



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**Kingsland CE (VA)
Primary School**



The Kingsland Times

Friday 13th January 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 term has started with a BANG with a fabulous visit on Wednesday to Young Voices in the Birmingham arena for our Y5/6 children. They performed alongside 6000 other school children in a wonderful celebration concert, full of joy, colour and fun.

Please note that After School Clubs start again next week – there are still a few places left in some clubs ... please contact the school office to book one of these final places.



PLEASE DO NOT PLAN HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

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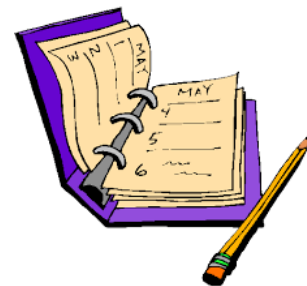
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Dates for your diary



WB 16 th January	After School Clubs start
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
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:

Bella, India, Maximus, Theodore and **Joseph** for super writing all about oceans; **Willow** for super writing about Scruffy Ted in RWI; **Elsie** for super RE work about what God has created – well done!

House Tokens

Congratulations to the following children for achieving a house token!

Ambrey	Berrington	Croft	Mortimer
Scarlett Martha Hannah	Nicko	Matilda Jasmine Isabelle Hadley Otilie	Molly Alice Hector Alfie Claude

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 '[Family meals are turning into a battleground](#)'.

This week's attendance – congratulations to Class 1

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	School total
96.25%	92.97%	89.72%	95.29%	90.29%	92.48%

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:

Is JUSTICE and FAIRNESS the same thing?



An update from the school governors: staff and governors have recently been undertaking PREVENT safeguarding training, understanding how to spot the signs of radicalisation.

Upcoming PTA Events

Treat Friday 20th January – after school

PTA Disco 10th February – details to follow shortly

Easter Bingo – date TBC



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 **Renee** ... Well done!



Winter Concert

On Tuesday 7th February at 5.30pm, we shall be holding our Winter Concert in school. This is a perfect opportunity for those children who have instrumental music lessons to perform in front of a live audience. Your child's instrumental music teacher will talk to your child about what they might like to play in the concert, but please do reserve the date in your diary.



Sunday 24th January
9.30am Aymestrey Church

In the beginning...

Explore the story of Creation from the Bible with drama and dressing up!



Sunday 12th February
9,30am Eardisland Church

Lent – what is your temptation?

A service full of singing from iSingPop, games, craft and a bible story.



Sunday 5th February
9.30am Kingsland Church
Samuel is called by God

Messy activities and crafts, worship and a story ending with breakfast.

Put the dates in your diary and we look forward to welcoming you.

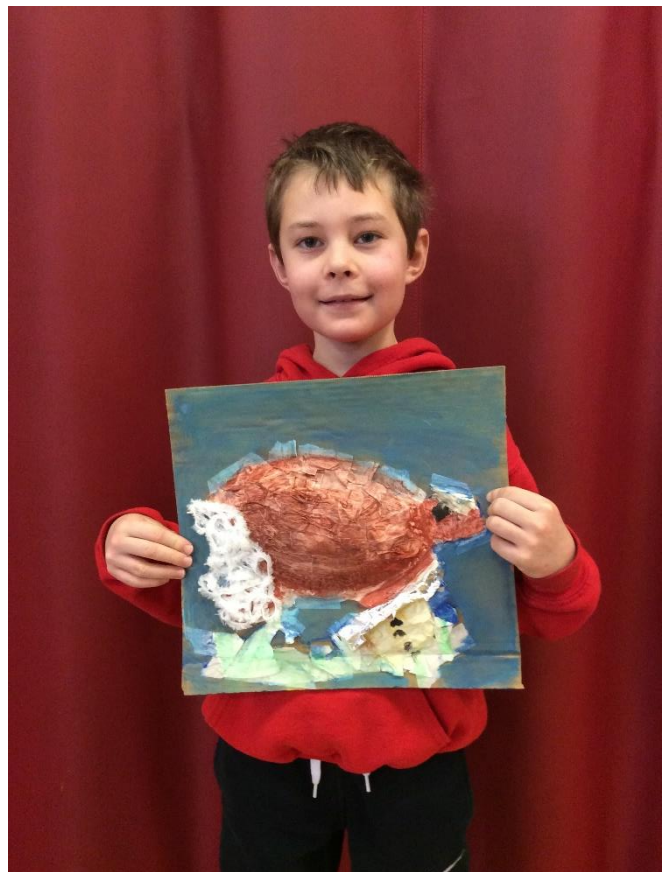
For more information please contact the church office on kingslandchurchoffice@gmail.com

Young Voices 2023



Zero Waste Topic

This term, each class will be investigating Zero Waste. Year 4 children have been learning about the impact of plastic waste in the oceans and have created this super art work ...





Online Safety & Gaming

Gaming refers to playing electronic games, whether through consoles, computers, tablets, smartphones or other devices. Gaming remains one of the most popular forms of entertainment, attracting a wide range of age groups from all across the world. Gaming is always looking to develop, often improving on graphical features, accessibility and user engagement as years go by.



Unlike many other forms of media, gaming brings a sense of challenge to the player. Usually there is a degree of skill involved that players need to develop in order to progress. Depending on the type of game, it can also offer players a platform where they can be imaginative and explore their own creativity.

Some games have rich storylines and characters that are engaging and memorable. Many players also use it as an opportunity to compete and socialise with other users whether it be in person or online. More often than not though, people game, because it is fun!

Benefits of Gaming

- 1 Can develop critical and creative skills
- 2 Can bring educational benefit and awareness
- 3 Is available to most audiences and family members
- 4 Is an easy and accessible way to socialise with others



Considerations for Gaming

- 1 Have awareness of appropriate age restrictions
- 2 Parental awareness around purchasing
- 3 Active discussions around socialising safely
- 4 Reporting harmful or offensive content online

Socialising Online

A staple of gaming is the community that surrounds it. Groups and audiences can gather around a specific game, character or theme to build specific fan bases that can interact with each other. Young people may like to socialise online because:

- 1 It gives them a platform to be with friends outside of school
- 2 There is usually a competitive element at play, which can feel rewarding
- 3 It can build confidence and social skills which may not be attainable physically
- 4 It gives opportunity to young people who have difficulty socialising with friends and others



Reporting and Blocking

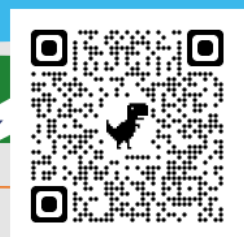
Gaming communities can range from supportive and educational, to toxic and harmful. In some instances, it can even lead towards more radical content being promoted. When faced with something or someone being harmful online, make sure young people know how to:

- 1 Report the player or piece of content
- 2 Mute or block the player
- 3 Manage their privacy settings or communication options
- 4 Speak with a trusted adult for support



To find out more about Gaming visit the SWGfL hub:
swgfl.org.uk/topics/gaming/

or scan the QR code



Further Support

Professionals Online Safety Helpline: saferinternet.org.uk/professionals-online-safety-helpline

Harmful Sexual Behaviour Support Service: swgfl.org.uk/harmful-sexual-behaviour-support-service/

Report Harmful Content:
reportharmfulcontent.com



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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?