

# School News – Spring 1 term 2024



# Kingskerswell

Church of England Primary School

*Achieve, Believe and Create Together*

Jeremiah 29:11.

For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

## MESSAGE FROM MRS MILLER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe we are half way through the academic year? We would like to thank you all for your support and kind words- they are, as always, much appreciated. We hope you are enjoying the fact that the evenings are starting to draw out and that we can almost taste the hope in the air!

Have a great half term break and we will see everyone on Monday 19th February.

Kind regards,  
Rachel Miller

Headteacher



Wishing our school community a rested start to the season of Lent this half-term.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

We love celebrating the children's achievements, both in and out of school.

## WELL DONE!



Mila P – 5 metres swimming award/certificate  
Elodie W – 25m swimming certificate/badge + level 3 swim award + snow ski level 1  
Poppy S – Piano certificate, level 1  
Harrison W – Excellence in karate  
Isla-Mae G – Trophy – Torbay School of Dance, Junior Student  
Jude E – Trainer of the week with KK Colts Under 8's football  
Percy E – Swimming certificate, 10 metres  
Macy Z – Devon County Championships, 2 x silver medals for swimming  
Veronica M – Girls Football Tournament medal  
Alice D – Girls Football Tournament medal  
Myla T – Girls Football Tournament medal  
Lily-Ana – Girls Football Tournament medal  
Darcie F – Level 2 swimming certificate  
Isla G – 20 metres swimming certificate  
Ellyre W – level 3 swimming certificate  
Peaches OJ – Learn to swim level 3  
Poppy OJ – Learn to swim level 5  
Harry M – TUCST winner 2 x trophies and 2 x medals



# FOREST SCHOOL



## What have Forest School been up to this month?



Reception children have been very brave knights, helping Sir Oakley Bear to overcome many challenging quests and earning golden coins. With 5 gold coins they were able to release Princess Hazel Bear from the Giant's captivity.



Year 1 and 2 have been on a treasure hunt. They skilfully used maps and compasses to navigate around the Forest School. Year 1 children found 8 interesting natural objects which they had to identify, whilst Year 2 found facts all about the Great Fire of London which they had to put into time order.



It was Year 3 and 4's turn to learn the meaning of conservation. They took part in a variety of different projects to help look after and protect our Forest School woodland habitat.



Year 5 and 6 were sent out to independently navigate around the Forest School site. Each group was given a map, compass and a list of 6-figure coordinates to locate hidden facts about their current class topic.

# CLUBS

Monday 3.30-4.30pm

KS2 Drama Club \*

Tuesday 3.30-4.30pm

Yr 5 & 6 Football Club\*

\*= Recurring clubs

Wednesday 3.30-4.30pm

Homework Club\*

Thursday 3.30-4.30pm

KS2 Netball Club\*

Friday 12.30-1.15pm

Reading for Pleasure, Library\*

Information about next term's clubs will be sent out on the school app.



# HEALTHY SCHOOL

We would like to remind families that we are a healthy school and as such we will not be handing out sweets or cakes on birthdays; we also have a growing number of children with various food allergies.

We do hope you understand.

Thank you for your support.



# HOUSE POINTS



Babbacombe - 2,338,859

Hollicombe - 1,690,893

Meadfoot - 1,424,500

Goodrington - 780,418



Babbacombe - 420,960

Hollicombe - 209,506

Meadfoot - 171,528

Goodrington - 85,842



# VALUES IN ACTION

Our Values for Spring 1 term:

## Trust & Hope

Theme: Building a Future for All



Proverbs 28:26

Those who trust in themselves are fools,  
but those who walk in wisdom are kept safe.



### Trust

We develop our spirituality by:

- Depending on each other in group work
- Being brave and having a go




## PROPHET JEREMIAH DAY

The Ethos leaders arranged our very first Prophet Jeremiah Day on Monday, 29th January. Pupils and staff were invited to dress as their Jeremiah role-model; someone who inspires them to be the best they can be, someone who demonstrates resilience and keeps going – even when things get tough!



