



Dear Parents and Carers

11th November 2022

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK AND ODD SOCKS DAY: Next week is national Anti-Bullying Week and it is kicked off on Monday with Odd Socks Day, which we will be supporting. At King's Meadow Primary School, we take any bullying very seriously. Incidents at the school are extremely rare and this can be attributed in large to the children's understanding of what bullying is and knowing how to report it; which comes from taking part in initiatives such as Anti-Bullying Week. The theme of Anti-Bullying Week this year is 'Reach Out' and has been designed to empower children to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week. Wearing Odd Socks on Monday is an opportunity for the children and staff to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

FSU NEWS: In Reception this week our focus has been Remembrance. We have re-enacted the rescue mission from Dunkirk, using our small boats in the outside water tray, been sending secret messages from our communication base and using periscopes to watch our friends from beneath the sea. We have also read the story of Sir Captain Tom Moore and the book Stubby, which tells the true story of a dog who accompanies soldiers into battle. On Thursday we had another successful story morning, thank you to all who attended.

This week in Ducklings our focus has been on fireworks and space. We splatted paint onto black paper for our colourful night sky then added rockets using rectangles and triangles. We talked about how we could reach the moon and we had lots of good ideas which we turned into a class book. Earlier in the week we revisited Thelma Three who took three jam tarts from King One. We made our own jam tarts and made sure we ate them up before Thelma took them. Ms Rainer FSU leader

SCHOOL SHOES: The school uniform policy specifies that children wear sensible black school shoes to school. The overwhelming majority of children comply with this rule, but there are some who do not. From Monday if a child comes to school in trainers when it is not their PE day, then the child will be asked to change into a pair of black plimsoles to wear in school. They will change into their own footwear to go outside and play but will wear the plimsoles in school. I thank you for your support with the school uniform policy.

HALL BOARDS: The hall boards have now been changed to reflect the work that was covered during International Week. The staff have worked hard on the displays and the results are outstanding. If you are in school, then please take a moment to enjoy the artwork. Alternatively, photos of the boards will shortly be uploaded onto the website under the heading 'Enrichment/International Week' for you to enjoy. Well done to the staff for creating such an impressive gallery

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY ORDER: All students who were present in school on Wednesday 9th November should have now received their photograph proofs. All orders this year will need to be made online via www.tempest-orders.co.uk. Simply enter your image reference number which can be found on the proof and follow the on screen instructions. If you are unable to place an online order, there will be the option to place a telephone order via Tempest Photography Customer Service Department- 01736 751555. We have been advised by Tempest Photography that the **closing date** for FREE delivery to school is Tuesday 22nd November 2022, any orders placed after this date will need to be delivered to home and will incur a delivery fee. If you need assistance feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555.

SPORTS NEWS: This week has seen football take centre stage at King's Meadow with the first fixture in this year's football league and a girls football tournament. On Thursday, we took our A team over to Southwold for their first match since last year's final. That defeat has made the boys even more eager to get to this year's final and reverse that result. With a few players off with sickness, the squad was a little bare, but they got off to a great start by pushing Southwold back with wave after wave of attacks. Max, who was the team's talisman up front, opened the scoring with some quick feet and a cool finish inside the box. Unfortunately, the defence then went to sleep and we conceded an equaliser almost straight away. It took a while to settle down again but when it did Max restored the lead after some hard work from Jacob and Louie. Another mix up at the back let Southwold equalise once more just before half-time. After a little chat at half time, we managed to sort out many of the problems at the start of the second half and we pressed for more goals. Max added a 3rd for his hat-trick, before some great work down the right wing from Alfred which led to Yousef adding a 4th. There were still some nervy moments towards the end as the Southwold put our goal under pressure. A fine save from Louie with 2 minutes to go ensured the 3 points were coming back to KMS. Well done to all that played and good luck for the rest of the season. Also, a big thank you to Southwold for hosting and for the half time juice!

