

Kingsmoor Academy School News

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A Message From Mrs Skinner

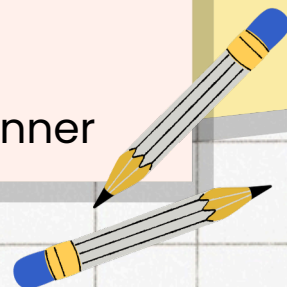


Thank you to all of our parents and carers for the continued support you give your children and the school. Your encouragement, enthusiasm, and involvement make a huge difference and have been vital to the success of the many wonderful events we have enjoyed this month. From the children's BIG Enterprise Sale to their festive Christmas performances, it has been fantastic to see their confidence, creativity, and teamwork shine, supported so strongly by our school community.

As we come to the end of a busy and exciting term, we would also like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Kingsmoor families a relaxing and enjoyable winter break. We hope you are able to spend some special time together, stay safe, and make happy memories. Thank you once again for your ongoing support, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school in the New Year.



Mrs Skinner



What's Happening

AT KINGSMOOR



SANTA's here!



Today, Santa came to visit Kingsmoor! The children were full of excitement as they met Santa and enjoyed a special visit, even receiving a little treat from him. It was a magical moment for everyone and a lovely way to celebrate the festive season. Merry Christmas to all! 🌟

Reminders

- ✓ Children return to school on the 5th January 2026.
- ✓ Year 6 energisers will continue on the first week back.. They start at 8.10am.
- ✓ Clubs begin the first week back.



This month's attendance:

Kenya - 94.8%

Greece - 95.7%

Japan - 94.4%

Brazil - 96.2%

China - 94.2%

Cuba - 96.1%

India - 91.5%

Egypt - 95.3%

Poland - 96.3%

Ghana - 95.6%

Italy - 94.9%



Awesome achievers

Celebrating all of the amazing things our children have achieved!



Riley Diplock

What an absolute superstar! Riley in Year 6 has taken the huge and selfless step of cutting off his long locks to raise money for the Little Princess Trust.

Through his incredible effort and generosity, Riley has raised an amazing £647, wow! We are so proud of him and his kindness. Be sure to check out his fabulous new look!

**WELL
DONE!**

ALWAYS children

Congratulations to our ALWAYS children for consistently being fantastic role models and for following the 6Rs every day. We are incredibly proud of your hard work, positive attitudes, and commitment to learning and behaviour at school. Keep up the amazing effort, well done!



PTFA

PARENT, TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The BIG Enterprise Sale

Made with love by the children of Kingsmoor!

A huge thank-you to everyone who joined us for the Children's Enterprise Sale on the 12th of December. We were delighted by the fantastic turnout and truly grateful for the incredible support from our school community. The event, wonderfully organised by the PTFA, was a lovely celebration of the children's hard work and creativity. We hope you enjoyed your purchases, and we look forward to hosting another successful sale in the near future!



Kingsmoor's Winners!

All of the children did a fantastic job at the BIG Enterprise Sale, showing great teamwork and enthusiasm. There was lots of friendly competition between the classes, and we are proud to announce that our first-ever winners are China Class. Well done to everyone involved for raising over £1,000 towards our school playground development.

Dates for the diary!

5th January:
Children return back
to school.
We look forward to
seeing you then!



WINNER

PTA

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WE WANT
YOU!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**CALLING ALL PARENTS, CARERS AND
THE LOCAL COMMUNITY!
WE NEED YOUR HELP!**



Kingsmoor Academy's PTFA are asking for support from parents, carers and the local community.

The PTFA hosts fun events for the children to take part in, whilst being able to raise funds for the school.

The children love taking part in our events but we need volunteers to join our team in order for us to continue running these.

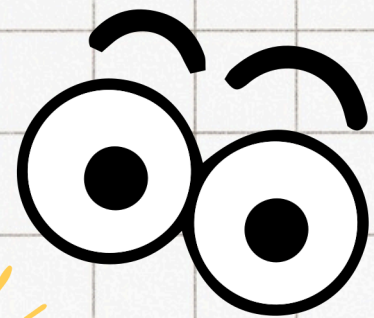
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JOIN OUR PTFA

Look what we've been up to!



Class Parties!



Our classroom parties were a huge success, with the children having an absolute blast celebrating together.

There were lots of smiles, laughter, and festive fun throughout the school. A big thank you to all of our parents and carers for the generous food and drink donations, your support helped make the celebrations extra special for the children.

Great Open Door



Our friends from Great Open Door came to put on a fantastic show all about friendship and being honest. The children had a wonderful time watching the performance, joining in the fun, and learning some really important lessons along the way!

