



Dear Parents and Carers,

28<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**KINGFISHER CLASS ASSEMBLY:** Congratulations to Kingfisher Class for their fantastic assembly to parents and relatives this morning. We all became Paleontologists as the children shared the work from their 'Dinosaur' Topic. As well as performing a song about the different types of dinosaurs researched so far, the children shared their dinosaur themed Literacy, Maths and Art work. Thank you to Miss Smith, Mrs Farrell and Mrs Walsh for all their hard work in putting together the assembly.

**COVID UPDATE:** We have had 36 positive cases in children and 5 in staff this week. Please remember to keep your child at home and take them for a PCR test if they develop any symptoms (a cough, a raised temperature or loss of taste or smell).

**FSU NEWS:** There have been bears all over the Reception classes this week. The children have loved coming in each morning to see what their bears have been up to overnight. They have been found still in bed, playing in the sand, performing in a band, as well as catching up on their reading so that they can move along on the reading challenge. The children have also been singing lots of Nursery rhymes and Mrs Merrett has kindly taught the children some in French, 'Frere Jacques' and 'Un Petit Pouce Qui Danse', all about their fingers.

This week the Ducklings have been busy working on the theme of The Three Little Pigs. We have made pig pancakes and the children spread jam on before cutting their chosen fruit in half for ears. We have been doing some more colour mixing- this time using white and red to make pink for our pig art.

**SPORTS NEWS:** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022 saw a return to the football league at King's Meadow and lots of excited Year 5s took to the pitch knowing that a win would keep them at the top of the B League table. There was also a sizeable crowd on the side-lines cheering both teams on. St. Edburg's started much the better of the two teams and played some lovely football. King's Meadow would surely have been behind if it wasn't for wonderful defending by both Luke and Isaac. As the first half continued, we started looking a lot more comfortable on the ball and looked dangerous on the break. It was one of these breaks that produced the first goal. Isaac brought the ball out of defence, dancing around a number of opposition players before sending in a delightful cross for Yousef to tap in at the far post. The half ended shortly after and the team were delighted at their first half performance. Unfortunately for King's Meadow, the second half was a lot different. St. Edburg's came out with lots of energy and were first to every ball. With many of them Year 6's, they were stronger in the tackles and soon the King's Meadow goal was being threatened every time they came forward. Two quick goals for them drained the energy out of the home team and before the end of the match they had turned the tables around and we had lost 1-5. Congratulations to St. Edburg's for a great performance and well done to the KMS boys for some fabulous battling. Hopefully we have learned a few lessons from the second half performance and we can get back to winning ways against Chesterton next week.

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022, we welcomed Chesterton to King's Meadow for a B League fixture. After last week's disappointment the boys were determined to make amends and move back up the league table. We started the first half playing some great football. Yousef, Alfred and Jacob showed some great interplay going forward while Harry, Isaac and Louie provided a calming presence at the back. KMS continued pressing forward and after a host of missed chances were rewarded for their dominance with 2 first half goals from Yousef. In the second half, Chesterton started to gain more control and pressed forward in search of a goal that would put the pressure on. Fortunately for us, that goal came with the last kick of the game and we were able to hold on for a 2-1 victory. With 2 games left in the group stage, this victory takes the team within 1 win of qualifying for the semi-finals. Heyford away on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March will decide who qualifies.

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 we welcomed both the Langford A and girls' team to KMS for league fixtures. The girls kept their 100% record intact with a fabulous 2-0 victory. With only the bare 7 players, due to illness, there were no substitutes available, so the girls had to show great fitness. Sienna, Ava and Molly set a great example by running for every ball and getting stuck into tackles. Further forward, Abbie and Millie were able to put pressure on the Langford defence and this led to Millie slotting home towards the end of the first half. The second half could have gone either way but having escaped a penalty call in our own box, the girls went down the other end and won a penalty of their own. Millie calmly slotted home the spot kick and the girls celebrated a wonderful 2-0 victory.

On the other pitch, the A team were looking for their first points of the season having been outplayed in their first match against Eynsham. This was a much more confident performance with the boys working hard for each other and playing some lovely football. Seth, who gave a man of the match performance, was a rock in defence and set a great example of how to tackle. Mason also shone as he battled hard and caused their defence all kinds of trouble. It was Mason and Bale who slotted home to make it a well-deserved 2-0 score line at half time. We started the second half a little tentatively and this allowed Langford back into the game. At 2-1, the nerves started jangling and Langford looked dangerous every time they went forward. Fortunately, Levi took it upon himself to take the game away from Langford with 2 great goals on his debut. At 4-1 King's Meadow were able to control the game to the final whistle and earn a much needed 3 points. Well done to all the teams this week 🏆 Mr S. Roberts, PE Coordinator

**NURSERY APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Places in our Nursery starting September 2022 are filling fast. If you have a child that turns three years of age between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022, and are thinking of applying for a space in our Nursery, we would encourage you to put in your application now. We offer both 15 and 30 hour places, depending on eligibility, and our office staff will be happy to answer any questions you may have. The final deadline for applications is **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022** and the enrolment form is available both online and from the school office. If you have already applied for a place, we will endeavour to make contact with you next term to confirm that the place is still required.

**NSPCC BAKE SALE:** After the huge success of our Macmillan bake sale last term, we are holding another- next Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February. The proceeds will go towards the charity 'NSPCC'. We are asking for donations from both teachers and parents of baked goods which can be sold individually such as brownies, cookies, doughnuts and cupcakes. A reminder that we are a nut free school. Please provide a note of ingredients with any home made donations. We hope to see you after school at 3.10pm purchasing a delicious treat. Miss. J McGuire, School Council

**PTA NEWS:** We have a full events calendar for you this year, starting with the School Disco on the 11th February, please see earlier ParentMail for full details. We are also delighted to be able to offer an adult only night as we invite Sledgehammer to the school on Saturday 5th March for an 80s night. These tickets will be limited and are on sale from Saturday 29th January on PTA Events. Please see the attached flyer for details. We hope to see you there. Becky Nash, PTA Chair

**TEXTILE RECYCLING BANK:** Great News! Kings Meadow School PTA have finally arranged for a permanent Textile Recycling Bank to be positioned at the school. This was delivered today and is sited at the front of the school to the left of the main gates. Attached is an educational leaflet all about the Recycling Process however we have been asked to give a few pointers about what can and can't be accepted in the Bank. We accept clothes, shoes, belts, bags, sheets and blankets. However, we don't accept pillows, cushions, duvets. Ideally could you put all items in to Tesco sized bags when they are deposited into the Bank, large bin bags tend to block the chute. Becky Nash, PTA Chair

**FLAMINGO CLASS ASSEMBLY:** Next Friday Flamingo 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. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Have a lovely weekend

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