



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 calendar year and prepare for the Christmas break, we do so again with much uncertainty, albeit of a different kind. What does not change, however, is how our unique children continue to amaze us with their creativity and hard work. Supported by you and the dedicated staff team here, they have achieved so many things over the preceding weeks and months and this newsletter really does capture so much of this.

I would like to thank Mr Culley for co-ordinating this newsletter and to the children and adults who have created the individual articles.

I hope you have a restful and enjoyable Christmas break

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.



Talk the Talk

We were very proud to take Thea, Laraib and Euan to Brookvale to represent Kirby Muxloe Primary School in Talk the Talk. This event, like most things, hasn't ran for several years due to the pandemic so it felt particularly special to listen to these children speak for two minutes about a topic of their choice.

Thea delivered a powerful talk about her swimming achievements - watch this space! Laraib spoke passionately about racism and delivered a very important message. Euan enlightened us all with his knowledge and enthusiasm for The Legend of Zelda!

We felt very proud of our Y6 children. They were all amazing!

Mrs Orton

Eco Warriors

This term, the Eco Team met with both Mr Grocock (our Site Manager) and also our Chair of Trust Board, Steve Goddard. Our Litter Team and Energy Team spoke with Mr Grocock about introducing more bins on the school field and plans to put up bird boxes on trees around the school. Mr Grocock also discussed the different cleaning products that we use across the school, the important symbols on the packaging and how we can ensure that we are more environmentally friendly as a school moving forward.

In the meeting with Mr Goddard, the whole team shared all about their plans for the year and the current targets focussing on reducing the amount of litter around the school grounds, placing bird boxes on trees around the school, reducing the energy usage across the school and organising a day for all pupils to learn about water conservation. Mr Goddard was impressed with the enthusiasm of the team and plans for the year.



A very busy term for the team!

Miss Kenney

LOST PROPERTY MONITORS

The lost property monitors (Avi.C, Ingrid.B and Jack.L) sort through the lost property on a Wednesday in assembly time. Please remember to add your name to all your items to have them returned to you as soon as possible.

It will make our job a lot easier. 😊 There will be 5HP awarded for each named item! Thank you.
Avi, Ingrid and Jack

Year 6 Carol Concert

A huge well done to our year 6 children who performed beautifully in their carol service. We are very proud of you all. They worked exceptionally hard to learn their lines and songs in order to put on a truly special performance. It is a true privilege to work so closely with the church.



Year Reception Nativity

Reception set Christmas in motion this half term, after performing their wonderful nativity performance 'A Little Bird Told Me'. The show told the story of Robin joining a flock of birds to visit the special baby in Bethlehem! Along the way, they met some familiar characters; stars, angels, shepherds, sheep, camels and wise men.

The children worked so hard to learn lines, songs and stage directions. Their singing was noted as a particular highlight and the teachers and staff are all so proud of their performances. Mrs Button, Mrs Coltman and Ms Hayward would like to thank everyone who helped make the nativity happen; Reception support staff, the office and premises staff and the parents.



Kirby Muxloe Primary School's entry to the village's Living Advent Calendar. Each year group participated in some way, helping to create buildings, reindeer, sleighs and more.

Learning Journeys This Term



Before things started to get a little festive in YR, the reception children were visited by none other than Supertato himself! Luckily they managed to track down the Evil Pea, build Lego traps and teach him lessons on how to be kind! The children discussed their own super powers and created super fruits and veggies too.



Year 1 have been focussing on being colourful & creative. The entire learning journey has been centred around 'The Day The Crayons Quit'. The children have also been focussing on writing letters to Duncan and have been discovering what primary colours are. They have also experimented with colour mixing and tinting. We're very proud of them!



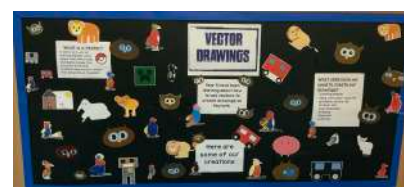
Year 2 started this half term by looking at significant people in history. We focussed on Rosa Parks, looking at racism and diversity and the stand that she made on the bus that influenced many of the changes in society. We completed the half term by creating our own cartoon creations. Additionally, we looked at the history of cartoons and finished the term with creating their own Christmas minion.



