



VIP visitors in school this week!

We have welcomed Spring and some more sunshine this week, as well as Ofsted inspectors and Nellie again! Thank you to all the parents and carers who took time to complete feedback on Parent View and to our pupils and staff who have continued 'business as usual' but have been able to share some of their work, views and curriculum opportunities as part of the inspection.

Special mention to Rendlesham group for their class assembly and Year 10 pupils who received a response to their letter from our local MP, Will Quince, about the importance of this campaign and taking care of our environment. Find out more on page 2.

SEAX Trust CEO, Ruth Sturdy, has completed our introduction this week and I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the Trust for their continued support for us as a school.

"It has been an absolute pleasure to have been able to spend two full days at Kingswode Hoe this week. I have been so impressed by the way staff work incredibly hard to ensure that all our pupils have great opportunities and I have loved meeting pupils and talking to them about their work. Having coffee made by our very own baristas was an absolute treat! The boys who welcomed me, took my order, made the coffee and washed up afterwards are a credit to the school and to their families. Coming to Kingswode Hoe is a boost of positivity and I am so proud that the school is part of the SEAX family."

We wish everyone a wonderful weekend.

Word of the week:



ENVIRONMENT

Flat primary hand makes a horizontal circle around upward pointing index finger of secondary hand.

Meaning: all the things together that surround animals and humans in the natural world, including the air, the water, and the soil

Related words:

pollution, conservation, forest, health, politics, technology



Show the love campaign



The Earth is resilient but we still have to #ShowTheLove



This week, our year 10s were able to showcase the wonderful work they have been doing in their science lessons via our weekly whole school assembly. We previously shared the #ShowTheLove campaign details with you, and we wanted to let you how we got on. As well as learning about climate change and pollution, our year 10's decided to share their concerns with our local MP Will Quince. We were extremely excited to receive a reply from him thanking us for taking the time to write to him with our views.

WILL QUINCE MP



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18 March 2022

Dear Year 10,

Re: Plastic waste and climate change

Thank you for taking the time to write to me about plastic waste and climate change.

I think it is fantastic that at such a young age you are so incredibly passionate about the issues of plastic waste, climate change and the issues facing our planet.

It was encouraging to hear that you all recycle plastics and arrange litter picks and regularly visit the beautiful country parks and outside spaces we have in our area such as Highwoods Country Park, Cymbeline Meadow and Hilly Fields. I completely agree that we all have our part to play in making a change.

The Government recently created a 25-Year Plan to Improve the Environment. This plan sets the long-term approach to protecting and enhancing the environment in England so young people like you can enjoy it in the future. It will help make our water and air cleaner, and create more areas for plants and animals to live.

The UK's world-leading ban on microbeads will help stop potentially billions of tiny pieces of plastic from entering the aquatic environment every year. As well as this, since the introduction of the plastic bag charge, the average person in England now buys just four single-use carrier bags a year from the main supermarkets, compared with 140 in 2014. I am also glad that a ban on the supply of drinks stirrers, cotton buds and plastic straws (excluding those needed for medical purposes) came into force in October 2020.

Ministers are also looking at other ways the Government can change the way we manage waste in the UK. They are looking at the possibility of introducing a deposit return scheme for drinks containers and asking those who make waste to take more responsibility for items that can be harder or costly to recycle, including polystyrene, electrical goods and batteries.

Finally, from April 2022, a Plastic Packaging Tax will be paid by manufacturers and importers of plastic packaging that contains less than 30 per cent recycled plastic.

Thank you for taking the time to contact me and keep up the good work!

Yours sincerely

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What do the green hearts mean?

A COUNTRY OF GREEN HEARTS

Climate change doesn't care about our differences, and that's why people here in the UK and across the world are putting them aside and doing what we can to tackle climate change and protect what we love.

This February, we showed we truly are a country of green hearts. Thank you for joining us to Show The Love for everything we want to protect from the worst impacts of climate change.

From local community groups to schools to churches, we've seen people from all walks of life using the power of green hearts to show decision makers that we want to see urgent and decisive action to tackle climate change for the love of our families, homes and livelihoods.

Together, we sent a powerful message to those in power that we want to see a greener, safer future for generations to come.

Spring

Spring appears in
whispers
And hushed tones
As the bellowing
winter bows away.

Drowsy flowers come
to attention,
Waking from their
sleep-
Yawning;
With heads turned
upward towards
The Maestro called
Sun-
I watch with
anticipation as...
The concert begins.

Anon



Poetry CORNER

Spring is budding green joy
fresh breeze and sunshine
birds singing
water running
children sloshing through puddles
on the sidewalk

Spring breathes anticipation
green shoots sprouting from the earth
unfurling into flowers
the sweet scent of hyacinths
a baby bird learning how to fly

Spring sweeps the dust out of our corners
as we wake up
as we look and listen
to the promise of a morning sunrise
to joy unfolding
to a glowing new life

— Carole Mullen

World Meteorological Day 23 March

Every year on 23 March, meteorologists and weather and climate enthusiasts throughout the world celebrate World Meteorological Day, a holiday of the United Nation's World Meteorological Organization.

