

# Friday 22 October 2021



# Newsletter

Parent and Carer  
Communication  
Autumn Term 2021



A really packed week to end our half term with pupils proud to share their work and achievements as part of our final assemblies via Teams. It has been lovely to see pupils across the school keen to share their highlights since September and talk confidently on screen.

I hope you enjoy seeing some great evidence of how pupils have been learning and making progress across the curriculum. We would like to wish everyone a really happy half term, take care and stay safe!



Mrs Constantine, Headteacher

Pupils in Acorn and Oak class have been preparing for Halloween with potion and wand making activities. Please see page 8 for tips and reminders about safety at this time of year, particularly if pupils are out and about over half term ...

## Word of the week:



## AUTUMN

*Open flat hand starts by shoulder - makes side to side fluttering movement downwards (like a falling leaf).*



Kingswode Hoe School  
What we plant today, we grow tomorrow



# Highlights this week



We have had some wonderful feedback from pupils who enjoyed working on their fitness levels during our Circuit Training sessions. Featured are some of our pupils showing how they improve their fitness #LikeAGirl



Spinney Class pupils were introduced to a Trangia in this week's Duke of Edinburgh lesson. Pupils were given a demonstration showing how to use a Trangia safely, and then asked to prepare their own cups of hot chocolate.



Some super resilience and independence in sessions this week- Well Done!

“Not all heroes wear capes”



Our Year 10 pupils revisited Highwoods Country Park this week. Pupils walked to and from the park, focusing on road awareness and safety along the way. They took the time to clear one particular spot of litter and then enjoyed the beauty of their surroundings knowing that they had made a difference. As one of the pupils pointed out, “not all heroes wear capes!”

## OUTDOOR LEARNING



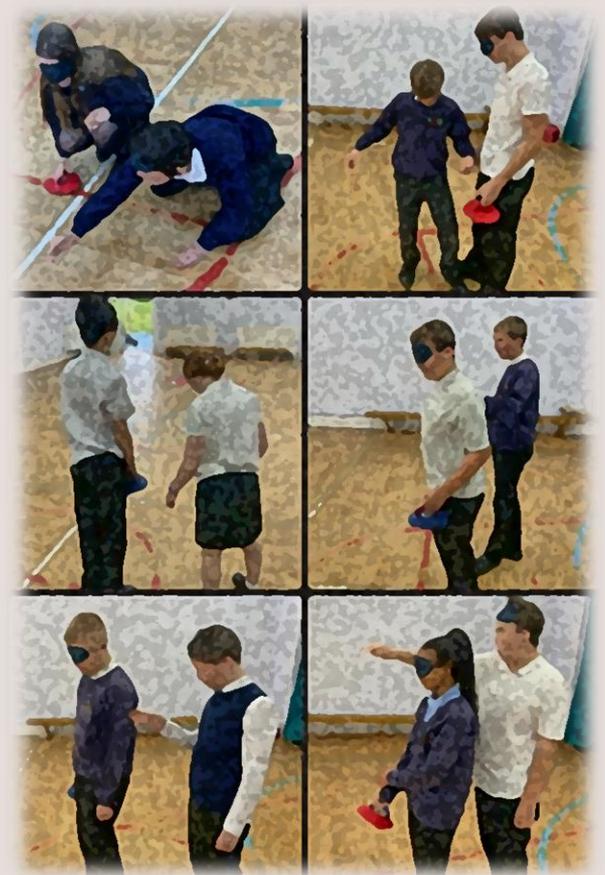
The Gardening Club has been busy getting the planting areas ready for winter. They have been digging, weeding, watering and collecting seeds. After half term, they will look forward to planting spring bulbs.





Year 11 pupils practised putting a sling on each other as part of their First Aid in their Work Related Learning lesson. What an important skill to learn.

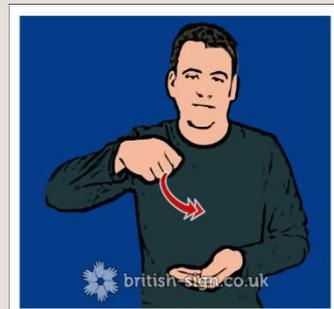
Working in pairs, Spinney Class took part in a Curling competition this week. To focus on communication skills, pupils were challenged to play their second round blindfolded. We discussed the importance of being able to give clear and precise instructions and follow them.



Birch Class pupils combined their Forest School lesson with their Creative lesson and designed their own pumpkins. We had lots of fun making these and looking forward to taking them home.



