

# Friday 26 February 2021

Welcome back to everyone after half term, either on a screen or in school, we hope you managed to have a bit of a break. It has been lovely to have some sunshine as we head for Spring and start to think ahead.

You will be aware that government guidance expects pupils to be back in school from 8 March and we look forward to welcome, wave and wash again to help everyone get settled back as safely as possible.

Please be aware that we await specific confirmation for us as a special school from Essex and will work with SEAX to clarify further details about expectations for this and plans for testing of secondary age pupils. This will involve a phased return for pupils the week of 8 March. When this has been sent out, please get in touch with any specific queries as we fully appreciate, as we have done throughout this situation, that everyone is in different circumstances and will have some questions relating to your child.

Some remote sessions will continue in school over the next few weeks to help us vary our curriculum without unnecessary movement/contact. All secondary aged pupils will be encouraged to wear masks where it is not possible to distance.

We will do all we can to help prepare pupils and go through plans with you. Thank you for your continued patience and support.

Mrs Constantine



# Weekly Update

# FEBRUARY



## Spring approaching in school...



Please follow guidance to keep safe: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Parent and Carer Communication  
Spring term 2021-22

Kingswode Hoe School  
What we plant today, we grow tomorrow



During recent weeks and half term, there have been some developments on site including painted doors and primary fencing so our younger pupils have a secure outdoor play area.

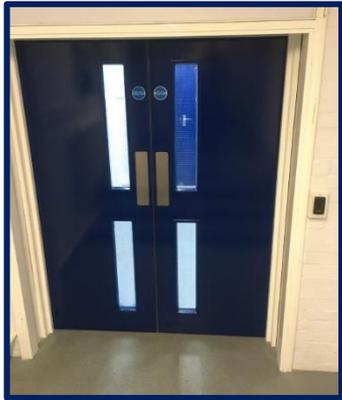
We also have workers about to start essential maintenance and roof repairs over our dining hall. Some paths and routes are one way/out of bounds for safety and pupils need reminding to walk around these areas.

# PREMISES DEVELOPMENT

Primary outdoor play area



Doors by the Hub



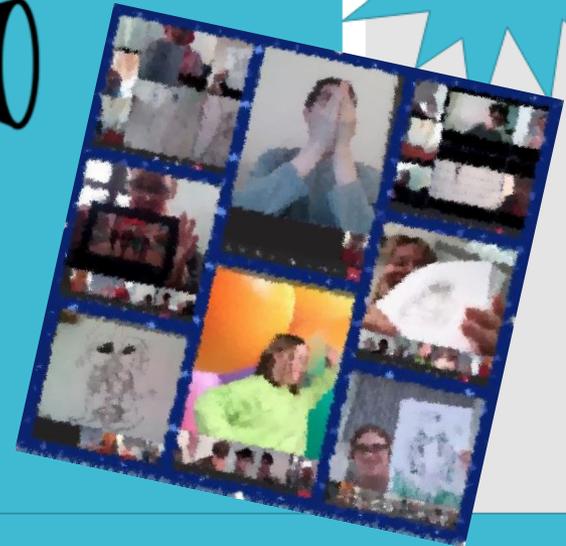
**PATH OUT OF BOUNDS AT THE BACK OF THE PE TOILETS AND HALL**



**ROOF REPAIR WORKS SET TO COMMENCE MONDAY 1 MARCH**



Fridays at  
11am!

