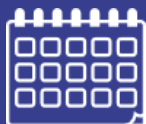




Dates for Your

DIARY



PTA Events

Friday 1st December—Christmas Bazaar

School Events

Friday 17th November – Children in Need Day

Monday 20th November –Non Uniform Day

Tuesday 21st November—Parent Consultations

Wednesday 22nd November—Parent Consultations

Friday 24th November—Carnival Day

Wednesday 6th December—Reception Christmas show to parents

Thursday 7th December— Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 7th December— Christmas Lunch

Thursday 7th December— SEND Coffee Morning

Wednesday 13th December—KS1 Nativity to parents

Thursday 14th December—KS1 Nativity to parents

Monday 18th December—Nursery Christmas songs to parents

Wednesday 20th December—Children's last day of school

Thursday 4th January—Children return to school

Tuesday 16th January—Young Voices Concert

NEWSLETTER

A message from the Principal



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are all well and have had a good week. We would like to thank you for your support with raising money in support for Remembrance Day. It was a pleasure to watch the Remembrance day assembly where children presented all their wonderful poems, art work and held a 2 minute silence as a mark of respect. During our History lessons last week, we taught the children that the red poppy is a symbol of both Remembrance and hope for a peaceful future. The poppy is a well-known and well-established symbol, one that carries a wealth of history and an opportunity to remember those who died in the line of duty.

We are looking forward to welcoming you for parent consultations next week. We are sure you will be incredibly proud of your children's achievements this term. Just a reminder for Nursery parents, Mrs. Minas will be carrying out telephone appointments with you.

Our pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are busy learning their songs and scripts in preparation for the Christmas shows and nativities. Communication about the dates for the shows has been sent out, we look forward to seeing you in the audience for these shows.

Finally I would like to say a huge thank you to parents and carers who have ensured their children are wearing the correct uniform to school, we will continue to monitor this throughout the year. I do however need to remind a small number of pupils that they should not be wearing branded sportswear for PE. Please ensure your children are wearing the correct plain PE kit. Thank you.





Celebrations at Kingsmoor Academy



Congratulations to the following children who have received Headteachers Awards since returning to school in the autumn term:

Friday 15th September

1G Ruby & Samuel
1I Yvonne & Orion
2P Ava & Alfie
2E Yoan & Shannon
3I Ekiza & Kacey
3/4B Gabriela & Filip
4C Noah & Aoife
5G Riley & Alysia
5J Aimee & Ella
6K Ella & David
6A Tomi & Tyley

Friday 22nd September

1G Eren & Dominika
1I Alice & Dexter
2P Leeloo & Jack
2E Daniela & Jessica
3I Nana & Oscar
3/4B Maisie & Sumeiya
4C Diana & Edith
5G Olivia & Teddy
5J George & Maria
6K David & Martyna
6A Nevaeh & Tobias

Friday 29th September

1G Taidgh & Kaydee
1I Hareem & Felicity
2P Ameilia & Azariah
2E Alex & Kristyan
3I Rosie Blu & Molly May
3/4B Tyler & Emilia
4C Arabella & Lilly –Anne
5G Sofia & Aaya
5J Maeem & Jessica
6K Emilia - Lily & Addul
6A George & Afsa

Friday 6th October

1G Almira & Rayan
1I Sienna & Ronnie
2P Skyla & Ademola
2E Kaziyah & Stefania
3I Leticija & Ronnie
3/4B Teddy & Scarlett
4C Madiha & Olivia
5G Adrienne & Lilly –Rose
5J Olivia & Baloch
6K Lilly & Ronnie
6A Lily & Ronnie

Friday 20th October

1G Olivia & Noah
1I Whole Class
2P Whole Class
2E Whole Class
3I Elsie & Harrison
3/4B Emilie & Brooklyn
4C Ella Rae & Bobby Joe
5G Conner
5J Marc & Mason
6K Whole Class
6A Whole Class

Friday 3rd November

1G Ronnie & Minhaj
1I Saoirse & Ehsan
2P Emna & Raghd
2E Charlie & Hareem
3I Elsie & Harrison
3/4B Emilie & Brooklyn
4C Ella Rae & Bobby Joe
5G Conner
5J Marc & Mason
6K Whole Class
6A Whole Class

