



KENTS HILL SCHOOL & NURSERY

Newsletter

July 2023

Diary Dates

July 2023

Friday 21st - Last Day of Term

September 2023

Friday 1st - INSET - School Closed

Monday 4th - INSET - School Closed

Tuesday 5th - School re-opens

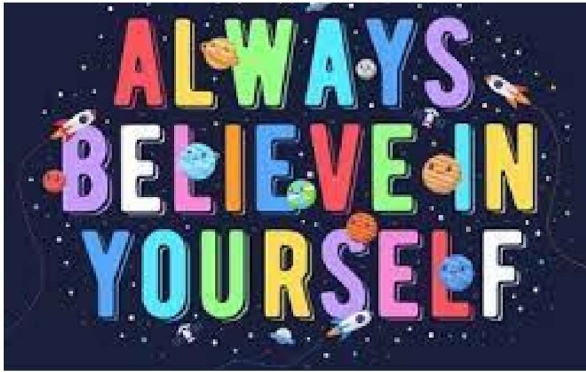
Friday 22nd - Jeans for Genes Day

MacMillan Coffee Morning - TBC

October 2023

Friday 20th - Last day of term

Monday 30th - Term begins



A LETTER FROM MRS MACKIE.....

"I'm still standing..."



Today has been a rollercoaster of emotions as we say goodbye to amazing young members of our Kents Hill family. For those of you who were lucky to see our Year 2 Leavers Assembly, you will understand how incredibly proud I was to see such an array of talent, hard work and joy in their beautiful faces as they show-cased their thoughts and feelings through song and dance. Luckily, the comedy gave us a break from the happy tears.

All the children in our school are a blessing, but these children are the first class under my headship, to travel through the school, since I took over the reins in January 2020. A sprinkling of extra special!

We now look forward to a restful break, to recharge our batteries and then to prepare school, ready to begin the new term. Everyone at Kents Hill School & Nursery wish you and your family a happy and safe summer holiday, and look forward to seeing our lovely families at the start of another school Year.

Sending you my warmest wishes and thanks, for your continued support.

Jane Mackie
Headteacher

STAFF NEWS

We say 'adios' to Mrs Raya, who leaves us to have her baby at the beginning of the autumn term, (she will be back!) and say hello to Mrs Feaver and Mrs Simons who will job-share the role of class teacher in Nursery. They will be ably assisted by Mrs Marks, our new Learning Support Assistant.

We welcome all three ladies into our Kents Hill Family, and wish Mrs Raya, much love as she and her husband prepare to become parents!





Nursery - Ducklings



Dear Nursery Families,

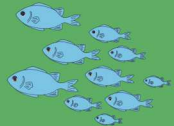
As the summer holidays approach and the sun shines we reflect on a busy year. The children's development has come on in leaps and bounds and I could not be prouder of them and my team. It has been a busy term throughout June and July with the children exploring a variation of learning opportunities based on their individual interest. The children have been enjoying the glorious sunshine and exploring the outdoor environments through a range of activities which has led to some amazing outdoor learning opportunities.



Our Duckling's have been learning all about holidays, summer, the seaside and sea creatures. They have been looking at the beach and what they might find at the beach. Some of the activities have been encouraging mathematical development, looking at the different sized sea creatures that they will find in the sea, ordering them from the biggest to smallest.



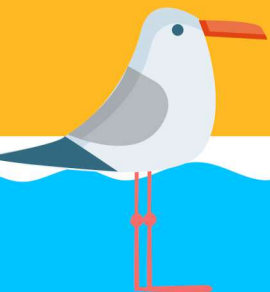
Other activities have included sand painting, water play and using cereals to create some lovely starfish and crab artwork. Throughout the last two months our Duckling's explored literacy and have taken part in phonics activities such as Silly soup and I spy. The children have been learning new words and are excited to share these with their peers when talking about what they can see and their own experiences of visiting the beach with family and friends.



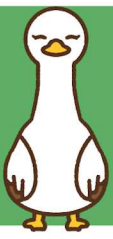
I wish all the children luck in their new schools and class as they embark on their next exciting adventure. It has been an absolute pleasure teaching them this year.

