



Dear Parents and Carers,

31st January 2020

SUCCESS! SUCCESS! SUCCESS! I received a letter from the Rt Hon Nick Gibb, Minister of State for School Standards yesterday. In it he congratulated me, the staff and the pupils on the very high level of progress that our pupils demonstrated in the reading, writing and mathematics Key Stage 2 assessments last year. He said that the progress that our pupils make between Key Stage 1 and the end of Key Stage 2, puts KMS amongst the **top 3%** of primary schools in the country. To be identified as one of the best academically performing schools in the country is quite an achievement and I would like to thank the staff whose hard work and dedication is reflected in this commendation. Well done KMS! Please see attached a copy of the letter which can also be found on the home page of the school website.

DOLPHIN CLASS ASSEMBLY: A huge well done to Mrs Powell's class for their excellent assembly this morning. They told us all about their study of the Enigma Machine and their visit to Bletchley Park, they explained how the heart works with the help of a catchy song, they demonstrated how to calculate the volume of shapes and we watched a video of them practising their gymnastic skills. They have been very busy since we returned to school after Christmas! My thanks go to Mrs Powell and Mrs Knights for all their hard work with the class.

MORNING GATE: This week I have been battling a chest infection and was advised to stay out of the cold. That is the reason I have not been on the gate to greet you in the mornings – normal business will resume from Monday!

FSU NEWS: Reception, this week, has continued its focus on bears. The children's teddies had a sleepover over the weekend, and we came in Monday morning to find they had made themselves comfortable in bed. Over the week we have found them in the sand, forming a band, in the shed and finally having a picnic. We have been writing sentences about where we have found our teds, practising the tricky word 'my', as well as using capital letters to start, finger spaces and full stops. We have continued to investigate 3D shape using the mathematical vocabulary face, edge and vertices. Ask your children to explain. In the garden the children have been visiting 'Teddy's Tea shop' where we have real plates, cups and a teapot. They have been very careful. On Monday, British cycling will be providing a taster session for the Reception children which we are all really looking forward to.

In Nursery, we've had a good week continuing our Three Pigs theme. We looked at the structure of brickwork, and then back in class children have been good at making their own strong walls to keep the wolf out. We have also printed the same pattern onto houses. Our highlight of the week was making our fabulous pig biscuits using fruity ears which the children cut themselves. On Thursday 6th February at 9am, we will be holding a bookshare session in Nursery. We would like to invite all parents to come along and share some stories with their child. Please remember to sign in at the School Office. Ms K.Rainer, Early Years Coordinator

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS: As you are aware, mental health is high on the government's agenda and as a school we want to make sure we are supporting your child's mental health in the best way possible. Mental health is making sure your mind is being kept as healthy as possible and there are things we can do to support that. We now have a Mental Health Support Team in place, who held the parent drop in session today and have been introduced to your child in an assembly. These workers will be in school and will be regularly working with children in order to make sure they are keeping their minds healthy. If you would like any more information on this or you would not like your child to benefit from this service, please contact Miss Golden, Special Educational Needs Coordinator.

RSPB BRITISH GARDEN BIRD WATCH: On Monday 27th of January King's Meadow School participated in the 'RSPB British Garden Bird Watch'. During breaktime, children around the school volunteered to help us find some of the following birds: Robin, Blue Tit, Blackbird, Great Tit, House Sparrow, Pigeon, Collared Dove, Starling, Wood Pigeon and Thrush. The results were as followed:

Robin	1
Blue Tit	1
Black Bird	6
Great Tit	0
House Sparrow	5
Pigeon	10
Collared Dove	0
Starling	0
Wood Pigeon	2
Thrush	1

Thank you to everyone who gave up their time to help.
Our results have been forwarded to the RSPB.

Irene B and Jimmy M – Yr 6 Eco Councillors

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:

- Staff had mental health awareness training on Monday
- The FSU Bicester partnership teachers had a meeting at KMS on Tuesday
- Nick Cornell, our School Improvement Leader visited on Wednesday
- I attended the Bicester Headteachers' meeting yesterday

ATTENDANCE: The attendance for the school this week was 97.36%.

Bluebird: 98.50%	Yellow Wagtail: 96.50%
Red Kite: 96.19%	Puffin: 99.13%
Kingfisher: 99.20%	Swan: 95.19%
Flamingo: 98.52%	Giraffe: 98.89%
Lion: 99.26%	Eagle: 92.67%
Penguin: 98.00%	Leopard: 95.67%
Snowy Owl: 98.39%	Dolphin: 97.69%
Elephant: 97.31%	

The best class this week was Lion class with 99.26% attendance, Well done Lion class!

RACE FOR LIFE EVENT: Next Friday the school will be hosting a Race for Life fundraiser for Cancer Research. As part of the event, children will be sponsored £1 for completing a designated distance (KS1/Foundation: 1km – 3laps, KS2: 1mile – 5 laps). Each child that completes the challenge will receive a medal. If your child would like to take part, please ensure they have £1 and suitable running shoes/clothing on Friday. Mrs Heason, School Council Charities lead.

PTA NEWS: We will be holding a second hand school uniform sale on Friday 28th February outside the School Office. Any donations to the PTA can be left at the School Office and are always gratefully received. Tickets are still on sale on our website for the Comedy night on Friday 6th March but are selling fast. We hope everyone joining us for the Disco later has a fantastic time. Becky Nash, PTA Chair

KINGFISHER ASSEMBLY: Next Friday Miss Meyer'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 available at the end.
Have a good weekend

Mrs L Daulton



Headteacher