



Christmas Newsletter

A Message from Ben

Dear Kingsley Families,

As the autumn term comes to a close, and we look forward to the joy of the Christmas season, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the busy and successful first term we had. This is also a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the many achievements of your remarkable children. It has been fantastic to witness the smooth transition of both returning pupils and those who are new to Kingsley. Each day, we see many pupils arriving with smiles on their faces, eager to embrace the opportunities that the school day offers. I want to acknowledge the support of all our Kingsley families in helping us provide every child with the support they need to be happy and successful at school.

During the Christmas period, we experienced many delightful festive moments at school. It was heartwarming to see so many parents and guardians join us for our Christmas Wreath Making session, and we were impressed by the level of craftsmanship displayed. Many pupils and families also participated in the Sensory Christmas Play session and our Festive Disco. The pupils brought their usual energy and joy to both events, and we even witnessed some parents and guardians showcasing their dance moves at the disco too! Our pupils also spread holiday cheer in the community by singing Christmas songs for residents in local care homes. As always, they were an absolute credit to us all.

As the year comes to a close, we want to bid farewell to some colleagues who have played a vital role in Kingsley's success over the years. First, we say goodbye to Kacper from our site team, who is moving on to new adventures in a different role. Next, we will be parting ways with Jess, who currently teaches our wonderful Giraffes class. Jess has accepted a teaching position closer to home. We are also saying goodbye to Neil, our IT technician, who has been a big part of our Kingsley story for many years. Lastly, we are saying goodbye to Sara, our long-standing Assistant Head. Sara has dedicated many years to our school, and her impact on the lives of countless children and families has truly inspired us all. Sara has been a vigorous advocate for our pupils and their families, and we will miss her dearly as she prepares to enjoy a long and fulfilling retirement. I want to personally thank these members of our Kingsley family for their unwavering commitment to our school and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

Once all the mince pies have been eaten and the trees have been stored away for another year, we have much to look forward to next term. We will be welcoming Gemma Underwood back to school, who will resume her role as Deputy Headteacher following a successful secondment to Red Kite Special Academy. We anticipate that our new classroom block will also be completed in February, and we cannot wait to share the new facilities with our pupils. We look forward to creating more magical moments and memories with your wonderful children and are hopeful for brighter weather in the spring.

Until then, I wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas, and the happiest of New Years. Thank you once again for your continued support of our very special school.

Happy Christmas!

Ben

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Events in School this term

Cinderella Pantomime



Year,1,2 and 3 watched a live performance of the classic panto 'Cinderella'. We love to give our children lots of opportunities and having a visiting theatre group come into our school is so wonderful. The children are in a safe, familiar environment surrounded by people they trust and know. The children clapped, sang and danced along with the performers. The show featured a range of modern songs, amazing costumes, props and the children had a brilliant time.

iRock

The whole school joined an interactive assembly by iRock! The children got to see how easy it was to form a band and perform. Some of our children shone on stage by playing the drums, electric guitar, keyboard and vocals. If you would like your child to become a band member, learn to play an instrument and have the opportunity to perform, please see the leaflet published on Class Dojo or contact the Reception Team for more information.



Spreading holiday cheer at local care homes

In the run up to Christmas some of Year 5's and 6's have been spreading some festive cheer! They visited Sunley Court, Elm Bank and Claremont care homes, led by our talented music teacher, Joe, to entertain the residence with a medley of holiday songs. The children sang and signed their hearts out and they were rewarded with beaming smiles and lots of clapping (and a little slice of cake!) A great time was had by all.

Year Six Fashion Show

Children in Giraffes, Zebras and Lions classes have been busy exploring and learning about different materials. In our 'Let's Fabricate' topic, we have made collages, pom poms and made our own tie-dye t-shirts. We showcased our wonderful designs at our fashion show where everyone looked fabulous!



Christmas Celebrations



The last week of term has been filled with Christmas activities including the Sing-along event at Christ the King church, where the childrens engagement with the songs and music was enchanting. All classes had there own Christmas parties/disco, had fun with the snow machine and had a visit from Father Christmas himself!

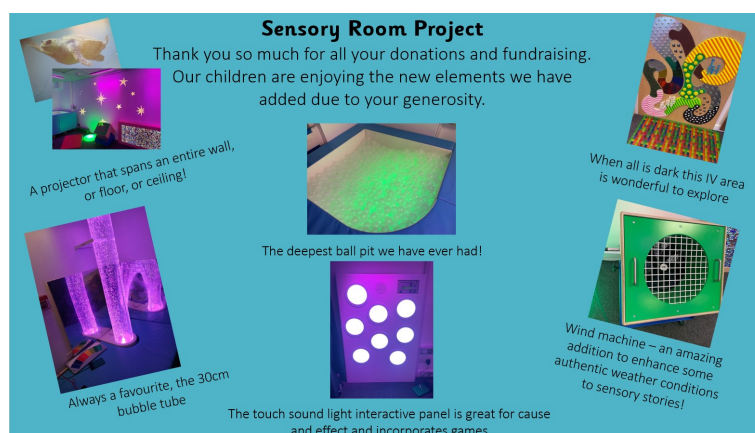


Thank you



We would like to say a massive thank you to Dunelm for including Kingsley in their Delivering Joy Project. Members of the public have been incredibly generous and every one of our pupils have received a fantastic gift each for Christmas.

Thank you to everyone that donated to our new sensory room fundraiser. The new sensory room has given a new lease of life with some amazing equipment being enjoyed by every child in school.



Earlier this term we welcomed Paralympian Sean Rose and his colleague Joe Robuck into school. Sean and Joe were so welcoming and ensured activities were inclusive for all. Children were encouraged to participate as much as they were able to in the circuit. We raised an incredible £2,460.78! We are deeply grateful to have such generous families supporting us.



Did you know that whenever you buy anything online, from your weekly shop to your annual holiday, you could be raising free donations for Kingsley Special Academy with easyfundraising?

There are over 7,000 brands on board ready to make a donation and it won't cost any extra to help us raise funds. All you need to do is:

1. Go to https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kingsleykettering/?utm_campaign=raise and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the brand will make a donation to Kingsley at no extra cost to you.

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Family Support Team

We have had a very busy half term with lots of fun activities and events. We had a special visit from Pudsey Bear, with lots of dancing and smiling children. It was lovely to see so many families attend our Christmas sensory session and disco, we hope you all had a great time. Our annual wreath making event was a huge success, lots of beautiful wreaths created by lots of very talented parent/carers. Our first parent training session with the school's Occupational Therapist was busy too, parent feedback has been positive. The next session is based around difficulties with eating, this will take place on Tuesday 14th January at 9:30am, please let us know if you would like to attend. Don't forget to come along and join us at our Coffee Club! These takes place every Tuesday morning between 8:45-11am in the parent centre.

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the new year.



Dates for your diary

Monday 6th January 2025	Training Day
Tuesday 7th January 2025	School reopens to pupils
Tuesday 14th January 2025	Thrive Coffee Morning
Date to be confirmed	Dads/male carers group
Friday 14th February 2025	Last Day of Term
Monday 24th February 2025	Training Day
Tuesday 25th February 2025	School reopens to pupils
Thursday 6th March 2025	World Book Day
Monday 24th March- Wednesday 26th March 2025	Year 6 Residential

Reminders

- We are working hard to keep up our attendance and punctuality. The Whole School Attendance is 90.3%. If your child is absent from school on any occasion, you must ring or message on Arbor before 9:30 a.m. daily for the period of absence.
- Please check your emails, Arbor and Dojo messages regularly for any up to date communication from Kingsley.
- Lunch options are now available to order via Love Food ready for next term.