



Kirby Muxloe Primary School

KINDNESS
RESILIENCE

INTEGRITY
ASPIRATION

RESPECT
REFLECTIVENESS

General Message from Mr Howles

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another very busy term. I was amazed to see myself, how many events and activities we have been able to fit into it. Read on you will find out about so many events, trips and activities that the children have been involved in.

One aspect that is new this time is our 'Values in Action' section. We have been so pleased to see our children embracing the new values system and we are keen to celebrate this as often as we can.

As ever, thanks to Mr Culley for editing the newsletter and to all of the staff and pupil contributors for telling their stories. Have a wonderful Christmas break and we will see you back for more adventures in 2026!

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!

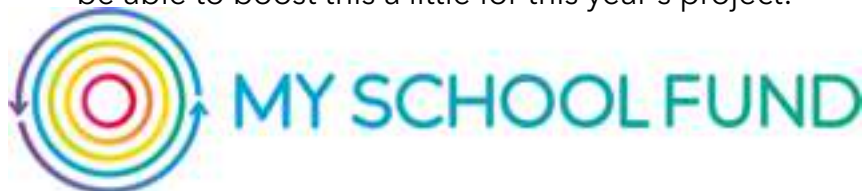
How to get involved

Visit myschoolfund.org 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

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!



VALUES IN ACTION

AUTUMN 1



AUTUMN 2



Cancer Research Bake Sale (Year 5)

On 13th November, a group of our Year 5 children – Amelie, Daisy, Delilah, Leah, Lily and Maya – worked tirelessly in selling a range of treats, including cupcakes, brownies, cakes, sweet cones, popcorn cones, stress balls, slime and bracelets with the purpose of raising money for Cancer Research. The girls were able to raise a whopping £1,071.31!

We're incredibly proud of the effort that the children put in to making this event so successful. Their independence in choosing to raise money for charity, dedication and organisation in making the event happen, kindness and fairness in how they dealt with both customers and each other and their creative approach to fundraising (especially when different challenges arose) is very commendable. It also aligns heavily with the school's values and we're incredibly proud of all of them. Well done! 🙌



The donation link can be accessed here if you would still like to donate to their fundraising:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/kirans-giving-page-227>

VALUES IN ACTION

World Prematurity Day

On 17 November, siblings Arya and Kian generously volunteered their time to support the Neonatal Unit's World Prematurity Day celebrations. The day honours the strength of premature babies, with fundraising activities including a bake sale, tombola, "name the teddy," and purple-themed merchandise.



Arya enthusiastically helped decorate the unit, chatted with families, organised the tombola and prepared 42 gift bags filled with donated items for babies. Kian worked diligently behind the scenes, assembling 40 raffle hampers donated by local businesses—an effort requiring patience, teamwork and impressive commitment.

Thanks to everyone's contributions, the event raised over £1,100. Arya and Kian showed wonderful compassion and community spirit, helping make this special day a meaningful success for families and staff.

Crazy Hair Day

On Wednesday 3rd December, Edie organised a vibrant Crazy Hair Day in support of the Little Princess Trust, a charity that provides free, real-hair wigs to children and young people (up to age 24) who lose their hair due to cancer treatment or other conditions, helping them regain confidence.

As part of her fundraising, Edie has chosen to make a personal contribution by cutting and donating her own hair. She also organised a fantastic after-school bake sale, offering a range of delicious treats that proved incredibly popular with students and families alike.

Edie's resilience, aspiration and kindness throughout her fundraising efforts have been truly inspiring and are highly commendable.

A message from Edie:

"Thank you very much – it means a lot to me. I'm really excited for my hair chop; I'm going to look very different! Thank you to everybody who supported me. The bake sale was crazy!"



A link to donate can be found here:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/edies-little-princess-hair-chop>

Year 5 Space Centre Trip & Workshop

On Friday 26th September, Year Five went to the Space Centre in Leicester as part of our 'Out of This World' Learning Journey. We were able to explore each level and discover even more fascinating facts about Space. We took part in a workshop where we had to design, make and test a protective fairing for a precious 'Egg-o-sat'. We had some clever ideas but not all the fairings survived! We also went to the Planetarium where we took a journey through the Solar System to discover more about the planets we can find there. It was an 'out of this world' trip!