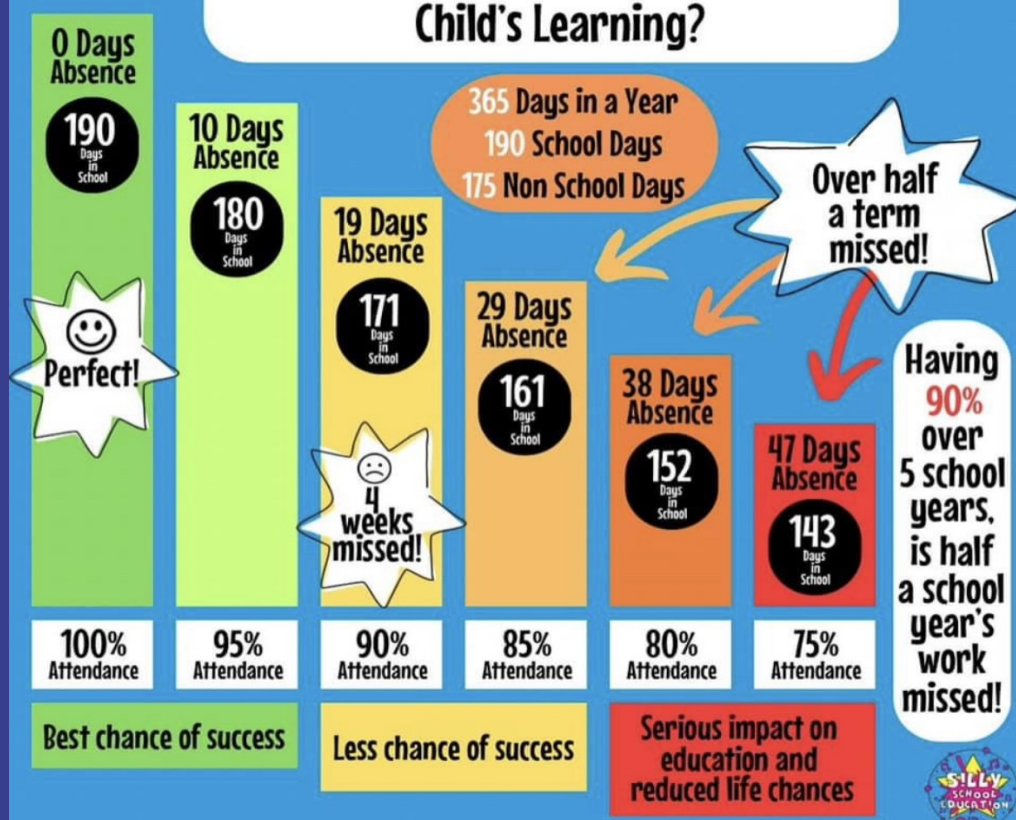
Celebrating Fantastic Attendance

It has been another fantastic week of outstanding attendance across Kingsmoor Academy, well done everyone! Having looked at attendance data for the week of 6.11.2023 — 10.11.2023, we would like to say:

Huge Congratulations to Nursery class for having 100% attendance in the school last week.

This was very closely followed with 98—99% attendance for the same period by the following classes: Year 1 Italy, Year 2 Poland, Year 4 China and Year 6 Australia.

How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?

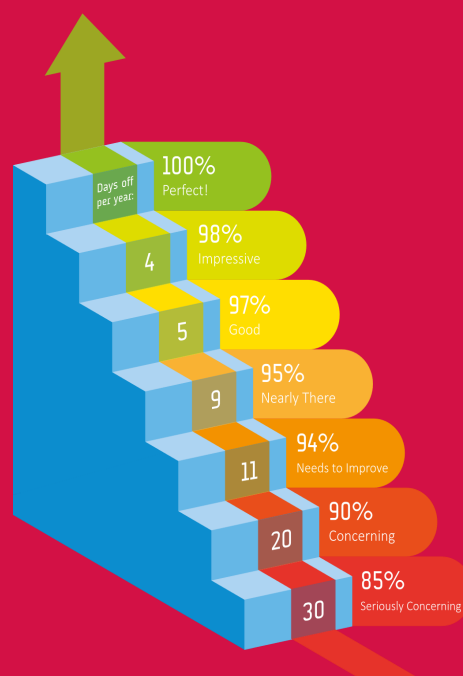


ATTENDANCE

Kingsmoor Academy prioritises attendance and punctuality. We aim to have attendance which meets and exceeds the national average.

