



Dear Parents,

### Kingswood

Our Kingswood trip was a resounding success. Our children learned so much about teamwork, independence, setting personal goals and how not to keep the teachers awake ALL night and survive!!!! The activities were enjoyed by all and the self-confidence that grew was tangible. We'll be hosting a presentation evening before half term to share some of the fun with you, but in the meantime, despite what the children may say, I am still the laser quest champion ☺

### News from Classrooms:

**Class 1:** This week the Class 1 story has been "The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch". The children used the text as a starting point for their writing and art work.

**Class 2:** In Class 2 this week the children have been writing stories based on a DVD clip they watched about a bottle of magic bubbles. The children also created their own art work showing where their magical bubble would take them. In maths they looked at some data handling problems.

**Class 3:** This week Y4 & 5 have produced graphs to show their favourite activities at Kingswood and they recounted their highlights. The children made a parachute to investigate air resistance and of course, our Year 6 children completed their SATs. They approached each test with confidence and positivity and although the papers were extremely challenging, they didn't let it phase them. SATs do not measure how wonderful our children are as individuals. I am very proud of them all. Thank you to all the staff who have supported them during this week and all who have helped prepare them over the many years that the children have been at this school.

### Maths Next Week:

Class 1: Counting on and back, finding the difference, addition with coins

Class 2: Problem solving

Class 3: Geometry (shapes)

### Social Media –

#### Be Kind Campaign!

The ITV show 'This Morning' has started a 'Be Kind' campaign to promote awareness to parents and children about the dangers of social media and bullying. Our children are growing up in a world where social media is becoming more and more apparent. It is vitally important that our children are aware of the dangers to themselves but also to understand that their actions on

social media have consequences. Now many children /teenagers have their own mobile phones they have the potential to be bullied 24/7 and have no escape.

Most social media apps such as Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat and Instagram have a minimum age of 13, however we are aware that some children in Y5/6 are already using social media. I would urge any parent to

review the video put together by the 'This Morning' campaign to highlight the consequences of social media and think about sharing the video with your children who are in Y5 or 6 or at secondary school, when you feel it is appropriate to do so. The video is very powerful and hard hitting and would need careful discussion with children afterwards.

The video can be found at:

<http://www.itv.com/thismorning/hot-topics/pledge-to-share-our-anti-bullying-message>

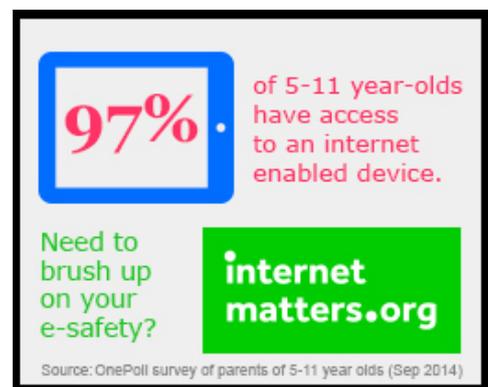
If you have any worries over your child being bullied or bullying other children via social media please speak to a member of staff.

### E-Safety:

On the website, we have added web links to access guides for parents on three popular apps which we believe some older children in school are using at home; these are:

- **Instagram**  
<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/instagram-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/>
- **Snapchat**  
<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/snapchat-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/>
- **YouTube**  
<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/youtube-tips-and-tricks-to-keep-your-children-entertained-and-safe/>

They have vital information for parents and carers to keep your child safe when using the internet.



Continued...

### Swimming

Please send any outstanding swimming permissions/ payments be sent into school on Monday. Thank you.

### Viking Challenge Update

The company that has produced our Viking Challenge T-shirts for the last 2 years has put its price up by 60%. If you know anyone who might be able to print t-shirts at a reasonable price, please can you contact Nicky Murray on [nicky.m.murray@gmail.com](mailto:nicky.m.murray@gmail.com)

Are you keen to help at the Viking Challenge but can't get the childcare? We need 6 people to share the typing up of the finish times after the event. It's a very simple job - typing the cyclists time and rider number on to an excel spreadsheet. Our 'Entries' team leader Nicky will be able to tell you exactly what needs doing. It needs to be done on Sunday evening (1st) or on the Monday (2nd Oct).

More vacancies to be filled will be shared soon. Please help us keep our annual fundraiser going - all pupils at our school benefit from the funds raised. Please contact the school office if you can assist. Thank you.

### Letter going home this week

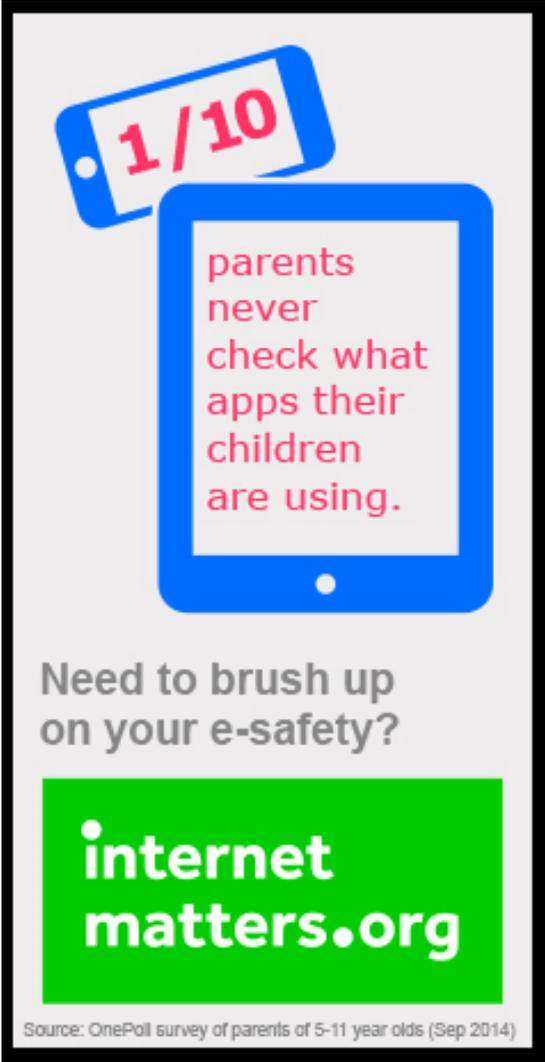
Young Innovators Challenge – named pupils.

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. V. Hopkins  
Head teacher

Learning together, having fun  
[www.redmile.leics.sch.uk](http://www.redmile.leics.sch.uk)



1 / 10

parents  
never  
check what  
apps their  
children  
are using.

Need to brush up  
on your e-safety?

internet  
matters.org

Source: OnePoll survey of parents of 5-11 year olds (Sep 2014)