

Kings Worthy

Primary School

Newsletter



Telephone: 01962 881410

E-mail: admin@kingsworthy.hants.sch.uk

www.kingsworthy.hants.sch.uk

8th December 2023

Newsletter Number: 13

Dear Parents and Carers

Last week reminders

- The children will likely want M & M Productions to '*Stay another day*' on **Monday 11th December** for their performance of 'Beauty & the Beast' in the school hall in the afternoon.
- Christmas lunch is due to take place in the last week of term and we will gather all year groups in the hall over the course of **Thursday 14th December**, before they start '*Driving Home for Christmas*'.
- On **Thursday 14th December** Year 1 and 2 will be '*Walking in the air*' whilst leading us in a '*Winter Wonderland*' performance. This will be an outside, standing event and tickets are not required, but please remember that '*Baby, it's cold outside*' so wrap up warm. The choir will feature in the performance. Please arrive at 2:30pm at the front of the school for refreshments, ready for a 2:45pm start.
- We are also in the process of putting together a special surprise for the children – this will take place on the morning of **Friday 15th December**. I can guarantee it will ensure the children do not have a '*Blue Christmas*'.
- I would like to confirm that the final day of term is next **Friday 15th December**.
All children should be collected at **1.15pm**.

Year 4 Bollywood at Kings Worthy

On Wednesday last week, as part of our India topic, Year 4 took part in an amazing Indian dance workshop led by Jazz from Primary Workshops. They learned a variety of dance skills and created a modern Bollywood style performance, which they presented to their teachers, Mr Dodson and each other.

(written by Mr Rule)

"I thought it was very interesting and tiring. At the end we were all in sync, it was fun and a great experience!" **Emily, C, 4D**

"I found it pretty easy to follow the instructions and it was really fun to do. I thought we did a good job!" **Issy, 4D**

"It was tiring and used lots of my energy, but I enjoyed it," **Ethan, 4R**

"It was really fun and I learnt new things," **Riley, 4R**

"The children were tremendous. I think their routine was probably the best Indian dance I have ever seen, probably because I taught both classes on one of the weeks" **Mr Dodson**



Winter Wonderland

Apologies to everyone who had arranged the day off work to be with us for the 'Winter Wonderland' performance yesterday. We are always in the hands of the elements when it comes to an event like this and moving it inside was just not possible due to the number of children involved.

We hope that the event will be able to go ahead at **2.45pm next Thursday 14th December.**

Farewell to Mrs Haydon

It is with mixed emotions that we announce the retirement of one of our most cherished members of the Early Years team, Mrs Fiona Haydon. After 9 years of unparalleled dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment to Hedgehogs and the Early Years team, Mrs Haydon will be embarking on her well-deserved retirement at Christmas and spending more time with her family.

Throughout her time at Kings Worthy Primary, Mrs Haydon has been an integral part of our community. She has not only imparted knowledge, but has also touched the lives of countless children and colleagues with her nurturing teaching style, her empathy, filling the staff room with fresh flowers and always working with a smile.

We would all like to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for the incredible impact Mrs Haydon has had on all of us at school. Her dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment to nurturing young minds has left an indelible mark on so many children.

Her patience, wisdom, and infectious enthusiasm have made learning a joyous adventure for every child fortunate enough to have crossed her path.

Mrs Haydon's presence will be deeply missed, but her legacy will continue to inspire us all. Thank you.

(written by Mrs Weatherup)



'Busy, busy Bethlehem'

Rabbits and Hedgehogs stole the show on Wednesday and Thursday morning with back to back performances of their Christmas nativity.

Costumes were fabulous; learning and speaking those lines; moving off and onto the stage; and how can we not mention the singing...voices of future summer performances in the making. The enthusiasm was off the charts!

Thank you so much to all of you at home for all of your efforts with costumes, learning lines and singing, it is greatly appreciated and our nativity would not have been possible without your support. One term almost down for the youngest children in the school...where has the time gone.



Incredible Amount!

We were absolutely delighted with the success of the Christmas Fayre last week. The fayre, bottle stall, raffle and staff promises made a whopping £3462. The money raised is invested in the school and the children benefit greatly from it. We had such a fun day and it's such a privilege to be at school for the event seeing the children having a wonderful time. I want to say a huge thank to the PTFA committee who worked for many hours to make the fayre happen and a huge thank you to the fantastic team of volunteers who helped with the planning and on the day. We'd also like to thank the Governors for standing in the cold running the bottle stall. Another thank you goes to Helen Smith who organised the school Christmas cards this year which raised a further £922 for the PTFA. Thanks everyone, we're lucky to have such a great community.

