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Newsletter

Friday 9th February 2024

Kingswood

On Wednesday this week Year 6 set off on their adventures to Kingswood, Colomendy. We hope that you have enjoyed following their adventures on Twitter and on the school website. They have experienced all weathers, but learnt new skills, challenged themselves, worked together as a team and have created many happy memories together. A huge thank you to Mr Allen, the party leader and to the staff and Governors, Miss Smith, Miss Girven, Mr Edwards and Ms Nicholson who kindly volunteered to attend the Residential. We really appreciate the time you have given to take care of the children. I am sure that the children will enjoy telling you about their adventures although be prepared that they may be a little tired on their return too.



Reception Class Mass

Well done to Reception who led the readings and prayers at their Class Mass this morning. The children sang so beautifully and it was lovely to have so many Parents, siblings and Grandparents joining us today too. Fr Isidore was very impressed with the children too and said that he would be popping back to visit them in class again soon.

School Meals

Thank you to those parents who have been supportive of the revised school's meals policy introduced earlier this term. The total cost of school meals for the next half term is **£85.55** or the weekly cost is **£14.75**. If your child wishes to change from sandwiches to school meals or vice versa we require two weeks' notice. Please contact the school office if you have any queries about school meals.

Parents Evenings

Parents evenings will take place on **Monday 26th February** for Nursery to Year 6 and **Wednesday 28th February** for Reception to Year 6. Bookings can be made on the School Spider app and this will open on Monday 19th February. We hope that all Parents will take this opportunity to meet their child's class teacher and receive an update on their progress. If your child has Special Educational Needs this is also an opportunity to discuss their Individual Learning Plan.

Year 3 Sacramental Programme

The Family Workshop for Parents and your child who has enrolled on the programme will take place on **Tuesday 20th February** at 6pm in the school hall. We ask if at all possible that you do not bring younger siblings along to this meeting. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Tuesday 12th March at St Paul's Church.

Parking

Once again, we have received complaints from local residents about inconsiderate parking, particularly on Turner Lane. Please do not park where you may obstruct drives or the front gates to school.

Children's Mental Health Week – 5th to 11th February

This week, in addition to the weekly myhappy mind lesson children have been participating in lessons to explore Mental Health. In **Year 5**, we discussed ways in which we could look after our own and other's mental health. Some suggestions that the children had included the following:-

Looking after my own Mental Health	Looking after the Mental Health of Others
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limit screen time• Enjoy fresh air• Drink plenty of water• Sleep more• Eat a healthy diet• Read• Take time to relax• Do happy breathing• Play sport• Try new things• Talk to trusted adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand other's feelings and emotions• Have positive relationships• Encourage people to follow their dreams• Help others if they are having a 'bad day'• Help them to do happy breathing• Be kind• Play sport with them



Safer Internet Week

“Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online.”

Across school we have continued to embed our expectations for respect throughout school, including how our children interact online. E-safety Week continues to be an important topic in our ever-changing digital world. Here are some examples of work from Reception. We hope that you will continue to help us by ensuring that your child stays safe online when at home, especially over the half term break.



FOSP - Lenten Smarties Challenge

The Friends of St Paul's are organising a Smarties Challenge 'Good Deeds throughout Lent' to raise funds for equipment and resources required for the school.

- 1) Your child has been sent home with a tube of smarties, they can eat the smarties for a treat, but they need to keep the tube.
- 2) We would then like your child to do good deeds, small chores or demonstrate good behaviour in return for any change to collect in the smarties tube.
- 3) Please seal up the filled tube, with your child's **name and class** clearly marked & hand into the school office by **Monday 25th March 2024**.
- 4) Even if the tube isn't full, label it & send it in anyway as all money raised will be gratefully received.
- 5) All children who return tubes will be placed in a draw to win a fabulous Prize

Attendance & Punctuality

Congratulations to Year 6 with the highest attendance and to Nursery and Reception for being the most punctual. We now ask that if your child arrives late to school (after 8.55am) that parents/carers take your child to the main office and you are required to sign them in with a reason for your late arrival.

Attendance & Punctuality for week beginning 30 th January 2024									
	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
Attendance	98%	97.24%	95.38%	98.15%	95.33%	90.31%	94.33%	99.35	96.01%
No of Lates	0	0	6	3	6	10	9	2	

Dates for your 2024 Diary	
Saturday 17 th February	Hyde Utd v Stafford Rangers – 3pm Kick off (Please see letter from Mr Rothwell for more information)
Monday 19 th February	Return to School
Tuesday 20 th February	Family Workshop for the Sacramental Programme at 6pm
Thursday 22 nd February	Year 6 Safe Squad
Friday 23 rd February	Little Bikers for Reception and Year 1
Monday 26 th February	Parents Evenings for Nursery to Year 6 - 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Wednesday 28 th February	Parents Evenings for Reception to Year 6 – 3.30pm to 6pm
Friday 8 th March	Year 2 Class Mass at 9am – Parents & Parishioners welcome
	TCSSA Annual Swimming Gala - evening
	Start of Science Week
Tuesday 12 th March	TCSSA Cheerleading Competition
	Sacrament of First Forgiveness at St Paul's Church at 7pm
Wednesday 20 th March	Class Photographs
Sunday 24 th March	Start of Holy Week
Tuesday 26 th March	FOSP – Spring Sing at 3.30pm
Thursday 28 th March	Break up for Easter Holidays
Wednesday 10 th April	Start of the Summer Term

Community News

Trans Pennine Trail - Half Term Activity

We're delighted to let you know that our latest Kids activity pack, full of fun activities for the February half term break is now available to download from our website. The pack contains lots of activities that include making a jam jar xylophone, becoming an animal track detective, making an egg box bird feeder along with activities for Pancake Tuesday and Valentine's Day. The pack is aimed at primary school children with help as necessary from their parents or carers, and older children may enjoy some of the activities too. The activity pack can be used 'on the go' by downloading it to a mobile or can be printed at home.

Download it from our Children's page at: <https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/welcome-to-our-childrens-page/>

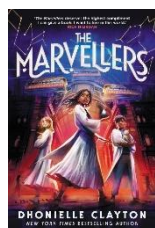


February news from Tameside Libraries

Half term events have a storytelling theme with crafts, game and treasure hunt in 4 of our libraries. We also have a learning workshop for 5-7-year olds from Explore Learning.

All the information is on our website <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries> and is also shared on social media Facebook: [Tameside Libraries](https://www.facebook.com/tamesidelibrary) and Twitter: [@tamesidelibrary](https://twitter.com/tamesidelibrary)

Free ebook loans are available to all members of Tameside Libraries by logging in to Borrowbox using a library card and PIN. This month you have unlimited access to **The Marvellers** by Dhonielle Clayton in eBook and eAudiobook formats and **Five O'Clock Tales** by Enid Blyton in eAudiobook.



Eleven-year-old Ella Durand is the first Conjuror to attend the Arcanum Training Institute, a magic school in the clouds for Marvellers from around the world. Ella discovers that being the first isn't easy but she finds friendship in fellow misfits Brigit, a girl who hates magic, and Jason, a boy with a fondness for magical creatures and support from her Elixirs teacher, Masterji Thakur.

Then the notorious Ace of Anarchy escapes prison, supposedly with a Conjuror's aid, and Ella finds herself as the prime suspect. Worse, Masterji Thakur mysteriously disappears while away on a research trip. With the help of her friends and her own growing powers, Ella must find a way to clear her family's name and track down her mentor before it's too late.

Children and families can join Tameside Libraries to get a library card at any of our 8 branches, it's free to join and to borrow books. Full details are available on our website:

www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/childrens