I hope you all enjoy the beautiful summer and I thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Raya



HELLO
SUMMER!



Reception - Cygnets



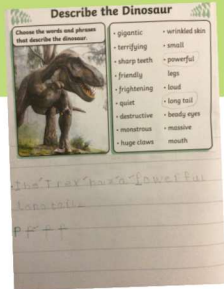
Wow, what an amazing summer term we have had together, Cygnets. Lots of you are making progress and continue to strive towards your learning goals. Our expectations of you have increased as you prepare to graduate Early Years as Cygnets and move into Year One! You have all worked really well and it has been a really fun year we've spent altogether, learning lots of new things and making connections. Now let's remember all the learning experiences from this term...



Our topic was called Dangerous Dinosaurs, which the majority of our learning has been linked to. To launch our topic we watched a video of a Tyrannosaurus Rex that had been inside our classroom and we made some delicious dangerous dinosaur biscuits! They were so yummy!



In English we have learnt about what a sentence needs. Can you remember? Capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop. Well done, if you remembered all three. We have learnt to write sentences about dinosaurs what dinosaurs eat, describe what they look or might have felt like and some other daring dino facts! We also learnt to write questions using a question mark and we tried to write questions about dinosaurs. One of our class friend's moved back to India so we used this as an opportunity to learn to write a post card to them and ask them a question too! We even wrote some labels to name different parts of a dinosaur using our phonics skills to segment all the sounds. Oh, and not forgetting the recount we wrote of making the delicious dangerous dinosaur biscuits!

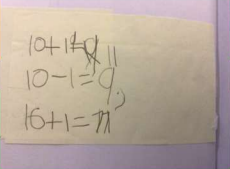


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Cygnets continue access learning and exploring as part of their daily timetable to access all areas of learning through play. In the creative area the children have explored creating a background for a dinosaur then going back to their work to add and change it by adding a dinosaur cut out and other scenery using various materials. We certainly have a few budding artists in the mix!
In Maths the children have begun to learn their numbers bonds to 5 and some to 10! They have learnt to practice their doubles to 5, ask them to show you! You will be amazed! They have used objects to add and takeaway amounts to and from 10, some children have really mastered being able to write their own number sentences to record this!

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We loved spending some time with Rocktopus to create a song and dance all about being Ready for PE. Have you watched our epic video online? Thinking about PE we have also had loads of fun practising for our super fun Sports Day.

I am sure over the summer holidays you will continue your learning at home and we look forward to welcoming you back into Year One in September.





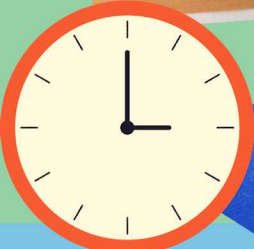
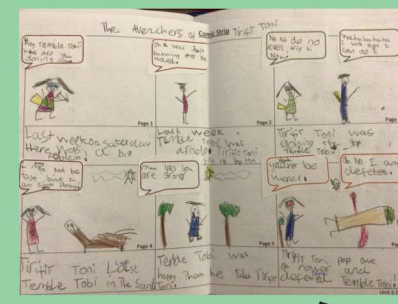
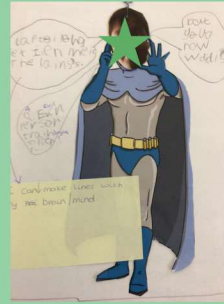
Year 1 - Swans

Another amazing half term with Swans, we have been super busy learning all about Superheroes this term in Topic. We've also based a lot of our English on superheroes too.

We had a great day at the start of the term on our Superhero Day, where we all dressed up as a cartoon or real life superhero and made some superb superhero shaped biscuits. They were out of this world!

We learnt how to use the I pads to create a Powerpoint of cartoon and real life superheroes, give them a title, name them and save them!

We invented our own superheroes, gave them powers and even created our own comic book cartoons. We developed our physical skills and pretended to be a superhero jumping, catching throwing and running away from evil villains!