We understand that children can be absent from school due to illness and medical appointments. Please remember to call the school office and report your child's absence to the attendance officer before 9.30am.

Punctuality is just as important as attendance. We have a 'soft start' from 8.40am where children can attend and complete some early morning work. Classroom doors close at 8.50am for registration.



Safeguarding



Safer Schools
App



Information from the National College:

The social media network formerly known as Twitter has undergone numerous alterations since its change of ownership and rebranding as X – and many of these recent developments have proved controversial. With any user now simply able to pay a fee for account verification, for example, the once-reliable 'blue tick' system has become largely meaningless.

It's just one of several changes that have set the social media giant on what many consider a concerning path in online safety terms. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide provides a run-down of the most significant tweaks made to X; their potential safeguarding implications; and how to help en-

We remind our children to be SMART online

Online Safety

Follow the **SMART** rules to help stay safe online.

S

Safe

Stay **safe** online by not sharing your personal information.

M

Meet

Do not **meet** anyone who you have only become friends with online.

A

Accept

Do not **accept** messages and friend requests from people you do not know.

R

Reliable

Not everything online is **reliable**. People online are strangers and you can't always trust everything they say.

T

Tell

Tell an adult you trust if anything happens online that you do not like.

Be careful what you share online!

Stop and think before you share information online. Don't say or do anything that you wouldn't do in the real world!

The Safer Schools App helps to educate, empower and protect children and those responsible with helping to keep them safe as they navigate the world of technology and social media.

The App is designed to support and protect children by educating and empowering them in school and at home. As parents and carers, you will have a tailored version of the app which will empower and educate you to best support the children in your care in the digital world. The safety hub contains all of the important alerts about new threats and trends online which are sent out by the Safer Schools Team.

In the video hub you will see all of the safeguarding videos posted by the safer schools team.

The alerts hub hosts all of the push notifications which can be sent out by us as a school, or by the Safer Schools Team. This could range from an alert about a new app, or simply a reminder from the school (Make sure that you turn all of your push notifications on when you download the App) Overwhelmed by the sheer amount of different apps and devices out there? Not sure how to help your children stay safe online? Check out the Online Safety Centre to find out how to block, report and set appropriate privacy and safety settings. On the screen it shows an example of how to learn to block someone on TikTok. Simply click on the block button, choose the device you are using, select the social media app and then watch the short video.

The Digital Safety section is a handy reference tool to keep you informed on a range of topics from The Online World to Gaming. The screen recording shows you how to find all the info you need to know on the controversial, yet popular messaging app Kik in the Social Media section.

Want to test your knowledge of the information on the App? Think you know as much as your kids? Try our Quick Quizzes on any of our topics.

If you feel like even more of a challenge – try the Digital Tests section for a more in-depth, multiple choice quiz.

Step 1: Open up your App Store or Google Play and search for 'Safer Schools'

Step 2: Type in your school name – **Kingsmoor Academy**

Step 3: Type in the code – **7740** or Scan the QR Code



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

X

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

In October 2022, the enormously popular social media network Twitter was purchased by tech tycoon Elon Musk. That sparked a host of changes to the platform – not all which have been received positively by its fans. The alterations have continued with each passing month, many of them raising online safety concerns among the 530 million users of Twitter (now rebranded as simply X). With further adjustments reportedly in the pipeline, X has attracted more than its usual share of controversy and caution in recent times.

A BLOCK ON BLOCKING

X has announced plans to remove its blocking feature. Previously, this stopped other users from viewing your profile or sending you direct messages, while also hiding their posts from your feed. Only this latter function will now remain. The decision has been criticised by some members, who feel that blocking (in its current form) protects them from X users who 'promote denial and hatred'.

LIMITED REPORTING FEATURES

X offers a premium membership, with some functionality (such as controlling who can view and reply to your posts) increasingly being made exclusive to those who pay the subscription fee. Several commentators have speculated that X could one day become an exclusively paid-for service, with access to accounts being revoked for anyone unwilling or unable to take out a subscription.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Many of X's less age-appropriate posts can feature anything from extreme political views to pornography. While accounts marked as 18+ are restricted from non-members, it's still fairly easy to stumble across this material accidentally. X's new 'For You' page also shows content from accounts that a user doesn't already follow – meaning that almost anything could end up on a child's feed.