## LIFE SKILLS



### SOUP

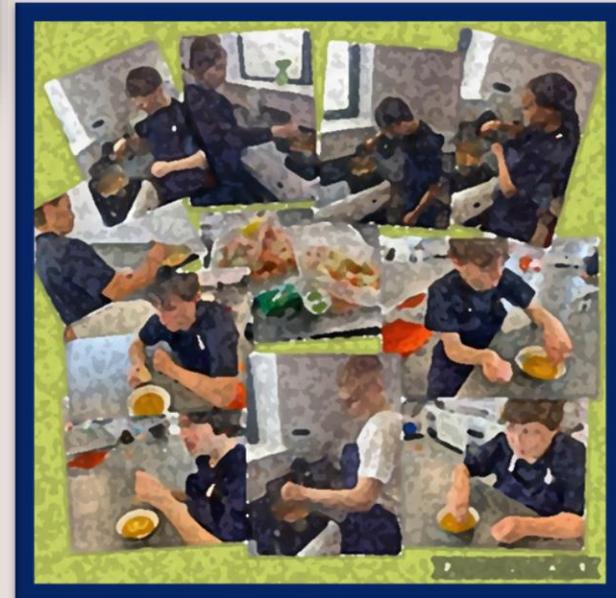
*Secondary hand held slightly cupped in front of body. Closed primary hand makes arc movements above secondary hand (as if eating soup from a bowl).*

Spinney Class pupils enjoyed using vegetables and stock cubes to prepare and cook their own soup. The perfect time of year to have it and a good way of including your five-a-day.

KS4 pupils developed their life skills by boiling pasta and mixing in a tomato sauce, what a dish!



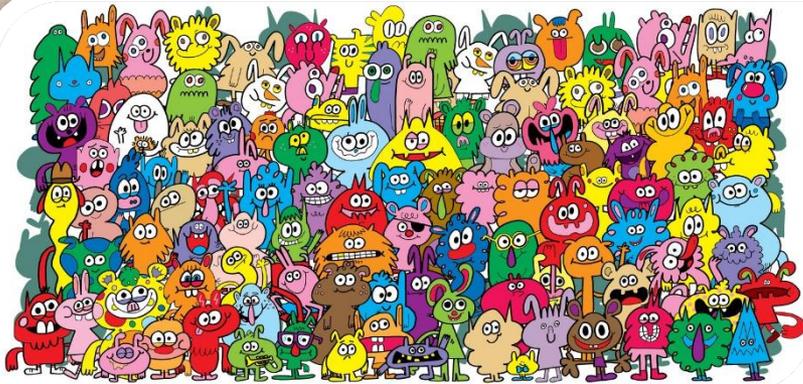
On Friday, Year 11 pupils used their practical maths skills on a trip to Muffin Break. They had to follow a map using directional language to get there, work out what they could get in their budget, order, and check the change. A highlight was definitely eating and drinking their purchases!



# Conker Champs!



Spinney Class exhibited Jon Burgerman inspired artwork from this half term.



Orchard Class challenged each other to a game of conkers. They assessed the risks and considered the benefits of playing this fun and traditional playground game. This is one of our 65 things to do at Kingswode Hoe School.

# SUFFOLK RURAL Year 11 College Visit



Year 11 pupils visited Suffolk Rural College as part of their prepare for post-16 transition and college choices.



# BONFIRE AND HALLOWEEN SAFETY

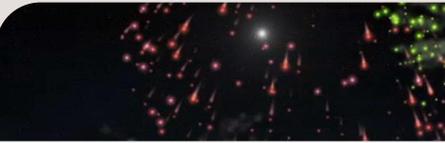


Always have an adult with you and stay together- don't go trick or treating alone

It's a good idea to bring a torch or glow stick if you are out after dark. Never bring candles.

Some people can be scared of fireworks- animals too...be considerate and respectful in your neighbourhood.

Being out in the dark



Remember,  
Remember,  
the fifth of November



## Fireworks Safety

- Never throw fireworks.
- Keep pets indoors.
- Always wear gloves with sparklers.
- Keep fireworks in a closed box.
- Stand well back.
- Never go back to a lit firework.

Bonfires can be fun but they can also be dangerous:

- Only go to a bonfire if you have a grown up with you
- Never stand too close to a bonfire - sparks can jump from the bonfire
- Be careful of long or loose costumes and clothes near a bonfire



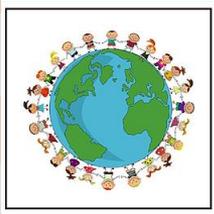
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# CURRICULUM NEXT HALF TERM

## Lower School



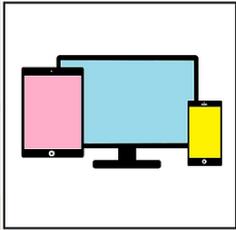
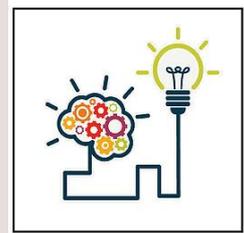
### Primary

