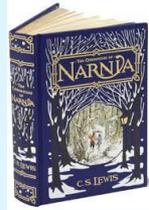


What a wintry week to start December! We have had a chilly but productive time at Kingswode Hoe, with pupils still getting outdoors and achieving both in and out of school. It is super to see some individual certificates that pupils should be very proud of on page 4 as well as our weekly credit, reading eggs and athletics champions celebrated as part of our Friday assembly.

Orchard's class assembly marking the birth date of C.S. Lewis on 29 November showed us some budding creative writers. It has been wonderful to have a special focus on reading across the school this week and see how pupils are engaging with our whole school reading strategy:

- Learning to read
- Reading for pleasure
- Reading for purpose



I have had a query about why our newsletter pictures are not crystal clear so you can see pupil faces. Our newsletters are shared widely and published on our website but not all pupils have permission to be photographed and shared in this way for their own safety. We do not want any pupil activities or achievements being left out and therefore add an artistic effect to all of our pictures. We hope you understand the importance of this for safeguarding and inclusion.

However, staff regularly share individual photographs and evidence of pupils via our secure Evidence for Learning assessment system that parents and carers can log into and see. Please let us know if you need any help to access or reset your log in details to be able to see what pupils have been doing in school.



Special thanks for our kind parent donation of a beautiful natural Christmas tree that will be decorated by our highest credit earners next week for everyone to enjoy!



*Word of the week:*  
**Reading**



**READ**

*Secondary hand held open with palm facing signer. Primary hand with index and middle fingers extended ('V' shape) makes a zig-zag motion above secondary hand.*

# Highlights this week...

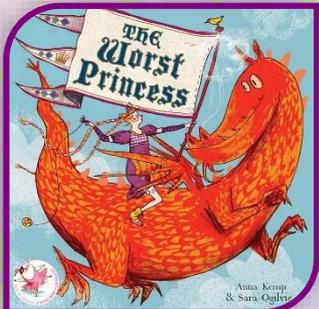


Acorn baked stain glass cookies decorations this week, some super engagement and outcomes!

Pupils across the school have been busy drawing staff members to feature on the KHS website. Do you recognise the members of staff?



Acorn enjoyed making their Knights in Art based on the story 'The Worst Princess'



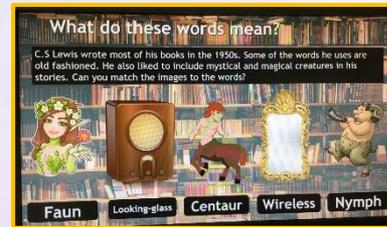
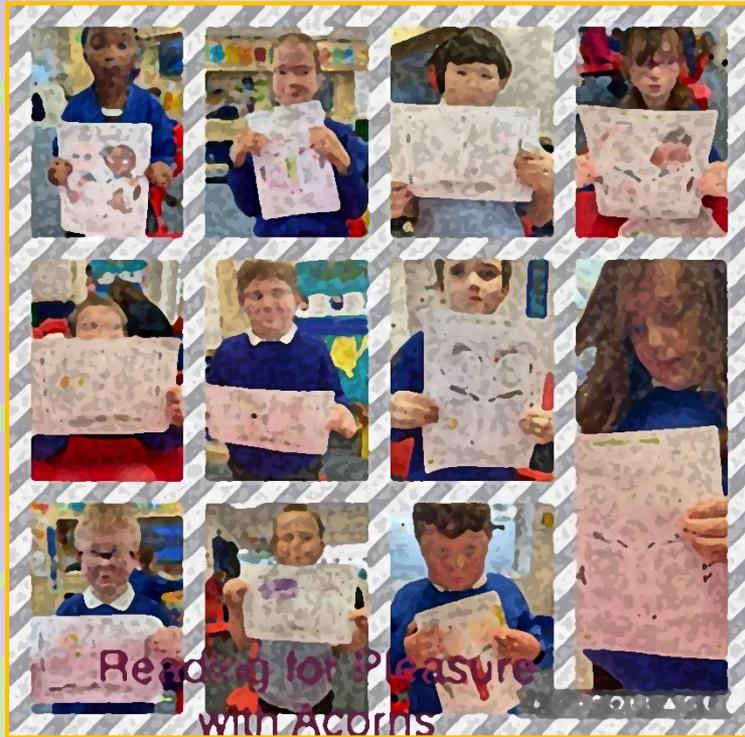
Birch pupils made fresh lemonade!



