



Dear Parents and Carers,

20<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**LIDDINGTON CLASS ASSEMBLY:** The Y4 children put on an excellent assembly this morning, showcasing their trip to Liddington. What fun they had on their residential trip! All present enjoyed watching the video footage of the children (and Mr Roberts!) participating in the various activities. My thanks go to Mr Roberts, Mrs Woodward, Mrs Smith, Mrs Bell and Mrs Tugwell for accompanying the trip.

**Y2 SATS:** A huge well done to the Y2 pupils who took their SAT exams this week. They all tried hard and we are very proud of them.

**FSU NEWS:** In Reception, this week, we have continued our focus on Mama Panya's pancakes and Africa. We have been looking at and drawing African artefacts in our free flow time and have used them to create our own verbal story. We made sure our story has a character, setting, problem and solution. We have continued our sentence writing, ensuring a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop, and have enjoyed writing our own Mama Panya's Pancake book. During our Maths focus groups, we have been focussing on addition and counting on from a number, rather than always starting at one.

This week the Ducklings have had caterpillars to observe in class, and we are excited about watching their big change. We have been learning about what an insect is and have made some model bees using three body parts and two antennae. The wings we drew for our bees are amazing. We had a honey on toast snack which we spread and cut ourselves, and we also saw a real waxy honeycomb and found the hexagons inside. Ms. K. Rainer, Early Years Co-ordinator

**SPORTS NEWS:** Another busy week of sport at King's Meadow saw an Intra-School Quadkids competition on Tuesday and then a cricket tournament on Thursday.

QuadKids - With the annual Bicester Quadkids event coming up in term 6, Tuesday's KS2 event was a trial event to see who would qualify and represent KMS. Quadkids is an athletics event comprising of 4 events: Sprint (50m for Year 3/4, 75m for year 5/6), standing long jump, run (400m Year 3/4 and 600m Year5/6) and the howler throw. Their distances and times are then given points against UK Athletics guidelines for a total score. Well done to all those who took part, especially running the long distances on a very hot day! Full results have been sent around to all the teachers and can be found at the back of Penguin Class, but here are the top 5 boys and girls who have qualified for the Bicester event.

Year 5/6 boys		Year 5/6 girls		Year 3/4 boys		Year 3/4 girls	
Position	Name	Position	Name	Position	Name	Position	Name
1	Max A	1	Lily J	1	Shay G	1	Lexi-Mae W
2	Isaac W	2	Liv B	2	Eyad M	2	Keavy W
3	Charlie E	3	Bethany F	3	Harry R	3	Tilda R
4	Finley H	4	Kacie S	4	Finley H	4	Nevaeh C
5	William C	5	Bianca D	5	Theo R	5	Evie C

I am hoping to enter a second team in both events. If I am able to, then all those children finishing in positions 6-10 will also have qualified. I will confirm this with them as soon as possible.

**Cricket** - On Thursday morning we took 37 children to BSA, in Chesterton, to take part in the Bicester cricket event. We entered 4 teams across the 3 competitions and all children were keen to get out in the sunshine and play. It was the first time some of the children had played any competitive cricket, so I was really impressed with how well our teams picked up the rules and gained in confidence. As always, it was great to hear some positive feedback from another school on how polite and supportive one of our teams were! On a very hot day, the children were a credit to the school and all teams were able to win a number of games. The finishing tables are below. Well done to all

<u>Y5/6 Girls</u>	<u>Y5 Mixed</u>	<u>Y6 Mixed</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Chesterton	1st Chesterton	1st Fritwell
2nd Kings Meadow	2nd Fritwell	2nd Chesterton
3rd St Edburgs	3rd Kings Meadow 1	3rd St Edburgs
4th Brookside	4th Kings Meadow 2	4th Kings Meadow
5th Southwold 2	5 <sup>th</sup> St Edburgs 2	5th Southwold
6th Southwold 1	6 <sup>th</sup> Brookside 2	6th Brookside
7th Fritwell	7 <sup>th</sup> Southwold 2	
	8 <sup>th</sup> Chesterton 2	

**DROPPING OFF:** This is a polite reminder that parents should not pull in or park in front of the school gates to drop off their children. This is the main entrance for pupils arriving at school and poses a serious risk of injury to them. Thank you.

