



**Kinsale Infant School  
March 2023 Newsletter**



**Diary Dates**



Date	Time	Who	Event
<b>March</b>			
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> March		All	Walk to school week- letter sent
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30-5pm	YR /1 Butterflies	Open class- Butterflies class
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30-5pm	Y2	Open classes- Dragonflies and Beetles classes
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> March	8.50-9.50am	Invites	Book and Breakfast in hall (invites only)
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30-5pm	YR /1 Grasshoppers & Y1 Ladybirds	Open Classes- Grasshoppers and Ladybirds classes
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	pm	Year 2	Reverend Alder visiting
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> March		All	'Crazy shoes' day!
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> March	pm	Yr 1/2	Anglian water assembly- Eco work
Week beginning 13 <sup>th</sup> March		All	Science week in school
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Am	All	PC Hales leading whole school assembly
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Am	All	Whole school Science morning
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> March	PM		Friends Mother's day shop
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> March			<i>NEU planned Industrial Action day – TBC if school closed</i>
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> March			<i>NEU planned Industrial Action day – TBC if school closed</i>
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> and Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> March	After school	Science club members	No Science clubs this week as communicated by provider. They are away for Science week
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> March- Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	After school	All	Scholastic Book fair in school- info to follow
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> March		All	Comic Relief (wear <b>red</b> day – details below)
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> March			Global recycling day
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> March		All	World water day – Eco work in classes
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> March		Year 1/Year 2 groups	PE netball event at HHS
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> March	2.30pm	Invites	Rock Steady parent concert- Invites only
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> March	2.40pm	Invites	Hot choc Monday!
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	am	All	Reverend Alder to lead Easter assembly
Thur 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	pm		Learning Leaders meeting
Thur 30 <sup>th</sup> March	am	School Council members	Sensory Garden opening ceremony!
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> March			Last day of term / Final assembly

<b>April</b>			
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> April- Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> April			Easter holidays – school closed
<b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>			<b>Children back to school</b>
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> April	3.30-6pm		Parents evenings online - booking links will be sent
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> April		All	Eco week – info to follow
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Am	All	Whole Class photographs
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> April		All	World ‘stop food waste’ day – Eco work in classes
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> April	3.20pm		Friends of KIS AGM in school – all welcome.
<b>May</b>			
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> May			Bank holiday- school closed
Weds 3 <sup>rd</sup> May		School council members	School council meeting
Thur 4 <sup>th</sup> May	3.30-6pm		Parents evenings online - booking links will be sent
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> May			King’s Coronation additional bank holiday- school closed
Week beginning 15 <sup>th</sup> May		All	Walk to school week- Info to follow
Weds 10 <sup>th</sup> May	am	All	Reverend Alder to lead assembly
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> May		All	Census day- try a hot lunch!
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Am	Y1 & 2	PE event- basketball at HHS (Year 1 and Year 2 groups)
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	2.40pm	Invites	Hot chocolate Monday!
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May			Last day of term
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> May- Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> June			Half term break – school closed
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> June			Children back to school Reception height, vision and hearing checks (letter to follow)



### **Attendance**

Good school attendance and punctuality is crucial and impacts hugely on learning and progress.

Please ensure children are at school at 8.50am and collected at the end of the day by 3.10pm. Medical and dental appointments should be made out of school hours or in the holidays please.

Our school bell rings promptly at 8.50am when the classroom doors open, and it will sound again at 9am as the classroom doors are locked.

Please ensure you inform us if your child is unwell. The office opens at 8.15am each morning. If your child has a minor cough or cold and you are in two minds whether to send them to school, please send them in and we will ring you if they feel unwell during the school day. Children should not be absent from school if they have head lice. This needs to be treated appropriately and then they may attend school normally.

**We thank you for your support in ensuring that our school attendance improves. Our school target is 97%.**

	30 <sup>th</sup> Jan-3rd Feb	6th Feb-10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	20 <sup>th</sup> Feb-24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb-3 <sup>rd</sup> March
<b>Butterflies</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>95%</b>
<b>Grasshoppers</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>93%</b>
<b>Ladybirds</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>95%</b>
<b>Dragonflies</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>92%</b>
<b>Beetles</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>97%</b>

### Staffing update

After half term we bid a fond farewell to our caretaker Mr Rowe. I'm sure many of you will have seen him around school normally with tools in his hands! We appreciate all the hard work he has put in while he has worked with us and wish him well for the future at his new school (which is much closer to his home).