Weather is in the atmosphere.

The blanket of air around the earth is called the **atmosphere**. All our weather happens in the bottom layer of the atmosphere called the **troposphere**, which is six to ten miles thick.

What is Meteorology?

Meteorology is the study of the changes in temperature, air pressure, moisture, and wind direction in the troposphere..

Why do we have weather?

The main reason we have weather is the sun. Weather systems start because the sun's energy heats up some parts of Earth more than others.

What creates variations in temperature and air pressure and winds?

Land heats up faster than water, thus the temperature differences between oceans and continents. This unequal heating creates variations in temperature and air pressure and winds (also ocean currents).

The weather



COMPOUND WORDS

Some weather words are made of two words put together e.g.,
sunshine and raindrops.

Pupils have been challenged to think of compound weather words this week...how many can you think of at home?

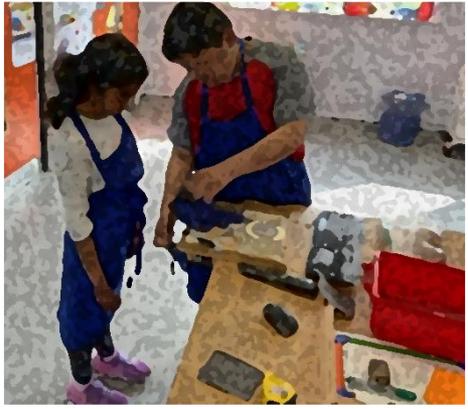


Interesting Fact

Autumn 2000 was the wettest since records began in 1766, with a total of 503 millimetres of rainfall for September, October and November.

HIGHLIGHTS

Acorn class have been learning about the dentist



Orchard pupils showed excellent team work in the workshop



Year 8 pupils applied their cut and paste skills in computing



**RED
NOSE
DAY**

Year 9 followed instructions to create a clown picture in their literacy session on Red Nose Day

LIFE SKILLS



Bus Stop

Year 10 pupils went on a walk to focus on reading bus timetables and road safety as part of their EHCP target lesson.



Our work experience group at Tesco were able to work in the online shopping department this week.

They had to collect trolleys from the warehouse, take them onto the shop floor and find the items detailed on the handheld scanners, then return them to the warehouse ready to be loaded onto the lorries for home delivery.



TESCO



Year 10 saved their money and made hand sewn lavender cushions as special gifts.

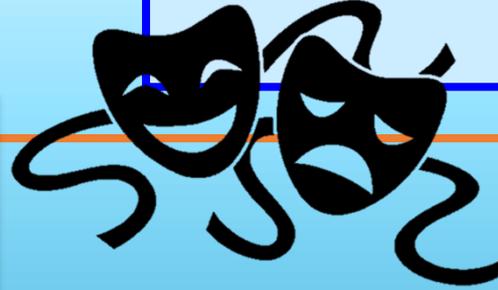


ARTS AWARD

Y11 Arts Award pupils have been busy this week. Bradley completed his skill share as part of his Bronze Arts Award by teaching Hannah how to play 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star' on the keyboard.

Meanwhile, Kelly, Katelynn, Bobbie and Lavinia continued to work on their personal arts challenges for their Silver Arts Award.

Great work everyone!





COOKING



Acorn started making peppermint creams ready to decorate with dark chocolate ... look at the fantastic outcomes from Year 10 too!



Year 7 made fresh lemonade, perfect weather for it!

Year 9 pupils made Spanish Omelettes



Year 10 Life Skills group used potato peelers and mashers to make mash.



Year 11 made tortilla pizzas via an Instagram lesson with Tom Kerridge.

Evidence for Learning



<https://web.evidenceforlearning.net/efl/>

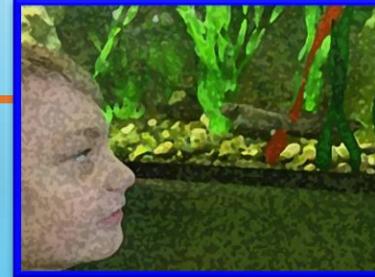
EVIDENCE
FOR LEARNING



Esme wanted to show her birthday cake she baked with her family- this is incredible!



Riley wanted to share a photo of him and his dog!



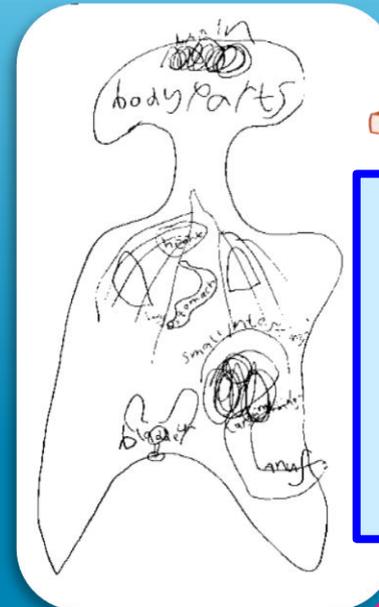
He also found a new pet!



