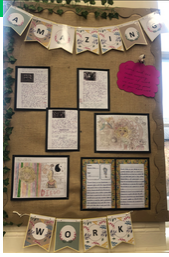
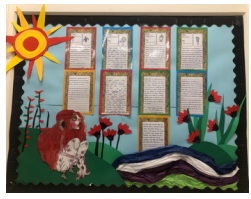


TOP NEWS



- All as one- whole school event
- Personal development
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- Enrichment and sports competitions



Message from Ms Foster

In the blink of an eye Spring term 1 is over! I would like to thank our children and staff for all their hard work this term as I'm aware this term can be a little bit bleak! Despite the many challenges of this term, we have many things to celebrate. I want to recognise the achievement of successfully relocating to one school site. The Federation central team and Kingswood staff worked extremely hard throughout the Autumn term to ensure this smooth transition. Our younger year groups, staff and families have adapted to their new environment and the buzz around the school is a delight to be a part of.

Class workshare assemblies have started and I am looking forward to seeing lots of you at these next half term. I would like to thank all of those who have been able to join us every Friday for 'parents into reading'. It has been wonderful seeing the engagement and love of reading across the whole school.

Although a short term, it has been jam packed with fantastic learning, school trips for some year groups, music enrichment assemblies, sports competitions and a well attended whole school coming together event a few weeks ago (see more information on the second page of this newsletter).

As you are already aware, the Gipsy Hill Federation has gone through some major changes recently and we are pleased that we now have a new governing body in place. Our new chair of Governors, Ese Oyeghe, wrote to you all recently to introduce herself and I am sure that like me, you will be keen to get to know her over the next half term. In her letter she referred to the election of a parent governor. More information on this will be shared with you but please can I take this opportunity to ask that all parents and carers, in our Kingswood family, take the time to vote for their chosen candidate. This is so that we can ensure that the the right representative is elected onto the board of governors for our school.

As always, please can I thank you for your continued support this term. The children in our Kingswood family are extremely lucky to have such supportive families who want the very best for our school and all of our community. Our jobs are made easier with the support of you all.



Ms Foster

Dates for the diary...

School Closed for INSET Day - 19.02.24

Children return to school - 20.02.24

Individual photos- **26.02.24**



Scholastic Book Fair- **26.02.24- 28.02.24**

Class workshare assemblies continue- **Class letters have been sent with dates**

Friends of Kingswood World Book Day cake sale & costume sale- **01.03.24**



World Book Day- **07.03.24**

Author visits (organised by Friends of Kingswood)- **07.03.24**

Friends of Kingswood Quiz night- **TBC**



Parents evening- **20.03.24 & 21.03.24**
(information to be sent separately)

End of half term- **28.03.24 at 2pm**

Personal Development

Feedback from our recent parent survey informed us that parents and carers would like to understand more about our Personal Development Curriculum.

Through our Personal Development Curriculum we encourage each child to become personally, emotionally, socially and physically effective, to lead healthy, safe and fulfilled lives; To become confident, independent and responsible young people who are able to make informed and responsible choices and decisions throughout their lives.

For more information on what our Personal Development Curriculum looks like please click on our Kingswood values below to access our school Website.



Learning updates

To find out learning updates from this half term and for regular updates please follow the link to your child's class page on the Weduc app or online.



Please contact the school office if you need assistance to log into Weduc.

The Friends of Kingswood



Once again our fantastic team of parents and carers, who make up of Friends of Kingswood have been working hard to support our school.

Estate agent boards- support to raise money for our school by agreeing to have an estate agent board outside your home to promote the up coming **FoK Quiz night**.

Our dedicated FoK volunteers still need your help at the events in this year. The main focus being on an upgrade to our playgrounds. Look out for further information and design ideas. We are looking for as many volunteers as possible to support and raise money for our school and to be part of our FoK community.

If you are interested please contact FoK at the.friends.of.kingswood@gmail.com



Sponsored stay out



It was wonderful seeing so many of you at our school event on 26.01.24, our first as one school site.

A huge thank you to the Friends of Kingswood for all of their support to run the bake sale, hot chocolate sale, tombola and games. I wanted to confirm that the Kingswood Coming Together event raised **£439** of which **£75** was from the Raffle that the Y6 ran.

Thank you for all of the donations towards the tombola and bake sale.

A huge well done to Mr Kelly and the KS2 choir for their first performance. This added a special touch to the event which we all thoroughly enjoyed.



The week has been Children's Mental Health Week, an awareness week set up by the children's mental health charity The Place 2 Be.

Our wonderful playground ambassadors who are lead by Mrs Cole organised the sponsored stay out. Linking this to our Kingswood value of empathy and supporting local charities, Shelter and the Norwood food bank.

Thank you for your donations and support for this event. the children found this event a good learning experience and developed their empathy for people in our community.

Sports competitions

Well done to our year 5 & 6 dodgeball team who competed in the 'Moving Matters' competition against schools across Lambeth.

They displayed great sportsmanship and represented our school beautifully.



Cavatina orchestra performance

Years 3 & 4 were treated to a special interactive performance by the Thorne Trio (Cavatina Chamber ensembles). Feedback from the staff and children was extremely positive and I am looking forward to reading more of their views in their whole class enrichment books.



We are looking forward to new opportunities in the future to enrich our music curriculum.

Attendance



Regular school attendance is an important part of giving children the best possible start in life.

The aim should be to attend 100% of the time. Children who miss school frequently can fall behind with their work and therefore make less progress than expected.

Remember, having good attendance also means being on time and not being late to school.

Please continue to support your children to be on time to school everyday.

Winning house this term!

Well done **Mandela house** for winning with the most house points for this half term!



Parent/Carer events

UPCOMING EVENTS

01.03.24 at 9.30am

Supporting your child at home:
Maths at Kingswood workshop
All parents/carers

08.03.24 at 9.30am

PSHE & Personal development at
Kingswood
All parents/carers

15.03.24 at 9.30am

Curriculum at Kingswood
All parents/carers