



NEWSLETTER

The King's C of E Primary School

Encouraging every child to reach their full potential, nurtured and supported in a Christian community, which lives by the values of love, compassion and respect.



13th October 2023

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A Message from Mr Corke

Dear Parents and Carers,

Being a School Community

The King's School is a safe place, and we want it to remain so for everyone in our community.

Unfortunately, there are times when tensions arise - between children and between families - and we act swiftly and extensively to understand them, to address them and resolve them, involving relevant external authorities if necessary.

We know that when tensions become visible to the wider school community this raises concerns and questions for children and parents, which is understandable.

Our top priority is the wellbeing of all children in our care. This includes protecting their privacy and that of their families. We cannot therefore discuss or share information about any individual issue or action being taken. Unfortunately we know there are times when families will experience upset and pressures. It is at this time that I would like to think that as a caring school community we can come together to show understanding - respecting the privacy of others, avoiding speculation and showing empathy for all those who may be experiencing difficulties.

Please know that we are active in maintaining a safe school environment - and that we are grateful for your continued support, role-modelling the expected standards of behaviour in and around our school, and upholding our School Values of love, Compassion and Respect.

School Life

On Monday this week both Years 5 and 6 took part in NSPCC "Speak Out, Stay Safe" workshops in school. They learnt about abuse in all its forms, how to recognise the signs of abuse and that abuse is never a child's fault. They also learnt how they can report abuse if they need to. You might not be aware, but we do have a reporting tool on our website that when clicked on takes you through to the Child Exploitation and Online Protection website. If scroll to the bottom of this King's School webpage, you will see the CEOPs button: <https://www.kings.richmond.sch.uk/page/?title=Safeguarding%2F+Online+Safety&pid=51>

You can find out more about the NSPCC "Speak Out, Stay Safe" programme via this link:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/services/speak-out-stay-safe>

On Tuesday this week we welcomed Reverend Melanie and her new Curate at St Luke's, Reverend Hannah. They spoke to the children about the Parable of the Tenants and how the representation of the tenant farmers was us as humans and that we all have choices we can make, with God giving us the gift of freewill to make those choices.

In our Whole School Worship we spoke about how Jesus showed resilience by spending forty days and forty nights in the desert and how he would have found it easy to give up, but kept going. We watched a video of the boxer Michael Watson who, after having suffered injuries from boxing, completed the London Marathon route in six days by having to walk the distance.

Next Wednesday our Tag Rugby Team are playing at the Borough Tag Festival at Richmond Rugby Club, so we wish them all the best. On Wednesday also, Year 5 are heading to High Ashworth Activity Centre near Dorking for their School Journey. I know they are all very excited and I am very grateful to Ms Carter, Mr Megrah, Ms Morris, Ms Ough, Ms Sesay and Ms Verge for all giving up their time to take the children.

Thank you

Thank you to all the parents who responded to our Communications Survey. We will have a look at the responses and share with you as soon as we can any plans we put together to help improve our communications to you.

Thank you to all the parents and families who have kindly sponsored me in the Cabbage Patch 10 Mile Run this coming Sunday. All the donations are going directly to the PSA, so thank you for your generosity.

It's crunch time in the Rugby World Cup this weekend, so good luck to any of the teams you are supporting!

Have a restful weekend,

Mr Corke – Headteacher Ms Verge – Deputy Head Ms Demir – Assistant Head

Attendance Ratings	w/e 6 th October	w/e 13 th October
Holly	97.40%	97.47%
Willow	98.65%	98.66%
Cherry	94.62%	97.13%
Fir	96.92%	97.09%
Maple	94.47%	94.01%
Oak	99.09%	99.19%
3JB	97.73%	98.02%
3NB	94.82%	95.17%
4ER	96.71%	97.08%
4AC	94.75%	94.76%
5SC	98.21%	98.54%
5AM	96.97%	96.91%
6GD	96.83%	96.96%
6MS	94.48%	94.58%

A message from Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner for England

The Big Ambition, is a new campaign to enable us to hear directly from children, young people, and parents across the country about what they need to make their lives better.

Please take time to complete this survey to ensure children's voices are reflected in the decisions that will affect them in years to come. This is your chance to share your opinions about our schools, communities, family life, and the wider world and also what you want for your future, your hopes, dreams, and aspirations.

This survey is for all children and young people aged 6-18 and for parents/carers who can complete the survey on behalf of children aged 0-5. This will ensure we hear from early years settings. Adults can also assist children who are unable to complete the survey independently.

The survey can be completed here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

Please see The Big Ambition [webpage](#) for more information



Pupil Parliament

On Wednesday 11th October, Mark (6GD) and Demira (6MS) represented The King's School at the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames Pupil Parliament. A huge congratulations to them both for this amazing achievement.

Here is their account of their incredible day...

We travelled to York House, Twickenham for the Richmond Borough Pupil Parliament. When we arrived, we first received blue badges because we were in the blue group and then did some ice breakers (a series of questions you ask another child) to get to know some other children better. There were 62 children at the event from 31 schools across the borough. We then sat down in schools and began our speeches we had prepared; we all had to talk about whether 16 year olds should have the right to vote. We were quite nervous and when our names were called, our stomach did backflips. However, once we had read our speeches, we felt much more relaxed.

Once everyone had read their speech, we voted in our colour groups for one girl and one boy. After lunch break, the Mayor of Richmond Borough arrived and announced the top ten. Unfortunately, neither of us were in the top ten but we were both very proud of ourselves for the speech we delivered. The top ten then had to read their speeches in front of the Mayor!

