

# NEWSLETTER

DIARY



### **School Events**

**Monday 18th December**—Nursery Christmas songs to parents

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

Thursday 4th January—Children return to school

**Monday 15th January** -Reception application closing Date

Tuesday 16th January—Young Voices Concert



# A message from the Principal



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! We have had an amazing couple of weeks at Kingsmoor getting into the festive spirit with Nativities, Shows, Christmas Carol singing, Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas lunch, the Christmas Bazaar and the list goes on. All the children and staff are really feeling in the spirit of the festive season.

I wanted to say a huge well done to all the children who have been learning their lines for their performances and the songs they have learnt, a great effort was made and it was a joy to see so many families in the audience enjoying the shows.

Another thank you to the PTA for working tirelessly to host our Christmas Bazaar. I am sure you will agree there were some lovely stalls and a great effort made by the team. We raised an amazing £2,052.02 and we are pleased to share that some of this money will be used to purchase new sports kits for our sporting teams at Kingsmoor. We will share more on this soon.

Our final day of school is Wednesday 20th December and we will be returning on Thursday 4th January 2024. On behalf of everyone at Kingsmoor Academy, we would like to wish you a very happy festive break. We hope you enjoy your time with your families and get plenty of rest together. We look forward to seeing you all again at the start of the spring term.





We have had an amazing time over the last few weeks, everyone is now looking forward to Christmas, below are a few photos of the children and staff enjoying the festive activities.

















During this term Years 1-6 used their fine motor skills, resilience, a lot of concentration and their hand and eye co-ordination skills. Which helped and encouraged the children to make a 3D Seasonal decoration/gift. First, the children began designing their seasonal decoration/gift and chose their favourite one too make. After, they learnt how to thread a plastic needle and how to tie a Ninja Knot. Once the children became confident with these skills it was time to learn two sewing stitches called The Running stitch and Over Cast stitch, where children had the opportunity to practice these stitches on some material called Binca. As their confidence and motivation grew with these new sewing skills, they gathered their appropriate materials together and began achieving their wonderful Art goal of making their very own 3D Seasonal decoration/gift. Once finished, the children created their own wrapping paper and wrapped their gift before taking them home.

# **Reception & Nursery Nativity**



# **Christmas Jumper Day**





# **Celebrations at Kingsmoor Academy**



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

# **Friday 1st December**

1G Minhaj & Teddy

11 Irina & Teddy

2P Kamau & Calix

2E Elwood & Jacob

31 Brianna & Rares

3/4B AJ & Louis

4C Amelia & Morgan

5G Pola & Niki

5J Caitlin & Luther

**6K Whole Class** 

6A Arda & Hamza

# Friday 8th December

1G Leiani & Jakub

11 Whole Class

2P Alicija & Dominykas

2E Adam & Erin

31 Scarlett & Isaac

3/4B Francesca & Aisha

4C Izabella & Oscar

5G Michael & Amelia

5J Millie & Honey

**6K Whole Class** 

6A Saffron & Rhamae

# Friday 15th December

1G Lilly Mae & Charlie

11 Whole Class

**2P Whole Class** 

**2E Whole Class** 

31 Jeorgie May & Tilly Rose

3/4B Tyler & Filip

4C Macy & Leona

5G Kacper & Beaux

5J Aleks & Bojidar

**6K Whole Class** 

6A Razan & Milda









Thank You to everyone that came to support our carnival day.





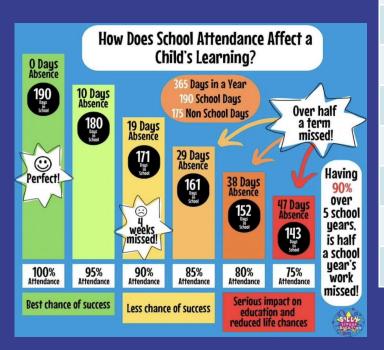
Another fun filled action packed day was enjoyed by all.



# **Celebrating Fantastic Attendance**

We have had another great half term of strong attendance, well done to everyone for your efforts in improving your children's attendance. Please see the breakdown of all the classes overall attendance for the half term.

Huge congratulations to our winners, Year 5 Japan class for their outstanding attendance. They will be receiving their whole class reward in January.