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Safeguarding

SHARING UPDATES TO CREATE A SAFER COMMUNITY

Online Safety

Follow the SMART rules to help stay safe online.

Safe

S

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



Meet

M

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



Accept

A

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



Reliable

R

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



Tell

T

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!



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 ensure young people minimise the risks while they continue to use the service.

NHS updates

Parents are advised to keep their children at home if they exhibit symptoms such as a high temperature, severe earache, or if they have tested positive for COVID-19.

It is also recommended to avoid contact with others during the illness.

Handwashing, and regular school attendance are key to reducing the spread of illnesses and maintaining a healthy learning environment.

THINK
BEFORE YOU
PARK!



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO CHOOSE RESPECT

Sometimes, differences between children can escalate into bullying, potentially impacting their mental health in a way that can persist into adulthood. While it's natural to disagree sometimes, teaching children the importance of respect is essential – especially in difficult situations. This guide provides strategies for encouraging considerate behaviour, even during a dispute, to foster a kinder, more inclusive environment for everyone.

1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

As adults, we play a crucial role in modelling respectful behaviour for children: they observe and learn from our actions every day. Be mindful of the way you interact with others in front of children. Keep in mind that you should always approach others with an attitude of mutual respect, even if you disagree with them. Demonstrating this behaviour can influence young people and help them to handle their own conflicts in a healthy way.

2 AGREE TO DISAGREE

Make sure children know that it's fine to have differing opinions – and that disagreeing with someone doesn't mean you can't get along or respect each other's point of view. Help them understand that sometimes we can 'agree to disagree'. Using active listening skills when doing this can also help to build empathy and understanding of others.

3 PROMOTE ACTIVE LISTENING

Teach children about the importance of active listening: that is, making a genuine effort to listen to the other person's perspective without interrupting, before responding in a way that shows you understand their viewpoint, even (or perhaps especially) if you disagree with it. This makes people feel respected and allows for a better comprehension of their point of view, which in turn can make it easier for you to communicate your own opinions to them.

4 ENCOURAGE THE USE OF "I" STATEMENTS

If a child finds themselves in a disagreement with someone, it can be useful to encourage them to use "I" statements during the discussion. Framing their thoughts and feelings using statements like "I feel ..." or "I think ..." can help them avoid an accusatory tone and encourages them to take responsibility for their own emotions.

5 FOCUS ON BEHAVIOUR, NOT CHARACTER

When disagreements happen, encourage children to focus on critiquing and addressing the specific actions or behaviours that caused this upset, rather than attacking the person's character. For example, "I didn't like how you interrupted me" is better than "You're so rude". This can help children avoid hurting someone's feelings, which is likely to inflame the situation.

6 STAY CALM AND TAKE BREAKS

It's perfectly normal to feel upset during a disagreement – especially if it's getting heated. Remind children that if they feel overwhelmed, they should try to take deep breaths or even go for a short break to help them stay composed. If a conversation becomes too intense, remind them it's OK to suggest continuing it later or in a different setting. This can prevent things getting out of hand, allowing cooler heads to prevail.

7 START CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RESPECT

Talk openly to children about what respect means – to you and to them. Discuss how they might show respect to each other, to friends, to strangers and even to people we might disagree with. You could use examples of considerate or inconsiderate behaviour in books, films or TV to open discussions about the importance of giving others due regard.

8 SEEK COMMON GROUND

When a disagreement has occurred between children, they may find it hard to move past it. You can support them in finding a more positive way forward by helping identify areas of agreement or common ground with the other party. This can help to build bridges between differing opinions and foster a more cooperative atmosphere, as well as preventing those involved from demonising each other.

9 AVOID MAKING THINGS PERSONAL

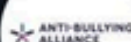
It's important that we make it clear to children they must avoid name-calling, swearing or derogatory remarks in a disagreement with others. Respectful language sets a positive tone and helps keep the conversation productive. Reminding children to stay calm and take breaks – as mentioned previously – can help them avoid getting too emotional and saying or doing something hurtful.

10 REFLECT AND LEARN

After a child has had a disagreement, encourage them to reflect on the experience and think about what they can learn from it. What did they handle well? How might they improve their communication skills to handle conflicts more effectively in the future? You could use role play, writing and drawing pictures, or hypothetical examples to further develop their skills in showing respect during a disagreement.

Meet Our Expert

The Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) co-ordinate Anti-Bullying Week each year. ABA is a unique coalition of organisations and individuals, working together to achieve their vision to stop bullying and create safer environments in which children and young people can live, grow, play and learn. They welcome membership from any organisation or individual that supports this vision and support a free network of thousands of schools and colleges.



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