



# Kirby Muxloe Primary School

**Be Respectful.  
Be Independent.  
Be Thoughtful and Caring.**

## General Message from Mr Howles

Dear Parents and Carers, as we end another term and year, we look back again with pride at everything that has been achieved and excitement about what is to come.

As previously communicated, from next academic year, the school will see a new motto, 'Good People, Great Learners' underpinned by our 6 new values: Kindness, Integrity, Respect, Resilience, Aspiration and Reflectiveness. It is our intention that these will not just be words, but will be a part of everything we do. Our awards and assemblies will change and we will be discussing our values constantly and educating children on how to live them. I will share more on this with you at the start of next year.

Have a super summer and read on to see what KMPS has been up to in the final part of the 2024/5 academic year.

Elliot Howles - Headteacher

## SAFEGUARDING

At Kirby Muxloe, we know it is of the utmost importance to have robust systems for protecting children and safeguarding their welfare. If you have a concern, please speak to Miss Jackson, the Senior designated teacher or you are welcome to talk to any member of staff and we will treat your concerns seriously within our safeguarding policies and procedures.

### USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS:

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

Childline: 01455 636964

Social Service (Hinckley): 01455 636964

Social Service (Leicester): 0116 3050005

Non-emergency number for the Police:  
0116 222 2222

## OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Our school is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces. Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse.

As a school we have ensured that our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Sharon Jackson, known as a Key Adult, has been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.



## Your Role in Supporting Good Attendance

As a parent or carer, you play an essential role in supporting your child's attendance. Here's how you can help

- ▶ **Ensure regular attendance:** Make sure your child attends school every day unless they are unwell. Routine is key to building good attendance habits.
- ▶ **Communicate with us:** If your child is struggling with attendance, contact us as soon as possible. The earlier we know about any issues, the sooner we can offer support.
- ▶ **Promote the importance of school:** Talk to your child about the importance of school, showing them that regular attendance is vital for their future success.
- ▶ **Sufficient sleep:** Make sure your child gets enough sleep and gets up in plenty of time each morning. Build regular routines for bedtime and the morning. Primary children need about 10 hours of sleep each night.
- ▶ **Set Good Routines:** Ensure that they leave home in the correct school uniform and properly equipped. Get as much prepared the evening before to save time in the morning. Check the alarm is set.
- ▶ **Term Dates:** Find out when the date each term starts and makes sure your child is ready. Book holidays in the school holidays and share dates with other family members.
- ▶ **Medical Appointments:** Where possible all medical appointments should be booked outside of school hours. The amount of disruption to learning time should be kept to a minimum if this is not possible.
- ▶ **Back up plan:** Try to arrange a back up plan for getting to school if there are unforeseen circumstances. Ask a family member, neighbour or another parent for help.

For more information for how we can also support with attendance, visit <https://www.kmprimary.org/kmps-parents-carers/attendance>

## PASTORAL SUPPORT

At KMPS, we strongly believe in caring for all our children and families. At different stages in our lives, we might well experience some difficult times and as part of the support we can provide at school, we work with children and their families.

This support can include liaising with staff, parents, children and outside agencies to ensure that the well being of individual pupils is fully prioritised. For the child, we are someone supportive to talk to, share successes/strategies with or to provide help with difficulties or worries.

Our team is here to help pupils make the most of school life by breaking down barriers to learning and helping to make school a happy and successful place for them.

The first point of call is always the class teacher as this relationship is imperative because they are the daily contact and know your child best. In each class there are worry boxes in which the children are encouraged to share any worries so their class team are able to address and support them.

We also have extra information on our website which can support with Early Help and support services, school nursing service, attendance and punctuality, bereavement, family wellbeing, mental health, parenting and behaviour as well as supporting separating and divorced parents. This can be found at <https://www.kmprimary.org/kmps-parents-carers/pastoral>

## **My School Fund**

We're pleased to announce that Kirby Muxloe Primary School is part the My School Fund initiative.

This innovative scheme allows for us to be able to boost our school's budget with your help.

