



Dear Parents,

15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**FLAMINGO CLASS ASSEMBLY:** We had a lovely assembly from Flamingo Class this morning. They told us all about their study of the Arctic, performed the poem, 'Arctic Fox' and the story, 'We're Going on a (polar) Bear Hunt', demonstrated some Yoga poses and played a sound scape. They have been working hard! My thanks go to Mrs Ward, Mr Laurie and Mrs Tugwell for all their hard work with the class.

**FSU NEWS:** This week the Chinese New Year celebrations have continued in reception with noodle tasting and role playing in the Chinese restaurant. The nursery children have been busy creating their ducklings for the new hall display, please take a look at the whole schools wonderful animal themes now on display in the hall.

**TT ROCK STARS BATTLE OF THE BANDS:** Last week saw much enthusiasm as classes across the school battled it out to see which one would be victorious in the Battle of the Bands. I was really impressed with the children's commitment and eagerness to take part in a times tables challenge. Everyone who earned points for their class should be proud of themselves and I would like to thank parents for supporting your children in learning this fundamental aspect of mathematics. Unfortunately, there can only be one winner in each year group and the results are as follows:

Year	Class	Score
6	Dolphin	118687
5	Snowy Owl	14193
4	Penguin	31083
3	Lion	10479

These classes will receive an extra playtime, which will be arranged by the class teacher. As overall winners Dolphin class will also have a non-school uniform day on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

The child who scored the most points over the week was Caiden J in Dolphin class and below are the most valuable players in each class.

Position	Dolphin	Elephant	Snowy Owl	Leopard	Penguin	Eagle	Lion	Giraffe
1st	Caiden J	Phoebe A	Emily C	Sam H	Daisy J-L	Riley J	Harrison L	Charlie E
2nd	Elise W	Edward S	Scarlett W	Akeria H	Francesco O	Tom M	Peter L	Liv B
3rd	Eden B	Chloe B	Joshua P	Taylor-Lillie W	Ellie A	Zac B	Adam C	Abigail S

Hopefully the children are looking forward to their next battle. Ms K. Rainer Maths Co-ordinator

**TIMES TABLE WORKSHOP:** If you would like to learn more about how we are teaching Times Tables, how best to support your children and how to effectively use TT Rock stars, we will be holding a workshop on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 3:20pm. Refreshments and crèche facilities will also be available during the session. If you would like to attend, please either email or speak to the office who will be able to book places at the crèche. Ms. K. Rainer Maths Co-ordinator

**THE HUMMINGBIRD CENTRE:** The Hummingbird Centre, located in Launton (Bicester), is a relaxed place for cancer patients, whatever stage throughout the cancer journey. It not only supports the patient but also the family surrounding them. The Hummingbird Centre is a great place to meet people, get information, talk to the team, be pampered and have fun. It is a space for you to go and relax, escape your daily life and pressures and have the opportunity to talk to people who can help and support you both practically and emotionally. On Wednesday 20th February, The Hummingbird Centre have planned a family day for all members of the family (including children) to go and do some fun activities. The session will be open from 10am-2pm and is a drop-in session so no need to book. Please see their website for more information or contact Miss Golden. <http://thehummingbirdcentre.org.uk/> Miss L. Golden SENCo

**KMS' GOT TALENT:** This afternoon we held our first King's Meadow School's Got Talent. The teachers have been most impressed by the quality of the acts and I very much enjoyed being on the judging panel this afternoon. The winners are as follows:

Key Stage	Names
FSU	Owen L- Red Kite
Key Stage 1	Cassidy M
Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 &4 )	Katie L
Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)	Chloe B, Tia D, Jasmine H

**KS1 MULTISKILLS:** Thirty children from Key Stage 1 went down to a multiskills event held at Bicester Sports Centre on Wednesday afternoon. The children, lead by Year 10 students from The Bicester School participated in a range of games that involved teamwork as well as learning new skills through throwing, catching, jumping and striking. They received many certificates for their effort and were thoroughly worn out by the end of the day. Mrs M. Ward Assistant Head

**COLLECTION:** As reported last week Linda, our lovely lollipop lady, is retiring after 18 years at KMS. The children are very keen to buy her a gift from them. If you would like to make a donation then please hand it into the school office in an envelope marked 'Linda'. There is a card in the front office for parents to sign. Thank you.

**COUNCILLOR PRIORITY FUNDING (CPF):** We have secured £1500 CPF from Cllr Les Sibley. Mr Laurie and Mrs Obinna successfully put in a bid for money to enhance the outdoor learning at the school. The funding will be used to buy 3 outdoor sheds filled with equipment to enhance the provision of Maths, Literacy and Den Making outside. A huge well done to Mr Laurie and Mrs Obinna and thank you to Cllr Sibley for his generosity.

**HALL BOARDS:** The hall boards were all changed yesterday and look fantastic. They showcase artwork from across the school and the theme is 'Animals'. Every class from Nursery up to Y6 has a board so please do pop in to see your child's work. My thanks go to the talented team at KMS for producing such wonderful work – you are a creative bunch!

**IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:**

- The Music for Schools Foundation put on a presentation to parents on Monday evening
- The teachers had training on how to teach programming
- The staff had mental health awareness training on Wednesday evening
- Some Y1 and Y2 children participated in a Multi Skills event at the sports centre
- The auditions for the Y6 Strictly Dance Team were held and the team announced
- Miss Golden attended an information evening at The Hummingbird Centre

**LONDON MARATHON:** I am running the London Marathon this April for Helen and Douglas House Hospice, Oxford in memory of my son, Thomas. As a family we were fortunate to receive the dedicated care from this fantastic organisation during Thomas' short life. If you would like to follow my training journey towards my first marathon or are able to make a donation to a really worthy local cause, more information can be found on the 'Running for Thomas Laurie' Facebook page. Also, good luck to all the other amazing parents and family members at King's Meadow School who are also tackling the 26.2 miles in London on the 28th April. Look out for us on the television coverage. Thank you. Mr Laurie.

**PARKING:** It has been brought to our attention that driveways have been blocked during school drop off and school pick up and that this has inconvenienced local residents especially in an emergency. Please can we ask you to be considerate when parking near the school.

**HALF TERM:** Today we close for the half term break. I hope that you have a healthy and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

Have a good weekend

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Daulton', written in a cursive style.

Mrs L Daulton

Headteacher