



Dear Parents and carers,

27th September 2019

PENGUIN CLASS ASSEMBLY: This morning Mrs Heason’s class treated us to their assembly. They told us what they have been learning about in literacy and geography. They sang a French song and performed the Cha Cha Cha – which was perfectly demonstrated by Mrs Heason. My thanks go to Mrs Heason and Mrs Bell for all their hard work with the class.

WOODLANDS: I had a lovely visit on Wednesday to see the Y6 pupils and staff at Woodlands. They are all having a wonderful time and I enjoyed hearing about their adventures on the high ropes, canoeing and caving. The centre staff all commented on how well behaved the children were and that they were full of ‘give it a go’ confidence that is very much needed when participating in outdoor pursuits.

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON: On Wednesday 2nd October 2.30pm – 4pm we will be supporting the Macmillan Cancer Charity by hosting a coffee afternoon. This is a cause very close to my heart and it would be wonderful if we could raise a substantial amount of money to help them to carry out their much-needed work. The event will run from 2.30pm to allow you to enjoy coffee, cake and a chat before picking up your child/ren. If you would like to help on the day then please let me know. Please send in cake donations, bought or home-made, to the school office on the morning of the 2nd October. I thank you in advance for your support.

‘P’ FACTOR FINAL: On Wednesday 2nd October we will be holding the ‘P’ Factor final in the school hall at 9am. This is a poetry performance competition and will be judged by the owner of Coles Book Shop in Bicester. The children have all studied a poem or poems this week to celebrate World Poetry Day and the winners from each class will compete in the final next week. The finalists are:

Class	‘P’ Factor Finalists
Puffin	Aditi B, Macey T & Molly M
Kingfisher	Grace S, Darcey H, Lainey R, Eligh B & Amelie B
Swan	Albie L, Evie C, Jessica W, Florence A-H, Billy D, Emmie S, Gabriel J
Flamingo	Emmanuella M, Maya K, Freddie D, George B, Lexi N & Harry R
Lion	Mia S, Penny S & Lilly-Rose C
Giraffe	Ava-Grace L, Max A, Charlie P, Holly S, Luke P & Sophie F
Penguin	Sammy S, Ali A, Mason T & Levi G
Eagle	Johnson M, Harrison L, Peter L & Alfie H
Snowy Owl	Oliver D, Molly C & Isla W
Leopard	Henry L, Blaine N, Tom M, Freddy T & Sam K
Dolphin	Georgia B, Lauren N, Emily C & Scarlett W
Elephant	Isaac H, Jimmy M, Logan C & Morgan E

Please come along and enjoy some wonderful poetry if your child is in the final. Mrs M Ward, Assistant Head

FSU (FOUNDATION STAGE UNIT) NEWS: This week Reception have been listening to the story of the Little Red Hen. They have been threshing and grinding wheat to make flour, which was hard work. The children have all been on a walk to the local Tesco to buy the ingredients for making Bread. Whilst on the walk they looked for numbers and shapes in the environment and noticed the changing colours on the trees and bushes. They have also made bread rolls and were fascinated by how the bread dough rises. They smelt amazing whist they were cooking and we hope you enjoyed eating them. Nursery have been exploring feelings this week with the help of Gloria the puppet who has been having an emotional week! The children have been learning how to use knives safely while chopping up apples ready for the crumble next week. They have loved exploring conkers - why not take a trip to the woods this week to collect some more. Ms K.Rainer, FS Co-ordinator

BOOK FAIR: We will be holding our annual Book Fair from Thursday 3rd October until Tuesday 8th October in the library after school. Please come along and look at the selection of books on offer. The school receives a voucher to buy books depending on the amount spent. Last year this was a staggering £816 and enabled us to buy an amazing range of new books to enhance our curriculum.

KENILWORTH CASTLE VISIT: On Thursday 3rd October children in Year 2 will be visiting Kenilworth Castle as part of their history topic this term on 'Castles & Queens'. I hope the children have a lovely time and can't wait to hear about it on their return.

POSITIVE PARENTING WORKSHOP: We will be offering a 6 week Positive Parenting course from Thursday 3rd October until Thursday 14th November 2019. This course will be held in the school and is run by Abingdon & Witney College. The course is free and will run from 11am – 12.30pm on Thursday mornings. If you are interested in attending, then please contact the school office. Please note that places are limited.

MATHS COURSE: We will be offering a 4 week Maths course from Thursday 3rd October until Thursday 24th October 2019. This course will be held in the school and is run by Abingdon & Witney College. The course is designed to teach parents the methods and strategies used in school to assist them in supporting their children at home. This is a free of charge course and will run from 9.15 – 10.45am on Thursday mornings. If you are interested in attending, then please contact the school office. Please note that places are limited.

ATTENDANCE: The attendance for the school this week was 97.80%

- Yellow Wagtail – 90.00%
- Red Kite – 98.10%
- Bluebird – 99.50%
- Kingfisher – 99.58%
- Puffin – 94.78%
- Swan – 93.46%
- Flamingo – 99.63%
- Lion – 100.00%
- Giraffe – 99.26%
- Eagle – 99.33%
- Penguin 96.00%
- Snowy Owl 99.68%
- Leopard 95.57%
- Elephant 100.00%
- Dolphin 100.00%

This week we had three classes achieving 100.00%. Well done to Elephant, Dolphin & Lion classes!

Y6 ASSEMBLY: Next Friday the Y6 children will be putting on their 'Woodlands' assembly. Please make every effort to attend if your child is in this class. Refreshments will be served at the end.

PARKING: Please park with due care and attention to the safety of the pupils when dropping off and collecting your children. There are double yellow lines clearly marking where cars cannot be parked, but these are being ignored. The police have informed me that they will be dropping by and will issue penalty notices to cars illegally parked. I thank you for your support.

PTA NEWS: The PTA AGM was held on Wednesday 18th September. Unfortunately, we were unable to vote in a new committee as there were no volunteers for the role of Chair, Vice-Treasurer or Secretary. The PTA relies on parent participation, and without a full committee, it cannot continue to raise funds or hold events for the school. We would like to ask you to consider if you feel you could help by volunteering for one of these roles. If you would like to learn more, please email kingsmeadowschoolpta@gmail.com. Thank you.

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:

- Miss Meyer and Mrs Spearman led staff training on Eco awareness on Monday
- Y6 Woodlands residential
- Reception held a 'Share a Book' session
- Mr Laurie and Ms Rainer attended Phonics Training
- Mrs Lee attended ICT training
- Mrs Hargreaves-Hands attended a county School Business Managers' meeting
- The governors Resources Committee met on Wednesday morning
- The governors Health and Safety and Curriculum committees met yesterday

Have a good weekend



Mrs L Daulton

Headteacher