

Dear Parent/ Carers,

There have been many exciting things going on at school recently, here are the highlights

The Scholars Programme

Last Thursday I had the pleasure of accompanying some of our amazing Year 6 pupils on their trip to Goldsmith's University in London. They were part of a great initiative we have been involved with, called "The Scholars' Programme." The Scholars' programme is available to state schools across England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. It was structured around seven tutorials. Our pupils, were taught in two smaller groups of six by a PhD tutor whilst working towards the completion of a challenging final assignment which was marked and moderated using university grades. This year the subject of the dissertation was analysing famous works of Art. The final essays were of an extremely high standard and many of our pupils gained firsts! The children had an amazing day out and because, due to COVID restrictions parents/carers were unable to attend, they will be receiving their "degrees" in a ceremony at school.



School Street

Cameras have now been installed at the start of the school street and will be going live soon. If you are a blue badge holder please come and see Mrs Aliriza in the office to organise an exemption. We will let all parents know the exact date the cameras go live. We will then no longer be operating the barriers but any vehicle driving through will automatically receive a £60 fine.

Also please be considerate of our neighbours. Please do not park across driveways. Last week a resident couldn't leave her house as a parent blocked her drive. It is not acceptable.

Staff Well being



Thank you to Mrs Coffi who has arranged fabulous music therapy sessions for staff led by the inspirational musician Risenga Makondo. Risenga is a South African performing artist, musician, music teacher and music therapist, who started his international career with the band Amampondo, Nelson Mandela's favourite band, who played at Nelson Mandela's 70th Birthday. It is important for our staff to be able to unwind after a busy week and this is certainly helping us do that!

World Book Day

All of the children and adults at Kingfisher celebrated WBD 2022 in style on Thursday, with a sea of amazing costumes. Just look at this wonderful homemade book fairy costume!

There were lots of fabulous book related events happening throughout the day. Here is a little taste of what we all got up to...

Random Reading:

At various points throughout the day, a hand-bell would ring. When we heard the bell we had to stop what we were doing and read silently for 2 minutes...





Book Swap:

Thank you to all of the children and adults at Kingfisher that donated books for our book swap. The number of donations we had meant that every child could choose a books to take home and keep, so thank you!



Buddy Reading:

Each class from Reception to Year 6 partner with another class from a different Year group. Our younger children got to hear stories read to them by our older children while also showing off their own amazing reading skills. This was an absolute hit and the children really enjoyed it. I am sure we will be doing this again soon!



Fundraising

Ayla Tonbul in Year 4 was a real Force for Positive Change when she suggested to me we raise money to help the paediatric unit at North Middlesex Hospital. On a visit there, Ayla had seen that the toys were very old and broken and wanted to buy the children some new ones. Well thanks to Ayla and your generosity we have raised over £350 for the children in the hospital. Ayla is inspirational, I'm sure you will agree!

The teachers also joined in the fun with many amazing costumes to keep the children amused!



Important dates this term

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
07/03/2022	Year 2 Assembly
07/03/2022	Garnet class hearing test
08/03/2022	Nursery PM Parent consultation from 8:30 – 11:30am
09/03/2022	Year 5 Amethyst Parent consultation from 8:30 – 15:00
10/03/2022	ESTP Debate semi-final
18/03/2022	Red Nose Day
21/03/2022	Year 5 Assembly