

KINGFISHER PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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Key Dates

Tuesday 19th April
Beginning of term 5

2nd May
Bank Holiday

9th– 13th May
KS2 SATs week

16th-27th May
KS1 SATs

Thursday 26th May
Year 4 and 5 Harry Potter Trip

Friday 27th May
End of term 5

Monday 6th June
Beginning of Term 6

6th-10th June
Healthy Living Week

27th June– 7th July
Griffin Arts Festival

Friday 8th July
Staff Inset Day

Term 4 has been such an exciting and busy term. We have celebrated Founders Day, dressed up as characters for World Book Day, had a fantastic science week, been on exciting trips to the Central Theatre, year 5 performed their version of A Midsummer Night's Dream at the Woodville Halls and year 6 have under gone their penultimate mock SATs.

It has been a term that we can reflect on what it means to attend Kingfisher School and to be part of our amazing Griffin Schools Trust.

The children have amazed me with their talent and passion for learning something new. We will always strive to provide our children with opportunities that explore the three pillars of the trust: Wide Horizons, Proud Traditions and High Achievements and for me, term 4 has summed this up completely.

I couldn't be prouder of our Kingfisher family and what they bring to our amazing school each and every day.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Easter break and I look forward to welcoming you all back to term 5 on the 19th April.

Ms Armstrong

Friends of Kingfisher

We are looking to recruit new members to join our friendly group and to develop ways of raising funds for the school. In the past, the PTA have organised school discos, the summer fayre and raffle events and it has enabled the school to create a new library including buying books, purchasing Easter and Christmas gifts for the children and to purchase new wet suits for Foundation Stage. If you would like to be a key member of the new team please come to our coffee afternoon on **Tuesday 26th April at 2pm.**

Follow us online for up to date information about our school and community.



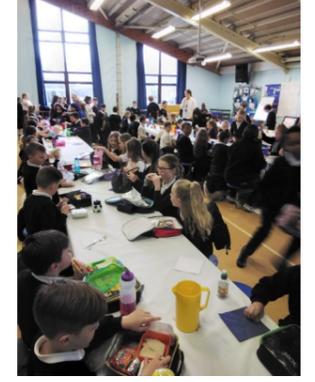
Founders Day

We celebrated Founders Day as a family of Griffin schools on Friday 4th March. It is a day that we reflect on what it means to be a Kingfisher Griffin and to focus on our civic duty of volunteering and giving service to our community. The day was filled with exciting activities to support our fundraising effort, including a sponsored litter pick, car wash and cake sale. All money raised was to support Medway foodbank and The StreetCops.

We shared a communal meal at lunch time and watched a commemorative video looking back at 10 years of Griffin Schools Trust.

We were joined by some special visitors throughout the day; Reverent Filmer, staff from Morrisons, volunteers from Medway litter picking group and in the afternoon we were also joined by our local councillors Gloria and Robbie, who shared an afternoon tea with us. The children got to ask our visitors some questions and to find out ways that all the special groups support our community.

We all had an exciting day and it was lovely being together and sharing our special day.



Science Week

The week of the 14th March marked British Science Week and all the children at Kingfisher joined in with experiments and smashing stereotypes. We also had a science assembly the week before by Pop, Whizz, Bang to introduce our science week.

Science week was an excellent opportunity for our students to explore their curiosity about the world. The theme of growth offered a wide variety of activities for our students to complete, from the small (plant growth) to the bigger picture (can we live on the moon?). Each activity offered a great insight into the scientific world, with students utilising a lot of skills in their scientific toolkit, adapting their mindset to each task. Year 6 particularly loved the opportunity to listen to guest speakers from the Open University; these scientists gave them a real insight into space, particularly looking at the moon and its ability to hold life, and how we ourselves can train to be astronauts. The week itself was incredibly informative and has no doubt planted some seeds of interest in the students which will grow for years to come.



The Arts

We have had a busy few weeks with celebrating music and drama. On Thursday 17th March the Key Stage 2 choir performed at the Central Theatre in Chatham. On Friday 18th March we were back at the Central Theatre with the Key Stage 1 children who also performed the songs they had been learning.

Wednesday 23rd March saw Year 5 perform A Midsummer Night's Dream at the Woodville Halls Theatre in Gravesend. All of the performances were amazing and it was such a pleasure to see the children on stage and performing as a group. A huge congratulations to all the performers who shone as professional and inspirational artists.



iRock

We had our first ever Battle of the Bands on Wednesday 30th March. We enjoyed watching 4 different bands with a mix of singing, drums, guitar and keyboard. The children have been practising in their own bands and performed different songs to the audience. The children have been working on keeping time with each other and playing together as a band. It was such a great opportunity to see what the children have been learning and fantastic to see the children playing different instruments. The parents thoroughly enjoyed watching and supporting their rock stars and the children have learnt new skills. Well done to all of our amazing bands, we can't wait to see your next battle.



A HUGE thank you

I am overwhelmed to announce that the grand total that we raised from our Founders Day fundraising was a staggering £1,200!!! We also collected lots of food and toiletries that are much needed for Medway Foodbank. We look forward to presenting Lorraine from Medway Foodbank with a cheque on Thursday 31st March. We could not have done any of this without your kind generosity. I am confident in saying that this year has been the most successful fundraising event ever and please know that your donations will be put to good use. Incredible cakes were sent in to sell as well as the sponsored litter pick and car wash that the children did. Thank you all so very much. You are AMAZING!



Welcome

We are pleased to introduce Terri Kilcourse, who is our new office receptionist. She has been successfully in post since the end of February and she is doing a fantastic job supporting our busy office. Make sure you pop in and say hi as she would love to meet you all.

We also welcome Mrs Murray who is our new midday supervisor. Mrs Murray can often be seen joining in with football at lunch time and is enjoying getting to know all of our wonderful children at lunch times.



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