VERIFICATION FOR SALE

Historically, Twitter's moderators granted account verification: certifying someone as authentic by placing a blue tick next to their username. One of X's earliest changes was to place verification behind a paywall; this caused the number of celebrity impersonators to rise and left no way to distinguish, say, a legitimate influencer from a copycat fake account seeking to exploit other users.

BLUE TICK SALE

Advice for Parents & Carers

PROTECT PRIVACY

Unsavory characters may try to gain access to a young person's X account – either to view their posts and gather information on them, or to completely take control of it. To minimise risk, ensure the account has a strong password and enable the 'Protect Your Posts' feature (via the account settings), so that strangers can't view your child's posts without first being approved as a follower.

DON'T RISE TO THE BAIT

To gain more views and followers, some X users post deliberately inflammatory comments on sensitive topics such as race, sexual orientation and gender issues. Many young people could find this upsetting. Emphasise that, if your child encounters someone spreading hate on X, it's best not to give that person what they want: an argument. Ignore them, mute their account and move on.

STAY ALERT FOR IMPOSTERS

Make sure your child understands that X's blue ticks no longer guarantee the identity of anyone on the platform. While it might be exciting if a celebrity liked your child's post, it could just as easily be an imposter with malicious intentions. If your child's not 100% sure that an X user actually is who they claim to be, advise them to err on the side of caution and avoid interacting with that account.

ONLY FOLLOW TRUSTED ACCOUNTS

Using the 'Following' tab on X helps to ensure that the only content your child sees has come from accounts they've chosen to follow: this should reduce the chance of them inadvertently being exposed to harmful, violent or explicit content. Show your child how to report another user's account if, say, they're behaving inappropriately by spreading misinformation or offensive opinions.

BE READY TO TAKE ACTION

If your child suffers harassment on the platform or becomes the target of a hack, you could consider deactivating their account entirely. Recently, X's safety features have been criticised for allegedly failing to protect users' wellbeing – so if your child is being subjected to abusive messages or similar mistreatment on the platform, it might be prudent to remove them from X altogether.

Meet Our Expert

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Reception school places



Essex County Council



On Monday we celebrated World Kindness day. The pupils and the staff were all encouraged to show someone an act of kindness,.

By embracing kindness every day, we can create a more positive and compassionate world for ourselves and those around us. Small acts of kindness can lead to a ripple effect, and it can inspire others to do the same. Random Acts of Kindness Day 2023 was a special opportunity to spread joy and embrace kindness



The primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 6 November 2023**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2024.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15th January 2024**.

From 6th November 2023, applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

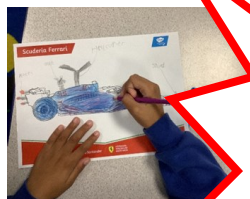
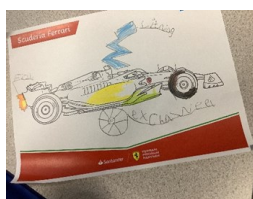
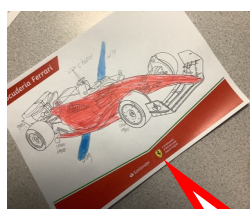
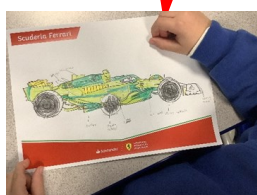
All of the application information is available on the website above.

WORLD SCIENCE DAY

Friday 10th November 2023



We learned a little bit about the science behind F1 cars



We then designed our own car to recognise world science day 2023



Health Information

Head lice can be difficult to spot, even when the head is closely inspected. They're very small whitish or grey-brown insects that range from the size of a pinhead to the size of a sesame seed.

The only way to be sure someone has head lice is to find a live louse by combing their hair with a special fine toothed comb. This is called detection combing. Treatments to get rid of head lice are available to buy from pharmacies, supermarkets and online.

You don't usually need to see your GP. The main treatments are:

lotions or sprays that kill head lice –these can be very effective, but some aren't suitable for pregnant or breastfeeding women, or for children under two.

Removing head lice with a specially designed comb – this is suitable for everyone and relatively inexpensive, but needs to be repeated several times and can take a long time to do thoroughly

A pharmacist can advise you about the treatments available if you're not sure which is best for you or your child.