

Kings Worthy

Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers

'It's the most wonderful time of the year...'

Is it really the end of another year? How time has flown. It seems like yesterday that I was typing a newsletter signalling the end of 2022, and here we are approaching 2024.

This year has seen so many wonderful achievements for the children of Kings Worthy, both in and out of school. Miss Eggleston and I have even had the pleasure of spending an afternoon in every class (I haven't forgotten 6B and 5S and you are already pencilled in for next term) and we both agree those afternoons have been brilliant as we got to spend time doing the job we both started teaching for...actually teaching.

Next term, we will be able to build on and consolidate learning as the calendar is slightly calmer without the hectic Christmas run-in to worry about. I know that all of you will continue to provide your valuable support to the school and your children will dazzle us with their knowledge and skills in every area which makes them the unique and wonderful individuals that they are.

So, put the Elf on the shelf, make yourself a Christmas beverage or two, open the mince pies, whack Sir Michael of Buble on whichever smart device you have in your home, turn on the Christmas tree lights, press play on 'The Muppet Christmas Carol', put your feet up...and relax. It's only 18 more sleeps until the children will be back with us.

Have a fabulous Christmas and a Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and raring to go on

Tuesday 2nd January 2024.

BBC's 500 Word Stories – Some Exciting News!

I am really excited to announce that we have three entrants who are through to the next round:

'The Day Our Life Changed Forever' by Annabelle W 4R

'Down with the orphanage!' by Isabelle K 5VT

'People are different' by Maya M 2C

They have been selected from thousands of entrants and only around 5,000 go through to the second round of judging. They should be very proud!

In January, we will find out which stories have been shortlisted. If you haven't read their stories already, they can be found on the school website, using the following link:

<https://www.kingsworthy.hants.sch.uk/our-learning/english/writing>

(written by Mrs Cowling)



'Oh yes they did!'

The whole school were treated to a staff pantomime of Cinderella this morning. As you can see, many of the team embraced the full spirit of Christmas. There were boos, hisses, oh no you didn'ts and oh yes you did! We decided to keep the picture small so that you were not put off your Christmas dinner as some of the team embraced the panto theme a little too much.

Thank you to everyone who took part, Mrs Smyth for directing (what some have said was an undirectable troupe) and of course to all the children who as usual behaved so well.

Please note: Kings Worthy Primary School staff are available for bookings over Christmas and into the New Year.

Waiver: Kings Worthy Primary School are not responsible for any adult or child nightmares over the coming days as a result of the performance.

Keep your eyes peeled as we may upload the performance to google classroom.



Winchester district Primary Schools Wildlife Competition

In October, Year 6 entered the Winchester district Primary Schools Wildlife Competition: 'What can I do to help wildlife?' The prize up for grabs was a fabulous class trip to Cameron's Cottage/Brownsea Island. Runners-up would also receive a signed copy of Megan McCubbin's book, 'An Atlas of Endangered Species.'

The competition was judged by Megan McCubbin and Eve Carey, Natural History Fellow, Winchester College.

We are very excited to announce that there were two prizes given to children in our school!

- Holly in 6S was a runner up and received a signed copy of Megan's book.
- James in 6S came second in the whole competition (out of nearly 200 competitors) and won a class trip to Cameron's Cottage/Brownsea Island and also received a signed copy of Megan's book.

Well done to all entrants and an extra special well done to our winners!

(written by Mrs Smyth)



Year 1 at Milestones!

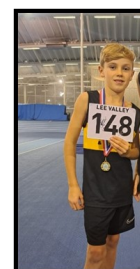
This week, Year 1 visited the Milestones Museum in Basingstoke as part of their topic on toys. The children had a great time completing different activities looking at old toys and new toys and thinking about similarities and differences. They learnt lots about how toys have changed over time and sorted them into groups looking at what they were made of, whether they were noisy or quiet, hard or soft, moved or didn't move. Later in the day, they then had a go at playing some Victorian playground games such as hopscotch, dominoes and Grandmother's footsteps. We would like to thank all of our parent helpers for joining us, it was a lovely day out and the children all behaved immaculately.

(written by Mrs Coleman)

Individual Success

On Saturday, Teo in Year 4 participated in an athletic competition in Lee Valley Athletic Centre in London. He took part in y4/5 60m run where he was 1st in his school year and 4th in y4/5 group, 200m where he was 1st with an amazing 30.59 seconds also in y4/5 group, and 3rd place in a 600m run in y4/5 group. The first 10 children (out of 50), with the most points, received a gold medal, and Teo was one of them.

What a fabulous performance and we look forward to hearing all about Teo's future successes.



Year 6 Outdoor Day

On Monday 4th December, Year 6 put on their warmest (most waterproof) clothes and headed to the Woodland Walk for their outdoor day. What a fun day it was!

It started with some 'senses poetry', where the children gathered words linked to their senses and created some lovely poetry based around what they noticed.

Then, they faced the 'build a boat' challenge where the children had to find sticks and leaves to create a small boat to travel down a drain pipe. They raced their boats and had to do some excellent problem solving to create the most effective boat!

To make sure we kept nice and warm, they were then treated to a hot chocolate in the outdoor classroom to give them the energy for the next part of the day!

Next was the leaf challenge where they were investigating the length and width of a variety of leaves. For example, some chose a branch of three different plants to investigate whether or not leaf length and width was the same or not.

After lunch, the children completed an art task where they used materials from the woodland walk to create art in the same style as Walter Mason. The focus was on the geometric shapes that he uses.