Everyone meet Rosie, Colby's new dog- How cute!



Charlie had fun in the sun building sandcastles



Curtis decided to draw this picture at home and label the internal organs after learning about them at school... Fantastic memory Curtis!



COVID GUIDANCE REMAINS THE SAME THIS WEEK!

Current isolation advice

We continue to have some staff and pupil cases in school so appreciate support to continue testing at home

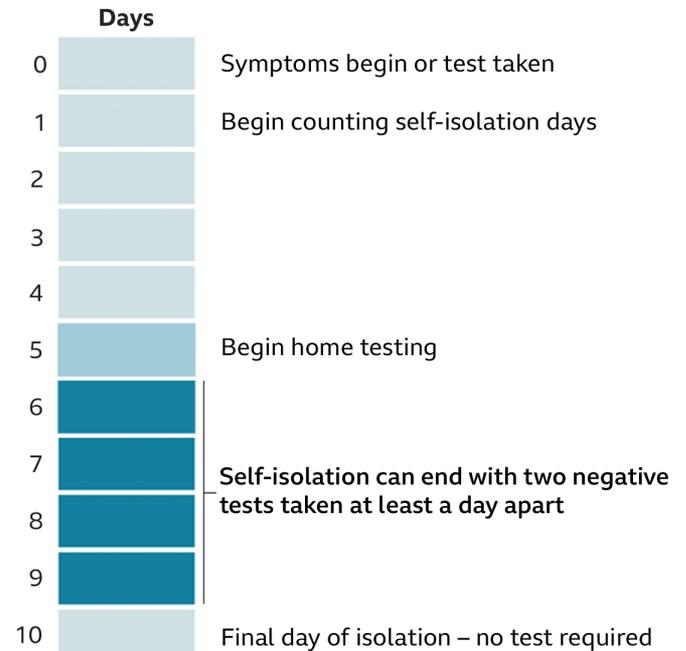
If your child has a positive test, or has symptoms of Covid-19, then the advice is:

- Children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious.
- They should take an LFD test from five days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day.
- If both test results are negative, they should return to their educational setting, if they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.

Children and young people who usually attend an education or childcare setting and who live with someone who has COVID-19 should continue to attend the setting as normal.

Current five-day isolation rule

How five-day isolation rule works in England



Source: NHS



Please continue to check government websites for the latest information:

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

[Click for vaccination information](#)

DIY lunch tray

Let your little ones get stuck in to some easy finger food with this **DIY dips and crudité's lunchbox**. Letting them choose their favourite vegetables and crackers will help them feel involved and get excited by their lunch; you could try oat cakes or rice crackers, cherry tomatoes, sugarsnaps or celery, and even add your own **homemade dip** if you have the time.



Lunchbox idea of the week!



For more tips and tricks, visit <https://realfood.tesco.com/curatedlist/lunchbox-ideas-for-kids.html>

Key to allergens in menu items:

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



Kingswode Hoe School Spring Term Lunch Menu				
Week 1				28 March
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No Meat Monday	BBQ Meatball Subs C G So M	Beef Chilli & Nachos	Roast Gammon & Yorkshire Pudding G E M	Chicken Burgers G
Macaroni Cheese G M	Beans & Cheeses Subs M G	Vegetable Lasagne G M	Vegetable Loaf C	Vegetarian Burgers G So
Cheese & Tomato Pasta G M	Coleslaw Salad E	Rice	Carrots	Chips Baked Beans Peas
Garlic Bread G E M	Fluffy Jelly M	Green Beans	Sweetcorn	Fruit Lollies
Sweetcorn Salad		Fruit Salad	Jelly	
Apple Pie & Cream G M S			Cookies G E M	
			NO BAGUETTES	NO BAGUETTES
Available daily: Fresh wholemeal bread, salad, fresh fruit, yogurt, Fresh milk & water				

Kingswode Hoe School
What we plant today,
we grow tomorrow



DIARY DATES



Easter Holiday dates:
4 - 18 April

Back to school on Tuesday 19 April

Year 9 Pathways information evening
Thursday 21 April
4.00-5.30pm

HPV Catch up vaccinations Years 9-11: (year 11 girls only)
On 1 April
DTP/Meningitis ACWY Year 9: 19 May
HPV 1st vaccine 8 July

Final day for Year 11: Friday 1 July 2022

RESIDENTIAL DATES

Thorrington Camp 4 - 6 May Year 7
Letton Hall 24 -27 May Year 9
Leiston 6 - 10 June Year 10
Rendlesham Forest Camping 22 - 24 June DofE Group
Thorrington Camp 12 - 14 July Year 8

Coming up...

Themes this half term:

Week beginning	Theme linked to six outcomes & world events
	Employability: Kingswode Hoe Shop
	Accreditation: Reading/World Book Day-The Nest
	Community & Wider World: People who help us
	Health, Lifestyle & Wellbeing: Comic Relief Mindfulness
	Resilience & Independence: Our Environment DofE #ShowTheLove
28 March	Identity & Self-Expression: Arts Award Sharing