- Space and robots
- Earth and space
- Our school environment
- Women's contributions to space
- Changes in spaces, new discoveries
- Celebrating difference



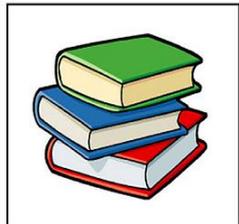
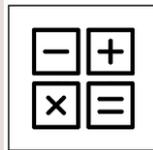
### Year 7

English - Poetry  
Maths - Money and the four operations  
PE - Cross Country  
PSHCE - Ourselves and others  
Work Related Learning - Home skills  
Art - Remembrance poppies, colour and tone, portraits  
Design Technology - Plastic products  
Food Tech - Picnic  
Computing - Online Safety



### Year 8

English - Novel study  
Maths - Money and the four operations  
PE - Cross Country  
PSHCE - Positive differences and attitudes  
Work Related Learning - Domestic skills  
Art - Objects & Viewpoints - still life, cubism, Picasso, Paul Klee, Modern Art  
Technology- Italian food  
Computing - Online Safety



# CURRICULUM NEXT HALF TERM

## Upper School



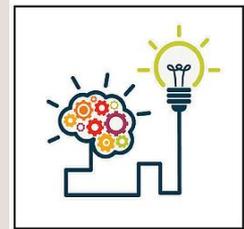
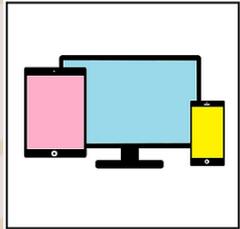
### Year 9

English - Poetry  
Maths - Money and the four operations  
PE - Cross Country  
PSHCE - Tolerance  
Work Related Learning - Hospitality unit Focus Skills section (FP)  
Art - Animating Art, illustrations & cartoons, Jon Burgerman  
Design Technology - Plastic recycling products  
Food Tech - Winter recipes  
Arts Award - Bronze Award  
Computing - Online Safety



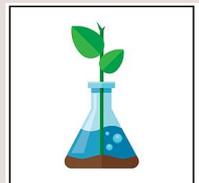
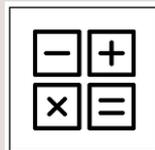
### Year 10

English - Narrative writing  
Maths - Money and the four operations  
PE - Cross Country  
PSHCE - Prejudice and discrimination  
Work Related Learning - Home/ Money & Finance College Framework  
Art - Artist Study 1, pop art print and multicultural artists  
Design Technology - Graphic Design Unit 1  
Arts Award - Bronze Award  
Computing - Practice papers & filling in forms



### Year 11

English - Communication  
Maths - Money and the four operations  
PE - Cross Country  
PSHCE - Equality  
Future Pathways - College Applications/ EHCP Time  
Art - Complete themed project 2, gallery visit  
Arts Award - Bronze Award  
Design Technology- Graphic Design travel agents  
Computing - Practice papers & filling in forms



# COVID-19 UPDATE

Unfortunately, many local schools have continued to see a significant rise in cases of Covid-19. Please follow guidance over half term to protect staff and pupils so we can keep as safe as possible. Thank you for all your support and understanding with this.

## Covid-19 Communication

Please contact

Mrs Constantine or Mr Lee via

[office@kingswodehoe.com](mailto:office@kingswodehoe.com) out of

hours if any positive pupil cases.

Do not send pupils into school with symptoms, arrange a test

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

Please be aware that whilst we fully appreciate that Covid-19 has affected many holiday plans since March 2020, we are unable to authorise holiday absence for pupils apart from in exceptional circumstances, as per SEAX policy.

We wish all our families well-  
Have a safe break!



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

Thank you for support to help pupils follow basic hygiene routines. We continue to reinforce these in school, hold assemblies via Teams and ventilate classrooms.

Please encourage pupils who can to wear masks in taxis.

We really are grateful to all parents and carers who are supporting pupils to test regularly at home and share their results. If you need guidance on this or extra test kits, please get in touch.

**NHS Test and Trace**

### Parents with children at nurseries, schools and colleges

A guide to regular rapid Covid-19 testing

**Regular rapid testing is now available for parents, their households and bubbles.**

Regular rapid testing is a fast and easy way to find out if you have coronavirus and help protect your loved ones and community. It's free and takes around 30 minutes.

**Why introduce regular rapid testing?**

Up to 1 in 3 people who have Covid-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading it without knowing.

Regular rapid testing is now available for parents of nursery, school children and college students. As well as adults in their households, childcare and support bubbles.

Regular testing for people without symptoms is already taking place across the country. Thousands of people who didn't know they had the virus have been able to take action to stop the spread of the disease.

As lockdown restrictions ease, getting into the regular habit of twice weekly testing will play an important role in getting back to normal, alongside the vaccine, following the hands, face, space guidance, and social distancing measures.