To end the day, children enjoyed s'mores by the camp fire. It really was a wonderful day and the children were brilliant!

(written by Mrs Smyth)



Choir Trip

On Tuesday the KS2 choir visited Dower House, a local care home to sing Christmas Carols to the residents. We were very proud as children performed confidently as usual, and represented our school beautifully. This is what a few of the children said afterwards:

"I like that the people at Dower House are so welcoming and I like singing in front of people." Sofia 4R

"I love that we made the residents happy and it was fun as the songs are so fun to sing." Ava 4S

"I enjoyed singing the 12 days of Christmas because it felt that I was in the Christmas spirit and I took it to everyone at Dower House too." Emily R 3S

"I loved it! Everyone was smiling and our voices were amazing!" Phoebe 4R.

Mary Blaxland from the Worthy Parish Magazine was in attendance and recorded the performance for Winchester local radio. She interviewed a few of our year 5's and this will be broadcast on Winchester Radio next Wednesday night at 8pm. You will also be able to catch it on their website www.winchester.radio that evening (look for Winchester Now episode 56).

(written by Mrs O'Sullivan)



Ho, ho, ho!

Thank you to the PTFA for arranging yesterday's Elf-tastic visit to school and providing the gifts for every child in school. This time it was Santa himself and one of his h'elf'ers who put a smile on everyone's face. See you next year Father Christmas and have a safe evening next week!



This Photo by Unknown Au-



School Christmas Lunch

What a team! What an effort! We got all the children through the hall yesterday for their Christmas lunch in super record time! The children behaved brilliantly throughout the whole of the event and it was a pleasure to see all of the children eating, chatting and happy that Christmas is fast approaching. Thank you to all the adults that gave up a huge chunk of their lunchtime to help. A special mention must go out to Angela and her fabulous team who prepared such a festive treat for all of us to enjoy. We even managed to persuade so many of the children to try a sprout or two. Thank you so much ladies.



Thank you from The Royal British Legion

*I wanted to thank you for allowing the school to collect donations again on behalf of this year's Poppy Appeal. Thanks to the generosity of staff, pupils and parents the school's contribution amounted to the huge sum of **£426.03** (including a very generous £185.30 from the staff). Together the community has raised a record £6,000 for the Appeal and this has now been banked and added to the national total.*

In challenging times this represents a fantastic effort and, on behalf of The Worthies branch of the Royal British Legion, I would like to express our gratitude for your continued support to such an important cause.

With many thanks once more.



'Beauty & The Beast'

M & M productions were in school on Monday afternoon. As you would expect, the children behaved immaculately throughout the performance and were even able to join in. It was a brilliant production and a big thank you to our PTFA, for their contribution towards the cost of the show.

Maths Shed

The leader board really has been shaken up this week! It's great to see lots of different classes and names to last week! Well done to all of the winners! Have **you** done enough to become a half-termly winner?

Classes

1st Place – 2B

2nd Place – 6S

3rd Place – 5VT

Individuals

1st Place – Faith, Year 6

2nd Place – Arthur, Year 2

3rd Place – Skye, Year 5

(written by Mrs Smyth)

Spelling Shed

A fantastic performance from Year 5 again this week. Well done – a great effort from both classes this week. 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 – Jonathan, Year 5

2nd Place – Charles, Year 4

3rd Place – James, Year 5

(written by Mrs Cowling)

Morning Drop Offs!

As the term has progressed we have started to see a steady increase in arrival times close to and after 9am. It is so important that we ensure that the children arrive on time so that lessons can begin promptly each day. In light of this, from January 2nd we will be closing the gates at 9am each morning, so if you arrive close to gate closing time, please leave your child at the gate and let them walk in alone. Please could I ask that all children who arrive from 9:00am onwards are dropped off at the school office.

Thank you for your support.

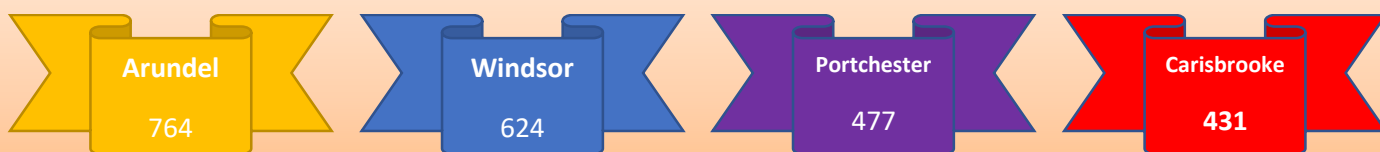
Stella and Harriet

Thank you to Stella and Harriet who have spent hours sorting out the Christmas cards this week. They did an incredible job to ensure all the children in school received their cards.

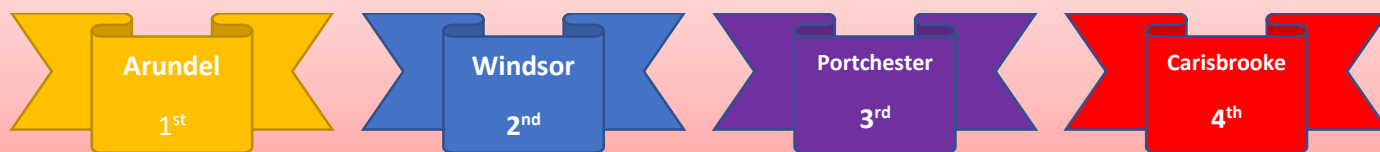
Thank you, girls.



House Points – Week Thirteen



House Points – Termly Position



Jamie Dodson

Headteacher