In English we had great fun learning about onomatopoeic words like whoosh, zoom, boom and kapow, when we wrote our own comics and wrote speech bubbles for our own superheroes. We wrote a fact file for comic book superhero and invented a new villain for them to defeat. We have practised using the conjunction and again and using adjectives to add description to make our writing more interesting. We were so excited to meet a real life superhero called, PC Jade, we even got to sit in the police car with the sirens on! Never missing a writing opportunity, we were able to write a recount about our awesome experience using time order words. More recently, we have been fact finding and writing information about historic real life superheroes where we have been focusing on writing a good sentence and using the occasional exclamation mark!



In maths we have used clocks (even made our own) to tell the time on an analogue and digital clock to o'clock and half past. We also practised writing the times and playing teachers using the clocks. We used a block graph to record how many children liked certain superheroes. We found out Owlette was the most popular. Who is your favourite superhero? We have also worked on our number bonds to 10 and 20 and how to find the difference between two amounts.



Swans, as always, we have had a wonderful term altogether. Keep reading and writing over the summer holidays. Keep safe and have loads of fun. Looking forward to seeing you all when you come back in September.



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Year 2 - Flamingos

Year 2 have had a very busy term learning about Beachcombers. Did you know that coconut crabs are the largest land living anthropod in the world. They can weigh up to 4.1kg...that's as much as a newborn baby. They don't eat coconuts, but they are usually found near coconut palms!

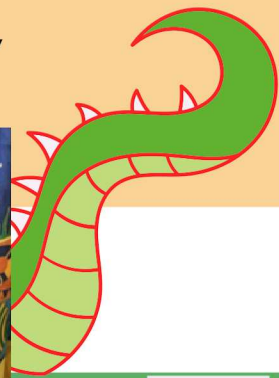
In Art, we have enjoyed learning to sculpt with the clay. First we experimented to make different patterns...



Then we used these skills to design & make a shell for a hermit crab. What do you think...?



In DT we have created moving monsters. It had to include a moving part & be easy to use...then we decorated them. What do you think of our designs...?



As we begin to think about September, this term has been full of lots of different emotions. We have been thinking about how we have changed since we were a baby and what other changes will be happening over the next few months. We have enjoyed looking at the baby photos and guessing who is who...!



Please can all Year 2s return any school books they have on Friday 14th July so that we can ensure that everything has been returned ready for your child's last week at Kents Hill.

We have been busy practising our Leavers' assembly which is on the last day of term. We hope you can make it...the more the merrier!!

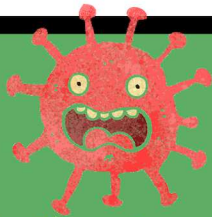




Reminders Roundup



PREVENT
the spread of
ILLNESS



Sickness and diarrhoea



If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea, the very best place for your child to be is at home. If your child develops these symptoms at school, we will call you to collect them. They will then need to be off school for a further 48 hours.

Children **must** remain at home for 48 hours after the last time they were sick or had a bout of diarrhoea, even if this was on a weekend.

This is to prevent the spread of germs, which affects all members of the school community. Please see our website for details of our policy for all common illnesses.



Labelling of school items

Our lost property boxes (located in the main school entrance area) were overflowing this term. All items did not have a name in and so could not be returned to their owner.



Please can you ensure that all items that your child wears or brings to school are labelled. Please could you check each time you wash the items that their name label or marking is still visible, This will help us to reunite items very quickly.



Parking



After a number of parking incidents this past academic year, we are once again asking for all members of the school community to park courteously and safely when using the car park outside the school.

Please **only park in the bays marked 'Disabled' if you hold a Blue Badge.**

Please refrain from parking anywhere other than in a marked bay. Cars parked outside of marked bays not only delay the departure of those in the bays, but could cause a delay to an emergency vehicle accessing the school.

Threatening or aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated at any time.

Nut Free School

Due to members of our school community having a **life-threatening** nut allergy, we are a totally nut-free school.

Please **do not** put **any** items containing nuts in your child's lunchbox. This includes whole nuts, chopped nuts, Nutella or equivalent spreads, Snickers bars, cereal bars or cakes containing nuts.

