



Dear Parents and Carers,

6th May 2022

LION CLASS ASSEMBLY: Mr Cox's class treated us to a wonderful assembly this morning. A film of the children dancing the Viennese Waltz was played and it was most impressive. The children then demonstrated balancing that they have been learning in gymnastics and told us all about the early Roman invasions of Britain. The class have been learning about persuasive writing and tried various techniques on me (flattery, questions, bargaining etc.) to gain extra playtime in school – good as they were the answer was a resounding no! To the delight of most of KS2, the children sang the Roman Numerals song. My thanks go to Mr Cox, Mrs Devaney and Mrs Watson for all their work with the class.

PLAY EQUIPMENT: A polite reminder that the play equipment is not to be used before or after school due to lack of supervision. Thank you.

SHOES: We have had an incident this week of children's shoes going missing at break time. I spoke to the whole school this morning and advised them that shoes must be kept on when they are outside. Please reiterate this to your child. Thank you.

FSU NEWS: In Reception this week, we have been continuing our focus on Handa's Surprise. We have been comparing the different fruits which grow in the UK with those which grow in Kenya. In addition, we have been looking carefully at some of the fruits in the story, describing their smell and texture before drawing them using pastels. Unfortunately, a guava was difficult to source! As Handa gets a surprise in the story we have been looking at different facial expressions and discussing how the children might be feeling.

This week The Ducklings have continued our Minibeast topic. We are now quite familiar with Superworm by Julia Donaldson, and lots of us can retell the story. We have made superworm letters out of pipe cleaners to help us with our phonics, and have made playdoh letters too. We have learned about Henri Matisse and have made our own versions of his snail collage. The classroom is now full of bright spirals. Ms K. Rainer, Early Years Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS: Following the success of the Year 6's last week, we now have another team into the final. The Year 5s played their semi-final away at Fritwell on Wednesday and managed to battle through a tough game and claim the final spot with a 2-1 victory. Fritwell started strong and would have been ahead if it wasn't for a magnificent goalkeeping display from William C. Towards the end of the first half we started to settle down, played some great football and Jacob opened the scoring with a great strike. There was much more confidence in the second half and Louie P added the second direct from a corner. As the final whistle approached, Fritwell pulled one back to give the travelling support a few nervy moments but they hung on and look forward to the final against either Brookside or St. Edburgs. Next up is the girls semi-final against Chesterton. Can we make it 3 out of 3!? Good luck girls. Mr S. Roberts, PE Coordinator



IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:

- Staff had a twilight (3.30 – 6.30pm) training session on book banding last night
- The Full Governing Body(FGB) met last night
- Y5 visited Ufton Court as enrichment for their study of the Tudors on Tuesday
- Miss Golden attended a SENCo meeting at Whitelands on Tuesday
- Staff had training on the National Gallery’s ‘Take One Picture’ in preparation for Art Week, presented by Miss Chevis and Mrs Spearman on Tuesday
- Interviews were held for new teachers on Wednesday
- Interviews were held today for new TAs

ATTENDANCE: The attendance for the school this week was 94.16%

Bluebird: 96.88%	Yellow Wagtail: 81.25%
Red Kite: 82.50%	Puffin: 94.17%
Kingfisher: 95.00%	Swan: 95.83%
Flamingo: 91.67%	Giraffe: 94.44%
Lion: 92.41%	Eagle: 99.11%
Penguin: 94.64%	Leopard: 97.50%
Snowy Owl: 98.33%	Dolphin: 98.75%
Elephant: 92.92%	

The class with the highest attendance this week was Eagle class with 99.11%. Well done class!

SATs: Next week our Y6 pupils will be sitting their SATs. The children have all worked hard and I am sure that they will perform well. I would only ask that early nights are the order of the day at the weekend, so that the children arrive fresh and ready for the task ahead on Monday. Good luck to all of the Y6 pupils!

LIDDINGTON TRIP: The Y4 children are off on their residential trip to Liddington on Monday. Lots of activities are planned for them, including sitting round a fire toasting marshmallows one evening, and I know that they will have a great time. I would like to thank the staff for generously giving up their own time in order to offer this opportunity to the children.

MATHS INFORMATION EVENING: As was advertised in the dates for the term, we are holding a Maths information evening on Thursday 26th May at 6pm. The presentation should last approximately 2 hours. The teachers will 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 that attend KMS. It is hoped that most of you will attend.

SUMMER TERM AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Please note that the following clubs will NOT be running next week due to staff being away on the Y4 residential:

- Monday 9th May: Games Galore
- Wednesday 11th May: Construction club & Gardening club

All other clubs will be running next week as planned.

GLASS BOTTLES: We have recently experienced a couple of incidents involving breakages of glass drinks bottles. Please do not send your child to school with glass bottles as this poses a safety risk.

FRIDAY 'POP IN' SESSIONS: We would like to remind you that we are continuing to hold a 'Pop In' every Friday afternoon at 2.30-3.10pm. Mrs Ward and Mrs Fowler will be on hand to chat over tea and coffee in the ICT suite. You will be able to access this from the front of the school. We look forward to seeing you there.

SNOWY OWL CLASS ASSEMBLY: Next Friday Miss Scott's class will be putting on their class assembly. Refreshments will be served at the end. Please make every effort to attend if your child is in this class.

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