



Dear Parents and Carers,

2nd July 2021

**COVID19 UPDATE:** As I reported last week, there has been a rise in COVID19 cases in our local schools, and unfortunately, we have had a case in school. A member of the Y6 staff tested positive and this resulted in the closure of the Y6 bubble. Another member of staff was instructed by NHS track and trace to isolate for 10 days and so has not been in school. Please continue to be vigilant and do not send your child into school if they, or a member of your household, have symptoms (raised temperature, a new cough or loss of taste and/or smell) and organise a PCR test as soon as possible. If a member of your household has tested positive for the virus, then the whole household must isolate for 10 days. By working together, we can keep our community safe.

**RECRUITMENT:** We held interviews yesterday for Miss Partridge's replacement and I am delighted to report that we have appointed Mrs Debbie Herring. Mrs Herring is no stranger to King's Meadow – her son Max was a pupil here and she was employed by the school for a number of years as a kitchen assistant and Wrap Around Care supervisor. In addition to this, Mrs Herring has a wealth of childcare experience from other settings. We are very much looking forward to welcoming Mrs Herring back.

**SPORTS DAYS:** Next week we will be holding our sports days – and they will be very different this year. The children will not compete in front of the whole school and their parents, instead they will compete in their year groups, cheered on only by their year group friends and staff. We felt that it was very important for the competition to go ahead, and we are confident that the children will enjoy themselves. The timetable for the competition is as follows:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM		Nursery	Y1	Reception	
PM	Y6 (Postponed)	Y5	Y4	Y2	Y3

Please note that the Y6 sports day will now take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

**FSU NEWS:** At Forest School this week, the children in Reception cooked bread over a campfire. They had to roll their dough into a sausage and wind it around a stick before cooking and eating it. They also learned how to treat a sprained ankle using a cold compress. Linked to Forest School, we have been looking at information books about trees, wildflowers and birds and comparing how an information book is different to a fiction book. The children enjoyed coming up with labels to change a picture into a diagram.

The Ducklings have been learning about ducks and other birds this week. We turned the outside house into a bird hide and we have been looking out for different birds. The RSPB website helped us to tune in to the sounds of common birds, and we liked the call of the wood pigeon. In Farmer Time on Thursday, Farmer Alana showed us the cherries that are nearly ready to harvest and the tiny Gala apples which will be picked in September. Ms Rainer, FSU leader.

**SPELLING AND MATHS BEES:** This term's Spelling Bee takes place on Monday with the Maths Bee on Tuesday. Parents of the finalists will be sent instructions on how to join the event remotely. Good luck to all those participating! The finalists are:

#### Spelling Bee Finalists

YR	Avon		Derwent		Severn		Thames	
1	Sienna H	Joana F	Tilda R	Maddy R	Kate M	Oscar P	Alicia M	Ellyott P
2	Zac O	Riva B	Noah H	Emily P	Owen L	Sophie H	Isla S	Raphael K
3	Jack B	Tilda A	James T	Florence A-H	Maya K	Taome B	Alex G	Hollie B
4	Mia S	Abigail A	Harry D	Jack S	Ava M	Rania A	Molly JL	Bethany F
5	Liv B	Victoria P	Bianca D	Noah C	Ali A	Peter L	Abby S	Amelie T

#### Maths Bee Finalists

YR	Avon		Derwent		Severn		Thames	
1	Lyla D	Julian T	Christian M	David G	Yasmina S	Eddie-Ray J	Alicia M	Immie G
2	Arabella C	Finley M	Noah H	Eligh B	Owen L	Lainey R	Leo S	Raphael K
3	Jack B	Tilda A	James T	Finley H	Abigail A	Jessica W	Keavy W	Peyton P
4	William C	Mia S	Mathew B	Eddie H	Luke P	Yousef M	Tyger T	Harry S
5	Liv B	Issy B	Charlie E	Noah C	Devon H-R	Harrison L	Sammy S	Amelie T
6	Ellie A	Riley J	Josh D	Elissa C	Dennis M	Jessica S	Adam A	Tom M

**MATHS AND READING CHAMPIONS:** The Maths and Reading champions will be receiving a treat next week- well done to everyone. They are:

Year	Reading Champions	Mathletics Champions
Reception	George S Rowan B Aria C	N/A
1	Alicia M Kate S	Christian M Dawid B
2	Hollie L Isla S	Sophie H Oscar F
3	Freddie D Tyler H	Emanuella M Maisee L
4	Molly JL Abigail A	Luke P Yousef M
5	Aimee C Abigail S	Peter L Liv B
6	Imogen J TBC	Riley W Olivia T

**TIMES TABLE COMPETITION:** Friday evening saw the end of the local schools' times table competition and I am so happy to say that King's Meadow managed to answer 403,732 times tables correct in five days! This put us in first place for the total amount of points scored and 29,000 above our closest rival! A special congratulations to the students of Penguin Class who, on average, scored more points than any other class in Bicester and this was led by Harry S who scored 20,814 on his own! Times Table Rockstars will be available over the summer to all children in years 1-6 for that extra little practise ready for September. Regular practise is so important to ensure the children are fluent in their times table facts. Mr Cox, Maths Coordinator

**ATTENDANCE:** The attendance for the school this week was 95.53% The class that achieved the highest attendance this week was Swan Class with 99.20% attendance, well done to Swan Class.

Bluebird: 96.77%	Yellow Wagtail: 92.00%
Red Kite: 96.92%	Puffin: 97.65%
Kingfisher: 94.60%	Swan: 99.20%
Flamingo: 96.40%	Giraffe: 86.43%
Lion: 95.94%	Eagle: 94.48%
Penguin: 98.00%	Leopard: 98.28%
Snowy Owl: 95.72%	Dolphin: N/A
Elephant: N/A	

Have a lovely weekend,



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