



Dear Parents and Carers,

17<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**PUFFIN CLASS ASSEMBLY:** Miss Roche's class treated us to a wonderful assembly this morning. They told us all about their study of plants, performed 'The Enormous Turnip' and sang a catchy song about water. We also enjoyed a slide show of the Puffins at last week's Jubilee Tea Party. My thanks go to Miss Roche and Mrs Tugwell for all their hard work with the class.

**NURSERY ASSEMBLY:** Last Thursday our very youngest pupils put on their magical assembly. They told us facts about the mini beasts that they have been studying, told us the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar and performed a brilliant Caterpillar Boogie -well done children (and staff!). My thanks go to Mrs Spearman, Mrs Peacock, Mrs Cox and Mrs Sutton for all their hard work with the class. ( My apologies for the omission of this segment from last week's newsletter).

**DOGS OUTSIDE SCHOOL:** As was mentioned in last week's newsletter, please be mindful of our pupils when you tie your dog up near school and remind your child not to approach a dog that is unattended. Some children are scared of dogs and it can be a traumatic experience for them if they have to walk past one to enter / leave school. Unfortunately, a dog bit one of our pupils last week as she was leaving school. The child received a minor injury but was very shaken and the police have been informed. I thank you in advance for your support with this matter.

**FSU NEWS:** In Reception, we have continued our focus on 'Coming to England' We have been learning more about Floella Benjamin and the Windrush Generation. By finishing our letters to her, we have been using our phonics sounds. In Maths we have been doubling numbers using our 'bunny ears' and Numicon to help us. Whilst in the Woodlands the children have made crowns using the natural materials they can find. On Friday, we went to our first celebration assembly and the children sat and listened beautifully. This week in nursery the Duckling's topic is farm animals. We have been making hobby horses from cylinders and have worked on our cutting skills when making the mane. We have also been painting horses. We have been learning about where our milk comes from and watched a video showing cows being milked. We loved having our animal bookshare this week and had a fantastic turn-out from parents. In woodlands on Monday, some of the children had a go at making a spark using the fire stick and we had some successful attempts.

**SCHOOL CAR PARK:** Please note that the school car park is for staff use only during the school day. However, there is a disabled parking space that parents may use when visiting the school. If you need to make use of this then please contact the school office who will ensure that the gate is opened to allow you access. Please note that cars must not enter the car park after 8.25am as this poses a significant hazard to our pupils who start to arrive at this time. Thank you.

**NON UNIFORM DAY:** Summer was certainly evident today at KMS, not only due to the fantastic sunshine but because the children were all dressed in their summer clothes – perfect on a day when temperatures are expected to soar. My thanks go to all of you who donated a plant in exchange for non-uniform – KMS is now resembling a garden centre and we will all be able to pick up some gorgeous goodies for our gardens at next week's plant sale.

**Y3 HILL END VISIT:** On Monday and Tuesday, Year 3 went on a visit to Hill End to take part in a Roman themed day. The children were sorted into Celts and Romans and had to live like them for the day. This involved making flour, training with weapons and culminated in a vicious battle! Everyone had a great day and learnt lots!

**SPORTS NEWS: Quadkids- Champions of Bicester!** Last Thursday, we took the 40 qualifying children over to The Cooper School to take part in the Bicester Quadkids event. Two year 3/4 teams and two year 5/6 teams took part in a sprint race, long jump, long distance race and the howler throw. All four teams competed exceptionally well and King's Meadow were both Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 champions! Well done to all.

**Football:** Yesterday, we hosted the final of the Bicester Schools' Football League. After a long season, with some ups and downs, King's Meadow faced Eynsham in the winner takes all game. On a beautiful afternoon, the team tried to keep cool as much as they could but the excitement started to build when they saw the trophy...which hasn't seen King's Meadow's name on it since 2005! Having lost to Eynsham 5-1 during the league stage, we felt slight underdogs going into the match, but the great crowd that turned up helped to spur the boys on. In a tight first half, there were only a handful of opportunities. Unfortunately, one of those chances fell to Eynsham and we arrived at half time 0-1. The boys were very much in the game though and were full of positivity. The second half turned in to an amazing spectacle. King's Meadow started pushing for an equaliser but after a few goalmouth scrambles and some good saves from their keeper, step up Seth T! A throw in down the left was thrown to Seth inside the centre circle. He controlled it with his chest before volleying it over the keeper! The home support went crazy and Seth was bundled to the floor in celebration by his team mates. From the highs to the lows, 2 minutes later Eynsham scored again after a little confusion in the King's Meadow defence. A few months ago, this may have led to heads going down and Eynsham adding a few more goals. However, with just a few minutes to go, and following a stoppage for an injury, there was a drop ball about 20 yards from goal. Josh B stepped forward and, as the ball bounced, unleashed a fabulous strike which flew past their keeper before he had chance to react. Cue the wild celebrations again. The final whistle came shortly after and a further 10 minutes of extra-time ensued. Understandably, both teams were starting to tire at this stage. Chances came and went for both teams and then in the final few seconds, a neat move by Kyle and Levi lead to a wonderful chance for Mason to win it. Unfortunately, it went inches wide and penalties were needed to decide the winner. In the best of 3 penalties, both teams scored 2 and missed one which meant we moved to sudden death. After another 4 penalties Eynsham had the chance to win it. The player stepped up and struck the inside of the post, ran straight across the goal mouth, hit the inside of the other post and agonisingly dribbled over the line. A sad end to the game, but the boys were magnificent and deserved all the praise they received when exiting the field.

