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KINGSTONE

SCHOOL OF CREATIVITY
WITH ARTS FOR ALL

Spring, here at last ...

We have hopefully seen the last of the very challenging weather conditions, which we all experienced over the last few months; January seemed to last about twelve weeks! I would like to take this opportunity to thank both parents for their co-operation and understanding, and staff (both teaching and non-teaching), who managed to ensure that teaching and learning was able to continue with minimum disruption. Special thanks go to the site team, for ensuring the site remained accessible for staff arriving for work.

Whilst the snow was still thick on the ground, Ofsted decided to come and make an inspection of P.E. and Dance, and the outcome was fantastic; 'Good with Exemplary Features'. I know parents will like to join me in congratulating staff (in particular Mr. Buckley and Miss Martin), for such a glowing report. The full report is available via the school website, or directly from Ofsted.

Our first Development Day this year took place on Tuesday 26th January. Each Year Group is involved in a different activity. Development Days offer a different way of learning and are intended to provide extended opportunities that complement the curriculum. The second Development Day took place on Thursday 18th March and as always, proved really popular with pupils. Staff gave 100% in ensuring that the events remained both meaningful and enjoyable.

Special thanks to colleagues who took a lead in ensuring that the days ran smoothly.

Following a comprehensive consultation process, led by Mr. Gallagher, the school is developing a new style School Improvement Plan for 2010-11. Senior colleagues have looked closely at the new Ofsted criteria and the new plan has been tailored to these criteria. We aspire to be the very best we can and that means aspiring to be judged as 'Outstanding'. All stakeholders have been asked to contribute and my thanks to parents who have provided valuable feedback.

Significant developments are taking place in relation to progress with the Holgate/Kingstone A.L.C. The confirmed site for the A.L.C. is the land previously occupied by S.R. Gent (and beyond). We have a draft plan for the new building, which we are in the process of consulting on with children and staff.

Miss Baker of the R.E. Department leaves us this Easter to join Barnsley College and on behalf of everyone at the school, I would like to take this opportunity to wish her all the very best for the future.

Thanks to pupils, colleagues parents and governors for your continued support and friendship; enjoy a restful and peaceful Easter break.

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