

PRIMARY MATTERS

Welcome to Primary Matters. We aim to keep parents and carers of children currently in Years 5 and 6 in our feeder primaries up to date with developments here at The Kimberley School.

March is an important month for parents of children currently in Year 6 as this is the time when school places are finalised. If you have applied for a place at The Kimberley School you will be receiving a letter from the local authority early in March informing you whether your application has been successful. When you receive this letter it is vital that you confirm your acceptance of the offer within **14 days**. There will be further information in the letter as to how to do this but you can accept the place either by telephone or online. If you do not accept the place offered within the time limit there is a chance that the offer could be withdrawn.

If you have any queries about your application on receipt of the letter it is important to contact the local authority in the first instance. There will be a customer service contact number or email address on the letter you are sent. I regret that we are unable to deal with enquiries at this stage of the offers' process as it is dealt with directly by the local authority.

Once we have been informed that your child has been offered a place at The Kimberley School, you will receive a welcome letter from Mr Teal that will set out further details about the induction process. I will also confirm these details in our next newsletter.

Primary Visits



In December and January we were joined by pupils in Years 5 and 6 from Hollywell, Awsworth, Gilthill, Horsendale, Mornington, Kimberley and Hempshill Hall primary schools. The pupils joined us to participate in a science activity about combustion during which the pupils undertook experiments that created balls of fire from methane bubbles. All had a great time and, thankfully, were returned safely to their schools in time for lunch!

On February 9th our PE staff held the Year 4 Festival with pupils from Hollywell, Horsendale, Kimberley, Gilthill, Larkfields and Awsworth taking part. Further details on this event can be found in the PE Department's section in The Kimberley School Newsletter. There are further events being held throughout this term, including a rowing competition, the Year 5/6 Broxtowe Sports Hall Athletics and a dance festival.



The Maths Department held their Level 5+ Mathematics afternoon recently. This was the second of four sessions to run throughout this year that focus on supporting children who are more able mathematicians. Children from Larkfields, Kimberley, Hollywell, Awsworth, Gilthill, Horsendale and Mornington primaries were all involved and the third session will take place later in March.

We are also delighted to be working with all the feeder primary schools on a joint design and technology project that will hopefully take place later this year.

If you are a parent of a child who has taken part in any of our liaison events and you or your child would like to tell us about it please do get in touch. We would be delighted to include your feedback in this section of the newsletter. You can email me at s.hughes@kimberleyschool.co.uk

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