

Autumn Term



Highlights
Kingswode Hoe School

What we plant today, we grow tomorrow



Still standing tall!

Although summer seems a long time ago now, sunflowers still remind us of the strength shown by staff and pupils since our full return to school in September.

We have been continually reviewing our safety routines and pupils have coped very well, on the whole, with the changes we have had to make along the way.

Our main messages are still about handwashing and hygiene:

Welcome
Wave
Wash!

Also very important are our positive reminders to keep distance and hands to ourselves:

Space=Safe

Sunflowers symbolise happiness, positivity and strength. Standing tall and always facing the light, these beautiful giants inspire us daily.



Pupils return to school on **Monday 2 November**

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Transition curriculum

Week 1 7/9/20 Welcome back

Day	Theme
Mon	Safe at school Hand washing and hygiene Bear story Games- how to play
Tues	Bounce Back Pebble project
Wed	Moving on All about me- pupil passports Y9 options
Thurs	Communication Good luck Y11/staff Online safety
Fri	Looking ahead Goals for the year 2021 Calendar Postcard home

Week 2 14/9/20 New beginnings

Day	Theme
Mon	What we plant today Sunflowers
Tues	Trees New class identity Class story Literacy + baseline
Wed	What's the time Mr Wolf? Numeracy baseline + maths
Thurs	Resilience + fitness Challenge day- PE kit Remote learning session
Fri	Let's go fly a kite Making/creative day

Our transition weeks at the start of term helped pupils to settle back in...

Pupils make flying start to the new year with amazing kite day!

Enthusiastic learners took to the skies in their groups when the whole school participated in an active kite workshop day at Kingswode House School. This special day marked the end of their transition fortnight designed to welcome pupils back to school at the start of this extraordinary term. Pupils from the primary classes, key stage three and the eldest children in key stage four all carefully designed and made colourful and eye-catching kites which they enjoyed flying in perfect windy weather conditions.



This special day, which was an initiative brought to life to showcase differentiation and diversity in the school, inspired by a kite project with key worker and vulnerable children in school during lock down, challenged pupils to be active and individual in their learning.

The project leader said “I wanted all the children to really work through their ideas for using colour and shapes before creating their chosen designs.” Staff took part in a demonstration as part of our school development carousel to ensure they were well prepared to model how to make the kites with their groups. Kites were created using a wide range of media, such as tissue paper, computer aided design, and colouring materials.

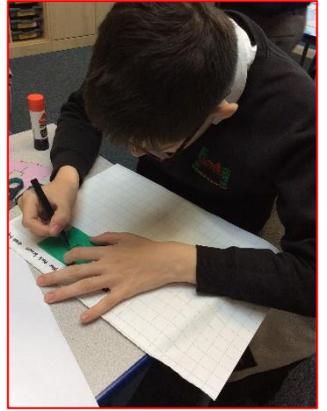
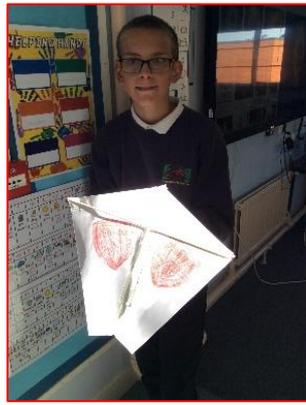
One pupil commented that they wanted to be a “kite flier” when they grew up. Several pupils were heard to say that they couldn’t wait to fly their kites when they got home.

The resources for this event can be accessed on the Online Learning Platform via the KHS and SEAX website.

This has also led to the Year 11 Graphics pupils creating designs for kites that they have involved the whole school in adding their ‘likes’ to with an outdoor pop up gallery.



Kite Day



Whole School Pebble project



As part of our transition timetable, pupils took part in an activity day. The activities ranged from an assault course to table tennis to hockey.

Each pupil had the opportunity to get active and moving whilst trying out new sports for the first time.

As ever, in true Kingswode Hoe spirit, the pupils gave everything their full effort and attention, supporting each other and creating a sporting atmosphere for all the activities.

Recently, we've started to move to a sporting timetable with some necessary safety restrictions, where we offer some of our regular sports to the pupils, but in much smaller groups. The pupils have been outstanding in their acceptance of these adjustments and are immersing themselves fully into their lessons.