We currently have a relief caretaker working with us. Mr Nash is doing a FANTASTIC job and has fitted into our team so well.



We would like to welcome Mrs Saynor to the Kinsale team! She will be working in Beetles class as a Teaching Assistant and is a very welcome addition to our staff team.

Our student teacher Mr Knights finishes his placement with us on 24<sup>th</sup> March. Dragonflies have loved learning with him and we wish him well in his future teaching career.

*We are lucky to have lots of volunteer helpers in school at the moment. This makes a real difference to our children and enables teachers to plan more opportunities for additional support and small group work. If you are interested in gaining some valuable experience in school or have a little spare time (even just a couple of hours each week) please contact the office to talk to Mrs Godwin – Butterflies class teacher.*

### Rainbow Room



Our Nurture Rainbow Room has had a revamp! This room is a quiet and calm space to help children relax and gives them the opportunity to access a range of sensory resources. Money has been invested in new seating, lighting, sound and tactile resources. It has already been extremely popular with those that have used it so far.  
*Mrs Wallace- Senco*

### Pastoral Lead

As we mentioned in the February Newsletter, we are extremely excited that Mrs Cletheroe has been appointed as our new Pastoral Lead. This important role involves supporting the well-being of children in our school as well as being a contact for parents and carers.

She will be hosting regular drop in mornings (*Mondays and Thursdays 8.50-10am*) where you are welcome to pop in without an appointment. (*Breakfast Club room next to Beetles class*). *The kettle is always on!*

Mrs Cletheroe can support with offering advice and signposting if you are facing challenges at home.

Please feel free to call in, and if advice is not available immediately, Mrs Cletheroe will liaise with a member of school staff who will help.

Thank you to those parents / carers who have already accessed this service.



Mrs Cletheroe can also be contacted via the school office or via email [pastorallead@kinsaleinfant.co.uk](mailto:pastorallead@kinsaleinfant.co.uk)

## World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March 2023

It was a magical day at Kinsale Infant when all our stories came to life! Was so nice to see all the creative costumes and colourful clothes for World Book Day. In class we enjoyed lots of book-based activities and the children shared their most loved tales with their friends and staff.

Please don't forget to look on our school Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087944161047>

to see lots of photos of the day.

*Mrs Kelly – English lead*



## Walk to school week



### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Working together with local police and neighboring schools, we will be taking part in a 'walk to school week'.

Walking to school not only has health benefits for all but also helps to make the local community a safe place for families at key busy times of the day.

During this week we will be encouraging children and families to make as much of their journey to school on foot. To encourage and support this:

- The Bull pub is making their car park available for parents and carers to park (*morning only for the duration of the week*)
- Children's efforts will be celebrated with stickers and certificates from school.
- There will be a poster competition - launched at the beginning of the week– with winning contributions displayed on school gates.
- PC Matthew Hills and PC Sam Hales will carry out patrols during the morning and afternoon to engage and encourage the children
- **Friday – 10<sup>th</sup>** – we will ask the children to celebrate the week by wearing 'crazy shoes' to school.

*Mrs Clennell – 'Walk to school' lead*

## Red Nose Day 2023



The School council have decided that this years theme is 'Go wild and **wear Red**'

Clothes, hair, face paint or just some socks! We can't wait to see you all rocking the red!

Red noses are not sold in school but we are asking you to donate online if your child would like to wear their red clothes to school. Link to donate will be sent out soon.

*Mrs Cletheroe & our School Council*

## Reception Theatre Visit

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, Reception had an amazing time at the theatre watching the story of 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' come alive on the stage. The children loved every minute - joining in with the singing, cheering, laughing and clapping. All the staff were so impressed with their excitement and super behaviour from start to finish. They were a credit to our school.

Well done to all Reception on a fantastic school visit!

