



# Year 6 Newsletter



Dear parents/carers,

What an incredible week we had at Kingswood! It was such a pleasure to take the children away and see how much they flourished in that environment and developed their resilience, teamwork and faced their fears (as did some of the adults!). We were so proud of the compliments that we received from the staff at Kingswood about our children – particularly those which focussed on their fantastic manners and the wonderful way in which they encouraged their peers. We have enjoyed reading your messages of thanks and hearing the feedback from the children to you at home: this makes us know that we have fulfilled the aims of the trip. We hope your children have brought back memories that they can cherish for years to come, as well as the ability to make their own beds and keep their rooms tidy!

This week, the children are sitting their end of KS2 assessments. We want the children to remember that SATs are just tests: they don't show how kind, funny, creative or unique they are – and all those things need to be celebrated! They make us proud every single day for a whole host of reasons and that is why we cherish them.

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Warmest regards,  
Miss Jukes



## Communication.

Should you need to contact any of the Year 6 teachers, their e-mail addresses are below. There are also other emails that may be of use to you. They will get back to you within 5 working days. Please be aware that emails cannot be received over the weekend.

6A	Miss Jukes	<a href="mailto:rjukes@ravenscote.surrey.sch.uk">rjukes@ravenscote.surrey.sch.uk</a>
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6C	Mrs Saleh	<a href="mailto:ssaleh@ravenscote.surrey.sch.uk">ssaleh@ravenscote.surrey.sch.uk</a>
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6E	Mr Bostock	<a href="mailto:jbostock@ravenscote.surrey.sch.uk">jbostock@ravenscote.surrey.sch.uk</a>
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## R Factor



It was delightful to hold auditions for R Factor and see the fantastic performances from all of the children who auditions. What was less enjoyable, however, was having to choose who to put through! I was so impressed by each act that it was a very tough decision but I urge all those who auditioned to be proud of themselves as they did so well. The children going through to the next round will work with Miss Stalley and she will be organising the performances at Party in the Park with the help of Purple Harmony.



## Kingswood lost property

If your child came home with fewer items than they left with, you can complete a lost property form on the Kingswood website: <https://www.kingswood.co.uk/lost-property/>. Items found are kept at the centre for four weeks. Good luck!



## Prefects

Congratulations to the following children who have received the honour of prefect this half-term:

Kacper Czernyhowski	Grace Bourne	Marita Heywood
Paige Pickering	Omar Khatib	Fletcher Tobin
Tegan Westhead	Zara Rashid	Abeeha Iqbal
Maya Couderc	Hugo Sanders	Karolina Jones
Katie Page	Luke Fisher	Alice Russell
Noah Pepin		

One of the extra responsibilities we offer our prefects is the opportunity to show visitors around the school in pairs during Open Evening. This is taking place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 4pm – 6pm. If your child is a prefect and would like to help out, please email me at [rjukes@ravenscote.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:rjukes@ravenscote.surrey.sch.uk) and let me know.

The children will come to 6A after school in their uniform; please pack them a snack.

## Maths Week: 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May



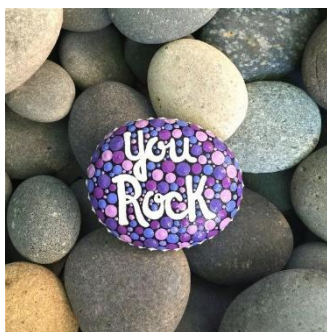
### Year 5 & 6 team competition:

Do you enjoy problem solving? Do you work well in a group? Then look no further! We are looking for teams of 4 to put their maths skills to the test on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May. They will be competing several different challenges with one aim... to be the best! Prizes to be won. Children can sign up on the lists in the year 6 classrooms.

### Escape rooms:

Across the week, all the children will be participating in puzzles and team building exercises as they attempt to break into a cube! They will have to use their mathematical minds and communication skills if they are to succeed. A massive thank you to the PTA for funding this amazing activity.