“For I know the **PLANS** I have for **you**” declares the **LORD** “plans to **PROSPER** you and not to harm you, plans to give you **HOPE** and a **FUTURE.**”  
Jeremiah 29:11

Jeremiah 29:11 helps us to have **HOPE** and a **FUTURE** so we can all **ACHIEVE, BELIEVE AND CREATE TOGETHER.**

## WHO WAS JEREMIAH?

- Jeremiah was a prophet in the Old Testament (before Jesus was born) who warned people not to break their promises.
- The people broke their promises and ended up paying for it.
- Even though the Israelites did not listen to Him, God had hope for them.
- God keeps his promises, even when people don't.



Iona came as Mrs Voaden.

## Reflections on our 'Jeremiah-role models'

**Dain** – My Dad- My Dad has his own company and I want to have my own company one day too.

**Jude** – Jurgen Klopp – He is the best manager Liverpool has ever had. He inspires me because he is a good leader.

**Noola** – Greta Thunberg – She is inspirational to people who want to help the planet and I care a lot too, so I want to do similar things to her. At lunchtime, Noola even had other children joining in marches for our climate, inspired by her character.

**Mrs Catchpole** – Audrey Hepburn – Not only a fantastic actress but also an ambassador for Unicef – possibly due to the fact that she was in the Dutch resistance during WWII even though her parents were Nazi supporters.

**Miss Williams** – Claudia Winkleman – She just makes me giggle!

**George** – Brunel – I came as Isebard Kingdom Brunel because he built a lot of bridges to help transport today. He has inspired me to be more creative and find new ways to do things.

**Stanley** – Mr Yiend – Because he inspires me to learn.

**Lillian** – Marie Curie – Because she helped people with cancer to recover. Her legacy has ensured many people recover quickly from cancer. She also won two Nobel prize awards.

**Mr Yiend** – Steven Spielberg – I have watched a lot of films in my time and Spielberg has delivered some of the best. His films are full of adventure and excitement and inspire me to go on lots of adventures myself! He has also setup the USC Shoah Foundation Institute in 1994 to collect and preserve the testimonies of survivors and other witnesses of the Holocaust.



# OUR VISION, VALUES & SPIRITUALITY

## Achieve, Believe & Create Together

### This is our school vision.

This is what we want for everyone at our school.

**Jeremiah 29:11.** Jeremiah was a prophet in the Old Testament who told the people to trust in God, especially during tricky times.  
God has a plan for everyone!  
Jeremiah 29:11 helps us with our vision.

"For I know the plans  
I have for you,"  
declares the Lord,  
"plans to prosper you and not to  
harm you, plans to give you  
HOPE and a FUTURE."  
Jeremiah 29:11



### Our School Logo

Our school logo has a crown at the top. This is the history of our village and how Kingskerswell use to belong to the king. If you look carefully, the crown can turn into four people holding hands. These are the children, parents and carers, all the staff at our school, and our church, St.Mary's. The cross at the bottom is a Christian symbol and shows that we are a Church school.

### Our Values

We have six main Christian values. These are Love & Friendship, Forgiveness, Trust, Respect, Resilience and Community. Our values help us to live good lives and make good choices.  
[Listen to us singing our Values Song here.](#)



### OUR SPIRITUALITY

Relationships with:



### Our Spirituality through Relationships

Our spirituality grows through the relationships we make. Making good relationships is like a web of invisible threads. These threads can be with ourselves, with others, with Creation (like in Forest School), and with God or something 'bigger' than ourselves. We need to look after these threads if we want to grow.

# SPOTLIGHT ON

## VICTORIAN DAY in Year 1



Year 1 experienced a whole day at school as a Victorian school child. They experienced writing using chalk, reciting the 2x and 10x tables, observational drawing and Victorian style PE drills. In the afternoon, the children separated into two classrooms where girls created dresses for small dolls and the boys made paper aeroplanes to fly outside. We did all of this in the dark as there was no electricity during the Victorian era! Throughout the day we came out of character to discuss what we noticed, liked or disliked about school in the Victorian times.