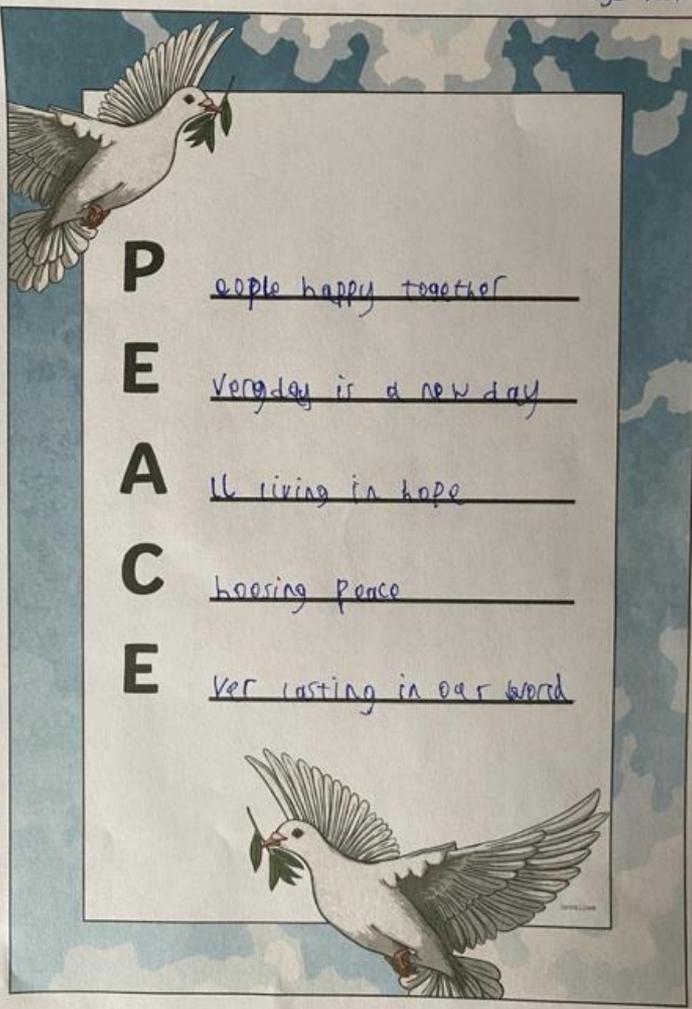


As part of our theme of the week of 'World Thinking Day and Self Expression', the KS4 remote learners and staff are delighted to share with you just a few of the highlights from our 'Fun Fridays!' - a fantastic end to the week, where pupils are invited to share and discuss their variety of arts skills and experiences with the rest of the group. Not only does this provide a platform to express their creativity, it also encourages and develops their communication skills. (And it's lots of fun!)

**Thank you to Miss Constantine and Arts Award pupils for all their work remotely and in school, it has been a pleasure to see growing creativity and confidence this term.**

## World Thinking Day

Pupils this week have been thinking about the theme of 'peace' in our lives and for children around the world.



**D**ifferent in many ways

**I**ndividual is who we are

**V**ictory is our goal

**?** Everyone has choices

**R**ecognising we all have strengths

**S**pecial is our quality

**I**n learning is how we understand

**T**ogether we can make this work

**Y**ou will see how happy our world could be

From those little trembling hearts, peace emerged...  
From children's whispers and innocence  
Peace arose to say: "It's my time... my turn."  
Peace, oh! You velvety rose, braving windy days  
And somber tunes

As long as our eyes see and our hearts throb,  
We will dream... we will resist.

We touched the sky, tore the cloak of night.  
Braved the frightening whimpers of darkness  
We will not have to dream much longer.

Do you know that every dreary night will be  
Followed by a bright sun to cleanse all the  
Sadness and anguish?

Peace is rooted in our words, our smiles  
In our fingers, that have braved pain  
It is in our eyes that are weary of darkness  
In our growing roses resisting with pride...

Our dreams will not fade away. Those whimpers  
Will not drench the nightingales songs.  
No matter how long darkness persists, or how long  
Opaque clouds entrap our dreams, our voice will  
Emerge victorious through the night, calling out:  
Peace... Peace...

