



Kingsland CE Primary School



'Learn to Love – Love to Learn'

Newsletter – Friday 12th February 2016



An Explosion of Talent



As we reach half-term and half-year what an explosion of talent we have celebrated!

This past week has seen our netball and hockey teams, having qualified locally, competing in the county schools' Winter Games. Our hockey team played brilliantly coming second in their group. Our netball team returned holding, as humbly as ever, the trophy as County Winter Games netball champions.

In our own school hall on Wednesday evening nearly seventy of our pupils performed in the annual school Winter Concert.

Day by day, the children amaze us with their talents, skills, knowledge and understanding. Above all, we admire their determination and perseverance to be the best that they can be. We look forward to sharing information about your child's attainment, progress and attitude to their work in our parents' evenings after half-term.

County Champion Netball Team



On Wednesday 10th February, Kingsland's netball team set off to the Winter Games, full of excitement and anticipation for the day ahead. Fifteen other schools took part in the competition – Kingsland had their work cut out! Great teamwork and communication together with immaculate passing and accurate shooting led to success for Kingsland. Despite the valiant efforts of the other schools we brought home the cup with a sense of pride in our hearts. A **huge** thank you to Mr Powell and Mrs Smith for giving us the opportunity to take part in the games and a special thank you for the delicious hot chocolate at half time. *Greta*

Winter Music Concert



This photograph shows just a fraction of the sixty-five children who performed in our music concert this week. The audience of delighted families and friends enjoyed a feast of entertainment: from bossa nova to waltz; from solo to ensemble; from Year 2 to Year 6 and from melancholy to hilarity. Our Year 3's played enthusiastically in a recorder group and the evening concluded with our much-loved steel band under the cheery cabasa of Mrs Green.

Mrs Mimi Hughes, parent governor, writes:

“We were treated to the most wonderful variety of performances, with some very brave renditions from small children who had really only started, and everyone, without exception, gave a confident and capable performance whatever their stage. I think music is such an important dimension to an education and it is commendable that Kingsland gives such time and opportunities for music.”

The school is blessed by the expertise and patience of its peripatetic music staff: Mrs Best (piano and voice), Mr Brotherton (percussion), Mr Davies (guitar), Mrs Lewis-Merritt (strings), Mrs Price (brass) and Mrs Ruth (woodwind). We are also thankful to Mr and Mrs Markham who allow pupils to use the piano in their home for lessons.

DIARY DATES

15 – 19/2 **HALF TERM**

23/2 Parents' Evening

24/2 Parents' Evening

1/3 – 7/3 **BOOK FAIR**

11/3 KS2 'Steps to School' walk
for Sports Relief – Tanzanian
style!

18/3 'Wear what you like day'
£1.00

23/3 PTA Spring Bingo 5.30pm

24/3 Easter Worship 2.00pm
End of term

25/3 – 10/4 **EASTER HOLIDAYS**

11/4 Summer term starts

Parents' Evenings

By now everyone should have received a day and time slot to attend Parents' Evenings. If you haven't, please see your child's class teacher to arrange a convenient time.

Mothering Sunday Gifts

The friends of Kingsland Church are arranging to have small gifts available for children to buy for Mothering Sunday. They have done this for the last couple of years and the children love it. If anyone has any suitable 'unwanted' gifts would you please bring them to the school office.

Many thanks,

Headteacher's Awards have been presented to: Sephie, Fran and Ben for fabulous maths; Rupert for his polite and positive attitude to everyone as well as his work and Sephie for thinking deeply and creating a wonderful poem.

A New Parent Governor

We are thankful to our two parents who put themselves forward to serve as a governor. Mrs Perrott has been elected to the governing body of our school.

Notices from the School Office



- Monday 22nd February, is the last day to return your 'opt out' Safety form
- Water bottles are now £1.10

Fundraiser Supper and Dance

Regretfully our proposed fundraiser evening on Saturday 13th February has had to be postponed due to lack of ticket sales. We believe this is due to the timing of the event and we are planning to rearrange for the end of April – mid May.

All donated auction/raffle prizes will roll over and we look forward to an enjoyable evening to raise funds for our playground.

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Celebratory Art: Schools Expo 2016



It was a very special 'first' for our school to exhibit art work at the Hereford College of Arts. School Expo 2016 is a wonderful celebration of work by students in Primary and High Schools throughout the County. The exhibition continues until 17th February if you are able to call in. Thank you to Mrs Canning and Mrs Smith for inspiring the children and organising this for us.

Kingsland Church events

- Thursday 18th February **Coffee Morning Kingsland** at the Rectory from 10.30am. There will be a bring and buy stall and a cake stall. All contributions gratefully received.
- Saturday 27th February **The Kingsland Variety show**. Tickets £5 available from the Post Office and PCC members.

Sports' Round- Up

Tag Rugby: On Thursday 4th February, Year's 4, 5 and 6 went to a tag rugby cluster match at Luctonians and it was very muddy!! Both A and B teams played well and although we didn't win all of our matches they were very close. *Maddie*

Netball: On the 5th February, we played a friendly netball tournament against Lucton School. Kingsland had two teams and Lucton, one. All of the netballers took part and we all thoroughly enjoyed it. *Sophie*

Football: On the 5th February, we played Lucton School, It was an enjoyable match and we all had fun. We won 11:1 even though they had a good team. *Jamie and Oliver*

Hockey at the county Winter Games: The hockey team also went to the Winter Games. We weren't placed but we all really enjoyed it especially on the way back in Mrs Smith's car, as we were singing songs. *Sophie*

Cross Country: On Thursday 11th February a group of us went to Lucton School to run a cross country course. It was muddy and cold but we all had smiles on our faces! It was a very tough course but everyone did really well and Greta came 2nd in her race. Overall Kingsland came 4th. Well done to everybody who took part and gave it their all and to Mr Powell, Miss Young, Miss Morgan and Mr Hodnett for supporting us. *Olivia*

Our Value for February is: 'Enthusiasm'

Rainforest Talk for Years 5 and 6

On Monday 7th February, Classes 4 and 5 received a chance to learn how to survive in a rainforest, by Mr Pritchard. We learnt how to purify water, set up camp, light a fire, cook a meal, set up a hammock and that going to the toilet, in a rainforest, was a really dangerous operation! Mr Pritchard has been on many expeditions to 'far away' countries where he has encountered leeches, poisonous spiders, snakes and wild pigs. At the end of the talk he asked who would fancy a trip to a rainforest and for me it was a definite NO, because I would forget everything that I had to take with me to survive and I would be terrified of creepy crawlies! *Sephie*



PLEASE DO NOT PLAN HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME.

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