



NEWSLETTER



We've had a great start to the spring term. The children have been working hard and are making good progress with their learning. They have also been working hard on their 'Wonderful Walking' around the school!

Staffing update

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed a permanent teacher for Buzzard Class. Mrs Sarah Akhurst will be joining our team after the Easter holiday and is already looking forward to working with the children.

I am sure that you will all join with me in welcoming Mrs Akhurst to King Ina.

Ofsted Update

Thank you to those parents who attended our Ofsted update information evening held in January. We were pleased to be able to share all of the progress we made during the autumn term and to answer questions.

We have been working really hard this half term, embedding all of our new initiatives, particularly in relation to our assessment of pupils and identifying any gaps they have in their learning. We are continuing to work on our curriculum, to ensure that there is strong progress of learning over time and teachers have been enjoying our new English planning tool Literacy Tree.

The English Hub came to work with us last week. This was once again a positive visit. The purpose of this visit was to monitor the preparations that are in place for the Year One Statutory Phonics Screening Check, that will take place in June. All Year One parents are invited to an information evening about this 'Statutory Screening Check' on Wednesday 26th February. If you have not yet returned your attendance slip, please do so. We look forward to giving you more information about this in due course.



Forest School

A time of love, dragons, birds, potato stamps, willow weaving, mud, mud and much more mud. We have passed this term, the marking of the mid-point between Winter and Spring. Slowly welcoming back in the longer days, still there is a chill in the air.

With our increased variety of foliage in camp, we are seeing birds flutter in and fill the space with bird song. We have been using our bird book to signal calls to the surrounding robins whom even sometimes call back! Staying in the theme children have been using tools to make wooden birds and bird houses and some using clay, cardboard and feathers to create their flying friends.

Having willow branches this term has meant we have been able to practise and experiment with willow weaving, winding branches around each other to make headdresses and decorate them with fabric and twine, bringing to King Ina, a Winter festival vibe.

The opportunity to climb has excited and entertained the children, some for the whole forest school session, embody the birds of the forest and resting on their nest! Finding their way up the big pile of our evergreen branches and sliding their way down. It has been great to bring the aspect of climbing into forest school and has already proven beneficial to children, especially those who have been nervous to climb, as this has allowed them the opportunity to become more bodily confident.

Chinese New Year at the end of January, the year of the Snake, meant a puppet show of Forest School made clay dragons filling our bouncy stage. Fortune tellers were folded and cut, holding secret messages to be revealed, clay snakes wrapped around sticks, and paper fans folded and decorated.

We have been busy building Minecraft delights, axes, crow bows and bark shields. Alongside, game boys, controller stands, wind chimes, necklaces, swords and staffs. Children bring their ideas and designs and we help them bring it to life.

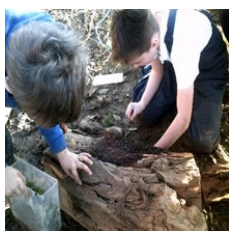
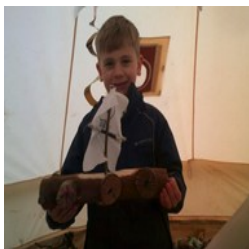
February has been the month of love, celebrating and expressing our love and admiration for the people in our lives. Friends have made each other wooden necklaces, made parents clay decorated hearts, as well as heart potato stamped cards, cardboard hearts wrapped in shades of pink string and ribbon weaved paper hearts.

The wet weather and our ongoing adventures around camp have created quite a mucky floor, children have been letting go and making mud slides, taking turns to slide their way across camp. Embracing their wild side and reconnecting with their bodies, nature and the elements of Mother Earth.

We emphasise the importance of children wearing layers of old clothing to keep warm and waterproofs and wellies to stay dry. This combination prepares children to be able to fully explore the outdoors without worries of getting cold and dirty, allowing them to feel more free and at ease.

Mud-play has psychological, mental and physical benefits, please see below a reading suggestion if you are intrigued to know more about these ...

<https://natureplayqld.org.au/blog/why-playing-in-the-mud-is-more-than-just-fun#:~:text=KEY%20DEVELOPMENTAL%20MILESTONES%20ACHIEVED%20THROUGH,sensory%20awareness%2C%20balance%20and%20coordination.>



SEN COFFEE MORNING

COME AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT

The Right to Choose

**HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE NEURODEVELOPMENTAL PATHWAY
FOR ADHD AND/OR ASD AND NOW HAVE TO WAIT YEARS FOR
YOUR CHILD TO BE ASSESSED?**

**OUR SCHOOL GOVERNOR, LAUREN MILES, WILL BE JOINING US TO
SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW PARENTS CAN ACCESS AN NHS
ASSESSMENT IN A MUCH SHORTER TIMESCALE BY USING THEIR
RIGHT TO CHOOSE.**

WEDNESDAY 12TH MARCH AT 8:45AM

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**COME ALONG
TO FIND OUT
MORE**



Key Stage 2 Trips to The Newt

Children in KS2 will be visiting the Newt in March as part of their Romans History unit. Whilst parents are already aware of the trip, please see below for confirmation of the days that each class will be going on the trip:

- Tuesday 4th March: Buzzards and Kestrels
- Thursday 6th March: Merlins
- Tuesday 11th March: Peregrines and Red Kites
- Thursday 13th March: Sparrowhawks and Harriers



Watch this space for photographs of the trips in a future newsletter.

School Uniform Reminder

We wish to remind parents that children **MUST** wear full school uniform on non-PE days.

It is important that children are appropriately dressed and represent the school smartly.



Cycling to School

It is vital that those children who cycle to school wear a cycle helmet. Please help your children to stay safe on the roads. Thank you.



Safer Internet Day 11th February 2025

The theme this year was 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online.' All the KS2 children took part in the BBC live lesson in association with Childnet, where children carried out activities around spotting online scams. KS1 took part in class activities and assemblies.

To find out more and carry on the conversation at home, use this link to take you to the Parents and Carers guides and resources.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

School council - had a very productive meeting reflecting on being safe online in school and how to use the chromebooks safely.

We also gathered more ideas for further equipment for playtimes and lunchtimes.