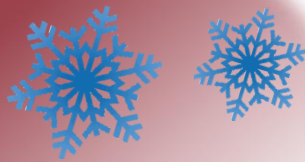


KHS Newsletter



End of Term Events

Thurs 13 Dec - All pupils at St Mary's School for Arts Festival Rehearsal.

Fri 14 Dec - All pupils at St Mary's School for Arts Festival Production 11am & 1pm

Mon 17 Dec - Year 9 Colchester Bowling Trip

Tues 18 Dec - Year 10 & 11 Clacton Bowling Trip

Wed 19 Dec - Christmas Lunch

Thurs 20 Dec - Carol Service 1.15pm

Fri 21 Dec - Last day finishing at 1.00pm

Happy Christmas

SCHOOL NEWS

As another busy and eventful term draws to a close, we are looking forward to Christmas festivities and school traditions. The Arts Festival Christmas production will be a particular highlight as we celebrate 60 years since Kingswode Hoe became a school and mark this special occasion.

We have devoted staff training time to our focus on teaching, learning and assessment so far this year. Along with our six outcomes, a particular emphasis on active learning has ensured that pupils are engaged in activities that help to prepare and equip them for real world challenges.

See our new pictures on the back page that are now on display in reception for more details.

We were delighted to welcome many parents and carers to our open evening in October, year 10 skills afternoon tea, EHCP review meetings and to see many ex-Y11 pupils at our special leavers' evening in November.

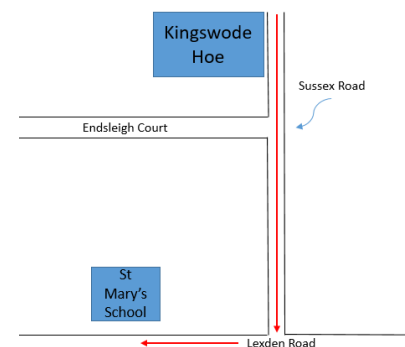
Pupils have enjoyed fundraising for; the local foodbank and soup kitchen as part of Harvest Festival, Remembrance in this important centenary year and Children in Need. They have benefitted from many trips and curriculum visits. Primary, Y7 and Y8 were an excited audience for the pantomime, further extending our link with the Mercury Theatre. Y9, Y10 and Y11 are looking forward to their bowling excursions next week.

Christmas Arts Festival at St Mary's School

60 Years of Kingswode Hoe

The Arts Festival is being held at **St Mary's School** this year to enable more people to watch the performances.

St Mary's School is on Lexden Road, round the corner from Kingswode Hoe (approx. 7 minute walk). If attending, please park respectfully.



We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Christmas, a very enjoyable festive break and look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year.

Mrs E. Drake and Mrs A. Constantine

Kingswode Hoe School
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What we plant today, we grow tomorrow



Important dates in the Spring term



Mon 7 Jan - Spring Term Begins

Thurs 24 Jan - KS4 Progress Evening

18-22 Feb - Half Term

Mon 25 Feb - Non Pupil Day

Fri 5 April - Spring Term ends:
Easter break

Switch off Fortnight

Pupils and staff took part in Switch Off Fortnight in November. The focus was to save energy around the school to help our environment. It was lovely to see so many pupils get so involved. The classes also completed an Energy Audit for their classroom which helped measure the impact of the campaign. Not only was this exercise a fantastic reminder to save energy where possible, it also contributes to the Eco Schools Silver Award we are working towards.



Remembrance 1918-2018

Pupils learnt about the importance of remembrance this year during special assemblies and activities in class including Y9 making 3D trenches as part of their humanities lessons.



We raised £18.18 as part of the poppy appeal this year.



Children in Need

This year we raised a huge £588.78!

Over 50 pupils thoroughly enjoyed our special disco which raised funds for the enterprise activities the following day. The day itself consisted of various activities such as baking cookies, making Pudsey hats, making games, making stress balls and lots more.

11G transformed the hall into a market to sell their creations by setting up stalls and helping to manage donations. Pupils were extremely enthusiastic and were able to sell most of their items.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone for their donations and particularly to the Beardwell Construction team for their generosity.



MESSA events

Primary had the opportunity to represent the school at Mini-Olympics this term and we sent a team from Key Stage 3 and 4 to the MESSA Cross Country event at Chelmer Park. Pupils showed team spirit and enjoyed both events- well done to all who took part.



Cross Country

Pupils strived hard to beat their personal best times as part of our annual whole school cross country. Times, medals and certificates will be shared during assembly on Monday 17 December.

Year 10 Hospitality skills group Afternoon tea for parents and carers

We were delighted that so many people came to our first Y10 life skills group hospitality afternoon tea. Pupils worked hard all half term to plan and prepare refreshments for this event where parents and carers were consulted about what they felt were important life skills to learn whilst at Kingswode Hoe. Thank you to all staff and pupils involved and all who attended this lovely event.



New Build Update

As we are sure you are all aware, work to build the new block to replace our demountables has begun. During half term the site was cleared and since then the site has been excavated by archeologists and foundations laid.

The pupils have been interested in what is going on and were lucky enough to have the opportunity to visit the site to see where the archeologists had been working and the progress so far. While wearing their high visibility vests and hard hats, the pupils had the chance to see the site up close and ask Brian, the site manager, questions about the work being carried out.



Leavers' Evening



We were delighted to welcome many of our ex-pupils to our Y11 Leavers' Evening held at St Mary's School in November.

Students were presented with certificates for their record of achievement. Hospitality and catering pupils from Y10 and Y11 created a fantastic spread for this important occasion and it was a lovely opportunity to talk to ex-pupils

and their families to find out how they are getting on at college.

We welcome visits from ex-pupils- we ask that you get in touch first to arrange a convenient time if planning to pop in and say hello.

Our School Outcomes



Resilience and independence



Accreditation



Employability



Health, lifestyle and wellbeing



6 Outcomes



Identity and self-expression



Community and the wider world

We have worked with staff during the last year to re-focus our school teaching, learning and assessment framework.

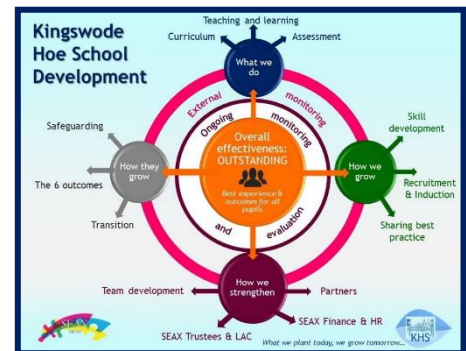
In our reception area you will now see pictures showing our GROW ethos and development plan as well as our six main outcomes.

These sum up the aims of our curriculum and the outcomes we strive to develop with pupils during their time at Kingswode Hoe.

We welcome your thoughts and/or feedback about how you feel these are central to learning for your child.

At Kingswode Hoe School we:

- Guide and listen
- Raise the roof of resilience
- Openly celebrate achievement
- Work together



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