*Mrs Coughlan- Reception teacher*



## **Play equipment update**

You may have noticed that the play equipment on our field is currently not in full use. The section to the right hand side is very old and not safe to be used, so has been cordoned off currently.

We are delighted to let you know that our Governing Board have recently agreed for school to use some of our Sports Premium money to purchase new equipment and safety matting.

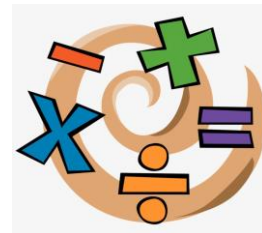
Mrs Kelly (PE lead) and myself have been working with Mrs Hills (Finance Officer) to procure a company to install a new section of equipment next to the existing 'house and bridge' structure.

We are hoping the installation will happen before the summer is here, so the children can enjoy this equipment at break and lunch times. Watch this space.....

*Mrs Mainwaring*

## **Parent Calculation Handbooks**

The staff within school have been busy reviewing our Calculation Policy that informs the methods that children are taught to solve calculation problems such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. To allow you to support your child with this at home, we have created year group specific 'Parent Handbooks' that briefly outline these methods. Paper copies of these will be coming home with the children shortly.



We have also created videos of teachers demonstrating the methods outlined in the handbook. These will be uploaded to tapestry when the handbooks are sent home.

*Mrs Godwin & Mrs Coughlan – Maths leads*

## **Phonics Workshops**



Over the last few weeks, Reception parents and carers have been joining their children in Reception to watch a daily phonics lesson. This has provided an opportunity to see how we teach phonics in school and how the children learn these knowledge and skills.

The children really enjoyed sharing their class with their special people and really showcased their brilliant attitudes to learning and enjoyment of phonics. Parents and carers were also able to find out more about our very own phonics scheme and the progression of skills that lead to early reading and writing.

We hope you all found it useful and went away with some more ideas of how to best support your child with reading at home.

*Mrs Clennell- EYFS Lead*

## **Year 1 dance event**

Year 1 attended a "Just Dance" event at Hellesdon High School this week and had a fantastic time! We were impressed with the children's dancing and they were able to dance for the whole hour that we were there - a fantastic cardiovascular workout!

The children had glow sticks and spent some time dancing individually and with a group. Lots of the children came back to school talking about how much fun they had, and we saw improvement in their coordination and musicality.



*Mrs Kelly – PE lead*

## Friends of KIS

Friends would like to thank you all for your continued support. Our end of term Disco was a huge success, so much so we are considering one each term.



Our Mother's Day gift service is now in progress celebrating the wonderful women in our lives. As part of this we launched a new app, BOPP, we hope you have found this easy to use. Please do not allow this to put you off if you prefer to pay cash let us know on an event basis - it's all money that goes towards resources and events for school.

Watch out for our Egg-cellent Easter activities towards the end of March including a free to enter colouring competition (5 prizes up for grabs), a wonderful raffle full of treats and a fundraiser for over the Holidays; Fundraising with Raisins!

As always we encourage your support in any way you can help, through donations, ideas and most importantly your time! We want to make our activities accessible and inclusive so your feedback is always welcome.

**Our AGM is on Thur 27<sup>th</sup> April at 3.20pm** and we need three new members to join our committee (or risk it closing) - please get in touch to find out more. All welcome at the AGM – please come to the school office.  
[friendsofkis22@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofkis22@gmail.com)

**Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much!**

Thank you to our new supporters for signing up to support us by shopping online through easyfundraising, it really makes a difference. We have seen money coming in already!

You can raise money for the school when you shop online with over 7,000 brands.

It's simple, free and only takes 2 minutes to sign up!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/.../kinsale-infant.../>

*Laura Holloway – Chair of Friends of KIS*

## **KS1 Cricket Taster session**



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offer.

Our KS1 children participated in a cricket taster session, in which they were excited to learn lots of new cricket skills and had an excellent time. Some of the children hadn't heard of cricket before so wanted to know what it is all about.

Thank you to **Norfolk Cricket** for visiting our school - please check their website at [www.norfolkcricket.co.uk/](http://www.norfolkcricket.co.uk/) if you would like more information about the clubs that they

*Mrs Kelly- PE Lead*

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