



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Kingsland CE (VA)
Primary School



The Kingsland Times

Friday 1st March 2019

'Learn to Love – Love to Learn'



Our Christian value for this half-term is **CREATIVITY**.

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)

I hope that you had a peaceful and relaxing half term break. I certainly felt like I lived life in all its fullness during my ten wonderful days in Tanzania! After travelling to Kilimanjaro via Nairobi, we spent time visiting schools in the Arusha area of Tanzania, including our link school, Moivaro Primary School. Life in Moivaro is, of course, very different to life in Kingsland but there are many things that we can learn from them. I was greeted and welcomed through song, performed by some of the older members of the school. Children attend primary schools in Tanzania until the age of 14. There are 831 children at Moivaro Primary School, with classes often as big as 70 children. Children sit on small wooden benches, packed in like sardines. However, the atmosphere is one of concentrated learning and many positive traits can be reflected on, through the 5R's:

- **Respect** – children in Tanzania are very respectful of their teachers. Despite class sizes being huge, children are fantastic listeners and clearly have a love of learning. This respect is transferred into everyday life too – for example, adults are very respectful of the laws, particularly speed limits and the appreciation of the needs of others.
- **Resilience** – the children, because of the large class sizes, have little choice but to be extremely resilient. They are adept at thinking and working things out for themselves.
- **Responsibility** - even the youngest children walk to school themselves, understanding the dangers of crossing the roads. Children are responsible for watering the crops they grow in the school gardens – if they don't get watered, the children don't eat – there is a clear motivation to ensure the crops get watered. Children also clean the classrooms at the end of each day – there are no funds to employ cleaners and the children show great pride in their classrooms, despite their poor condition.

PLEASE DO NOT PLAN HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

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- **Remember and repetition** – the children have very few learning resources. They therefore have to rely on their memory in order to retain their learning. There are no books for them to refer to and no internet for them to look things up on. Because of the lack of teaching and learning resources, an important teaching strategy is that of repetition. This also contributes to their well-developed listening skills.
- **Resourcefulness** – teachers and children are very adept at using their creativity (our value for this half term) to make many of the resources they use, for example their plastic bag footballs.

The money that our children raised through the milk carton donations was, of course, gladly and gratefully received. We spent part of the money on new taps – the water taps were all broken and water was leaking constantly, clearly a focus for our Zero waste project. After battling with spanners, the taps were all repaired. Spare taps were also purchased so that they could be repaired in the future too. Money will be spent on repairing and upgrading the kindergarten – windows are broken, there are gaps and cracks in the wall where rain pours in, and the interior decoration is currently very poor. Any money that is left over will be spent on teaching and learning resources – pencils, flip charts, exercise books etc. THANK YOU for the very generous donations – they have made a huge difference to the lives of the children in Moivaro.



Current attendance levels – from 5th September 2018 to 1st March 2019

| Class 1 | Class 2 | Class 3 | Class 4 | Class 5 | School total |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------|
| 96.8% | 96.3% | 97.1% | 94.9% | 97.5% | 96.6% |

Dates for your diary

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| Wednesday 13 th March | Y4/5/6 visit to places of worship in Wolverhampton |
| 22 nd – 24 th March | Ventures weekend |
| Week of 25 th March | Herefordshire Performing Arts Festival |
| Friday 12 th April | Easter Service at Kingsland Church 9.30am |
| Monday 29 th April | Summer term starts |
| Tuesday 30 th April | UK Junior Maths Challenge |
| Week beginning 13 th May | KS2 National Tests |
| Week beginning 27 th May | Half term |
| 4 th – 5 th June | Y3/4/ visit to Oakerwood |
| Tuesday 18 th June | Sports' Day – KS1 9.30am; KS2 1.30pm |
| Thursday 11 th July | Parent consultations |
| Tuesday 16 th July | Y6 Leavers' Celebration |
| Friday 19 th July | End of Year Service in Kingsland Church 1.30pm |

The full 2018-2019 term dates can be found on the school website.

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

Joseph for always working hard; **Bonnie, Ruben, Scarlett, Evie, Hollie, Will, Poppy, Carina, Thomas, Izzy, Imogen** and **Harris** for super writing; **Harry** for a great attitude in maths; **Leah** and **Olivia** for excellent PowerPoint presentations; **Sophie** for a great persuasive poster; **Anabelle** and **Imogen** for great progress in maths; **Sienna, Bailey, Gwen, Lily** and **Elli-Mae** for great progress in reading; **Johnny** for great progress in writing; **Anna, Peter** and **Faith** for achieving full marks in their maths assessment – well done to you all!

Parents' Evening

Thank you for attending your child's parents' evening this week. We hope you found it informative.

House Tokens

Congratulations to the following children for achieving a house token!

| Ambrey | Berrington | Croft | Mortimer |
|------------------|------------|---------|----------|
| The Class 1 Team | Bonnie | Anna | Austin |
| Grace | Jamie | Mia | Jess |
| Jaxon | Ollie | Harriet | Harley |
| Darcy | Rory | Wilson | Flynn |
| Harry | Zac | Louise | |
| | Jasmine | | |
| | Flo | | |



Parking outside school

Before an accident occurs and for everyone's safety, we ask that you DO NOT park / drop off on the yellow zigzag lines outside the front of the school. This applies to ALL circumstances, including Breakfast Club drop-off. We also ask that parents park respectfully and with consideration of our neighbours. Both the Coronation Hall carpark and the church carpark are available for school use, thus negating any need to park on the yellow zigzag lines. After seeking police and traffic officer advice, please note that police will be informed of persistent offenders. We would naturally wish to avoid having to do this. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with these parking requests.



SEN Teaching Assistant Level 2 post

We are currently advertising for a SEN Teaching Assistant Level 2. If you are interested in finding out more details or know of someone who would be interested, please seek further information via the school office, or by following the link to the Hoople recruitment website page <https://www.hoopletd.co.uk/recruitment-and-dbs/job-vacancies/school-vacancies/kingsland-teaching-assistant-sen-lv2/>



Hosted by Kingsland CE Primary School

FRENCH BREAKFAST/ COFFEE MORNING

in aid of the July visit
by French pupils from Lyre Primary School
to Eardisland/Kingsland



Saturday 6th April 2019

Eardisland Village Hall

10.30am to 12.30pm

*Coffee * Tea * Chocolat Chaud * Cakes
Croissants * Baguettes, Confiture et Beurre
Grand Raffle * Tombola * Craft Table
Toy & Book Stalls*

EVERYONE WELCOME