

Dear Parents,

24th May 2019

Y4 ASSEMBLY: This morning the Y4 pupils put on an assembly telling us all about their recent trip to Boreatton Park. From the recounts, songs and photos it looks like they had a ball. The Y4 and Y6 Strictly teams performed their winning routines to a most impressed audience. My thanks go to Mr Roberts, Mrs Smith, Mrs Bailey, Miss O'Farrell and Miss McReddie for giving up their own time to accompany the children on this trip.

DANCING COMPETITION: I could not have been prouder to be the head teacher of KMS than when our Y4 and Y6 dance teams took to the stage on Saturday at the National Dancing Schools competition. They were incredible, and both teams were the runaway winners in the regional round. They looked so professional in their stunning outfits and with their makeup and hair so expertly done. My thanks go to the team who came to school at 7.30am (!) on the morning to get the dancers ready. I would also like to thank the staff who gave up their Saturday to support and chaperone the children. Full credit for this achievement goes to our wonderful dancing teacher, Mrs Andrea Law. She has taught these children with skill and patience and the results are astonishing. Well done to our dance teams and I look forward to watching them perform in the Grand Final. Until then.....Keep Dancing!

TAKE ONE PICTURE: What an exciting week we have had at KMS. Art Week was launched on Monday morning with an assembly by Mrs Spearman. She reminded the children what Take One Picture was and played them a soundscape of this year's picture. This allowed the children to start thinking about the picture and its themes without actually seeing it – a brilliant technique. The picture, 'Men of the Dock' by George Bellows, was then revealed to the children back in class and their creative flair was unleashed. The results are most impressive, and I hope that most of you will manage to get into school today to see our gallery. My thanks go to the staff for embracing this initiative so enthusiastically and to Mrs Spearman and Miss Chevis for leading it so well.



GARDENING CLUB: The sunshine made this week's gardening session very pleasant. The children planted 'corn on the cob' and courgettes in the school beds, along with a variety of wildflower seeds to attract the bees and butterflies to pollinate our plants. Each Tuesday, the children learn a new gardening skill. This week was how to remove aphids from our beans, a yukky job but the children loved the idea of giving the beans a wash and using their fingers to rub these little critters from our vegetables. Fingers crossed we will have a bumper crop! On Saturday 8th June there will be a plant stall at the school's Summer Fayre. Any donations of plants would be gratefully received. Please feel free to bring them to school during the week of the Fayre. Mrs Smith



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: The attendance for the school this week was 95.75% The attendance at KMS is good but there is still room for improvement. The attendance for each class was:

- Yellow Wagtail 89.06%
- Red Kite 96.67%
- Bluebird 99.22%
- Kingfisher 83.65%
- Puffin 98.15%
- Swan 98.08%
- Flamingo 96.76%
- Lion 89.17%
- Giraffe 95.26%
- Eagle 97.08%
- Penguin 97.58%
- Snowy Owl 99%
- Leopard 97.12%
- Elephant 98.28%
- Dolphin 100%

The best class this week was **Dolphin** class with 100%. Well done!

SPORTS UPDATE: Football was top of the bill this week with a quarter final playoff for the B team and a final for the girls' team. The B team travelled to Marsh Gibbon on Tuesday buoyed by 2 fantastic performances and hoping to get themselves to a semi-final. Unfortunately, the team were a little overawed in the first half and forgot that talking helps win team games. With a lack of organisation and encouragement the team were soon 4-0 down and looking set for a miserable afternoon. A brief glimpse of what they are capable of saw captain George score and reduce the deficit, but Marsh Gibbon replied with another 2 quick goals and a 6-1 score line at half time. After a strong team talk about opening their mouths (which they are very capable of doing in the classroom!) the team came out in the second half much more energised and determined. The travelling support finally had something to cheer as King's Meadow started to put some pressure on the Marsh Gibbon goal. A goal from Charlie Rose and a wonderful strike from Samuel put the hosts under pressure for a while before we eventually succumbed to a 9-3 defeat. Well done for a much improved second half and I look forward to seeing what this young team can do next year.

