

Kingstone and Thruxton Newsletter

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The vibrancy of Year 6's Showcase has been mirrored by lots of other classes this week—a great week! Year 2 are working on developing their painting skills this half-term. They have been colour mixing with the three primary colours to create natural shades for bark and leaves. They have also worked hard to mix colours and create vibrant flowers to decorate their classroom with a beautiful class bouquet.

Year 4 have been working hard on perfecting balances and jumps this week, in PE. It was wonderful to see all the different ways children managed to demonstrate their ideas on a variety of apparatus. Fabulous teamwork was evident as children worked out how to balance with a partner. In science, the children were finding the answer to the question, 'Is there a link between the pitch of a sound and the object that produced it?' To answer the question the children used a glockenspiel and listened to the sound produced by bars of varying lengths. They then went on to play tunes, such as Baa Baa Black Sheep and Twinkle Twinkle Little Star to each other.

As well as all the hard work that takes place in classrooms, we are also on a continual drive for improvement behind the scenes. I'm delighted to say that after many months of work, we have two new projects ready to launch. The first is a redevelopment of The Zone, which will be starting on Monday. For this, we are converting the large space we currently have into three new teaching spaces, which will be so brilliant for us all! We have planned it carefully to minimise disruption, but please note that it will impact on parking at the front of the school. Where possible, we continue to encourage walking to school or lift sharing to minimise the number of cars on site. Whilst we are more fortunate than most schools with our parking provision, I know it gets extremely busy and so thank you in advance for your support and patience whilst we make these exciting changes. The second project is due to begin around Easter, and will see the former pond area at the bottom of the playground transformed into a sensory garden, as planned by the children! I will keep you informed with the progress, but we're really excited to see it come to life soon!



With best wishes for a lovely weekend,

Elissa Vigus
Headteacher

Stars of the Week

Reception - Brody for being a fantastic role model on the carpet, following our behaviour target 'Smart Sitting'.

Matvii for his lovely handwriting when writing about the troll from 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' story.

Year 1 - Morgan for helping his friends when they are stuck with their learning.

Isabelle for painting a beautiful winter scene based on Claude Monet's art.

Year 2 - Lincoln for always showing that he is ready to learn.

Layla for working so hard in her phonics lessons.

Year 3 - Oscar for his determination in Maths and for always being up for a challenge.

Eva for amazing progress in her Reading this week.

Year 4 - Teds for always displaying a mature attitude and super focus in all lessons.

Arnie for always clearly explaining his thinking and volunteering some really interesting ideas in all subjects.

Year 5 - James for great computing skills and helping others.

Angel for great perseverance with tricky concepts in maths.

Year 6 - Mason for not giving up when he found things tricky.

Kyron for great ideas and sentences in English.



Calendar of Events	
JANUARY	
27th	Year 3 Forest School Year 1 PE
28th	Reception PE Year 6 PE
29th	Year 4 Swimming Year 5 PE Netball Tournament Year 5 & 6
30th	Reception Outdoor Learning Year 2 PE Year 3 PE Year 4 PE
31st	Year 5 showcase Athletics Competition Year 5 & 6
FEBRUARY	
3rd-9th	Children's Mental Health Week
4th	Year 4 Cross School Maths Competition

Value This Term

OPTIMISM

—Dalai Lama

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Being late adds up to a loss of learning.

- 5 minutes late = 3 days lost
- 15 minutes late = 2 weeks lost
- 30 minutes late = 4 weeks lost

Today is a great day to learn something new

Good Choice Gordon Award!

This week's winner is.....

Year 2

The winners this week are....

Stanley
Arthur

The Infant winners this week:

Grace
Grace

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

The winners this week are....

Teds
Seb