



Dear Parents and Carers,

25<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**INTERNATIONAL WEEK:** What a fabulous week we have had at KMS. We have welcomed many visitors into school, who have run a wide and varied programme of activities for the children. The children have participated in dance and music workshops, listened to stories from the Indian sub-continent, visited far flung places using Google Virtual Reality headsets, cooked and sampled Indian food, experienced Hindu and Jewish traditions and taken part in Yoga lessons. When not engaged in one of these activities, each year group studied a country. The week culminated this morning with International Food Tasting Morning – and what a morning it was. The hall and Wing A were transformed into a World Food Festival. Once again, the children are to be commended for trying the foods without a fuss. The children sampled the following foods:

COUNTRY	FOOD
Scotland	Tablet
Spain	Paella
Mexico	Nachos
Kenya	Coffee
Russia	Blinis
South Korea	Edible Bugs
Japan	Japanese Tea
Thailand	Green Curry
Germany	Gingerbread
Egypt	Falafel
Italy	Lasagne
France	French Brie
Malaysia	Coconut Pancakes
Australia	Fairy Bread
Barbados	Cou Cou

My thanks go to the International Team for organising such a wonderful week: Mrs Spearman, Miss Ryczowski, Mrs Powell and Mrs Smith. The sourcing of the workshops and the timetabling of the event requires imagination, attention to detail and a lot of time. I would also like to thank the staff for getting so involved in the whole initiative and giving the children an experience that they will never forget.

**SAD NEWS:** Sadly, Awa Jeng, mother of Macey Taylor in Puffin class, died on Saturday. I am sure that you will all keep Macey and her family in your thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time.

**FSU NEWS:** The Reception and Nursery children have had a very busy International week. They have participated in a whole range of activities such as Creative dance, Indian Cookery, Hindu workshop, playing the Gamelan and listening to the storytelling of Peter Chand. In addition, the Nursery children have been learning about The Netherlands. They have made collages inspired by the painter Mondrian, used clay to create their own Delph tile which they painted blue and white, as well as trying on and sorting clogs with different decorations. They also planted tulips and are looking forward to watching them grow in the spring. In Reception, the focus has been on Spain. The children have learned about the work of three Spanish artists, Gaudi, Miro and Picasso, creating their own work using the artists style. In the reception garden, the children recreated the magic fountains of Barcelona using powder paint. Great fun was had by all. The week ended with food tasting. This included Paella from Spain and Stropwafels from The Netherlands. They have had a fantastic week and are ready for a well-earned rest during half term. Ms Rainer, FSU leader

**E-SAFETY MESSAGE:** We have been informed that one of our pupils has been asked questions such as personal information on a chat room used by the Beavers. Thankfully, they were sensible enough to report it. We would like to ask all parents to be vigilant if their children are using this or a similar website. Mr Cox Computing Coordinator

**PHOTOGRAPHS:** The Tempest photographer will be visiting the school on Wednesday 6th November 2019 for family and individual photographs.

- Family Photographs  
Families with pre-school and/or secondary school children will have photographs taken from 8.15am until 9.00am. Please queue outside The ICT Room fire door at the front of the school.
- Families photographs, where two or more children are all at King's Meadow School, will be taken later in the morning- this includes children attending our Nursery.
- Individual Photographs  
All King's Meadow School children will have individual photographs taken.  
There is no obligation to purchase any of the photographs taken during the day. However, if you do decide to purchase copies, you should adhere to the deadline date on the order form, which you will receive with a proof copy. Late orders do incur an additional charge by the photography company.

**PTA MEETING:** Please remember that there will be an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the PTA on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.15pm in school. Please come along and offer your support to our PTA.

**EAGLE CLASS ASSEMBLY:** Mr Roberts' class will be putting on their assembly on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Please come along if your child is in this class. Refreshments will be served at the end.

**COMEDY NIGHT:** Tickets are selling fast for the PTA Comedy Night fundraiser. This is always an excellent night out. I, unfortunately, am unable to attend due to a prior engagement. I cannot wait to hear who the comedians pick on in my absence! There are now just 6 tickets remaining at a cost of £15 each. These can be purchased using the following website: [www.pta-events.co.uk/kmspta/](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/kmspta/)

**MATHS INFORMATION EVENING:** We will be holding a Maths Information evening on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 from 5.30pm – 7pm. The teachers will explain how the four operations of calculation: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division are taught across the school. Please come along and find out how best to support your child at home. A pyjama creche will be available where the children can drink hot chocolate and enjoy a bedtime story. I hope to see many of you there.

**POPPY APPEAL:** From Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019, the school council will be selling Poppies and other merchandise at the gate from 8:30am daily as well as at break time. They will also be available from Penguin Class at the end of the school day.

**CHILDREN IN NEED:** In support of Children in Need this year, on Friday, 15th November 2019 we will be holding a Pyjama Day costing £1 per student. We will also be selling Pudsey Bear merchandise at the front of school from 8:30am, at break time and after school in Penguin class from Monday, 11th - Friday 15th November 2019. There will also be a design a Pudsey face competition costing 50p. There will be a winner chosen from both KS1 and KS2, the prize being a large Pudsey Bear each. The winners will be revealed on Monday, 18th November 2019.

**ATTENDANCE:** The attendance for the school this week was 95.17%

Bluebird: 89.50%	Yellow Wagtail: 93.00%
Red Kite: 93.00%	Puffin: 89.57%
Kingfisher: 92.50%	Swan: 97.01%
Flamingo: 95.56%	Giraffe: 96.67%
Lion: 93.70%	Eagle: 96.33%
Penguin: 93.67%	Leopard: 100.00%
Snowy Owl: 95.48%	Dolphin: 97.69%
Elephant: 100.00%	

We have two winning classes this week, both Elephant & Leopard class with 100.00%.

The total absence for term 1 was 96.91% and the winning class for the term was Giraffe class with 98.29%. Well done!

**HALF TERM:** We close today for the October half term holiday. I hope that you all have a happy and healthy holiday and look forward to seeing you all on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Have a good weekend



Mrs L Daulton

Headteacher