



Dear families,

It's been a busy start to the school year at Kingfisher - we have been improving how we move around the school, how we show excellent listening and how we stay focused in our lessons.

Black History Month: This month is Black History Month and during Class Assembly time we linked to the theme of 'Reclaiming the Narrative', where we look at history of others that may not have previously been shared.

This links to our 'Be Kind' value where we learn about stories and cultures of others to help us to challenge discrimination and celebrate the achievements of all! Thank you to all that attended the Black History Month Art celebration this week! We have some talented artists at Kingfisher! Some photos are included on the next page!

Earlier this term we had some visitors from E-ACT visit the school for the first time! They were impressed with how the pupils were excited about their learning and how dedicated the staff were to supporting all pupils. I've also been very impressed this week with pupils' determination and focus on their writing - particularly in KS2!

Attendance: Attendance is a school focus on a daily basis. Please remember that pupils can attend school with a cough, cold, headaches or minor illnesses. We will always contact you if we are concerned about your child's health. If we are concerned about your child's attendance, you will get an email informing you of potential next steps and if this does not improve, you will be invited to a meeting to discuss how we can work together to improve your child's attendance. Read on further to find out more details about our Attendance Challenges and Attendance Hero Week next term!

Safety in the community at Halloween: Please read the advice from Avon and Somerset Police around supporting the community to feel safe during Halloween.

Uniform: Please ensure that your child is wearing the appropriate uniform to school. Hoodies are not part of our school uniform. Please ensure your child is wearing plain black trainers/shoes also.

On behalf of all the staff at Kingfisher, I wish you a great half term. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 5th November at 8:40am!

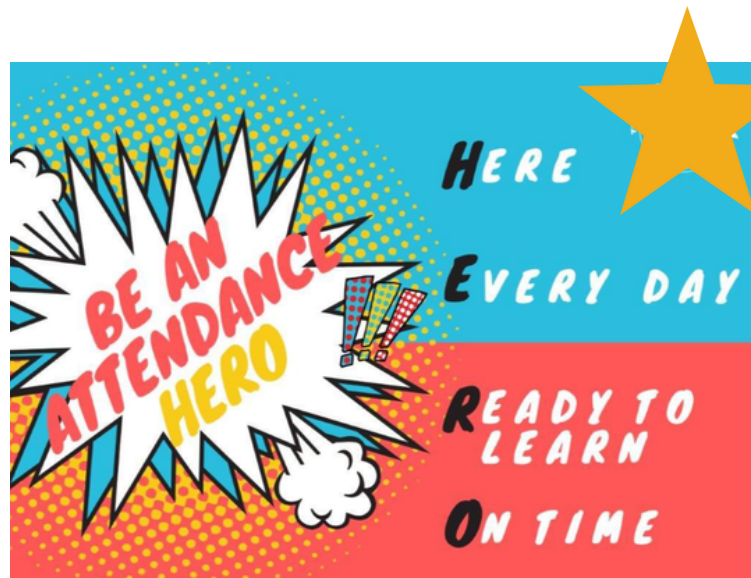
Mrs Kate Wells
Headteacher

ATTENDANCE HERO WEEK!

The first week of term is **ATTENDANCE HERO WEEK!**

For every day that your child/children are here on time, they will be entered into a draw at the end of the week and will win a special prize for the family! 4 days on time = 4 entries!

We look forward to everyone being Attendance Heroes!





E-ACT ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

To encourage everyone to be in school as much as possible, we're launching a Trust-wide E-ACT Primary League Challenge! It's going to be fun and run like a football league.

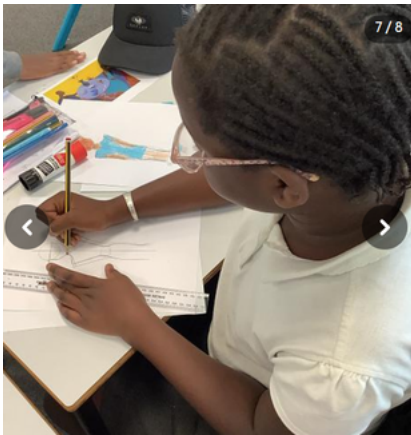
How it Works:

- Every week, we'll be matched with another school in the Trust.
- The school with the best attendance that week will win 3 points, just like in football.
- If both schools have the same attendance, it's a draw, and each school gets 1 point.
- At the end of the term, the school with the most points will win a trophy!

Each week, we'll invite classes to join us on a Teams video call to see which schools are winning and who's moving up the table.

It's a great way to stay connected and have a little fun with our friends in other schools!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH ART WORK



RECEPTION ADMISSIONS - SEPTEMBER 2025

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 you need to apply for a new reception school place to your home local authority.

You need to apply by 15th January 2025 and can apply [here](#)

We are also offering small group tours between now and January. Please book with the office should you wish to attend.

Thursday 7th November 2024 at 9:30am
Thursday 21st November 2024 at 5:30pm
Thursday 5th December 2024 at 9:30am
Tuesday 7th January 2025 at 5:30pm
Thursday 9th January 2025 at 9:30am



KEEPING SAFE AT HALLOWEEN

Please read the guidance below from Avon and Somerset Police around keeping our community safe at Halloween.

They also have a poster available online if you do want trick or treaters to come to your door:
<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/news/2024/10/keep-your-community-safe-this-halloween/>



Halloween can be scary for people who are elderly, vulnerable or live alone. This can mean they are at a higher risk of becoming victims of crime if they feel isolated or alone.

If you are celebrating Halloween this year, we hope you have a spook-tacular time, but stay safe. Please be mindful and respectful that not everyone in our community will be taking part.

There are lots of things you can do to help your neighbours feel safe:

- Start by just saying 'hello.'
- Ask if they would like you to check if they are ok on Halloween with either a visit or a call.
- Ask if they would like you to download and print on of our 'sorry, no trick or treaters here' posters below so they can display it in their window.
- Let neighbours know if you're planning a party, so they won't be alarmed.
- Remind children to respect others' property and not to call on homes that have the 'sorry, no trick or treaters here' poster.

Parents also might want to talk to their children about our safety advice for trick or treaters:

- Always go trick or treating with an adult.
- Only go to houses where you or your friends know the residents.
- Don't knock on doors where there is a sign saying 'no trick or treat here'.
- Stay in areas that are lit with streetlights and take a torch with you just in case.
- Stay with your friends – don't split into smaller groups unless an adult goes with you.
- Throwing eggs and flour at houses causes criminal damage. You could be arrested.
- Don't talk to strangers on the street and never enter any house, just stay on the doorstep.
- Although Halloween is supposed to be spooky, be considerate to those who don't take part and be careful not frighten vulnerable people.
- Remember road safety, always look carefully before crossing the road and be visible.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 31st October 2024 - Deadline for Year 7 applications.
- 4th November - Staff INSET day
- 5th November - Children back to school
- TBC (December) - Nursery and Reception Nativity Performance
- 19th December - Christmas Lunch
- 20th December - Last day of term - 3:15pm finish.