There were so many great speeches and it was hard to pick our top boy and girl. Whilst we were waiting for the results, we asked the children and the Mayor questions. The top two were then announced and appointed as the Pupil Parliament Mayor (Sammy) and Deputy Mayor (Mabel).

We had such a wonderful day and learnt so much, and even received our very own Pupil Parliament medal. It was such a great opportunity and brilliant to meet the Mayor.

Thank you to our classmates for voting for us at the end of Year 5 and trusting us to represent The King's School.

Christmas Cards

We are taking part in the Arts Projects for Schools Christmas Cards again this year. The children have been busy creating their festive artwork in school. These will be coming home for you to order (along with other delightful items) towards the end of October. Watch this space!

Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Leads: Headteacher – Mr Corke Ms Verge (Deputy Head)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: - Ms Demir (Assistant Head) & Ms Watkinson (Senco)

SPA - If you are concerned about a child's well-being you can make a referral or seek advice from Richmond **Single Point of**

Access - 0208 547 5008

Out of Hours Duty Social Worker - 0208 770 5000

National Domestic Violence Helpline - 0808 2000 247

Safeguarding information on The King's School website:

<https://www.kings.richmond.sch.uk/page/?title=Safeguarding%2F+Online+Safety&pid=51>

EYFS

Sorry, no time to take pictures this week!

Year 1

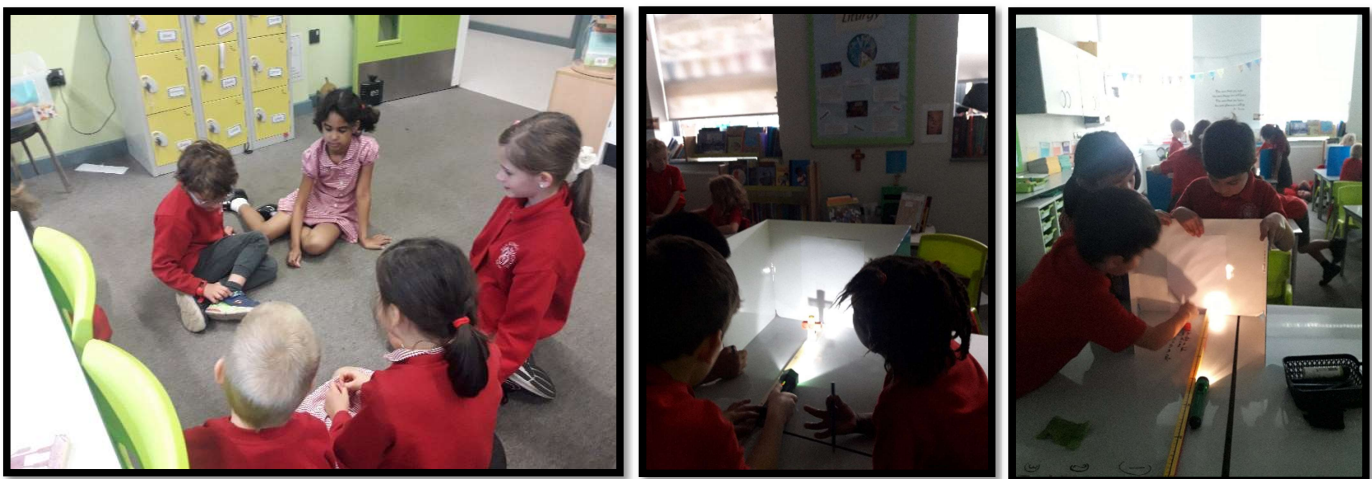
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Year 2



Year 2 have been learning all about Jewish traditions once again and have looked at the festival Sukkot. With the help of one of our lovely parents Lynn Tandler and our amazing caretaker Pawel, who created a Sukkah for us in the playground. The children loved creating their own decorations and learning all about the traditions of this Jewish festival. Lynn gave lots of information about the festival and children really enjoyed their time in the Sukkah.

Year 3



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Year 4



In Art, Year 4 learnt about composition and explored this through paper collage. We cut out different pictures and arranged them to create either an abstract or a figurative piece. Afterwards, the children shared their creations with the rest of the class and thought about what they liked about each other's artwork.

Year 5

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Year 6

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Messages from the School Nursing Team

Measles cases are rising in London. Make sure your child is up to date with their Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccinations.

Measles is highly infectious and can make your child seriously unwell. One in five children who become unwell with measles will require a hospital visit. Make sure your child is protected from becoming seriously unwell.

You can check that your child is up to date with their MMR vaccines in their red book. If your child has missed their first or second dose of the MMR vaccine, contact your GP practice or your [local school age immunisation service team](#) to book an appointment. For more information visit the [NHS website](#)

Covid

Cases seem to be on the increase. The [DfE guidance](#) states that staff who test positive should stay at home for 5 days and children should stay at home for 3 days.

Vaccines remain our best weapon against this virus, so please continue to encourage staff and students to be fully up to date.

Schools should reinforce good hygiene practices and ensure that occupied spaces are well-ventilated. Remote education should be provided for children who test positive but are otherwise well.

Catalytic converter marking event

On Saturday 28th October 2023 at Old Deer Car Park

10:00 - 14:00

To attend this event you are required to pre-book. The contact email is provided at the bottom of this email. Police will mark your catalytic converters free of charge and will also be able to provide helpful crime prevention advice.

When booking you will be required to provide the following details:

- Name
- Address
- Contact phone number
- Email address
- Make and model of the car
- VIN number
- Registration number

Please tell friends and family of this event.

Please Email -alexander.giddings@met.police.uk to book your appointment.