### PUPIL VOICE

#### Reflections by the children about their experience

Gracie: I really enjoyed it. It was hard to use chalk and we weren't allowed to talk. The teacher was strict.

Oscar: Children used to get the cane! I wouldn't have liked that, I bet it hurt. It was fun, but I don't want to be a Victorian.



## ECO COUNCIL



**OUR NEW LOGO!**

The Eco Council have had a busy year so far with lots of eco-friendly action to help make our school a greener place.

The children worked together, brainstorming ideas and designs, to produce our new eye-catching Eco Council logo, which illustrates our love for the planet and how everyone can help support and better our world.



“The Eco Council is a fun place to connect to wildlife.

It is a wonderful experience and a big pleasure.

We recycle old crisp packets and do lots of litter picks at lunchtime. It makes me feel excited and happy.” Amelie

“I enjoy being an Eco Counsellor because I love helping the world.”

Maisie

“I love interacting with children and sharing ideas to make our school more environmentally friendly. We are making sure people in the future have a healthy thriving environment.” Freddy

“I like to help the environment, and the Eco Council will educate me how to treat the world when I am an adult and make the environment a better place for everyone.” Sienna

“My favourite thing to do is litter picking outside and seeing how clean we can make our environment. We can also teach people how to look after our world.” Evie

“I want to get a job that has something to do with animals when I am older. So being part of the Eco Council now will help a lot.” Eden

“We help the school, animals and the planet and teach the next generation, who will help the planet and they can teach the next generation after them, and so on.” Lillian

“I love helping the planet with others. Now I have ideas for eco-related jobs in the future.” Noola

## SPORTS SECTION

### PLAYGROUND MARKINGS

You may have noticed that we have new playground markings in the KS1 playground. We also have a Daily Mile Track installed in the KS2 playground too, which all helps children achieve their 30 active minutes a day. The markings have been kindly funded by the PTFA. A portion of the funds were raised by the children who participated in our KKPS Half Marathon event last summer, so well done and thank you to you too!

We have now received all donations for the marathon and we raised £ 2733.10....  
Amazing!!



### FOOTBALL

Our KS2 Girls Football club played a football tournament at Teignmouth this week. They played twice against four other local schools in 7-a-side matches. The girls managed to win every game they played and came out first in their pool. Well done, girls!

WELL DONE



### ORIENTEERING

Orienteering has taken over this term! The children have enjoyed the high-energy, quick-thinking activities and using the orienteering course around the school grounds.





This page features our pupils who are taking part in the 2024 Torbay & Devon Civic Award.

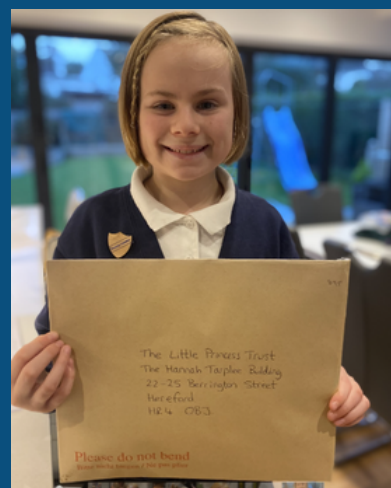
## The Little Princess Trust

By Noola

The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or to other conditions such as Alopecia.

The charity is also one of the largest funders of childhood cancer research in the UK. The Little Princess Trust relies solely on the generosity of its wonderful supporters who help the charity give Hair and Hope to so many children and young people with cancer each year.

I've been growing my hair for years until it was long enough to donate. 12.5 inches were cut on Monday 20th November. Please give generously so the trust have the money to fund making my hair into a wig for someone else.



# SCHOOL COMMUNITY GALLERY

Please send in any photos you would like to share with the school community.

