

Kingsland Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer

Pupil Reps

Pupils in P3-7 were recently given the opportunity to stand for Pupil Council and Sustainable Squad. Pupil Council provides a way of capturing pupils' ideas and feedback to help improve the work of the school. Sustainable Squad has an eco focus and considers how the school can promote and operate in more sustainable ways. Congratulations and well done to the following pupils who were voted into post by their classmates:

	<u>Pupil Council</u>	<u>Sustainable Squad</u>
P2/3	Noah Ingram	Maisie Laydon
P3	Rory Thompson	Emily Gray
P4a	Fearne Deans	Robbie Gifford
P4b	Emily Edge	Daniel Sutherland
P5a	Rosie Whitehouse	Vivienne Jones
P5b	Jade Mackay	Caitlin Gray
P6	Struan Kennedy	Hope Watson
P7/6	Eva Haddon	Gabriel McRobb
P7a	Niamh Donnachie	Sam Ellis
P7b	Anna Maciver	Charlie Harding and Lochain McNae

This session Mrs Faye Brown will lead the Pupil Council and they will be focusing initially on the cost of the school day and how this can be reduced. The Sustainable Squad will work with Mrs Istephan and the Parent Council to move forward with the next phase of our school grounds project. Both groups will meet regularly starting next term.

Start/End of Day Routines

Now that the colder and wetter weather is approaching we would like to make a change to the pick-up arrangements for all P1 and P2 pupils. From after the October holiday, children should be collected from the infant playground. The field is likely to become extremely muddy and waterlogged as the term goes on and so to keep everyone safe we would like to avoid using it for pick up. If you need to pick up a P1 or P2 child and also an older sibling, the older sibling is welcome to wait for you at the top of the hill rather than on the field. P1 and P2 class teachers will dismiss children from classroom doors. Miss Finlayson's P2 children will be dismissed from the infant playground door. Drop off arrangements remain the same. All pupils P1-7 are encouraged to walk up the hill in the morning by themselves and round to the playgrounds. Thank you.

Parents Consultations

Class teachers will be holding telephone appointments in November to discuss progress in learning and next steps. These calls will take place between the 15th – 26th November. You will be able to book an appointment time with the class teacher using an online system. More details on how to do this will follow next term.

Halloween

We would like to plan some fun for Halloween. From Monday 25th October we are having a pumpkin carving competition. Children can bring in their carved pumpkin any day that week and we will add it to our display. We will have the pumpkins judged on Friday 29th October and a small prize will be given to the winner from ELC, P1-3 and P4-7. This competition is entirely optional. Classes will be given the chance to see all the pumpkins that have been brought in.

On Friday 29th October, children are invited to come to school in costume if they want to. If your child doesn't want to wear a costume he/she can wear school uniform or dress down. We will also have some costumes to choose from in school. Class teachers will be organising some fun activities in class. Parent Council have kindly agreed to fund a small snack as a treat for each class. A few points to note regarding costumes if your child wishes to wear one from home:

- Nothing too scary please and no masks- these can be frightening for our younger children. Older children will be asked to remove these if they wear them to school
- No props (broomsticks, etc.)- these are not necessary and can be misplaced or lost/broken easily which causes upset
- Costumes need to be suitable for wearing all morning in school and not restrict movement or prevent/obstruct handwashing. So please save any very large, heavy or bulky costumes for guising and choose something a little more wearable for school to keep everyone safe. We are looking forward to a spooky and fun filled Friday!

School Uniform

A reminder that we have a large quantity of good quality second hand school uniform available. If your child is outgrowing uniform don't buy new- help us reduce and reuse! Contact the school office and let us know what age/size uniform you are looking for and we will happily supply this.

Diary Dates

Monday 18 th October	Inset Day- school closed to pupils
Tuesday 19 th October	Pupils return EU Code Week (P4-7 pupils will take part in activities in class linked to computer coding)
Thursday 28 th October	Flu Immunisations in school (P1-P7)
Tuesday 9 th November	Dental Inspections (P1 and P2 only)

Thank you for your continued support.



Susan Ward
Headteacher