We looked at reading across the school this week, visiting sessions with pupils learning to read and practising their phonics as well as reading and listening to stories by a range of different authors.

I liked it when we read 'The Witches' by Roald Dahl  
*Orchard pupil*

My favourite book is Room on the Broom  
*Acorn pupil*



To mark the birth date of a very famous British writer, C.S.Lewis, author of The Chronicles of Narnia, Orchard class created a special assembly talking to the whole school on Teams about some of their own creative writing ideas.



It has been super to hear some pupil thoughts about reading at Kingswode Hoe!

We use a dictionary to check our words  
*Maple pupil*

It helps when we sound out letters  
*Oak pupil*



# ACHIEVEMENTS



Daniel in Year 10 produced a fantastic drawing of the 'Christmas Coca Cola Lorry'. He felt extremely proud of his drawing- Well done Daniel!



Congratulations to Alec in Year 7 for completing his stage two and stage 3 silver Rookie Lifeguard awards- Fantastic achievement!



A big well done to Matthew in Year 10 for completing level 6 in the Rockhopper swimming programme- Super achievement!



# ACTIVE LEARNING



Pupils have been introduced to Goalball in their PE lessons.

Goalball is a fast paced, action packed, 3-a-side indoor game of attack and defence designed for people who are blind and partially sighted. To find out more:

Visit <https://goalballuk.com>

You can also visit <https://www.activityalliance.org.uk>.

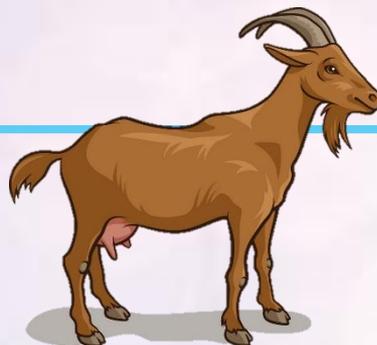
The national charity and leading voice for disabled people in sport and activity.

# OUTDOOR LEARNING



This week, Spinney pupils were introduced to a new initiative. The aim was to assist the Countryside Ranger with woodland management in The (actual) Spinney opposite Kingswode Hoe School.

Pupils demonstrated great teamwork and were able to identify non-native Holm Oak and Sycamore saplings.



This week, it was all about the goats down on the farm.

First, pupils gathered leafy twigs and brambles using a variety of garden tools.

Next, the goats were served with their fresh tasty treats, which they gratefully devoured.





Oak class learning and developing play skills and interaction at Forest School this week

Maple class finding fun in the forest



Acorn class enjoying relaxation and playing together

**FOCUS ON...  
FOREST SCHOOL**

# COVID-19 UPDATE

Government guidelines have now changed in relation to the Omicron variant and rising cases. We continue to review our risk assessment and end of term activities in light of this.

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>



Please let us know if you need more home testing LFT kits.

We do note this every week but genuinely greatly appreciate support from parents and carers who regularly test pupils and continue to monitor pupils for main symptoms.



Click on the image for guidance leaflet about the benefit of regular testing

If you need more home test kits, get in touch

Email Mrs Constantine or Mr Lee at [covid@kingswodehoe.com](mailto:covid@kingswodehoe.com) out of hours with any updates.

Please be aware we have had some concerns raised recently about pupil Youtube channels and activity. Some have mentioned a short horror video called 'Siren Head' and we have sent a poster out with the newsletter this week with some tips from National Online Safety to support parents and carers if pupils are accessing Youtube which has a 13+ rating.

