilling our potential in maths and English.



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This half term's Christian value is:

JUSTICE

Educating for Dignity and Respect



A prayer for JUSTICE

Father God, You take care to listen well to people, especially those that are vulnerable. You are passionate about seeking JUSTICE for everyone. Give us wisdom when we need to make decisions. And when we get it wrong, give us the humility and courage to say sorry. Amen.

Christian Value Family Reflection

Welcome to our Christian Value Family Reflection which offers some suggestions, thoughts and ways into exploring and reflecting on the value of this half term: **JUSTICE**

A reflection on JUSTICE by Wendy Maddocks, Foundation Governor, Kingsland Church

It's not fair! It's not fair that I have to go to bed first just because I am the youngest. It's not fair that my friend finds reading really easy but it takes me half an hour to read a page. It's not fair that she always gets picked for the football team but when I kick a ball my football boot comes off and goes further than the ball ever does! It's not fair!

We all feel injustices in our everyday life and sometimes they are just because we are impatient to grow up or we want to be good at everything.

I want to remind you about a girl called Malala. She was born in Pakistan and when she was 11 years old, new rulers took over in her region of Pakistan and decided that girls could no longer go to school. She spoke out, doing a blog to tell everyone how unfair it was. In 2012, when she was just 15, a masked gunman got on her bus and shot her. These are Malala's words:

'I woke up 10 days later in a hospital in Birmingham, England. The doctors and nurses told me about the attack — and that people around the world were praying for my recovery.'

We sometimes feel as children that nobody listens to us and we can't do anything to change things. But Malala spoke out about injustice. Even though she was just a child, people all over the world listened to her. In fact, BECAUSE she was 'just a child' it made her message even more powerful.

We read a story in Mark's gospel in the Bible of people bringing children to Jesus:

'... the disciples scolded the people. When Jesus noticed this, he was angry and said, 'Let the children come to me and do not stop them'.

God hates injustice, as these verses in Psalm 82 remind us:

'You must stop judging unjustly. Defend the rights of the poor and the orphans, be fair to the needy and the helpless'.

Brave people all over the world stand up for JUSTICE. Men and women, black and white, rich and poor, old people and children. Never think that your voice will not be listened to because you are not the right type of person. From local things, like someone being bullied in the playground, to global things like animal cruelty, we all have a voice and need to speak up if we see things that are unfair. Malala's actions changed the law in Pakistan. What will you change today?