### **How does it work?**

Parents, guardians and carers can sign up to the scheme for free and start earning cashback on the things they buy in participating retail stores, including Sainsbury's and Argos. As you spend you'll receive 2% cashback in the form of eGift vouchers that can be redeemed in participating stores. By linking your spend to our school on the My School Fund website we'll also earn 1% cashback on your spend.

Add that all up across our school's network of families and together we can all make a big difference!

### **How to get involved**

Visit [myschoolfund.org](https://myschoolfund.org) to register for free and link to Kirby Muxloe Primary School. From there, everything you spend in participating stores will go towards helping boost our budget, plus your own!

Sign up today at [myschoolfund.org](https://myschoolfund.org)

### **How is it spent?**

In previous years we have been able to buy games and equipment for our lunch and break times, as well as a water play station for EYFS. We have raised £387.51 so far this year, and would love to be able to boost this a little for this year's project!



## **Mud Run**

Some of our Year 6 pupils and one of our Year 4 pupils took part in the Leicestershire kids Pretty Muddy Race for Life just before May half term. Between them they raised over £500. It was a 5km race and the children, despite getting very wet and muddy, had a great time!

We are truly impressed with the charitable endeavours of our school!



# **SPORTS AT KMPS**

## **Rice Bowl Final vs Badger Brook**

On the 19th May, our incredible football team filled with Year 5 and 6 boys had the privilege of playing at the Leicester City Training Ground in Seagrave. It was a very tense game, with a lot on the line - particularly against Badger Brook who ultimately beat us in the final last year.

Our children handled the pressure skilfully, not letting it get the better of them. They had an incredible amount of possession and took many great shots. The children were able to beat a strong Badgerbrook side to come away with a convincing 3-0 victory and claim the silverware. We know it meant a lot to our students to see so many familiar faces showing their support on the day and for that, we would like to say a big thank you.

The last time we won this trophy was in 1987, which just goes to show how well the team have done.



## **Area Athletics**

What a fantastic day of athletics this was with all our students displaying their amazing running, jumping and throwing talents. We had some torrential rain at times but the children stuck at it and showed their resilience. Well done to all those that competed and represented our school so brilliantly.



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## **Sports Day**

It was lovely to see so many people come to watch our annual Sports Day. The children made fabulous efforts and were keen to earn points for their houses. Dragons were the ultimate winners of Sports Day, but we're incredibly proud of every effort that people made. Hearing the encouragement for others was lovely too!



## **Bikeability - Reception**

Reception had an exciting opportunity to practise some of their skills on the bikes. The children learned some brilliant balancing skills and even practised using the brakes. They navigated courses well and we were incredibly proud of the effort that all of the children made. Well done, Reception!



## **ECO WARRIOR CHALLENGE**

Two of our Year 5 Eco Warriors came up with and launched a challenge over the Easter break. It was a voluntary challenge with all sorts of activities like making an eco poster, putting rubbish in the bin or travelling by foot somewhere. We were very impressed with the response and incredibly proud of the Eco Team for pulling off a very successful challenge! Well done, Eco Team!



## Plant Donations from Plant Plan

Our school is now looking a lot brighter and greener, thanks to a wonderful donation from Plant Plan! They can be found all around the school and make a real difference to our shared spaces. Here's just a few of them!



## Charlotte's Bake Sale

We did our bake sale for cash for kids. They help give food and fun activities for children during the holidays that would go without...we raised £85! ~ Charlotte G, 3P.



## Year 4 York Trip

On Thursday 26th June and Friday 27th June, Year 4 went to York! The first adventure was to the Jorvik Viking Centre. The children were very excited about seeing all of the animated people and exploring some of the different artefacts, such as two people bone structures! Some of the children particularly enjoyed seeing the "World's Biggest Poo".

After the Jorvik Viking Centre, the children had a tour of the York Minster. They took part in a workshop, learning more about famous figures throughout history with a key focus on Viking and Anglo-Saxon people.

Following this, they explored the Chocolate Story, learning where chocolate originated. They also learned how chocolate is made, being given the opportunity to make their own chocolate too. The children loved this, especially when they had the opportunity to taste different chocolate too!

