



## NEWSLETTER



### What have we been up to?

The Foundation Stage children have settled into their new surroundings and routines brilliantly this term. They have enjoyed exploring the topic 'All about me'; discussing and sharing photographs of themselves and their families. Phonics has focussed on initial sounds and letter formation. In Maths, the children have been working on early counting skills and number recognition. They have also enjoyed learning about the local community, looking closely at the Church and have enjoyed meeting Reverend Alan.

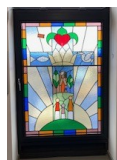
Year 1 and 2 classes have been delving into the history of changes from living memory. We have answered questions such as: What was it like for children to go to school? What did they learn and was there a difference for boys and girls? How have our toys changed over the years? Have there always been washing machines? The children have produced some great writing about these ideas. Children have been working on their maths foundation of place value and more recently moving into applying that knowledge to addition and subtraction. We are looking forward to carrying on with this next half term and also starting our Knights and Dragons topic!

Year 3 and 4 have been focusing on The BFG by Roald Dahl. We have been writing character descriptions for giants, describing settings, creating new dream ideas, writing instructions for capturing dreams and recipes for more interesting sandwiches for the BFG to eat. The children have also been creating dream jars and BFG drawings in art lessons. In science we have been exploring sound, including pitch, volume and how we actually hear, which also linked with the BFG and his excellent hearing. Our maths lessons have covered place value and number, with an initial focus on addition and subtraction, and the children have once again been working on instant times table recall. Our Invaders and Raiders topic this half term has focused on the Saxons, leading us towards the Vikings for next half term, although we have already begun to enjoy a selection of Viking songs by using the BBC radio programme for schools entitled The Vikings!

Year 5 and 6 classes have been using the novel 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo to inspire their reading and writing activities, writing CVs, newspaper articles and myths of their own. Maths has been focused on place value and number work as well as calculations using the 4 rules. We are discovering more about the history and geography of the Saxons in Topic and learning about the importance of Jesus being born as a human while still being God.

### Official School Opening

We finally celebrated the official opening of our new school last month with a visit from Bishop Ruth who held a special assembly for the children. Bishop Ruth gifted the school with a tree sapling as part of the Queen's Green Canopy for the Platinum Jubilee. We hope parents enjoyed visiting the school for tours after the official opening.



Photographs of this special day can be found on our school website.

### Harvest Thanks

A huge thank you to everyone who donated food items for our Harvest celebration. The Lord's Larder were extremely grateful for all of your generous contributions.



## Parent Information Sessions

We are pleased to be able to offer another great range of courses for parents. All courses will take place at Huish Episcopi Academy from November as follows:

**Child Exploitation by County Lines  
With Escapeline**

**Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 starting at 6:30pm, estimated end time 8pm**

**Children's Well-being and Mental Health  
With NHS Somerset Mental Health Support Team**

**Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30pm, estimated end time 8pm**

**Behaviour Management Techniques  
With Family Solutions Somerset**

**Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> January at 6:30pm, estimated end time 8pm**

**Growth Mindset  
SCC Educational Psychologist**

**31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 at 6:30pm, estimated end time 8pm**

**Dyslexia Awareness  
With Mark Long, SCC Lead Advisory Teacher**

**Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 Starting at 6:30pm, estimated end time 8pm**

**Online Safety & Social Media  
With Amy Brittan, SCC Education Technology Advisor**

**14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 6:30pm, estimated end time 8pm**

**For full details including how to book on to the courses please click on the link below:**  
[https://www.kingina.somerset.sch.uk/web/information\\_sessions\\_for\\_parents/579212](https://www.kingina.somerset.sch.uk/web/information_sessions_for_parents/579212)

## School in a Bag

You may remember some time ago that we supported the charity School in a Bag. The children raised money to fill bags to send to poor, orphan, vulnerable, disadvantaged and disaster affected children in countries around the world.



In addition to this, when we moved to our new school, we donated our old school furniture to School in a Bag and it was sent to a school in The Gambia.

Please see the link below to see how our furniture has enhanced the lives of children and teachers in the Gambia :)

<https://www.facebook.com/schoolinabag/videos/335666224691169>

## Staffing Update

Since the start of term, we have welcomed four new staff members to King Ina:

Miss Danino our new Higher Level Teaching Assistant ,  
Miss Corbitt who works in the kitchen and  
Mrs Gildersleeve and Mrs Birch who are new Midday Supervisors.

## Parking

Please could we ask that parents do not park in front of residents driveways when driving to school. We encourage parents who are driving to use The Kiss and Drop.

Thank you