*Mrs Webster and Mr Bostock*



## #RAVENS COTE ROCKS

THIS YEAR OUR PARTY IN THE PARK THEME IS  
**#RAVENS COTEROCKS**

We are asking each pupil to bring into school a suitable sized rock (jacket potato size) to paint and decorate. These will then be showcased at Party in the Park and after the event the children can take their rock home to hide in the local area. Each rock will have the hashtag #RAVENS COTEROCKS written on the back which will be done at the time of painting in class.

Please bring in your rock no later than **WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE** – parents please make a note in your diaries and please bring in your rock **ON OR BEFORE** this date.

This will be a fun and creative activity for all the pupils!

Every time a child discovers a hidden #Ravenscoterock, they will need to bring it back to school. The class with the most rocks will earn an extra break time!



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## Maths Week: Fiver Challenge is launched!



At Ravenscote, we believe in the importance of helping our pupils to understand the world they live in and assist in beginning the process of preparing them for their future lives. Last year, as a result of our participation in the Fiver Challenge, our amazing year 6 entrepreneurs raised a staggering £2722 for charity!

On the back of this tremendous success, we are participating in the Fiver Challenge 2019 run by Young Enterprise ([www.fiverchallenge.org.uk](http://www.fiverchallenge.org.uk)). Young Enterprise is the UK's leading enterprise and financial education charity, helping young people to develop the skills they need for life and work.

Fiver gives your child a chance to set up a mini business to create products or services they can then sell/deliver at a profit and engage with their local community. The children are in full control of all their finances and will be offered the chance to nominate a charity to which any resultant profits can be donated. Fiver concludes in a national competition whereby young people from all over the country will be involved. The children will work in teams of ideally 5/6 and will be "lent" a "fiver" to cover start-up costs.

It is important to note that children will not receive £5 at the start of the project and instead should nominate someone in their group who is the accountant. This will be the person who is reimbursed at the end of the project with up to £5 from the school; it will be up to the group to sort out who will pay for resources throughout the competition. When paying for resources, all receipts will need to be given to Mrs Gholizadeh in the Finance Office, who will have a box to collect these receipts in. To qualify for a refund, there cannot be any non Fiver-related products on the receipt. The school will not reimburse anything over £5 so spending should be kept down to a minimum.

The Fiver Challenge will be launched to the children on Friday, with work beginning next week. To date, we are planning a number of selling occasions culminating in Party in the Park on 29th June 2019 for some, if not all, the teams. We have also scheduled several other selling opportunities for the: Tuesday 18th June at break time to sell to the school; Tuesday 25th June at break time to sell to the school and Thursday 27th June - an opportunity to sell during family afternoon.

Any support and encouragement you can give your child during the activity would really help maximise their learning from the experience. We would be most grateful if you could begin to discuss ideas with your child now in preparation for their planning sessions next week (they will have needed to decide their business/product idea by Tuesday 21st May). We have included a selection of winning businesses from previous years to provide possible stimulus.

Homework will continue to alternate between SPAG/comprehension and Mathematics/worksheets, however children will be asked to work on their Fiver Challenge projects as well. Please do support your child in every way you can – perhaps it could be directing them to approach a local baker or helping them to stitch (see testimonials overleaf)! Here's to a fabulous enterprise experience!

*Mr Bostock*

## **Fiver Challenge: Some winning ideas as suggested by Young Enterprise**

The team, 'The Flower Pot Men', sold plants and vegetable seedlings, with the aim of promoting healthy eating to children who would be more likely to eat healthy food that they had grown themselves.

The pupils sold the seedlings at school and to the general public at a local bakery, a farmers' market and outside pupils' homes. After they made an initial profit, they branched out into selling flowers. The boys made £360 and donated this towards a bench to go in the school's new quiet garden.