Year 3 have been busy this term completing two separate learning journeys. We started the half term off by learning about 4 different books. The children completed lots of story writing and different pieces of art, including a multimedia piece involving the iPads. We then moved onto magnets & forces, where the children explored the strength of magnets and compared magnetic and non-magnetic materials.



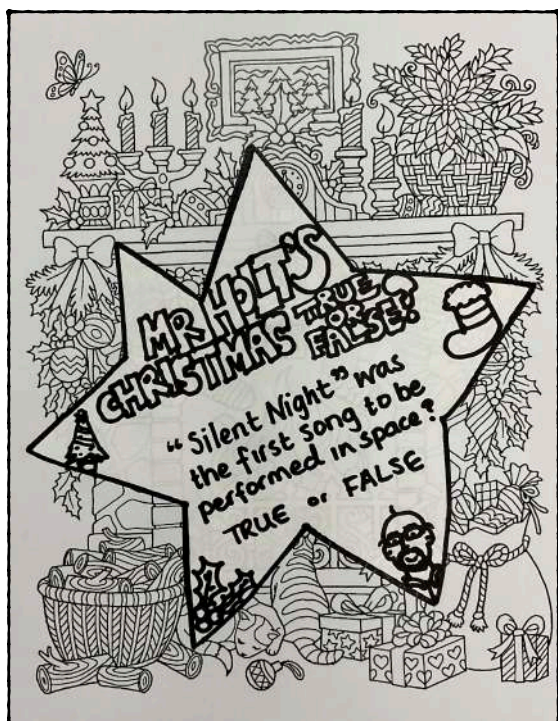
In Year 4, the children have been exploring our 'Fragile Planet'. We have studied climate change and the impact that plastic pollution has. Our class book 'The Last Bear' linked to this learning journey and we all fell in love with a polar bear who needed to find his way home despite the melting ice caps. The children have also been discovering the science of sound in our learning journey 'Good Vibrations' where we have studied the difference between pitch and volume and written some amazing poetry which sounded great to the ear.



Year 5 started off this term with 'The Explorer'. The children had the wonderful opportunity of making and tasting chilli and rice & guacamole and salsa. We then created our own vectors in ICT, which led on to designing and creating their own chocolate bars. Alongside this, they produced beautiful poems about sloths. Following this, we started to read 'Kensuke's Kingdom' and we have produced some fabulous artwork. The children learned all about earthquakes and volcanoes. After this, the children then conducted their own scientific experiments and have produced fantastic travel brochures for Japan.



Year 6 have been learning the art of business through the Enterprise learning journey. They've been working in teams to produce different products in preparation for their Enterprise selling week. They've mastered the skills of being successful business people.



Junior Road Safety Officers

Last term, we appointed four of our Year 5 pupils as our new Junior Road Safety Officers. Last academic year, the school won £75 in Decathlon vouchers for our efforts during the Beat the Street challenge. The Junior Road Safety Officers have been busy deciding how to best spend the vouchers for new equipment to be used at school. Thank you to all of the children who took part in the Beat the Street Challenge!

Miss Kenney



Foodbanks

This year due to the financial impact on families we have organised the food bank donations a little differently. Thank you so much to everyone that has donated something this year. It really makes a difference to so many families that are struggling more than ever.

If anyone needs some extra help or advice please contact:

trusseltrust.org.uk

leicestershiresouth.foodbank.org.uk

citizensadvice.org.uk

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas

Mrs Carvell

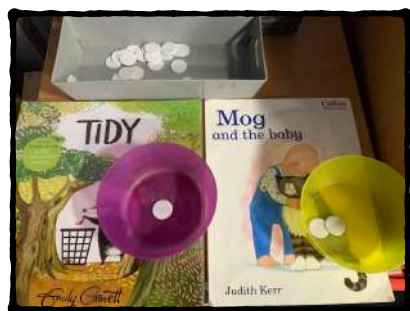


CHRISTMAS MARKET – FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Fayre, donated any items for the stalls and volunteered to help out. It was fabulously organised by our wonderful PFA. We managed to raise a phenomenal £3063. This would not have been possible without the dedication from our fantastic PFA and all of the lovely people who helped in some way.