On Wednesday we took the undefeated girls' team over to Chesterton School to play undefeated Langford girls in the final. Modelling a new kit, King's Meadow were determined to make a good showing in their final game of the season. However, a nervous start saw Langford make most of the early chances and we had Georgia to thank for a number of great saves. It wasn't until just before half time that Ella had the first sight of goal which went just wide. This seemed to settle the girls and as half time grew closer King's Meadow had much more of the ball and looked dangerous from Jasmine's long throws. Jennifer moved back into defence with Ellie in the second half and the pairing snuffed out any Langford momentum and allowed confidence to grow going forward. A succession of long throws from Jasmine resulted in the opening goal when the ball looped in off a defender's head. With Langford going forward in search of an equaliser, Ella battled hard to win the ball back in midfield and was able to calmly play a through-ball to Jasmine. One on one with the keeper, Jasmine managed to fire the ball home and send the supporters wild. Hoping to see the game out with no dramas and a 2-0 win just wasn't going to happen. A mistake at the back was pounced on by a Langford forward who was able to drill the ball home from outside the area. 2-1 up with 5 minutes to go and it was very much game on. Nails were well and truly bitten and voices were being lost on the side line. Into the final minutes King's Meadow continued to attack, and from another long Jasmine throw, Langford scored a second own goal and King's Meadow had a 3-1 lead. The jubilant King's Meadow fans started celebrating and at the final whistle the girls were ecstatic at being the Bicester Schools Football Champions 2019. Well done to Langford for being such wonderful opponents and thank you to the King's Meadow Girls for bringing the trophy back home! What an amazing season and a magnificent group of girls! I would like to say a big thank you to all parents for their continued support at sporting events as it's great encouragement to our teams. Unfortunately, I was made aware of some unsavoury comments made to the referee at Wednesday's final from a member of the crowd. I would therefore like to remind any supporters that we show respect to everyone on the playing field and we should always be setting an example to our youngsters. Mr S.Roberts

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:

- Mr Laurie reviewed Growth Mindset with the teachers at Monday's staff meeting
- Mrs Bailey attended training at Oxford Brookes on Wednesday
- Y6 children visited Forget Me Knots at the Methodist church to do paint some pictures with the elderly
- The all-weather running track was completed

FSU NEWS: This week has been such a wonderful scene of busy fun for all, the children in both Reception and Nursery have created some fantastic art, which we can't wait to show case to you all. This has also been my final week at King's Meadow and i feel especially proud to have worked with such a wonderful talented team of staff. I have the spent the week saying my goodbyes, and especially to past Red Kite children. King's Meadow School gives all it's children a wonderful starting their education and I leave knowing this will continue. I'm not leaving to go far and so I look forward to bumping into anyone of you all and hearing what you have been up to. Mrs S.Obinna

SCHOOL DINNERS & WRAP AROUND CARE: The deadline for booking lunches and Wrap Around Care for the first week of next term on ParentPay is Thursday May 30th. Please consider booking for the whole term if you are able to. As per the Terms and Conditions for Wrap Around Care, if you miss the Thursday deadline for bookings there is a late payment charge of £1.00 per session required. This will appear as a separate item on ParentPay. If you use Childcare Vouchers to pay for Wrap Around Care please email your forms to the school office by Thursday 30th May. Forms for next term are available on the school website.

MRS OBINNA: Today we say goodbye to Mrs Obinna as she sets off on the next exciting step of her career. Mrs Obinna has brought so much to KMS in the 12 years that she has been here. She has developed an outstanding Early Years environment and built a fantastic EYFS team. She will be sadly missed but we wish her the very best in her new role. Thank you for all that you have done for our school Mrs Obinna!

PTA INFORMATION: We have a limited number of KMS tea towels left to purchase. The tea towels have self-portraits of the children and are divided into nursery and FSU/KS1/ Lower KS2/ Upper KS2. If you would like to purchase any we will be selling the remaining tea towels on a first come first served basis for £4 each or £6 for two. Please email kingsmeadowschoolpta@gmail.com with your order, stating which year group(s) you wish to purchase. We will respond to confirm the order and arrange payment and delivery. Thank you.

HALF TERM: Today we close for the half term holiday. I hope that you all have a healthy and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you all when we reopen on Monday 3rd June.

Have a good weekend



Mrs L Daulton

Headteacher