Lorna Semmens set up 'Lovely Locks' and made hair accessories out of recycled school uniform, using leftover bespoke tartan used to make uniform skirts and ties for hair scrunchies, hair bows and button hair clips.

Girls at the school are usually not allowed to wear fashionable hair accessories, however Lorna persuaded the Headmaster to change school uniform policy to include her accessories. For her material she used donated uniforms from Year 11 pupils who would shortly be leaving. She made £40.50 profit, which she donated to the Children's Hospice South West, and specifically to the Little Harbour branch in St Austell.

Lorna said: "My favourite part of the experience was selling the products and seeing all the Year 6s coming in on their first day wearing them.

"It's made me think about my future a lot more, what I can do and what I can achieve. The biggest challenge was meeting with the Headmaster to ask him to change the school dress code to allow girls to wear these."

'In it to win it' won the community engagement prize. This is an excerpt from their log book:

"We are running a children's tombola at the School Summer Fayre. We chose this service because children expressed their wish to have their own tombola with prizes suitable for them. Customers come to the Summer Fayre to have fun and In It to Win It ensures that they do by offering them chances to win unique prizes. We have considered our product quality by making a balance between quality, cost and selling price. We wrote letters to small business owners around our school asking for prizes and delivered them personally. When collecting the prizes for the tombola, we gave the managers thank you letters. We asked for donations from the local football team and sport centre by posting the letters. Both donated tickets and we thanked them by e-mail. It engaged the rest of our school community at the Summer Fayre. We had meetings to write letters, we met with the PTA who were organizing the summer fayre, we created a timeline to deliver and collect prizes, on the day before the fayre we prepared the items for the tombola. We observed previous school fayres and realised that children were unsatisfied with the fact that they didn't have their own tombola, with prizes suitable for them."

'Rock monsters' won the best group award. This is an excerpt from their log book: Rock monsters are rocks which are painted in acrylic paint and decorated. They have monster faces which bring them to life! They are great to collect and have their own names and personalities. We noticed that trading Pokémon cards were causing arguments on the playground and teachers were getting fed up of them. We needed another big craze so we invented these cool rock monsters to take their place. We were also doing a project on upcycling so this fitted well. At first it was aimed at children, but then we discovered that many adults were also interested in buying them. So we expanded and it's now open to all ages! Children thought that these were

awesome and are much better than Pokémon cards because of their friendly smiles and their wild personalities! It has replaced the cards and stopped arguments so has met the need. We noticed that the Rock Monsters were better with glue covering the painted surface (it makes it look really shiny!) so we took them all back in and painted a layer of glue over the top so they looked better. We also noticed that the yellow painted ones looked a bit shabby compared to the others (the paint didn't cover it as well) so we created a bargain bucket to keep customers happy and get rid of stock that wasn't as good. We sold our product at a car boot sale selling to lots of different people from the community which sets a great example of the school. We set dates for our sale days and we had a tick list to guide us."

*Young Enterprise*

## Diary Dates

May	<p><b>SATs week:</b> Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May  <b>PTA Summer disco:</b> Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May  <b>Community open evening:</b> Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May (4pm – 6pm)  <b>Maths week:</b> Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May  <b>Half term:</b> Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May</p>
June	<p><b>INSET days:</b> Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May  <b>Aladdin theatre trip:</b> Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June  <b>Parents' afternoons (1 adult per afternoon):</b>  Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June (1.30pm)  <b>Sports' day:</b> Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June  <b>Reserve sports' day:</b> Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June  <b>Party in the park:</b> Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June</p>
July	<p><b>Reports home:</b> Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July  <b>Informal parents' evening:</b> Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July  <b>End of year show performances (at Farnborough Sixth Form's Prospect Theatre):</b>  Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July (2pm matinee and 7pm evening)  Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July (7pm)  <b>Leavers' party:</b> Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July  <b>Leavers' assembly:</b> Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July  <b>Last day at Ravenscote!</b> Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July  <b>INSET day:</b> Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July</p>