



# KINETON PLAYGROUP NEWSLETTER

26 May 2022

## QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION

We would like to invite all children, whatever sessions they attend, parents, grandparents and younger siblings to join us on Friday 27 May at 2pm to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. There will be a craft activity followed by cake hosted by the Playgroup Board.

## PLAYGROUP TRIP

Date for your diary: Wednesday 29 June.  
Trip to Compton Verney for all children starting school in September 2022. Everyone should have received a letter, please let us know if your child can come and also if you can volunteer to help out by Monday 06 June.

## JOINING IN AT PLAYGROUP

If you would like to come and join in your child's session on any day from 1.30pm onwards, please let us know. Younger siblings welcome too!

We welcome visitors, let us know if you have an interesting pet, job or hobby that you would like to share with us.

## EARLY YEARS ALLIANCE FREE ONLINE LEARNING

[Click here](https://www.eyalliance.org.uk/free-online-learning-whole-family-book-your-session-now) to access free family learning courses on a range of topics including getting ready for school.

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## THIS WEEK AT PLAYGROUP

Preparations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee have been underway, with lots of painting, cutting and sticking. Children have made crowns and decorations and look forward to showing parents their craft skills tomorrow afternoon. Alongside this, we have been exploring castles and children have been talking about knights and princesses.

We have spent lots of time in the garden and have practised our throwing skills with the basketball net as well as bats and balls.

## WILD FLOWERS

Our seeded wild flower meadow in the end raised bed is developing nicely, and the 'natural' meadow between the fence and car park is also doing well. We are trying to record how many of the 100 plus species on the school site we can find. The 'natural' meadow will be cut once the flowers have had a chance to set seed.

## WOW SHEETS - OR LITTLE GREEN SHOOTS!

It is lovely to celebrate the things that the children do at home and record these achievements and triumphs in their Learning Journals. Wow sheets are attached. Obviously we don't expect you to make notes every day (as if!), but it would be great if you could join in when you can. Just fill in the sheet - with or without your child's help and email a copy to us.

## WARWICKSHIRE LOCAL WELFARE SCHEME

The scheme aims to provide financial support for food, household essentials and utilities to vulnerable families. Leaflets containing more details are attached to this newsletter.

Contacts:

Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme

01926 359182 or 0800 408 1448

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme)

## SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION LOOSE PARTS PLAY & RESOURCES

As we all know children often get as much fun (if not more) out of the cardboard box than the toy which came in it, using it as a den, a boat, a rocket, a dolls house, and anything else that their imagination makes it. Loose parts play is an extension of that idea; provide lots of bits and pieces - scarves, small boxes, corks, pebbles, leaves, sticks - and see what their imagination produces. You can source things from your home or garden, or find cheap goodies in shops such as The Works, Matalan, and Pound Stretcher.

## INTERNET AND SMARTPHONE SAFETY

Please make sure you are aware of what your child has been able to access on all internet and web accessible equipment - desktops, laptops, tablets, smartphones and anything else that comes along. Watch what they are watching, check the browsing histories, block websites, download firewalls and install parental controls and *difficult* passwords that they don't see you use. In short, be nosey and paranoid! All children seem to use these devices easily, and it is up to us to protect them from what they might find on them - the web is a great and a wonderful tool, but like other great tools (knives and fire spring to mind) it is also extremely dangerous and frightening when used in the wrong way. This is something that really will matter in 10 years time, and it is worth putting up with tantrums now to ensure your children are safe. Visit <https://www.childnet.com/resources/looking-for-kidsmart> for ideas.

## EVERY MIND MATTERS

Having good mental health can help us feel better, sleep better and support us in doing the things we want to do. Common mental health problems include: stress, anxiety, low moods, sleep problems. Click [here](https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/) (<https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/>) to find out more about organisations that can help.

Summer term 2022:

Monday 25 April to Thursday 21 July 2022

Half term: Monday 30 May to Friday 03 June 2021

Holiday club: Monday 30 May to Wednesday 01 June