Reading at KMPS



Year Reception are reading a book a day at the moment! They have just introduced a book vote allowing the children some choice in what's read.



Year 1 have been reading lots of books. Their most recent ones are Becka Moor and Pamela Butchart's 'Wigglebottom Primary' series.



Year 2 have been reading lots of books. Their most recent one is 'The Legend of Spud Murphy'.



Year 3 have been reading Andy Stanton's 'You're a Bad Man, Mr Gum!' and E.B. White's 'Charlotte's Web'.



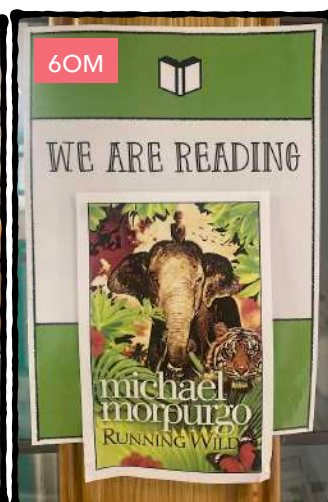
"THERE IS MORE TREASURE IN BOOKS THAN IN ALL THE PIRATE'S LOOT ON TREASURE ISLAND." - WALT DISNEY



Year 4 have been reading Hannah Gold's 'The Last Bear' and J.K. Rowling's 'The Christmas Pig'.



Year 5 have been reading two books this half term - Jacqueline Wilson's 'The Explorer' and Michael Morpurgo's 'Kensuke's Kingdom'.



Year 6 have been reading Michael Morpurgo's 'Running Wild' and Catherine Doyle's 'The Storm Keeper's Island'.

The ART icle



Year Reception have been working on creating stars. The beautiful creations were made to decorate the set of the Nativity.



Year 1 have been looking at robots this term. They had a go at designing their own robots which look wonderful too.



Year 2 have been looking at diversity and created a pastel piece showing lots of different hands together.



Year 3 have completed some fabulous embossed art using sharpies and tin foil.



Year 4 have produced beautiful water coloured endangered animals.



Year 5 have been creating some Hokusai inspired pieces. They have sketched some of his Mt Fuji series using different techniques and mediums. Also, they painted shells similar to what Michael and Kensuke paint in Kensuke's Kingdom.



Year 6 have completed lots of art this half term! They've studied Yayoi Kusama and also practised lots of different charcoal techniques.

YEAR R



Ice, Ice Baby!

YEAR 1



Brrrirds

YEAR 2



Warm & Cosy

YEAR 3



Strictly come Star-ing

YEAR 4



Frozen Planet

YEAR 5



Pine-ing for Yew

Hayward's Hoops

As an extension of the art work that we've done this term, each year group has produced a wonderful hoop with pieces of work from the children attached to them. Each year group was set an individual theme and an entire day to decorate/create some things to hang from their hoops. Have a look at their beautiful creations [here!](#)

YEAR 6



Do You Wanna Build a Snowman?





Year 5/6 mixed football team.

Representing Kirby Muxloe Primary School at the county finals day. Superb.

Mr Pallett

Music

It has been a busy term for music at KMPS! Our fabulous choir performed at the Christmas Lights Switch On in the village on Friday 25th November and at the PTA School Christmas Markets. They sang beautifully and we feel very proud of them! We are looking forward to hearing them perform at Portland House Residential Care Home tomorrow night.

It was also great to see the KMPS band start their rehearsals and we look forward to them continuing in the new year.

In addition, the Year 4 violin and brass groups performed to each other to showcase what they had been learning. They played fantastically.

