

SCHOOL NEWS

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Kingsway Ofsted



It was fantastic to hear that this week, The Kingsway School maintained their 'Good' Ofsted judgement. Whilst a number of the

High Schools in Stockport have recently been judged 'Requires Improvement' or 'Inadequate', it is great that our local secondary provision continues to provide a good education. The areas identified for improvement were already on the School's Improvement Plan and work is well underway to address these.

Our congratulations to Mrs Lowe and The Kingsway staff.

PTA Fish and Chip Bingo Night



Just a reminder that it will soon be time for this hugely popular family PTA event so save the date now: Friday 29th March 5 - 7pm.

Information about tickets will come out very soon so keep an eye out. We are currently looking into a way for parents to book and pay online - places are limited and tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis.

Please note, in our mission to reduce our use of single use plastic, we will be asking families to bring their own cutlery for the event.



PTA Open Meeting

The PTA are holding an Open Meeting for ALL parents to attend. This will be taking place on Thursday 21st March at 7.30pm. There has been a change of venue for this meeting and it will now be taking place at the Sangam Restaurant on Wilmslow Road (not Cheadle House as previously stated). The owners have kindly allocated a space where we can meet - no need to buy a curry! This is a perfect opportunity for parents to come and contribute to discussions regarding future events and spending projects. The committee would love to hear your ideas to help them with their planning.



Thank you to everyone who brought in small change for the NSPCC Number Day. We had a fantastic day in school doing all sorts of activities with the coins. I'm pleased to say that all those little coins added up to £206.37 for this extremely worthy charity. Thanks to Mrs Wilson for doing all the counting and banking!

NSPCC

Summer Fair

The date has been set for **Friday 5th July, 5 - 7pm**. Please add to your calendars and come along to this fun filled event.



MOMO Challenge

MOMO is a sinister 'challenge' that has been around for some time but has recently resurfaced and has been brought to our attention. It's currently linked with apps such as Facebook, WhatsApp, YouTube and most worrying for our pupils, YouTube Kids. Innocent videos are being infiltrated with violent images and users are asked to take part in challenges. For full information (I have painted a limited picture here), please click on the following link or read the PDF attached.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/momo-online-safety-guide-for-parents/>

Our advice to parents is to work to create a positive relationship with their children around their internet use in general, closely supervising their access and ensuring the children communicate with any adult if they encounter anything worrying. Parental controls go some way to protecting children from accidentally viewing disturbing content but are unlikely to prevent it in many cases, for example when content has been deliberately spliced into sites aimed at children. Inappropriate content should be reported directly to the online service it appears on.

WORLD
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DAY**

7 MARCH 2019

World Book Day will be taking place next Thursday. As mentioned in the last newsletter, we will not be dressing up but

instead are asking children to bring in an object from their favourite story to share and discuss during a circle time (see School News 15.02.19). As Year 2 will be out at Chester Zoo that day, we are asking them to bring in their objects on Friday instead. If your child attends Nursery on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, we would like them to bring their object to school on Monday.



We will be marking Comic Relief by asking the children to come to school wearing something red with their school uniform and to bring a donation for the charity. One pound is the recommended amount, however, this is of course up to individual families to decide and as always, any donations are voluntary. The Y6 children will also be offering their own special manicures on the day for 50p.

Parking - again!!

Every week I am having to mention parking on East Avenue. In the last few days we have had complaints from our neighbours that parents are parking across drives and blocking cars in. Please show some courtesy and leave driveways clear. Here are some much needed reminders:

- DO NOT park or even drop off on the zig zag lines
- DO NOT park across driveways
- DO NOT block the pavement with your car

PLEASE park a little further away and walk. The extra exercise is extremely useful for the children and a healthy habit to adopt. We have 2 trips going out next Thursday and so TWO coaches will be parking outside school. Please park well away and allow the children to access the vehicles safely. PLEASE put our pupils FIRST.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows
and the Etchells staff