Congratulations to Eynsham for winning, but well done to King's Meadow for making it such a memorable final. Well done to all those who showed bravery by stepping up to take a penalty and thank you to all the supporters for making it such a great atmosphere.



**Awards:** This week we applied for recognition for the fantastic work the school does with PE and School Sport at King's Meadow. The School Games mark is a reward for the commitment shown in the development of competition across their school. Here at King's Meadow, we promote individual competition (to improve a skill, a score, a distance or a time). We have class competitions within PE lessons and house competitions against the rest of the school. We are also a part of the North Oxfordshire School Sports Partnership and enter as many competitions as we possibly can. As a recognition for this, we have been awarded the Gold Games Mark! In addition to this we also achieved the 'Going For Gold' Youth Sport Trust Quality Mark! The Youth Sport Trust Quality Mark is an online self-review tool which provides schools with a nationally recognised kitemark for PE and school sport. The tool supports schools to audit their PE provision and identify priorities for their development plan. This means we have a plan of action for next year, and will continue to promote and support our children with high-quality PE and Sport throughout their time at King's Meadow.

**IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:**

- The Y6 had Bikeability lessons on Monday – Thursday
- Mr Laurie attended the Safeguarding Forum on Monday
- Mr Cox and Miss McGuire attended a Mastery Maths course on Wednesday
- Mrs Ward and Mrs Fowler facilitated the Family Links training on Wednesday
- The PTA ran the Father's Day event throughout the week
- Miss Chevis and Miss Ryczowski carried out a curriculum scrutiny on Thursday
- I met with the Resources, Premises and Curriculum committees of the Governing Board yesterday

**ATTENDANCE:** The attendance for the school this week was 94.46%. This is an improvement on recent weeks but is still not where we would like it to be. The class with the highest attendance this week was Dolphin class with 98.00%. Well done Dolphin class!

Bluebird: 85.00%	Yellow Wagtail: 92.50%
Red Kite: 96.50%	Puffin: 86.67%
Kingfisher: 96.33%	Swan: 95.86%
Flamingo: 96.33%	Giraffe: 92.22%
Lion: 95.36%	Eagle: 97.86%
Penguin: 95.00%	Leopard: 94.00%
Snowy Owl: 97.00%	Dolphin: 98.00%
Elephant: 95.33%	

**CLASS PHOTOGRAPH ORDER DEADLINE:** Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Tuesday 21st June. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link which has been sent previously via ParentMail. If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

**PLANT SALE:** Thank you all for the wonderful donation of plants received this morning. The Gardening Club will be busy this week keeping them all watered ready for the big plant sale next Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 3.10pm. There will be many varieties of plants on sale in the Quad from Peonies and Rudbeckia to vegetable plants. Prices will range from 20p to £5 so bring your pennies and pounds along. While you are there why not have a look at the designs we have for the re-development of the Quad which we are hoping will start at the end of the year. These ideas have been taken from both pupils and staff. All proceeds of the plant sale will go towards this exciting new project. I look forward to seeing you next Friday – Mrs Smith

**MUSIC LESSONS IN SCHOOL:** We would like to encourage parents of children currently in years 2 – 5 who are considering music lessons in school to contact our external music providers as soon as possible. Arrangements for lessons in September are now being made and spaces are filling fast. I have attached flyers for the providers that we use who you should contact directly for details & prices. The Musical Box currently offer, piano, guitar and drum lessons in school to children in KS2, whilst Music for Schools Foundation offer tuition of a selection of Woodwind Instruments.

**PTA RAFFLE TICKETS:** Today we have sent home raffle tickets with all children, please check your children's book bags. There are many great prizes to be won in this year's summer raffle including, tickets to The British Motor Show, Afternoon Tea at Chesterton Hotel and Sky Wave Gin Tasting. It will be drawn at 2:45pm at the Summer Fayre on Saturday 2nd July. Please don't forget to place your completed raffle ticket stubs with the money in a sealed envelope in the PTA post box in the school main reception area by Friday 1st July. Alternatively, you can hand them in at the entrance table to the Summer Fayre by 2:30pm on the day. Also, please can you return any unwanted raffle tickets, to allow others to buy them. More raffle tickets can be picked up from the school office.

**HEALTHY SNACKS:** At some after school activities children are allowed to bring a snack to eat to keep their energy levels up until the end of the day. Please remember that all snacks should be healthy options (i.e no crisps, chocolate etc). Thank you.

**RECEPTION INFO EVENING:** On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 5pm, parents of children who will be joining Reception Year in September, are invited to attend a Parents Information Meeting. If this applies to you, please try and ensure that you attend.

**POLICE WEEK:** Next week, Year 6 children will be participating in 'Police Week'. We would like children to try and wear clothing like a traditional PC or WPC (as detailed in our earlier letter). We are very lucky to have the support of our local community PC and PCSOs, who in some cases are giving up their time off to come in and work with the children. We have a busy timetable and are looking forward to all of the activities that have been arranged for us. Miss Golden & Mrs Powell

**RECEPTION ASSEMBLY:** Reception year will be putting on their class assembly next week at 9am on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022. Please make every effort to attend if your child is in this class. Refreshments will be served at the end.

**SWAN CLASS ASSEMBLY:** Swan class will be putting on their class assembly next week. Please make every effort to attend if your child is in Miss Chevis' class. Refreshments will be served at the end.

Have a lovely weekend



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