On Friday 17th October, to finish our 'Out of This World' Learning Journey, we were extremely fortunate to have a rocket workshop delivered by one of year group parents. It was a brilliant morning! We started with an interactive presentation in the hall all about Space. This was followed by a session where we had the opportunity to design and make our own rockets before testing them in the playground. It was a super way to finish off a wonderful Learning Journey and we're very grateful to Mrs Coulson for giving up her time to come and spend the morning with us.



Year 3's Stone Age Adventure at Beamanor Hall

On Tuesday 30th September, Year 3 travelled back in time for a *Stone Age and Iron Age Celts Day* at Beamanor Hall! With the help of some brilliant "Iron Age Celt" leaders (who looked like they'd stepped straight out of the past), we learnt all about this fascinating period in history.

We discovered what daily life was like thousands of years ago and even stepped inside a life-sized roundhouse, where we quickly realised how lucky we are to have electric lights and comfy mattresses instead of straw ones

Throughout the day, we tried weaving, grinding oats to make flour, creating clay jewellery and decorating ourselves with blue face paint to look like fierce warriors. Then came one of our favourite parts ... re-enacting battles and testing out our warrior skills.

To finish off the day, we explored the beautiful Beamanor grounds on a *runes treasure trail*, cracking the codes of ancient symbols. It was an unforgettable day full of fun, adventure and learning.

A huge thank you to all our amazing helpers who came along and made the trip possible!

Sea Life Centre ~ Year 2

On Friday 3rd October, Year 2 visited the Sealife Centre in Birmingham. We saw lots of amazing sea creatures and learnt about different habitats. We took part in a workshop where we learnt about which sea creatures live in different layers of the ocean. Year 2 had a brilliant day!



Sea Life Centre ~ Year 4

On Wednesday October 15th, Year Four went on a school trip to the Sealife Centre in Birmingham. One of the things we saw were starfish, and we got to put our hands into the tank and touch them gently. We also got to see the ocean tunnel with sea creatures all around us. Some of the sea creatures were sharks, turtles, fish and manta-rays. It was very exciting to see all the creatures. My favourite thing was seeing the many manta-rays because they were cute and cool. We also did a 'habitats' workshop where we had to say which layer of the ocean different sea creatures lived in.

PFA Bonfire Night

On Friday 7th November, the PFA threw their annual fireworks evening. It was lovely seeing so many people attend the sold event. Spirits were high (aided by the glittery light items on sale!).



The fireworks themselves were spectacular, providing beautiful light displays. The crowd were audibly impressed, especially by the final moments.

All in all, the PFA were able to raise over £2000 which is very impressive!

A massive thank you to the PFA for their dedicated commitment to raising money for the school ✨

Year 6 Remembrance Service

On Tuesday 11th November, Year 6 performed a remembrance service in honour of Remembrance Day. They outlined the history of remembrance, why it is important and how it is celebrated today. Alongside this, they sang some heartfelt, poignant and emotional songs whilst Mrs Brunt also played 'The Last Post' for us.

After delivering their service to the school and their parents, the children were then invited to the War Memorial in Kirby Muxloe to pay their respects.

From the very first moment, the children set a calm and reflective tone. They spoke clearly and confidently, showing deep understanding of the importance of remembering those who served and sacrificed. Their voices remained steady and respectful throughout and the way they handled such a sensitive topic impressed all. Teachers, parents and people from the local community commented on how thoughtfully the pupils approached the performance. Each student contributed with care, whether through speaking or singing, taking pride in the responsibility of marking this solemn occasion.



Christmas Fayre

On 5th December, the PFA hosted a wonderful festive evening filled with activities for all. From bottle and sweet tombolas to exciting raffles, the event was a great success and created a fantastic atmosphere for our school community.



We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us and to all the volunteers— both from the PFA and the school —who helped make the evening possible. It's always a joy to see events like this come to life and the dedication, time and effort that goes into them is truly commendable.

Year 6: Talk the Talk

Year 6 were set the task of learning and performing a 2 minute speech to the year group about a topic of their choice. We had a variety of speeches ranging from lego, the mythical beasts of Harry Potter to different sports. The children worked hard and were definitely put out of the comfort zone!

From this, three children were chosen to perform their talk in front of a variety of other schools and their families at Brookvale and Groby Learning Campus on the 18th November.