Class	%
France	95%
Spain	95.45%
Ghana	94.94%
Italy	96.49%
Egypt	93.92%
Poland	96.63%
India	95.93%
Brazil	93.37%
China	95.41%
Greece	93.93%
Japan	97.66%
Australia	96.24%
Kenya	94.56%

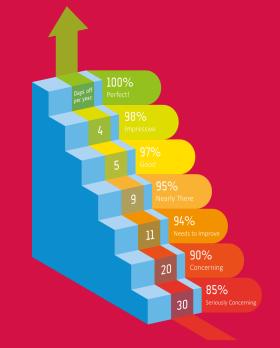


# **ATTENDANCE**

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.



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# **Information from the National College:**

In 2019, media titan Disney launched its own streaming platform, intending to challenge the likes of Netflix and Amazon Prime. Giving (often exclusive) access to shows and movies – such as the legendary studio's animated classics and the revered Star Wars back catalogue – Disney+ has been a colossal success, proving popular with viewers of all ages.

Despite Disney's reputation for wholesome, child-friendly content, however, there's far more material available on their platform – some of which is aimed exclusively at adults. This could easily fly under the radar, given the company's general image. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide has useful tips to help your family sit back, relax and enjoy what Disney+has to offer.

We remind our children to be SMART online



# Safeguarding



# Safer Schools

App



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 Tik-Tok. 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

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Walt Disney Company's streaming service, Disney+ combines entertainment from the famous animation studio itself with Pixar, Star and National Geographic, plus the Marvel and Star Wars franchises. With access to the latest releases, Disney classics and original series, there's plenty of content to explore. While parents may have noted that adverts have now been introduced on some versions of the service, the platform is unsurprisingly for a Disney product – designed to be appropriate for the whole family.

### LESS SUITABLE CONTENT

De\*#! While Disney+ is predominantly family friendly, there are some movies and shows in its library which are aimed at an older audience: these may scare younger ones or contain themes or language that you'd rather your child wasn't exposed to. You could avoid such situations by enabling Junior Mode (see 'Adjust content settings', below) or specifying a content age rating for your child's profile.

### BINGE WATCHING

With the option to view content on any internet-enabled device and a growing catalogue of movies, cartoons and documentaries, Disney+ can make managing screen time difficult. This could result in children bringe watching content, distracting them from activities like homework or socialising. Too much screen time has also been shown to negatively impact mood, sleep patterns and weight.

### PHISHING EMAILS

Be especially cautious if you receive emails or text messages purporting to be from Disney+. There have been numerous reports of online scammers impersonating Disney+ staff in an attempt to gain access to subscribers' personal information. Disney+ states it will never email or call customers asking for their payment details, their private information or their password.

### ENCROACHING **ADVERTS**

Disney+ has introduced a new subscription package – Disney+ Standard with Ads – which plays standard with Ads – which plays commercials before movies and during shows (like many TV channels). There are no adverts in Junior Mode, but profiles with a content rating of 8+ years will see ads appropriate for that age category. Adults who give consent will see personalised adverts based on their location and viewing history.

# ACCESSING ADULTS' PROFILES

If adults don't set a PIN for their profile, children could access it and encounter content which isn't age appropriate. In the settings, Junior Mode has a toggle titled 'Kid-Proof Exit' which requires the user to read four words (numbers, spelled out) and enter them to switch profiles. For older children who can read, though, this isn't secure enough — so using a PIN for adult profiles is recommended.

# Advice for Parents & Carers

### ADJUST CONTENT SETTINGS

When setting up an account, there's an option to create profiles in what's called Junior Mode. This generally covers material that's suitable for children up to age 6 and is therefore fairly limited. You can give older children a wider choice of viewing by building a standard profile, then going into the settings and choosing a content rating from one of the pre-set alternatives: 6+, 9+, 12+ or 14+.

### TURN OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a cartoon, show or movie finishes, Disney+ uses algorithms to identify content with similar themes, which it thinks your child will also enjoy. This suggestion will then automatically begin to play by default. There's an option to turn off this auto-play function in the profile settings, which will encourage your child to take a break from the screen and move on to a different activity.

### ADD PIN PROTECTION

Disney+ enables you to effectively lock profiles behind a four-digit PIN. In particular, some of the shows on the platform's Star content hub are far more oriented to adults (including several hard-hitting dramas from US networks), so protecting parents' or older siblings' profiles with a PIN will help to prevent younger children stumbling across material which isn't intended for them.

### **ENJOY AS A FAMILY**

When your child watches a movie or show on Disney+ for the first time, you may want to sit with them to ensure it's suitable. You could do the same when introducing them to older films that you haven't seen for years; your perception of what's appropriate has very probably changed, and some of the language and attitudes in movies from your own childhood may seem quite shocking today.

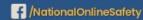
# Meet Our Expert















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