Nour, 16, Syria



[https://www.instagram.com/p/B9c1KBDR7c/?utm\\_source=ig\\_embed](https://www.instagram.com/p/B9c1KBDR7c/?utm_source=ig_embed)

unicef   
for every child



# Thinking about PEACE

[unicef](#)

Nour, 16, wrote her poem 'a light resisting darkness' from her home in war-ravaged Aleppo, Syria. After nine years of conflict, around five million children need humanitarian assistance. In addition to helping children access life-saving health care, warm winter clothes and clean water, UNICEF is calling on all parties to the conflict to use political solutions to end the war. More than anything, the children of Syria need peace. [#worldpoetryday](#) [#poemsforpeace](#) [#childrenunderattack](#) © UNICEF/UNI312003/AI-Asadi48w

<https://www.kingswodehoe.com/remote-learning>

# Learning at Home

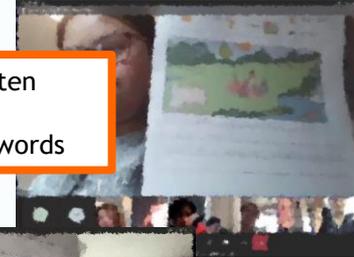


- There are so many examples of the super work pupils have been supported to do at home- in particular some baking for families and the community, artistic creations and thoughtful written work.

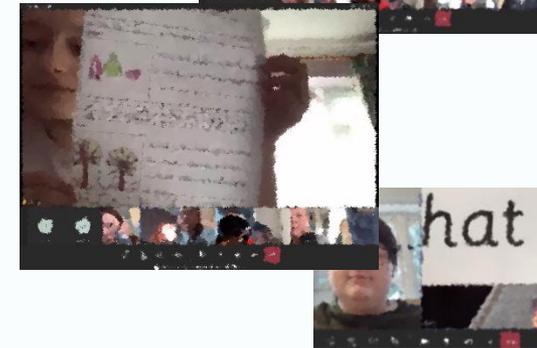
Well done to everyone engaging in sessions online!



Sharing written work in KS3  
Working on words



**FEEDBACK:** Please let us know what has worked for you/your child!  
This link should now work- apologies if you tried to complete before...



Year 11 inspired to make flapjacks following online literacy/life skills session



Carefully creating cakes for the community



**Form for family feedback:**

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=wFErkg\\_4\\_06Hzeh5SOXaPw8DHbCKVtxJsV\\_hvy5IDBUQktZVhtaRUdDVEpWN\\_EpKTFYzWkpaRIVRQy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=wFErkg_4_06Hzeh5SOXaPw8DHbCKVtxJsV_hvy5IDBUQktZVhtaRUdDVEpWN_EpKTFYzWkpaRIVRQy4u)

If you try out any of the activities above, please upload any photos or videos to Evidence for Learning or share via [contactus@kingswodehoe.com](mailto:contactus@kingswodehoe.com) as we would love to see the pupils engaging with the links we send out. We can't thank you enough for all you do to encourage and support pupils to complete these varied tasks at home.

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# Theme of next week: Employability- using Teams Safely and World Book Day

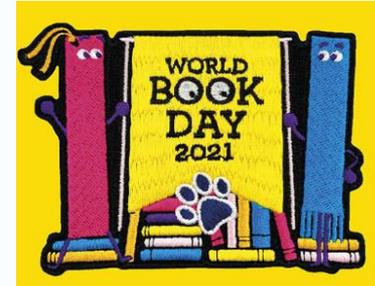
# Notices

My turtle is called Dawn  
My turtle eats grass, lettuce  
and cucumbers.  
My turtle lives in India



“A child  
A book  
A read  
A chat.  
This is the way  
the mind grows.

Not with a test  
but a tale.”  
*Michael Rosen*



We are pleased to report  
we now have a  
defibrillator in school  
following staff training  
and a pupil council  
suggestion that resulted in  
successful fundraising last  
year.

- ❖ Easter break is Monday 29 March- Friday 9 April this year
- ❖ If you need to send any work in to be forwarded to staff or printed out in school- please email to Mrs McMillan: [contactus@kingswodehoe.com](mailto:contactus@kingswodehoe.com)

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