**POP IN SESSIONS:** Please come and join us at our weekly 'Pop In' sessions. These occur every Friday from 2.30pm until 3.05pm where you can relax and have a chat over a nice cup of tea and a biscuit. Mrs Fowler and I are on hand to answer any questions you might have or to just catch up for a natter! We would love to see you there. Mrs Ward, Assistant Head

**FILMING IN SCHOOL:** A polite reminder that videos may be taken of your child when they are performing in a class assembly, in a production or participating in sports day but that these must not be shared on social media. Please note that parents are not permitted to film their children at any other time in school, including after school clubs. Thank you.

**ARTS WEEK:** Next week the children will be off timetable and studying art for the full week. Once again, we are joining in with the National Gallery's Take One Picture initiative. Details will be given in next week's newsletter of the chosen piece of fine art to be studied. Please pop in at the end of the school day next Friday to enjoy the artistic endeavours of the children. I look forward to seeing you.

**MATHS INFORMATION EVENING:** We are holding a Maths information evening on Thursday at 6pm. The presentation should last approximately 2 hours. The teachers will all explain how the four mathematical processes (addition, multiplication, subtraction and division) are taught across the school. This is an opportunity for you to come and learn about the strategies that we use in school and will allow you to support your child at home effectively. If childcare is an issue for you, then you will be able to book a place in the free creche that we will be running for children who attend KMS. It is hoped that most of you will attend.

**KINGFISHER CLASS ASSEMBLY:** Next week Kingfisher Class are putting on their assembly. Refreshments will be served at the end. Please make every effort to attend if your child is in this class.

#### **IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:**

- Mr Cox attended a Maths course on Monday evening
- Miss Golden attended SEN meetings on Tuesday afternoon and on Wednesday evening
- A Maths specialist visited the school and discussed our maths provision with Mr Cox on Tuesday
- The school had a very successful Safeguarding Audit by the County on Wednesday
- Mr Cox and Miss McGuire attended a Mastery Maths course on Wednesday
- Mrs Targus Stone and Mrs Biggs attended ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) training on Thursday
- On Thursday, Laura Lewis and Nick Dolden (governors) visited the KS2 classrooms to look at the Reading Corners and discuss how enjoyment for reading is encouraged across the school. The impact of COVID on progress and how the school is addressing this was also discussed.

**ATTENDANCE:** The attendance for the school this week was 93.43%. This is a rather disappointing figure, and the school aims to have an attendance of 97%. Hopefully, the figure will improve as we go into the final part of the academic year. The classes with the highest attendance this week were Dolphin and Leopard classes both with 98.33%. Well done Dolphin and Leopard classes!

Bluebird: 83.50%	Yellow Wagtail: 88.00%
Red Kite: 98.00%	Puffin: 89.00%
Kingfisher: 91.00%	Swan: 90.00%
Flamingo: 96.67%	Giraffe: 93.70%
Lion: 93.57%	Eagle: 92.14%
Penguin: 96.07%	Leopard: 98.33%
Snowy Owl: 95.00%	Dolphin: 98.33%
Elephant: 94.67%	

**TOURETTES AWARENESS MONTH:** May 15- June 15 is Tourette's Awareness Month. Tourette's syndrome is a neurological condition which causes unwanted, involuntary muscle movements and sounds known as tics. To raise money to support research into the syndrome, two of our KMS parents, Lucy and Steve Lawrence, are aiming to raise £1112 by walking and running 1112km. This symbolises the ages 11 and 12 which are statistically the hardest for Tourette's syndrome sufferers. If you would like to sponsor them, their just giving page link is [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lucy-lawrence9](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lucy-lawrence9)

**HALF TERM:** We close next Friday at the usual time for the half term break.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.



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Headteacher