



Dear Parents and Carers,

26th January 2024

LEOPARD CLASS ASSEMBLY: Miss McGuire's class treated us to a wonderful assembly this morning. They told us all about their study of the Ancient Greeks. This included a 'Ready, Steady Cook!' segment where the chefs shared mouthwatering ideas on what could be made from a selection of Greek ingredients. They also performed a song telling us all about the Greek Gods and Goddesses and they pronounced the tricky names expertly. My personal highlight was when the class told the history of the Olympic Games through drama – it was very funny indeed! My thanks go to Miss McGuire, Mrs Chaundy and Mrs Clifton for all their hard work with the class.

FSU NEWS: Reception have been visited by some very 'naughty' bears this week. Our teddies have been getting up to mischief while we have been at home. We have found them in the sand, reading books, playing instruments, junk modelling and much more. We have been using our phonic knowledge to write sentences, 'My ted was' and choosing different art materials to draw our own bears. On Thursday, we had a bear themed book share. Lots of parents, grandparents, family and friends were able to attend and it was lovely to see so much enjoyment of books.

The Ducklings' story this week has been 'The Three Little Pigs'. We have been acting out the story all week and made houses in the Woodland area to stop the wolf from getting us. We have talked about forces, and discussed why some of the houses were blown down in the story. This morning, we went to the wall and observed the brick pattern there. We made a house with our bricks and collected sticks for the fire. Jacob the wolf, had a nasty shock when he came down the chimney.



FLAMINGO CLASS: Flamingo class have been learning about how different faiths celebrate their New Year, including Rosh Hashanah, which is celebrated within the Jewish faith. Our lesson included sampling traditional foods such as apples dipped in honey and challah bread. These foods symbolise bringing sweetness into the New Year. The children really enjoyed tasting the bread, "It's so good", "It's very tasty", "The bread was super yummy!"

Thank you to Mrs Shaer for sourcing some Challah bread for the children to sample.



SPORTS UPDATE: It has been a really busy week for sport at King's Meadow with three football fixtures and a swimming gala.

Football - KMS 'A' 1 - 3 Bure Park 'A'

We welcomed a very impressive Bure Park team to our school on Tuesday afternoon, and it was clear that some of the KMS team were intimidated by the quality of their teammates during weekend fixtures. Bure Park dominated the early stages and deservedly went 2-0 ahead. We had a little chat at half-time and changed a few positions and this seemed to improve the belief and we started to look more dangerous going forward. Jack B started getting hold of the midfield and started threading the ball through to Harrison. When Harrison took one of these chances, the boys showed greater belief and looked on top for the first time in the game. Unfortunately, Bure Park then hit us on the break and the game was done. Unlucky boys! Onto Glory Farm next week, let's hope for a better result.

KMS 'B' 4 - 1 Charlton

After a loss in their first league fixture back in Term 2, KMS were looking to pick up some points in the league. They certainly did that and scored some impressive goals in the process. Oscar opened the scoring in the first half before Orlando doubled our lead with his first touch of the game. Stan and Gabby also added to the tally before Charlton got a consolation goal in the second half. A little work will be needed in our defending going forward, but a great 3 points. Well done all!

Bure Park Girls 1 - 1 KMS Girls

An away fixture against Bure Park is always a tricky one, especially when they have won the Girls League in the past 2 seasons! However, our girls played extremely well throughout and were ultimately unlucky to come away with all 3 points, especially having gone 1-0 down. The equaliser came in the second half when a dangerous corner was drilled in by Emily and it found its way in via a deflection. Lexi-Mae gave a player of the match performance in defence, while Emily and Savanna drove the midfield forward time and time again and should have scored more. A draw keeps the girls unbeaten and on top of the table though, so happy days!

Swimming Gala

We took 2 teams down to the Bicester pool on Thursday morning to take part in the annual gala. With individual events alongside a medley relay and a freestyle relay, meant the children had 3 races each. The gala started well with Emmanuella, Keavy, Nevaeh and Riva winning the freestyle relay. The girls followed up with wonderful results in the other races and ended up joint first, only to lose out on the trophy on average times. They were fantastic! The other teams were also wonderful and showed the competitive, but respectful, attitude that we promote at the school. The boys finished 7th overall, making this our best performance in a number of years. A special mention must go to Harry R for stepping in at the last minute and ensuring the team had a full complement of swimmers. Thank you Harry!

Next week is another jam-packed week with another 3 football fixtures and the Bicester Schools' Sportshall Athletics competition. Good luck to all those taking part.

STAFFING NEWS: On Monday, we appointed Ms Lois Taylor as the new Teaching Assistant for Puffin Class. Ms Taylor will join us after half-term, and I am very much looking forward to working with her.

WRITING CONTEST: Over the Christmas Holidays the children put pen to paper to become a real-life writer, and what a fantastic set of stories and poems that came back into school. Mrs Daulton and Mrs Ward judged the competition, and our overall winners were James H, Darcy C and Millie J.

PTA DISCO: Tickets for the PTA Disco on Friday 2nd February will be on sale until Wednesday 31st January at 3:30pm. Please purchase tickets via the PTA's website:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/kmspta/index.cfm?event=Shop>

POP-IN CAFÉ: The Pop-In Café is on every Friday from 14.30 in the ICT Room.

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:

- Teaching Assistant interviews were held, Miss Ryczowski attended an SEN course and the staff had computing training on Monday
- Mrs Peacock attended a Maths course and Miss McPhee attended a SEN course on Tuesday
- There were Nursery and Reception Bookshares on Tuesday and Wednesday morning
- I attended the Bicester Head Teachers' meeting; Mrs Merrett attended a Foreign Languages course and Ms Rainer gave a Maths presentation to parents yesterday
- Miss Ryczowski attended a SEN course, Mr Roberts and Miss McGuire attended Maths courses and Mrs Fowler ran Family Links Training and the Pop-Up Café today

ATTENDANCE: The attendance for the school this week was 92.40%. The class that achieved the highest attendance this week is Red Kites Class with 98.95% attendance, well done to Red Kites Class.

Bluebird	94.29%	Lion	90.81%
Dolphin	90.48%	Penguin	93.70%
Eagle	92.86%	Puffin	92.25%
Elephant	96.67%	Red Kites	98.95%
Flamingo	87.59%	Snowy Owl	93.85%
Giraffe	91.18%	Swan	89.41%
Kingfisher	87.67%	Yellow Wagtail	93.97%
Leopard	95.90%		

KINGFISHER CLASS ASSEMBLY: Next Friday Ms Smith'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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