To finish the first day, the children were able to complete a variety of different activities on York Racecourse. Playing football and running around were super popular activities!

On the Friday, the children went to Murton Park and completed lots of different things! They were given the option to make bread, candleholders out of clay, play a mixture of traditional viking games and train to be Viking warriors. The children were also given the opportunity to fight off a Saxon scout!

The children were so incredibly well behaved and truly were a credit to the school. We were so impressed by their impeccable behaviour and how respectful they were at all of the different excursions.

## Year 6 Show: The Wizard of Oz

Year 6 transported us to the land of Oz this half term with a brilliant rendition of the "Wizard of Oz". Full of enthusiastic acting, entertaining songs and great costumes, the show dazzled us all. From the moment Dorothy clicked her sparkling **silver** shoes, to the ensemble cast coming on for the final number, the audience was taken on an unforgettable journey down the Yellow Brick Road.

Along the way, we met a lovable Scarecrow, a kind-hearted Tin Man, a brave Lion, and even a rather dramatic Wicked Witch! The set design, lighting, and costumes were all created with care and imagination. We want to send a big thank you to parents too for aiding children with their lines, songs and providing different costumes and props too. Without you, wonderful shows like this one would not be able to go ahead.

The performance was not only a celebration of storytelling and music, but also a wonderful opportunity for the children to work together, build confidence, and showcase their talents. Whether singing solo, dancing in the ensemble, or delivering lines with perfect comedic timing, every child had their moment to shine. They truly followed the Yellow Brick Road to success. Well done, Year 6!

## Music Concert

On Wednesday 25th June, our wonderful singers and musicians performed at our annual summer music concert. We really enjoyed hearing from the band, choir, solo and group singers. They were amazing and showed incredible courage with so many stepping out of their comfort zone. We are so lucky to have such amazing musical talent in our school. Thank you to everyone who came to watch.

## Year 6 Red Ridge Residential

On 02/06/25, we left our school for a week to go to Red Ridge, Wales. It was an two and a half hour journey and we were bursting with sheer excitement. We'd all heard how amazing it was but we didn't know it would be this good.

We had a week packed with various activities including venturing in a real cave; abseiling and climbing on a rock face; orienteering; and a range of other evening activities. The instructors were supportive and kind while making sure we were safe at all times. It felt as if we had developed a close relationship with them for the week that we were there.

The food we ate there was diverse and and delicious. After we ate our dessert, we had an opportunity to display our independence by making and packing our own sandwiches for the next day.

Our sleeping arrangements were large and comfortable. We went to sleep at approximately 21:30 after completing our evening activities, and woke up at 7:15 to start a new day of fun sessions.

Overall, it was a fun and exciting experience which we loved to share with all of our teachers and friends.

Abigail P. and Anaiya P.

## Summer Fayre

It was so lovely to welcome so many of you back for the PFA Summer Fayre. Although slightly different with magic and science shows, the turnout was incredible. We loved seeing so many of you enjoying the different stalls outside too.