Macy spent the weekend at the  
Devon County Championships  
swimming, two 10 hour days!

She came away with two silver  
medals in the 10/11 year olds 400m  
freestyle style and 100m  
butterfly.





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## WRAP-AROUND



### WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?



**THIS HALF TERM WE HAVE BEEN POLISHING UP ON OUR KARAOKE, HAD A DRAWING COMPETITION, PLAYED ENDLESS GAMES AND GENERALLY BEEN CRAFTING AND GETTING THROUGH THE CLAY AND PLAYDOH!**



**SEND**

## SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS & DISABILITIES



Please see the [COMMUNITY PAGE](#) for details about the Triple P programme for parents and carers.

**TRIPLE P FOR  
LGBT+ PARENTS  
OF CHILDREN 2-12**



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# GOVERNING BOARD NEWS



Dear Parents and Carers,

## Parent Governor Vacancies – apply now!

An opportunity has arisen for the appointment of a new Parent Governor to serve on the Governing Body of our school. This is an excellent opportunity for those who would like to get more involved with the life of the school and would support us greatly in continuing our journey towards establishing the best education for our children.

Please find the link to the Parent Governor Description document in the Documents Section.

If you are interested in applying or would like to know more, please email Louise Lloyd, Clerk to the Governors, before Friday, 8th March 2024 – [clerk@kingskerswell.devon.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@kingskerswell.devon.sch.uk)

Kind regards  
KKPS





## ATTENDANCE UPDATE 4 SEP 23 – 26 JAN 24

Keep up the good attendance!

	KKPS Attendance	FFT National Attendance
Reception	93.5%	93.2%
Year 1	95.0%	94.1%
Year 2	95.5%	94.5%
Year 3	96.2%	94.8%
Year 4	96.6%	94.7%
Year 5	95.6%	94.6%
Year 6	95.9%	94.4%
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>95.5%</b>	<b>93.2%</b>



WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM  
YOU!

What do you enjoy about our newsletter?  
What would you like more of?

Please email  
[admin@kingskerswell.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kingskerswell.devon.sch.uk)

## NUT FREE SCHOOL



THANK YOU

Please do not send your child(ren) to school with snacks that contain nuts. As a school promoting the health and wellbeing of all children, we would please ask that children bring in healthy snack choices, such as chopped up fruit or vegetables. Thank you for your support with this.



## SAFEGUARDING

Worried about a child's safety?

If you are concerned about the safety of a child in Devon and want to speak to someone, or if you are a child worried about your own safety, contact our Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 01392 388428, 01803 208100 (if the child lives in Torbay) or email [mashsecure@devon.gov.uk](mailto:mashsecure@devon.gov.uk) and give as much information as you can.

If a child is at immediate risk, contact the police on 999.

## Contact Information

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## COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

St Mary's Kingskerswell



Kingskerswell Parish Church- St.Mary's  
Part of The Three Wells Mission Community  
VICAR: Michael Wilkie

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End Road, Kingskerswell, TQ12 5LD

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Office: 01803 873006

admin:w3church.co.uk

Website: [www.ackchurch.org.uk/](http://www.ackchurch.org.uk/)

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/The-Three-Wells-Mission-Community-106678921001432/>

**TRIPLE P FOR  
LGBT+ PARENTS  
OF CHILDREN 2-12**

Triple P is  
programme that  
teaches parenting  
skills. This 8 week  
course is for LGBT+  
parents of 2-12 year  
olds

WEEKLY  
Thursday 22nd  
February - Thursday  
11th April  
6.30pm-8.30pm

For more details and to  
book your place, check our  
Eventbrite:

Talk to us  
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# THANK YOU!

Thank you to Roger and  
his team at Kingskerswell Action  
Group for clearing the pavement  
down Coffinswell Lane of  
brambles. No more snagged  
clothing or having to walk in the  
road!



### What If...? - A Festival of Children's Stories

30th January - 17th February 2024

at Emmanuel Hall

Click on the link to find out more!



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