

Dear parents and carers,

It is an absolute pleasure to be back in school with the children. They are so well behaved and working hard in their lessons. It will be lovely when the day comes when we can invite parents back into school again. Wishing you all a very good weekend.

Best wishes

Liz Hayward

Headteacher

Having fun learning geography in Year 2

The children in Year 2 had a visit from the Freshwater Theatre Company this week. The workshop was called Crossing Continents and Oceans. The children are learning about the seven continents and five oceans of the world in their geography lessons so this was a fun and active way of helping them remember what they are learning in class.



Creating Critical Thinkers in Year 5 and Year 6

Children had EqualiTeach workshops to help them understand what stereotyping means and the dangers of stereotypes. The workshops also helped the children to think critically about the information they receive and how information can be biased or false.

The workshop was thought provoking and will help children reject prejudice and hate.

The Big Pedal 2021 competition

Out of the **2,253** schools participating all over the UK, **Kingsgate finished in 154th position with 8,136 active school journeys and 76% of children cycling, scooting or walking to school.**

Every class received a class participation certificate. The classes with the most active journeys were:

EYFS/KS1: **Y1 Cherry** on **554** active journeys

KS2: **Y4 Plum & Y5 Rowan** both on **472** active journeys

Even though the competition is over, please continue to encourage your children to make active journeys to school whenever possible.

Healthy Schools Award

I am delighted to let you know that Kingsgate has been recognised as a Healthy School for a further 3 years. Thank you to our PSHE team, Tatiana, Melissa and Dafni, for all their hard work and effort in supporting the health and wellbeing of our school community, especially in these difficult times.

Important dates for your diary

Half Term Monday 31st May—Friday 4th June

Friday 9th July: Parent Teacher meetings - school closed

Friday 23rd July: last day of Summer Term

Learning about Coding

In summer term the children all learn about coding in their computing lessons. We are lucky to have workshops in school led by City Learning Centre. After one of our Year 5 workshops, the trainer commented that

The computing work that the children completed today was amongst some of the best pieces of work I have ever seen completed by this age group. They worked in a very focused way throughout the day, tackled some complicated concepts when we looked at conditions, selection and variables in coding.

Well done Year 5!



Exciting Science

The children in Nursery have been waiting for the birds to hatch. We put a camera in the bird box outside in the Nursery and the children could see every day, on the interactive whiteboard, the mother bird waiting for the baby bird to hatch.

The children in other classes have also loved seeing the chicks hatch.

