



Kirby Muxloe Primary School

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

General Message from Mr Howles

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term has passed by so quickly and I can't quite believe that we will soon start our final half term of the year.

There has been lots going on at KMPS since Easter as you will see when reading on. It's always a pleasure to read about all of the learning journeys the children have undertaken and the trips that they have been on. Additionally, our Year 6 children have worked so hard on their SATs which are a culmination of all the hard work they and the staff have put in over many years. They showed great resilience and determination throughout.

Finally, it was so lovely to see so many of you enjoy Sports day with us on Wednesday. The weather was favourable and the children competed hard to earn points for their teams.

I hope you have a pleasant bank holiday weekend and can spend time together over the half term 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: 0800 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.



Year 5 - Battle of Bosworth

This term, Year 5 have been learning about King Richard III. Following this topic, Year 5 went to Bosworth Battlefields to find out more on the amazing history that took place near by.



One of our activities was learning about the weapons and everyone really enjoyed when we went outside and learnt how to walk like a man in battle in formation and we also learnt how to actually use the weapons!

In classes, we went for a long walk and we even got to hold some flags as we went. As well as that we re-enacted the last battle of the roses (with zero conflict). On our walk, we came across a huge sun dial which the staff there built for the three parties fighting; Lord Stanley,



Everyone really enjoyed this trip and had lots of fun on our adventure into history. We would also like to thank the wonderful staff there for making our trip so special!

Lucy and Flo - 5CF



IMPORTANT TERM DATES

Friday 26th May - Break up for Summer Half Term
Monday 5th June - Children back to School
Friday 14th July - Break up for Summer Holidays
Thursday 31st August - Children back to School



Year 6 - SATs

Well done to the wonderful Year 6 children who have worked incredibly hard for their SATs tests. Their dedication, focus and resilience was very inspiring and we were impressed by their sheer determination. They should be as proud of themselves as we are of them.



Junior Leaders Equipment

A huge thank you to all of the parents and carers who signed up to My School Fund. We had an incredible total of £346 which the Junior Leaders used to purchase some new play equipment. We are very excited!

To find out more and sign up to My School Fund, please visit <https://www.myschoolfund.org/#/parent-home>

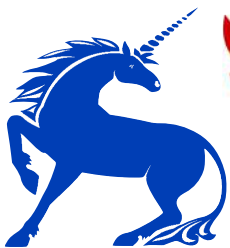


Sports Day

This year, Sports Day took place on Wednesday 24th April. It involved children participating in events to earn points for their house. The children from KS2 took part in the morning and really put lots of effort in!

In the afternoon, the children from KS1 partook in the events with Year 6 even helping out to lead some of the events.

Thank you to all of the people involved and who came to watch the events. It was wonderful to welcome so many of you and to hear lots of cheering on for the different teams.



The final scores:
1st Place: Griffin
2nd Place: Dragon
3rd Place: Phoenix
4th Place: Unicorn



Firefighters at KMPS!

Year 1 and Year 5 were very lucky to receive a visit from a local firefighter.

Year 1 learned all about stop, drop and roll. The children learned the best strategies for what to do if they were on fire. They were also taught to crawl if they were in a situation where there was a fire to avoid smoke inhalation.

The Year 5 children were taught lots of valuable lessons, including where to leave phones on charge. The children learned lots of different things to look out for in the home and where to meet if there was a fire.

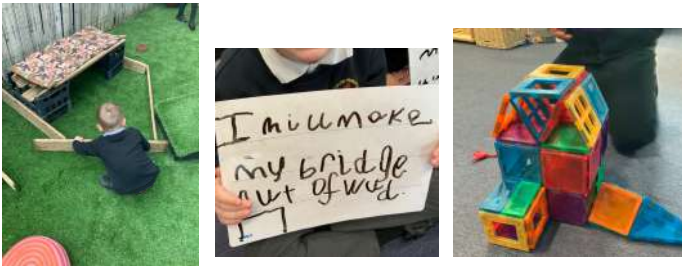


LOST PROPERTY

It is getting to the time of year where children are starting to forget jackets, jumpers and more when leaving at the end of the day. The lost property bins are overflowing. If children put their names onto the labels of their clothing items, they will be returned. It is taking lots of time for adults at school to sort out the overflowing bins so please check them if your child has lost anything. They are located outside of 3HK's classroom.



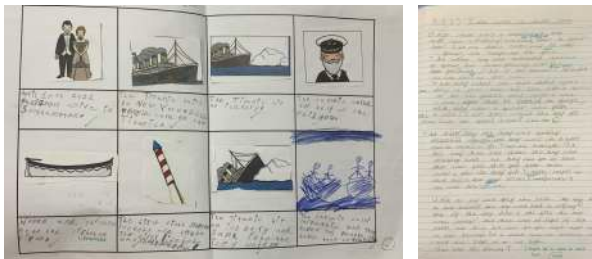
Learning Journeys This Term



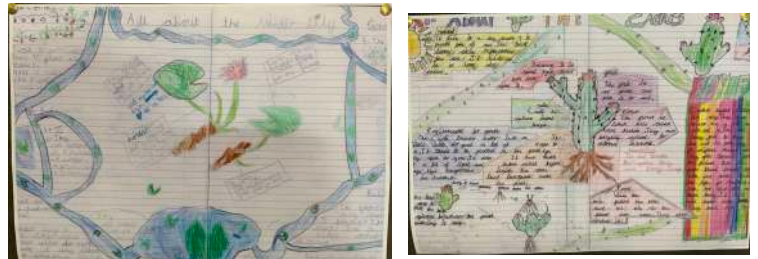
Year Reception have been 'Little Inventors' this half term. They have been challenged to make bridge structures to hold the weight of different objects and inventions for Mrs Coltman's cat, Nigel, to keep him cool in the summer. In addition, they read 'The Most Magnificent Thing' which is a story about perseverance and managing feelings of frustration. They ended the half term with researching famous inventors.