(written by Dr Colleen Robinson Wylie – PTFA)

Christmas Jumper (and party) Day

Thank you to all of your donations for our Christmas jumper day. The children looked fabulous. Also, marvellous entertainment was had across the school this afternoon as the children were lucky enough to enjoy party games, fun, frolics and festivities. Only 7 more sleeps until the end of term...



Year 5 – Outdoor Day



On Tuesday, Year 5 spent the day outside in our Woodland Walk. It was chilly, but we wrapped up warm and managed to have a fabulous time taking part in a range of activities. We began by making 'Our Family'. We used as many natural objects as we could find to create pictures of our families and we had to guess who each person was! We did some observational drawing of objects we found in the grounds and looked carefully at the shading and how the light was hitting the objects. We tried to create colour bookmarks, where we tried to find something of

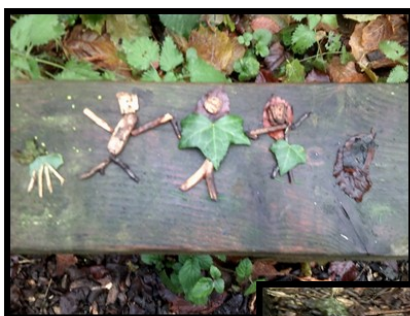
every shade in the grounds. This was easy for greens and yellows and browns but tricky for the other colours and we talked about when in the year this might change. We then did some geography fieldwork where we walked around the grounds with a map and made notes about what it might look like and how it might change if we lived in a tundra. During the day we had hot chocolate and a biscuit which was the obvious highlight!



"I loved it because we got to be outside with nature doing our learning. We got a biscuit and hot chocolate and I liked learning with 5VT." Thomas W

"I loved outdoor day! It was fun learning about what it would be like to be in a tundra biome." Clara H

"It was amazing to just be out in the world around us!" Mia



Maths Shed

I couldn't believe it when I checked the leader board this week – I was expecting to see 4R in first place for the fifth week in a row, but they have been overtaken by 2C! Well done to all of the winners! Can **you** make it the top next week?

Classes

1st Place – **2C**

2nd Place – **4R**

3rd Place – **5S**

Individuals

1st Place – **Vlad, Year 4**

2nd Place – **Jacob, Year 2**

3rd Place – **Arthur, Year 2**

(written by Mrs Smyth)

Spelling Shed

Wow! What a performance from Year 5 this week. Between the two classes, they earned over 100,000 points, which is a new record for any year group this year. Congratulations to our individual spellers of the week too. Fantastic work – well done!

Classes

1st Place – **5S**

2nd Place – **5VT**

3rd Place – **4R**

Individuals

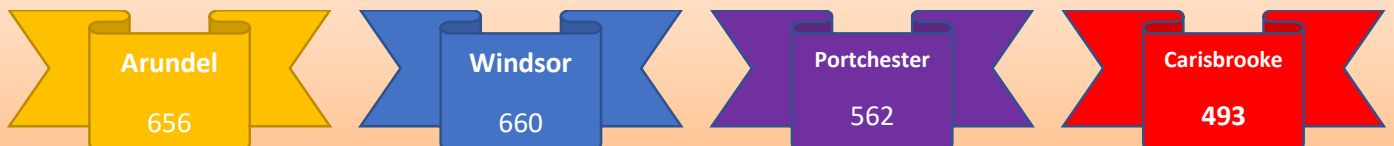
1st Place – **Charley, Year 5**

2nd Place – **Vladyslav, Year 4**

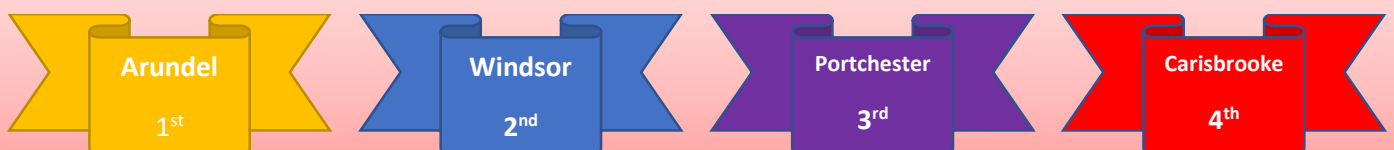
3rd Place – **Hector, Year 3**

(written by Mrs Cowling)

House Points – Week Twelve



House Points – Termly Position



Jamie Dodson
Headteacher