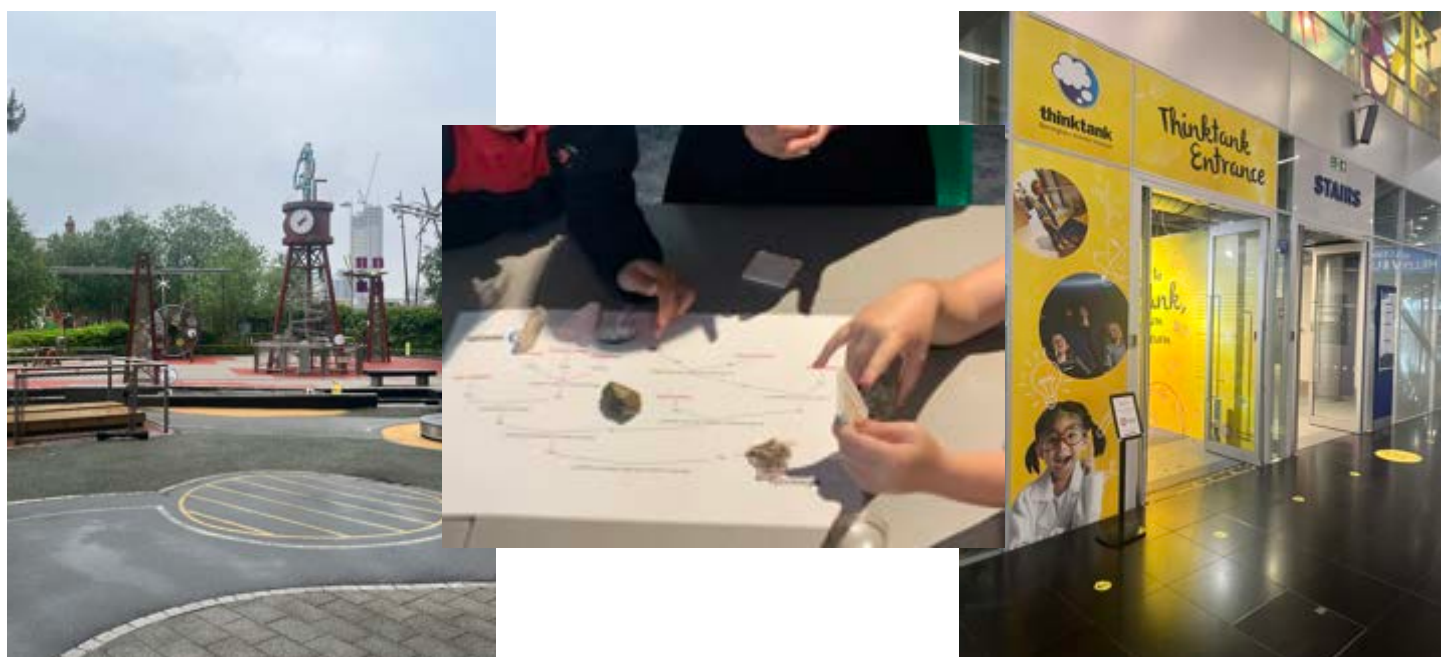
We wanted to wish a massive thank you to the PFA as without these wonderful volunteers, events like this wouldn't be able to happen. Thank you!

## Year 3 ThinkTank Trip

On Friday 20th June, Year 3 had a fantastic trip to the Thinktank Science Museum in Birmingham. We took part in a special **"Rocks" workshop**, where we sorted and categorised different types of rocks as part of our science topic.

We also explored museum sections on **Changing Planets, Wildlife** and **All About Me**, before heading outside to the **Science Garden**. The giant hamster wheel, chair lift and water experiments were big highlights!

After a busy morning, lunch was very well deserved. A big thank you to our parent volunteers—Year 3 had a brilliant day and represented the school wonderfully.



## Year 5 Bosworth Battlefield Trip

Year 5 visited Bosworth Battlefield to learn more about Richard III! As part of the trip, we went on a guided walk of the site, learning about the different people and banners that were part of the famous battle plus discovering that 40 cannonballs have been found around the site recently. We also had a look around the exhibition, where, among many other interesting interactive sections, we were able to try on different types of armour, even including chainmail! Finally, we took part in a soldier workshop, learning all about what it was like to be a soldier on the battlefield where King Richard III himself fought. Overall, we had a great day, learned a lot and came home armed with loads of information to help us complete our learning journey over the last few weeks of term.



## Year 1 Beaumanor Trip

Year 1 had a great day at Beaumanor Hall on Monday 7th July, learning all about different habitats. They hunted for mini beasts in the woods and caught all kinds of creatures in our nets.



## Crazy Hair Day

On the 1st of July, we welcomed in many 'crazy' hair styles. It was all for a good cause as Juno (Year 2), who has donated 14 inches of her hair, has been raising money for the Little Princess Trust. She organised a Crazy Hair Day in school, encouraging people to don some very unique hair styles. After school, she also sold ice lollies to further raise money for the charity.

All together, Juno successfully raised over £760. We're incredibly proud of her fundraising efforts and for stepping so far out of her comfort zone.

Well done, Juno!