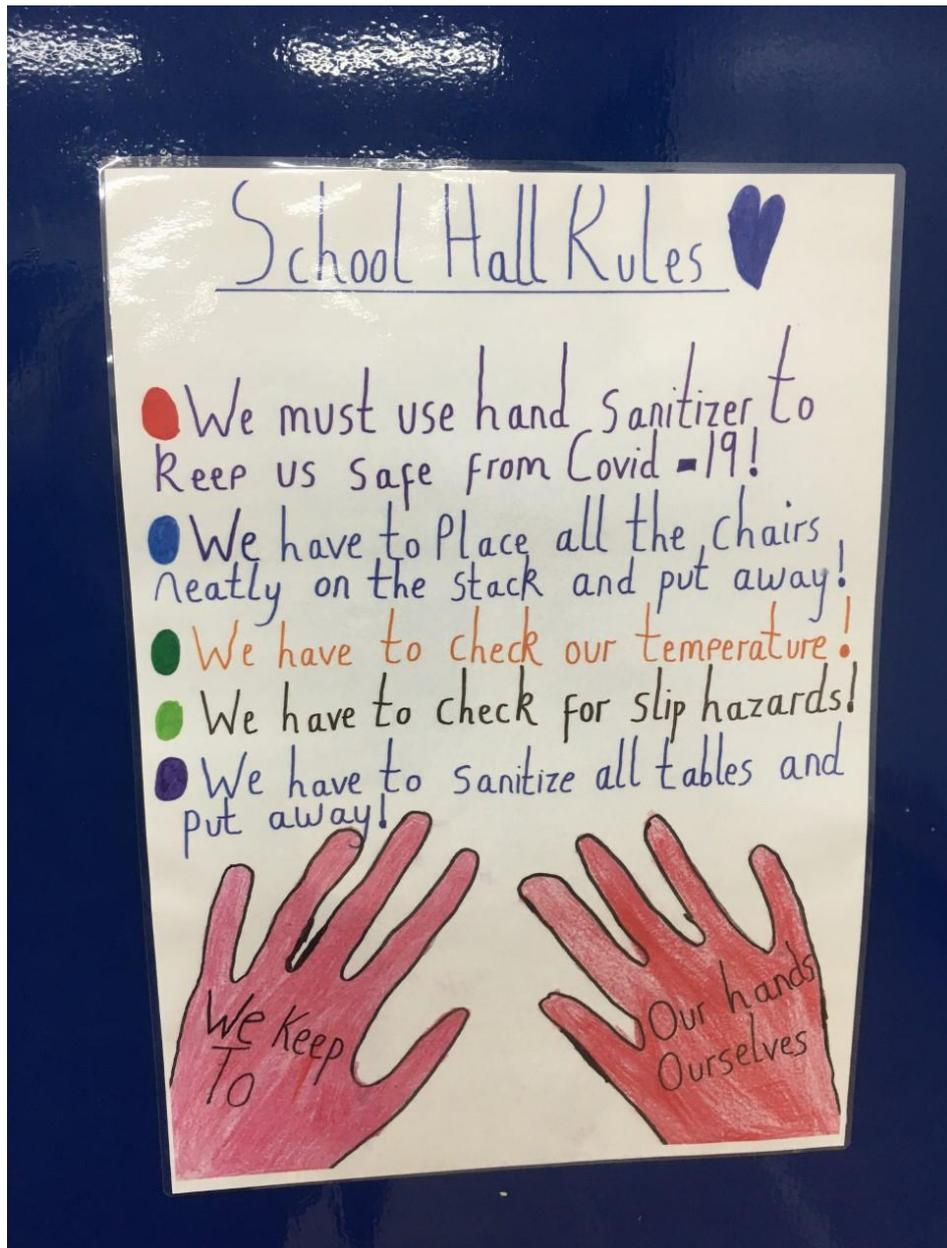
I hope all pupils, parents and carers are able to stay active over the half term break where possible as we know how good exercise and activity can be for our bodies, both inside and out.

Have a healthy week- stay safe and healthy.