Ariana, who's speech was dedicated to dance styles, Jack, who's speech was about golf, and Kundiso, who's speech was about football, performed brilliantly. Their engagement with the audience and the dedication in memorising their lines was impressive. We were also very impressed with the confidence that all three children displayed whilst performing in a big auditorium. It takes a lot of confidence to speak in front of 30 other children, their families and school representatives. We couldn't be prouder! Well done 🙌



Eco Christmas Tree

The Eco Team have been working hard creating some eco friendly baubles to decorate a Christmas tree at the Free Church for their Christmas Tree Festival. Ryan, Casey and Rufus decorated the tree on behalf of the team. If you went to the church to last weekend, you will have seen our amazing tree amongst some other lovely trees decorated by groups in the local community. Thank you to all of the Eco Team for their hard work.



Miss Kenney



Winter Decorations Day

On the 5th December, the children had some time to make winter-themed crafts. Here are some examples from each year group.



Reception decorated hats in a variety of different ways 🧢



Year 1 made some beautiful baubles and decorated with glitter to finish ✨



Year 2 made some fabulously festive snowy owls using paper plates 🦉



Year 3 made snowflakes out of paper ❄️



Year 4 also made some beautiful painted baubles, tied together with some pretty ribbon 🎀



Year 5 made an assortment of festive themed decorations 🧊



Year 6 made pop up Christmas cards for their family members ✨

The Choir at Christmas

Our wonderful choir have spread lots of festive musical cheer this half term. They have performed at various community events, including Kirby Muxloe Light Switch On, the PFA Christmas Fayre and they also visited Baron's Park Nursing Home to sing to the elderly residents there.

On top of this, they took part in a winter song festival at De Montfort University, organised by Leicestershire Music. Singing with 300 other children, they performed a mixture of festive songs and displayed lots of the school's values.

At each event, they sang beautifully and behaved impeccably, making us all extremely proud.

Mrs Newbury

Red Riding Hood at the Church

The school were given a very exciting opportunity on Thursday 11th December. We were invited up to the Free Church to watch a performance of Little Red Riding Hood.



The production, put together by Saltmine Trust, took the children on a revised journey of Little Red Riding Hood, with a slightly reimagined plot.

Afterwards, the Free Church provided snacks and a juice for all children. We felt very lucky and privileged!

It was a pleasure to be invited to witness the show and we are very thankful for the snacks afterwards! A massive thank you to the Free Church and to the Saltmine Trust.

Reception Nativity

The children in Reception worked incredibly hard to prepare for their Nativity performance and we are so proud of them. They confidently learned their lines and songs, delighting the audience with beautifully performed actions – some of which even included sign language!

The Nativity story came to life as Mary and Joseph searched for a place to stay, joined by shepherds, shining stars, sheep and a host of angels. Every child played their part with enthusiasm and smiles.

A huge thank you to our parents and carers for supporting the children in learning their lines and songs at home. Well done, Reception – you were fantastic! ✨



SCHOOL VISIT TO ST BART'S CHURCH

On the 4th and 5th December, the children were also given the opportunity to visit St Bart's church where they were able to experience the Christmas Story in the eyes of the church. The interactive experience, discussing the birth of Jesus, King Herod and even mince pies, entertained the children. Thank you, St Bart's!

SPORTS AT KMPS

Rice Bowl Tournament Starts!

What a fantastic start to our football season! Our year 5 and 6 team relay showed what talented football players they are with a strong 6 - 0 win against Huncote Primary school in the first round of the Rice Bowl. For a team that had never played together before, they worked incredibly well together and look promising for the future.



Boys and Girls Football

With both a Girls and Boys match played vs Lady Jane Grey this was a great opportunity to see some students have their first try at competitive school football. It was a promising first outing for our girls team who drew in what was a close and very exciting game which finished 5 - 5. The boys gave it their all but unfortunately suffered their first defeat this year. We will look to make a few positive changes for the next game and hope for a better result. Nonetheless, we are extremely proud of all the children who took part and look forward to watching them in the future.



SPORTS AT KMPS

Cross Country at The Herewoode Academy 29/11/25

Well done to all that turned out to run on a rather grim and rainy Saturday morning. This didn't stop our fantastic Kirby students from taking part with smiles on their faces and getting some fantastic results!



Dodgeball Tournament

When we first got to the tournament, we watched a demonstration and witnessed some other schools play. It started off really well.

We played our first match, but sadly lost. In the next match, we were able to win 2 sets.

We won a couple more sets, but overall we came fifth. It was an excitable experience.

Thomas - 6C

