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Kingsgate Primary School Newsletter

Friday 18 October 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Next week we will be holding a parent governor election. Please read the attached statements from the candidates. Voting will be held on Wednesday 23rd October (8am—6pm). There is one vote per family via the school website, if you need any help with voting please contact a member of the school admin team. You will receive a text on Tuesday evening with the link and password for you to access the voting page.

Warm wishes,
Meg, Headteacher



Year 3 loved their visit to the Natural History Museum! They toured the museum and looked at all of the fascinating dinosaur exhibitions. The children took part in a workshop called 'Dino Dig'. They handled a range of fossils and used brushes to uncover different fossils. Finally, they observed and measured what they discovered in the same way as scientists. We definitely have some budding palaeontologists at Kingsgate!

Dates for your Diary

22nd October 9.00 am EYFS/KS1 Early Maths in Reception

25th October all day INSET—parent teacher meetings

Half term—Monday 28th October—Friday 1st November

Friday 13th December

EYFS/KS1 9.15 –9.45 Nursery Christmas songs

Monday 16th December

9.30-10.15 am Nativity Reception Hawthorn, Y1 Bramble, Y2 Ash 2.15-3.00 pm

Christmas concert Y3 Peach, Y4 Plum, Y5 Cypress, Y6 Lime

Tuesday 17th December

9.30-10.15 am Nativity Reception Apple, Y1 Briar, Y2 Honeysuckle

2.15-3.00 pm Christmas concert Y3 Mulberry, Y4 Rosewood, Y5 Willow, Y6 Tamarisk

Wednesday 18th December

9.30-10.15 am Nativity Reception Elm, Y1 Cherry, Y2 Hazel

2.15-3.00 pm Christmas concert Y3 Plane, Y4 Oak, Y5 Rowan, Y6 Olive

End of term—Friday 20th December

INSET—school closed Monday 6th January

Children return to school Tuesday 7th January



Why do you want to be a governor?

My name is **Hana Ibrahim** and I have two daughters. One in Year 3 and the other will join the Nursery next year; so, I intend to be at Kingsgate for many years to come.

I have a strong sense of civic duty and I am keen to contribute my professional and personal knowledge and experience to help the school continue to be successful and the children to continue to flourish and thrive.

It is important to me to ensure that all children are safeguarded and can achieve their full potential regardless of their background, special educational needs or disabilities. It is also important to me to support the school and all the staff who work so hard to uphold the school's ethos of Ready, Respectful and Safe.

What skills can you bring to the governing body?

I am an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Lead within the NHS with over 20 years' of experience challenging discrimination and advocating for cultural change. As such, I am not afraid to ask challenging questions, if necessary, on behalf of all the children at Kingsgate.

I also hold professional qualifications in executive coaching and programme management which has enabled me to support senior leaders and given me insight into how good governance should function.

Through various leadership roles I have gained extensive knowledge of safeguarding, people management, strategy development, quality improvement and budget management. I believe these skills will transfer well to the work of school governance.

It would be a privilege to serve on the school's governing body and I hope that you will consider voting for me.

Why do you want to be a governor?

My name is **Sonal Lakhani** and I have one daughter in Yr 2. She has been at Kingsgate since Reception and we have been overjoyed with her growth in confidence, academic progress and how much she truly enjoys going to school everyday. I would like to join the governing body to steer the school in the right direction and retain its excellent reputation for academic success and happy, friendly children.

I am first generation British Asian born in North West London where I also went to school and University. My parents made sacrifices to ensure I got a strong education, and I am incredibly grateful to them and the British education system for the success I have had. I would be delighted to be given the opportunity to give back and make a difference in not just the education of my child, but the school as a whole.

What skills can you bring to the governing body?

I have worked in Finance and Technology for 17 years and my current focus is supporting scaling Tech startups to grow. I regularly advise on which projects to finance, managing budgets, and how to strategically grow the business within a strong governance framework. I believe these skills can add value to the governing body, but I am most excited about bringing some ideas on how to support children with an innovation mindset so they are well equipped for the modern technological world they are inhabiting.