



Dear Parents/Carers,

1st March 2019

LION CLASS ASSEMBLY: We were treated to an eclectic assembly by Lion Class this morning. They started by singing the days of the week in French, shared their letters to the Queen, named the bones in the human skeleton and explained a little about the 'Make Me Smile' project. They have been busy! My thanks go to Ms Rainer, Mrs Bell and Mrs Hughes for all their hard work with the class.

KMS'GOT TALENT: The names of the winners were shared in the newsletter issued before half term. However, I would just like to add what a wonderful afternoon was had by all at the grand finale. The acts were varied and all who performed demonstrated great confidence and talent. I am already looking forward to next year's contest.

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:

- Teachers received training on Guided Reading
- The Woodlands Information evening was held on Monday for Y5 parents
- Staff Mental Health Awareness training was given on Wednesday evening
- I attended the 3-day Head Teachers' Conference from Wed – Fri
- Mr Laurie, Mrs Obinna and Mrs Ward joined me at the HT conference on Thursday

STAFFING NEWS: Mrs Obinna has received a promotion and will be leaving KMS at the end of May. She will be the executive lead of the FSU across two primary schools and working for Oxford Brookes University. This is a wonderful opportunity for Mrs Obinna and recognition of what a talented Early Years Specialist she is. Kings Meadow FSU has flourished under her leadership and we are delighted that she is going on to bigger and better things – however she has terribly 'big boots' to fill and we will miss her greatly. You will be informed when Mrs Obinna's replacement has been found.

ONLINE SAFETY: We are aware that there has recently been much information published online and on social media regarding online safety. Please be assured that here in school the children receive regular online safety information as part of their weekly computing lessons. If you have any further queries the following website has some very useful information for parents.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/>

Should you have any concerns regarding anything your child has encountered online please report this via the following website.

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

CODE OF CONDUCT: We would like to remind parents that we expect all adults to speak respectfully to one another on the school premises. We would also like to remind you that nothing that brings the school and its community in to disrepute should be posted on Facebook or other social media sites. Thank you.

WORLD BOOK DAY: Next Friday we will be celebrating World Book Day. Each year group will be studying a book chosen by their teacher and the day will be filled with activities based on it. The children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from that book. If a child does not want to participate in the dressing up, then that is not a problem. However, they will be expected to come to school dressed in their school uniform.

BOOK FAIR: The Book Fair continues to take place in the Library from 15.10 each day. The final day to go along and spend your World Book Day Token is Tuesday 5th March 2019. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

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 13th 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

FSU NEWS: The Reception children this week have immersed themselves in the story of The Tiger Skin Rug. The children have made Indian palaces and created patterns with stripes. The Nursery children have thoroughly enjoyed acting out the story of Red Riding Hood, creating maps and recognising the good and bad characters in the story. World Book Day is on 8th March and we are dressing up as traditional characters, with 'Once Upon a Time' for Reception and 'Each Peach Pear Plum' for the Nursery. Children are welcome to borrow something from our dressing up box, please pop in before the 8th. Please don't feel you need to buy anything, homemade costumes are always fun to make together.

SPORTS NEWS: On Wednesday we entered two teams into the Bicester Schools' netball competition. With the sun blazing down everyone arrived at The Bicester School with smiles on their faces and full of enthusiasm. The teams were split into 2 separate competitions, with the A team competing for the Trophy and the B team for the Plate. Both teams picked up the rules really quickly and soon got their shooting arms going. The A team breezed through their group with 4 wins out of 4, and without conceding a goal. Some great shooting from Ella and Jennifer was backed up with some fine defence from Jasmine and Edward. In the semi-finals the team came up against a very strong Heyford team who took an early lead. In the second half King's Meadow produced some wonderful quick passing moves and laid siege to the Heyford hoop but were unable to get the all important equaliser. A great effort by all. On the other courts, the B team were also in commanding form with some excellent defence from Imogen and Poppy and inspired attacking play from Liam and Sam. Even when they went 2-0 down against St. Marys, they had the confidence to bring the score line back to 2-2. The confidence continued to grow during their 4-0 semi-final win. The final saw the team up against Chesterton and I am proud to say the team were amazing and fully deserved being crowned the Plate champions following a 3-0 victory. A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon with some of the best netball I have seen from a King's Meadow team. Well done everyone.

BLISS CAKE SALE & RAFFLE: Hannah and Keith Cowley, who are parents at King's Meadow, are running the London Marathon on 28th April for Bliss. Bliss is a charity which supports babies who are born too early or too ill and their parents. The charity is close to their hearts following the birth of their eldest daughter, Georgina, a former pupil at the school, at 26 weeks into pregnancy. Hannah will be holding a cake sale on Friday 8th March at 3.10 pm in the Quad raising money for the charity, so please drop by to say hello. If you would like to donate some cakes to this worthy cause please feel free to bring these in to school on the morning of Friday 8th March. In addition to this, there will also be a raffle to win a book signed by David Walliams, which will be drawn during the cake sale. Tickets for this will be sold at 50p each and will be available for the children to buy in class during week commencing Monday 4th March.

PUFFIN CLASS ASSEMBLY: Next Friday Puffin Class will be putting on their class assembly. Please make every effort to attend if your child is in this class. Refreshments will be served at the end.

COMEDY EVENING: The PTA are running a Comedy Club fundraiser this evening and I am very much looking forward to it. Unfortunately, this event was sold out weeks ago so there are no tickets available.

Have a good weekend



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