**Regular testing for school staff and students**

Regular rapid testing is already available to all staff at nursery, primary and secondary schools and colleges.

Secondary school and college students aged 11 and above will continue to access regular rapid tests directly through their school or college. And we continue to encourage them to get tested.

On return they will initially be supervised while testing at school and then continue to test themselves at home with test kits they will get from school or college.

Nursery and primary school children are not being asked to be tested as evidence continues to show that children and young people are at low risk from Covid-19 and are very unlikely to get seriously ill.

**What is the benefit to you?**

By taking part in regular rapid testing, you'll be protecting yourself and your loved ones. And helping us all get back to a more normal way of life.



Kingswode Hoe School  
Autumn Term Lunch Menu

Week 1 2 November, 22 November, 13 December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No Meat Monday	BBQ Meatball Subs	Beef Chili & Nachos	Roast Gammon & Yorkshire Pudding	Chicken Burgers
Macaroni Cheese G M	B C G So M		G E M	G
Cheese & Tomato Pasta G M	Beans & Cheese Subs M G	Vegetable Lasagne G M	Vegetable Loaf C	Vegetarian Burgers
Garlic Bread G E M	Coleslaw Salad E	Rice	Roast Potatoes Cauliflower Cheese M	Chips Baked Beans Peas
Sweetcorn Salad	Fluffy Jelly M	Green Beans	Carrots	Fruit Lollies
Apple Pie & Cream G M S		Fruit Salad	Sweetcorn Jelly	NO BAGUETTES
			Cookies G E M	
			NO BAGUETTES	
Available daily: Fresh wholemeal bread, salad, fresh fruit, yoghurt, fresh milk & water				



Key to allergens in menu items:

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

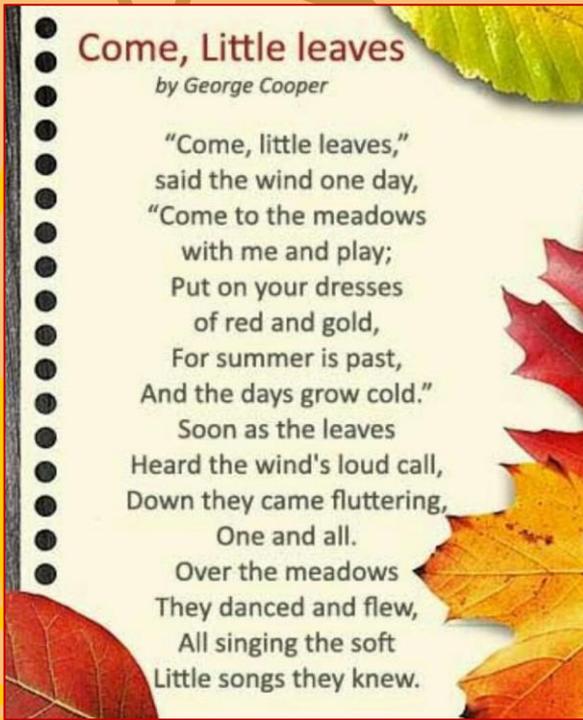
**IMPORTANT: Please do not send food for others into school**

A polite note to all parents and carers that although we do appreciate some pupils like to celebrate their birthday or other occasions by bringing in treats for others, unfortunately we cannot hand out food items from home. There is strict guidance about packaging and labelling food with ingredients. We do have some pupils in school who have food allergies and may not travel home with their parents and carers, therefore we ask that you do not send food for others into school.

*Many thanks for your support and understanding with this matter.*

**Come, Little leaves**  
*by George Cooper*

"Come, little leaves,"  
 said the wind one day,  
 "Come to the meadows  
 with me and play;  
 Put on your dresses  
 of red and gold,  
 For summer is past,  
 And the days grow cold."  
 Soon as the leaves  
 Heard the wind's loud call,  
 Down they came fluttering,  
 One and all.  
 Over the meadows  
 They danced and flew,  
 All singing the soft  
 Little songs they knew.




**DIARY DATES**

**SEAX Trust Staff Inset Day- School not open:**

Monday 1 November 2021

**PUPILS RETURN**

**TUESDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2021**

**Christmas Break:**

Friday 17 December- Monday 3 January 2021  
**inclusive**

**Coming up...**

**Themes next half term:**

Week beginning	Theme- linked to six outcomes/world events
2/11/21	Community & Wider World: Bonfire night/Divali Festival of Lights
8/11/21	Community & Wider World: Remembrance
15/11/21	Identity & Self-Expression: Anti-Bullying week
22/11/21	Resilience & Independence: Road Safety
29/11/21	Reading for pleasure: C. S. Lewis
6/11/21	Community & Wider World: St Nicholas Day
13/11/21	The Nativity