On Thursday morning, we took 2 teams down to The Bicester School to take part in a girls football tournament. The A team, consisting of Savanna, Molly, Ava, Taome, Sienna and Millie were drawn into a difficult group but got off to a great start with 2 wins and a draw from the opening 3 games. The 2 winning goals came courtesy of Sienna. A 1-0 defeat to Chesterton was then followed by an entertaining 3-2 victory over St. Edburges, which saw Millie score a hattrick. The final game was a must win game against Five Acres. Unfortunately, the ultimate winners were too strong for our girls and we were convincingly beaten 5-0. Two further friendly games saw 2 victories and 4 more goals for Millie, resulting in a 7th place finish. The B team, consisting of Emmanuella, Thea, Keavy, Nevaeh, Maddison, Lily, Cassidy and Penny started the competition as underdogs but soon showed the KMS fighting spirit. They finished the group stage unbeaten, with 4 wins and a draw to finish their group top of the table! Five goals for Lily and a further 3 from Nevaeh put them into the semi-finals. The semi-finals saw them up against Five Acres, who had just defeated the A team so convincingly. Heads were held high though and a wonderful battling performance from Lily, and some equally wonderful saves from Emmanuella kept us in the game right up until the final whistle. Unfortunately, Five Acres did manage to score a well-deserved goal and won the match 1-0. Great credit to all the girls though for running them so close. The final match of the morning saw KMS B beat Heyford 1-0 in extra-time, thanks to another goal from Lily. Well done to all the girls and good luck in the Bicester league this year. Fixtures and team lists to follow. Mr S Roberts PE coordinator



IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:

- Flu vaccinations were administered across the school on Monday
- Mr Cox attended a maths training course on Tuesday
- School photographs were taken on Wednesday - my thanks go to Mrs Hargreaves-Hands and Miss Vintner for ensuring that this ran smoothly
- Mrs Ward and Mrs Fowler delivered Family Links training on Thursday
- The governors had meetings with staff throughout the week to monitor the progress of the School Development Plan

ATTENDANCE: The attendance for the school this week was **94.03%**. The class that achieved the highest attendance this week was **Leopard Class** with attendance of **98.62%**.

Well done to Leopard Class.

Bluebird	90.50%	Lion	97.93%
Dolphin	92.33%	Penguin	94.44%
Eagle	98.52%	Puffin	93.67%
Elephant	93.10%	Red Kites	91.00%
Flamingo	94.00%	Snowy Owl	93.45%
Giraffe	96.55%	Swan	87.00%
Kingfisher	94.00%	Yellow Wagtail	94.00%
Leopard	98.62%		

KS1 CINEMA VISIT: KS1 are off to the cinema on Tuesday morning to watch Sonic the Hedgehog 2 which is a 'PG' movie. This is free of charge, courtesy of the cinema. The children will be walking to and from the cinema and will be back in time for lunch. Consent will not be required for any children as this will be covered by the annual consent forms. I would like to thank Mrs Holt for securing this treat for our pupils.

CHILDREN IN NEED: This year for Children In Need there are a few things happening at school so we can raise as much money as possible for this great cause. On Friday 18th November we are inviting the children to come to school dressed in crazy outfits or/and crazy hair, with a donation towards Children In Need. We look forward to seeing all of the mis-matched silly clothes you manage to throw on from your wardrobes that day. After the success with our red tuck shop, we will also be having a spotty tuck shop at break time. If you can, please donate a spotty snack for our tuck shop, for the children to purchase, such as: Buttons, skittles, raisins, spotty cupcakes, mini cheddars or popcorn etc etc. Please remember we are a nut free school.

NURSERY APPLICATIONS FOR 2023: Places in our Nursery starting September 2023 are filling fast. If you have a child that turns three years of age between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023, 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 31st March 2023** and the enrolment form is available both online and from the school office. If you have already applied for a place, we will make contact with you in term 3 or 4 to confirm that the place is still required.

PTA CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENT: This Saturday we will be holding our annual Christmas Shopping Event. Come along and start your Christmas shopping and support the school. We are open 2-4pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

PTA CHRISTMAS JUMPER AMNESTY: Every year 12 million Christmas jumpers are sold and 1 in 4 of these end up in landfill. We are asking for donations of unwanted Christmas jumpers to attempt to reduce landfill and support the school. All donations can be given to the school office or alternatively please contact the PTA directly on kingsmeadowschoolpta@gmail.com to arrange collection. We would appreciate if we could have your donations before Wednesday 30th December.

BICESTER BABY BANK APPEAL: As previously advised, this year King's Meadow School is supporting Bicester Baby Bank's Christmas Gift bag appeal again. We are asking families to donate a gift bag containing a pair of new pyjamas, a new book and a selection box. These bags will be donated to those families in need within our community. Please can you indicate on the gift bag the age and gender of the child and drop them into the school office by is Friday 25th November. Mrs M. Ward

PENGUIN CLASS ASSEMBLY: Next Friday Mr Roberts's 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

Have a lovely weekend

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Headteacher