Mr Govia

PE and Duke of Edinburgh at KHS



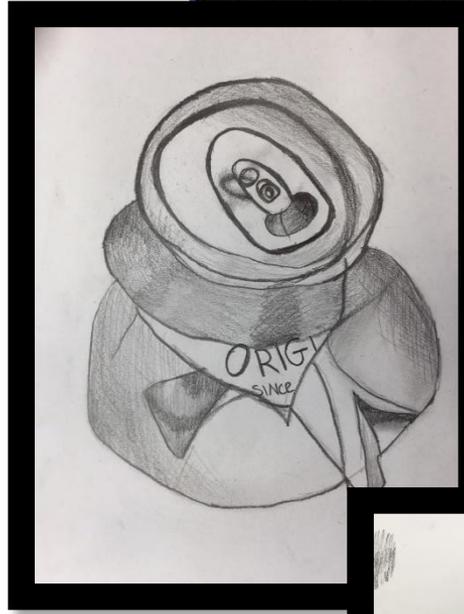
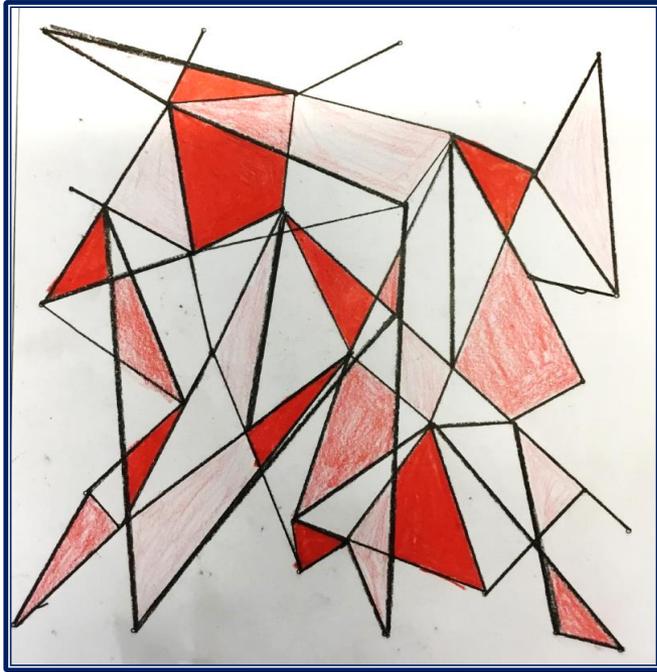


Primary pupils enjoy parachute games

Since Monday 28 September, all pupils have resumed their wider timetable, with some restrictions in place for safety.

They have established new routines and enjoyed focusing on different areas of the curriculum.

Amazing art work



Drawing from Observation

PIC-COLLAGE



As part of our usual curriculum, it has been wonderful to see pupils in primary and Year 7 returning to the Spinney for Forest School sessions.



Themes this half term

We have held remote assemblies via Teams and discussed ways to keep safe over half term in our form groups at tutor time.



Think Safety. Act Safely.