Year 1 have been looking at 'Gardener's World'. They have been learning about the different parts of plants, have made books about seed dispersal and have retold the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. The children have also investigated scientific questions, such as 'do bigger plants have bigger leaves?' and they have also looked at all the different plants that we eat.



Year 2's learning journey this half term has been all about Time Travellers! They have looked at the Space Race, retelling quest stories, the events of the Titanic and have made Titanic ships using D.T. skills, including folding, cutting and sticking. The children have also worked very hard towards the end of Year 2 SATs. We are very proud of all of their efforts.



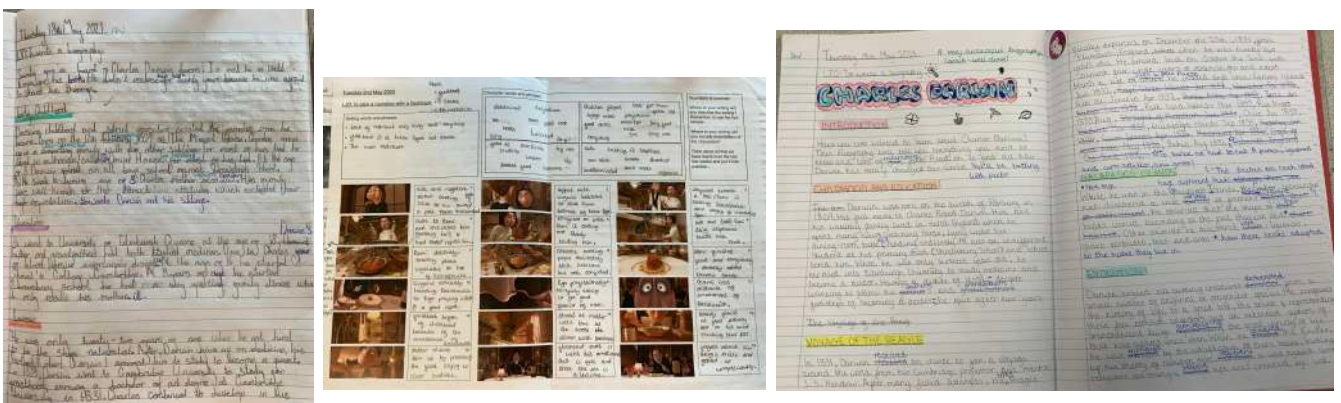
Year 3 have been 'Going Underground' this half term, looking at what exists beneath our feet and exploring different kinds of rock. They have also been looking at plants, where they grow and their requirements for growth. The children even learned about fertilisation and the pollination process too! To end the half term, the children recreated some William Morris artwork with floral tiles and developed their carving skills through soap carving.



In Year 4, the children have been exploring electricity by creating circuits and adding different components. They created double page spreads on electrical safety and have examined torches and designed their own versions to make during the final week of this half term. Alongside this, the children have been reading 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' to empathise with the journey that many refugees have to travel.



Year 5 have focussed on the Car Park King. The children have looked at the archeological dig and excavation of King Richard the Third's bones, his family tree and the origins of the War of the Roses. Alongside this, the children even got to visit Bosworth Battlefield to help consolidate their learning! Finally, they ended the half term with some portraiture, focussing on recreating what Richard the Third might have looked like!



This half term, we have completed SATs and we couldn't be prouder of the children. Our learning journey - survival of the fittest - has given us opportunities to explore and discuss some of life's biggest questions. Alongside this, they have become Writing Warriors - their final chance to showcase their brilliance. Now it's showtime - they are very excited to being looking at their end of year production.

Year 1 Trip - Beaumanor Hall

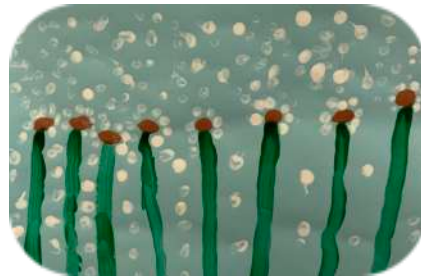
Year One recently enjoyed a great nature day at Beaumanor Hall. The children took part in a range of activities including hunting for mini-beasts, identifying bird calls and exploring the grounds. However, the highlight of the day (apart from lunch) was a pond dipping session. We found an amazing selection of creatures including sticklebacks, tadpoles, ramshorn snails, dragonfly nymphs and water boatmen. All the children were a credit to the school, behaving very sensibly and showing great enthusiasm for all the activities. We'd also like to say a big THANK YOU to all the parents who came on the trip and helped make it such a successful day.



The ART icle



Year Reception have been creating beautiful butterflies to showcase their understanding of symmetry.



Year 1 have been painting flowers and creating flower collages too.



Year 2 have designed and created models of the Titanic using lots of different D.T. skills!



Year 3 have created William Morris inspired wallpaper and carved soap as part of a sculpture project.



Year 4 have created art using pastels that documents a portion of the travel that a refugee makes.



Year 5 have been creating Tudor Roses to compliment their learning about the War of the Roses. They've also produced portraits of King Richard the Third.



Year 6 have designed their own animals after learning about adaptations.