



Dear Parents and Carers,

4<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**WOODLANDS ASSEMBLY:** A huge well done to Y6 for their wonderful Woodlands Assembly this morning. It was great to gain an insight into what they got up to during their residential. My thanks go to the Woodlands Team: Miss Golden, Mrs Powell, Mrs Chaundy, Mrs Tugwell and Mrs Smith for taking the children to Wales and ensuring that they had a safe and enjoyable week.

**'P' FACTOR FINAL:** On Wednesday morning we were treated to some fantastic poetry performances. We were lucky enough to have Nigel French from Coles Book Shop come in to judge our competition. Each of the winning teams were rewarded with house points and a voucher to spend at the shop, as well as a donation to the school of books and magazines that will complement our library.

The winners were:

- Reception: Bluebirds – 'Five Little Aliens' - The whole class
- KS1: Flamingo Class – 'Which is the Way to London Town?' - Emmanuella, Maya, Freddie, George, Lexi and Harry
- Lower KS2: Penguin – 'Melvin the Mummy' - Sammy, Ali, Mason, Levi
- Upper KS2: Leopard – 'Saw My Teacher on a Saturday' - Henry, Blaine, Tom, Freddy, Sam

Mrs Ward, Assistant Head

**MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON:** Thank you to all of you who donated cakes and came to the Coffee Afternoon on Wednesday. It was a most enjoyable event and the cakes were delicious. We raised £216 for the charity. Thank you.

**Y2 KENILWORTH CASTLE TRIP:** On Thursday Year 2 visited Kenilworth Castle as part of their history topic looking at Queen Elizabeth I and comparing life in different times. We had a fantastic day and had the castle to ourselves (the weather even held off for us – hooray!). The children were able to demonstrate a high level of knowledge, as well as learning new facts about castles and what it would have been like to live there. We were very proud of the children as their behaviour was commended by members of the public. An enjoyable day was had by all. Miss Chevis and Miss Ryczowski

**BOOK FAIR:** Thank you to all of you who have bought books at the Scholastic Book Fair so far. The Book Fair will continue on Monday and Tuesday next week after school so there is still chance to pay a visit and buy a book. My thanks go to the staff who have manned the stall and to Mrs Watson who coordinates this event for the school. I will let you know shortly how much we have raised for the school.

**FSU NEWS:** In Reception this week, the children have continued their focus on bread. They have tasted brioche from France, Naan from India, Bagel from America, Pitta from Greece and learned a little about where each country is in the world. In addition, we have discussed how long it might take to travel to each country, how they might travel there and some of the famous landmarks in each country. All the children enjoyed tasting the bread, 'It was yummy.' We took part in the P factor and all the children should be proud of themselves. We will be doing an encore at our Harvest Celebration, which we are looking forward to. The Nursery have spent the week thinking about hands. We've done lots of handprints and action songs. We've made our crumble and it went down well with most of the children. We have met "King One" - the first of our characters in Ten Town. When writing number one, he says "Top to toe and there you go". Just a reminder that Parents' Evenings are 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October. For those of you who are new to the school you will need to sign up for a ten-minute appointment in your child's classroom next week. Please see your child's teacher if you need further guidance. Ms Rainer FS Co-ordinator

**INTERNATIONAL WEEK:** We will be holding our annual International Week from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October. This is a hugely popular event at school and this year promises to be as exciting as previous years. Each year group will be studying a different country and there will be activities running through the week linked to the theme of Spirituality. To explore this theme, we have a Rabbi and a Hindu Temple visiting to explain aspects of their faiths. Google are returning with their Virtual Reality headsets and, in addition to seeing landmarks from their chosen country, the children will 'visit' places of religious significance from around the world. Peter Chand will be coming back to entertain us with stories from Southern India. One Day Creative will be teaching the children Aboriginal and Ramayana spiritual dances and our own dancing expert, Andrea Law, will be teaching the children dances from their chosen country. The children will all participate in a Gamelan workshop and will have Indian cooking lessons from Mrs Sharma (mother of Shaynah in Y6 and Sammy in Y4). As is the past, International Food Tasting will take place on the Friday morning. We invite the children to come to school dressed in the colours of the flag that their class has been studying and to sample foods from around the world. The event will conclude with parents being invited to come in to school and see a showcase of work from International Week (3.10pm). This is a fun and enriching week for the children but, unfortunately, it is not free, and the cost cannot be fully met by the school budget. The PTA have kindly donated £2500 towards the costs and we are asking for contributions of £12 per child or £20 per family. No child will miss out due to lack of payment but, if insufficient funds are received then we will not be able to offer such a wide and varied experience next year. I thank you in advance for your support.

The countries being studied are:

- Nursery The Netherlands
- Reception Spain
- Y1 Australia
- Y2 Russia
- Y3 Mexico
- Y4 Japan
- Y5 Thailand
- Y6 Kenya

**POLITE REMINDER:** A polite reminder that school starts at 8.45am. The number of pupils being signed in late is increasing and we would like to see this stop. Thank you.

**IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:**

- The staff had a Mindfulness Yoga session instructed by Felicity Wood on Monday
- The Chair of Governors and I attended a Local Authority briefing on Tuesday
- Mr Roberts attended a Primary PE day on Thursday
- A Maths course for parents took place on Thursday

**PTA CHRISTMAS CARDS:** Your child will soon be coming home with their Christmas card template. Please see attached letter for further information. All orders will need to be made via the PTA website [www.pta-events.co.uk/kmspta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/kmspta). These will be available to buy once the templates have come home.

**LION CLASS ASSEMBLY:** Next Friday Mr Cox's 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.

**ATTENDANCE:** The attendance for the school this week was 97.12%

- Yellow Wagtail – 90.50%
- Red Kite – 92.86%
- Bluebird – 97.00%
- Kingfisher – 98.33%
- Puffin – 97.39%
- Swan – 95.00%
- Flamingo – 98.52%
- Lion – 97.04%
- Giraffe – 98.15%
- Eagle – 97.67%
- Penguin 97.33%
- Snowy Owl 96.77%
- Leopard 99.67%
- Elephant 97.78%
- Dolphin 100.00%

The best class this week was Dolphin class with 100.00%. Well done!

Have a good weekend



Mrs L Daulton

Headteacher