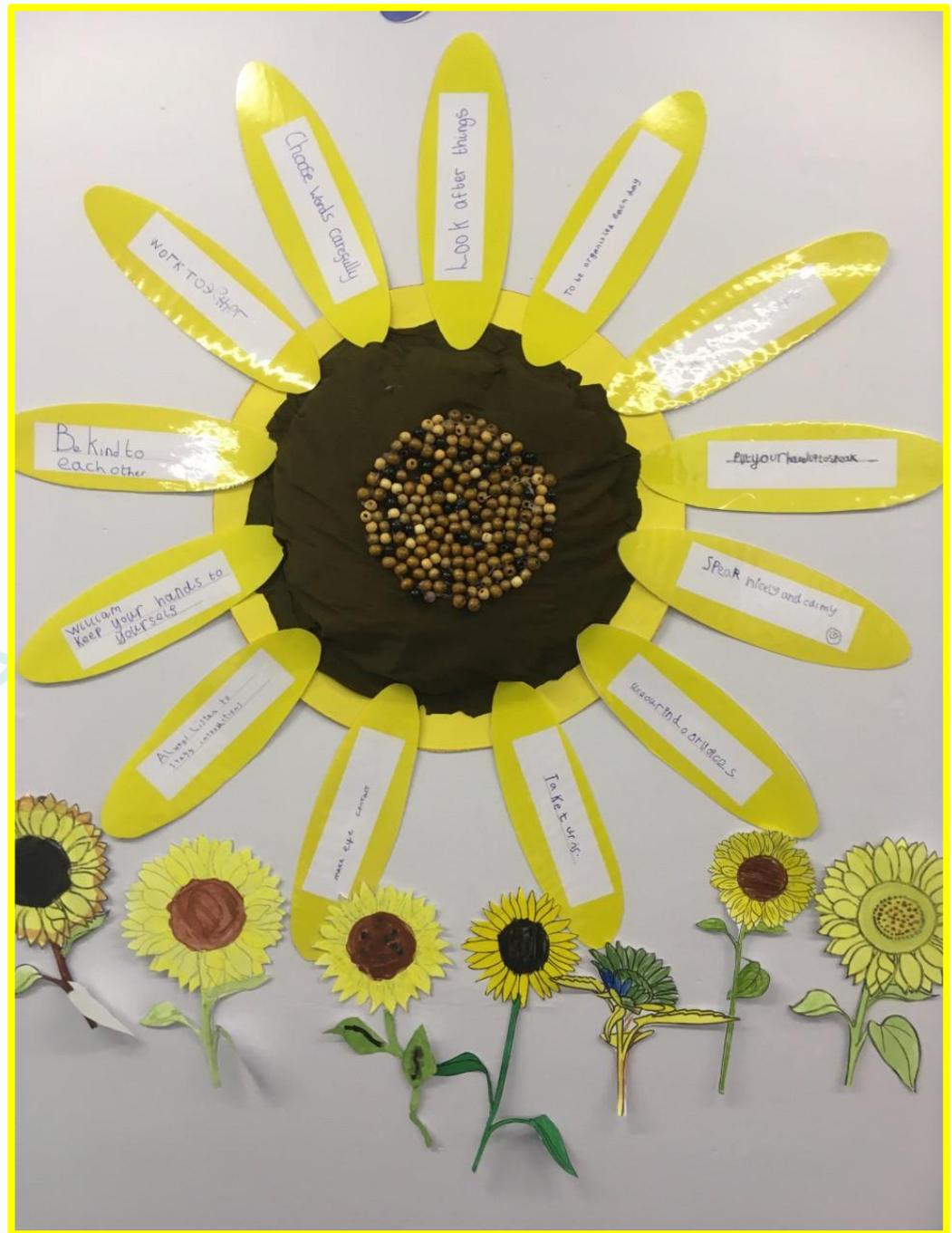
We marked World Mental Health Day on 10 October by thinking about how to take care of ourselves and each other.

We have thought about ways we can be kind to ourselves and others and will be focusing on our health after half term.



Some ways that Orchard class help take care of themselves and others:

- ✓ Take turns
- ✓ Work together
- ✓ Choose words carefully
- ✓ Look after things
- ✓ Be kind to each other
- ✓ Speak nice and calmly
- ✓ Keep hands to ourselves



IMPORTANT- Be aware

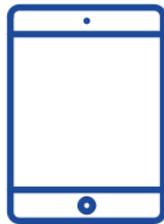
High touch/items from home

Pupils **MUST** limit things they bring in from home and keep personal items in bags or hand in to be kept in plastic bags

Phones



iPads or devices



Earphones



Coats and hoodies



**ALL  ON
SAFETY**

Please support us in school by making sure that pupils wear uniform provided and **limit items to essentials** (water bottles, lunch packs, planners)
They are asked to put other items from home away

What are the symptoms of coronavirus?

The symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are usually mild, but some people can become very unwell.

Main symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms.

During term time, ring us immediately and ask to speak to Mrs Constantine or Mr Lee about any Covid- related absence. Keep us informed about symptoms/cases over half term by emailing office@kingswodehoe.com

Temperatures will be checked on arrival each day as a precaution

Please keep pupils at home and take advice if they, or a member of your household are showing any symptoms



Please talk to us not to other pupils or parents so that we can manage communication about any cases- thank you for help with this



➤ Our aim is to manage the risks and mitigate the chances of a Covid -19 outbreak in any of our academies. We will do all we can to keep our academies open, however, special schools are not islands separate from the communities their students and staff belong to, so we know that there are risks that any of our academies may have an outbreak of Covid-19 cases and we need to be prepared if this is the case. Our aim is always to stay open and if this is not possible for a period of time, to provide an education that continues to meet the needs of our young people and to support their families until we can welcome our young people back.





There has been lots of change this half term. It has been a challenge, but also wonderful to work with our pupils and support them to grow.

Thank you for your help to ensure our staff and pupils are as safe as possible- we do appreciate that this is not always easy.

Pupils have brought home planners with log in details and a plastic wallet with some work that they would be able to complete at home if needed. We do not have updated guidance beyond the Tier 2 Essex restrictions which do not currently change the way we work in school after half term, but we will continue to send out guidance if there are any updates over the break.

Take care and stay well