## Parents Guide Youtube

There is a Youtube kids channel specifically aimed at younger pupils:



"YouTube Kids was created to give children a more contained environment that makes it simpler and more fun for them to explore on their own, and easier for parents and caregivers to guide their journey as they discover new and exciting interests along the way."

<https://www.youtube.com/kids/>

ONLINE SAFETY

# Tips for making “healthier” Christmas cookies

- 1 egg
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ¼ cup treacle
- ¼ cup almond butter
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons applesauce
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons allspice
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 ¼ cup all purpose flour
- ½ cup wheat flour

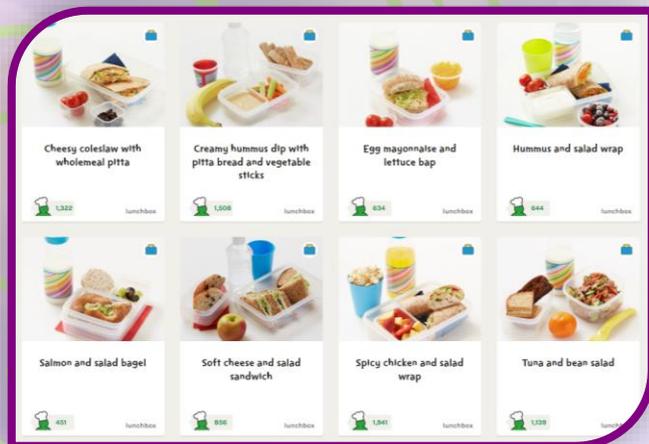


Key to allergens in menu items:

- Milk **M**
- Fish **F**
- Soya **So**
- Gluten **G**
- Sulphites **S**
- Celery **C**
- Egg **E**
- Mustard **Mu**

For more healthier alternative recipes, visit

<https://www.acouplecooks.com/soft-gingerbread-cookies-healthy-christmas-cookies/>



Kingswode Hoe School  
Autumn Term Lunch Menu

Week 3 15 November, 6 December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No Meat Monday	Sausages <b>S</b>	Chicken Pie <b>G M</b>	Roast Pork Yorkshire Pudding	Battered Fish
Pizza <b>G M</b>	Vegetarian Sausages <b>G</b>	Cheese & Onion Quiche <b>G E M</b>	<b>G E M</b>	<b>G F</b>
Sweetcorn	Diced Potatoes	Homemade Bread <b>G M</b>	Vegetable Strudel	Tortilla Boats <b>G E M</b>
Coleslaw <b>M Mu</b>	Beans	Broccoli	Roast Potatoes Cabbage Carrots Peas	Chips Baked Beans Peas
Pasta Salad <b>G</b>	Sweetcorn	Green Beans	Fruit Muffins	Flapjack
Ice Cream Roll <b>G E M</b>	Rice Pudding <b>M</b>	Angel Delight <b>M</b>	<b>G E M</b>	<b>G M</b>
			NO BAGUETTES	NO BAGUETTES

Available daily:  
Fresh wholemeal bread, salad, fresh fruit, yoghurt, fresh milk & water

Visit <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes> for healthier lunch box alternatives

Don't forget to wrap up warm! Pupils need named coats, hats and gloves



Great to see some of our Upper School pupils signing up for Stir Fry Credit time again this week!



### DIARY DATES

Christmas timetable starts:  
Monday 13 December

**Christmas Break:**

Friday 17 December- Monday 3 January 2021  
inclusive



## Coming up...

Themes this half term:

Week beginning	Theme- linked to six outcomes/world events
	Community & Wider World: Remembrance
	Identity & Self-Expression: Children in Need & Anti-Bullying week
	Resilience & Independence: Road Safety
	Reading for pleasure: C. S. Lewis
6/11/21	Community & Wider World: St Nicholas Day
13/11/21	The Nativity

