

# KEW NEWS

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With this newsletter you will receive

- Year 5 and 6 Attain Magazine
- Year 6 outing Permission slip to the Ragged School Museum
- Year 6 outing permission slip to Junior Citizenship Scheme
- Snippets
- Christmas Pack from Kew College Friends
- Letter from Independent Schools Inspectorate to the Pupils of Years 5 and 6

Dear Parents,

I have received an email from a resident of a block of flats in Forest Road complaining that some of our parents have been parking in their Residents Only spaces at collection times. Whilst I understand that parking is very difficult, I would ask that we all do our best to keep the school on good terms with its neighbours (our blazers shine out like beacons!). Similarly, it will ease congestion if parents picking up at the earlier times vacate their spaces swiftly to allow the later arrivals to park.

Clubs are now in full swing, with some additional activities at lunchtime. We are very grateful to those parents who have volunteered to help with the Library. Mrs Mogilner will be in touch with you shortly to discuss arrangements. The re-arranged Friday afternoon activities seem to be very popular, and it is good to walk round the school to see the children having fun and learning in mixed-age, relaxed groups.

As announced earlier this week, we will shortly be receiving a visit from the ISI Inspectorate. This has involved an initial flurry of paperwork, to be followed by a two-day visit next Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will then be a three-day visit on October 18<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup>. May I urge you please to complete the Parent Questionnaire, for which instructions were sent out on Wednesday? Children in **Years 5 and 6 only** are also invited to fill in their own questionnaire, details of which accompany this newsletter. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DEADLINE FOR BOTH PARENTS' AND CHILDREN'S QUESTIONNAIRES HAS NOW BEEN EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>.

I wish you all a very happy weekend.

**Anne Dobell**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES		
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3 outing to British Museum	Coach leaves at 9.00am
	Hooke Court Meeting – Parents of Year 6 in Main School Hall	3.45pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Year 3 football v Wetherby	Home at 2.00pm
	Year 4 A and B netball v Kew Green	Away at 2.00pm
	Year 6 A and B football v Kew Green	Away at 2.00pm
	Kindergarten Blue and Green Phonics Meeting – Main Hall	6.00pm – 7.00pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Kindergarten Blue outing to Pizza Express	
	Year 5 outing to the Tower of London	Coach leaves at 9.00am
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Year 3 A and B football v Orchard House	Home at 2.00pm
	Year 3 A, B and C netball v Orchard House	Home at 2.00pm
	Year 4 A and B football v St James's	Away at 2.00pm
	Year 4 A and B netball v Orchard House	Home at 2.00pm
	Year 5 A and B football v St James's	Away at 2.00pm
	Year 5 netball v Falcons	Away at 2.00pm
	Year 6 A and B football v St James's	Away at 2.00pm
	Year 6 netball v Falcons	Away at 2.00pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5 Cake Sale	
	Year 2 outing to National Archives	
	Swimming Gala v Harrodian	4.00pm

### **Congratulations**

We would like to congratulate Alice Tabor, Thomas Tabor and James Strickland, who took part in the challenging Duathlon in Richmond Park this weekend, involving some strenuous walking and cycling. Well done!

Congratulations also to the many Kew College children who took part in the Sky Ride in Central London on September 11<sup>th</sup>, cycling for 6 miles along a very scenic route. It was quite an event!

### **Walk Once a Week**

We received a visit on Wednesday from a representative from the borough of Richmond upon Thames, who talked to the children about this initiative. If children walk to school once a week for a month, they will receive a badge. Those families who live too far away to walk may park a reasonable distance from the school and walk. Scooting and cycling also count. The time walked should be about 10 minutes, depending on the age of the child. Form teachers will keep a chart and give out badges. The walk can be done on any day of the week. We will ensure that any children who are not able to take part will not feel left out.



### **Parental Satisfaction Survey, June 2010**

Once again, thank you very much to all those of you who responded to the above survey last summer term. In view of our impending inspection, I will delay feeding back to you about the results lest they prejudice your input into the current ISI questionnaire. Suffice it to say that the results on the whole were extremely positive and encouraging.

### **YEAR 1 OUTING TO CHILTERN OPEN AIR MUSEUM**

Year One had a great start to the week at Chiltern Open Air Museum. Monday morning washing day proved to be an energetic affair. We used carbolic soap and scrubbed away on our scrubbing boards, turned the Posser back and forth to help the rinsing process and finally took turns to wind the handle of the mangle, squeezing all the water out of our beautifully clean tea-towels.

We explored some fascinating old buildings identifying the materials from which they had been constructed: a granary, a Victorian toll house with an outside privy and an Iron Age settlement.

At one point, between the tractor harrowing a field and a field of noisy sheep, the children were not sure what to look at next.

Brick making proved to be the highlight of the day. Can your child help you identify 'The Frog', 'The Header' and 'The Stretcher'? (These are all parts of a brick.)



### **Debating Club**

For our first meeting of the year we debated the motion 'Animals should not be kept as pets'.

Arguments put forward included:

- Pets can be dangerous and cause allergies.
- Keeping pets can be expensive.
- Interbreeding is harmful to animals.
- Animals have a right to freedom just as humans do.
- Keeping animals can have a therapeutic effect and keep lonely people company.
- Keeping animals can encourage exercise.
- Keeping pets teaches children a sense of responsibility.
- Many domestic animals would not survive in the wild.

The motion was defeated by a resounding majority. Well done, all our excellent speakers!

