



Kirby Muxloe Primary School

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

General Message from Mr Howles

Dear Parents and Carers,

The final half term and the school year is at an end and I hope you enjoy reading all of the amazing things that have been happening at the school recently.

Our final week is always dominated by all things Year 6 as we say goodbye to them. They have been amazing throughout their time at KMPS and we will most definitely miss them all. It has been lovely seeing their amazing Bamboozled show performance this week and I will look forward to their formal send off at their graduation ceremony on Thursday and in our final assembly on Friday.

In addition to the Year 6 events, I hope to see many of you at our Half Term Hero assemblies on Thursday morning.

I hope you have a super summer break and, if you are going away, a lovely holiday.

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.



Year 6 - Bamboozled

The Year 6 performed their end of year show - Bamboozled - during the final week of term. Full of fabulous singing, great animalistic costumes, wonderful dancing and fabulous displays of French and Mandarin languages and Scottish accents, the children clearly worked very hard. The story entailed the journey of a panda from a zoo in China to a zoo in Edinburgh, getting lost in Inverness on the way.

Between the many songs, dances and different scenes, the play was incredibly entertaining. All of the children should be very proud of themselves. The children performed four separate performances - two within school and two to parents. All of the children knew their spoken lines and knew the words to the songs too which was excellent.

A massive thank you to everybody involved in putting this excellent show together. The Year 6 team have worked incredibly hard choreographing dances, practising songs and encouraging lots of acting. Thank you to the parents and carers who encouraged their children to learn their lines and songs at home & a big thank you to anyone who helped with donating or bringing costumes and props in.



THE LITTLE BEAM FOUNDATION

On the 21st of June, Sophie (6OM) spoke in assembly about her role as an ambassador for The Little Beam Foundation, a charity that supports children and young adults (3-18 years) with mental health issues.

To help raise money for the charity, she sold slapbands for £1 each at break and lunch times. She created her own rota so she could sell on all playgrounds. Her ambition and dedication has been very heartwarming. She raised a grand total of £110.



The Leicestershire Wombles

We were fortunate enough to have a visit from The Leicestershire Wombles. They shared their key messages with the children during an assembly. It was a fantastic and fun experience for all involved. A huge thank you!

The Leicestershire Wombles also invited the children to join them in their quest to help clean up Kirby (and local areas). There are meetings on the first Saturday of every month at Kirby Muxloe Library at 10:00 AM.



Year 6 Red Ridge Trip

We were so lucky to take our wonderful Year 6s to Red Ridge between the 5th and 9th June. We were simply blown away by the way they handled themselves and tackled each and every one of the activities. Whether it was learning how to paddle a kayak or exploring the caves, the children gave every activity everything they had. What was even more amazing was the way they supported each other - the words, songs and actions of encouragement they provided when the wobbles appeared were simply incredible. A huge and heartfelt thank you to each of you, Year 6 - we absolutely loved taking you away and you should be so so so proud of yourselves (we definitely are!)

Miss Felsing, Mrs Orton, Mrs Morris, Mr Holt and Mrs Carvell

STAND UP TO CANCER

A huge 'Well Done' to Cody and his Y5 team for raising an incredible £260 for Cancer Research. We are so proud of you all.

Mrs Orton



Bikeability

This half term, YR pupils took part in Bikeability Week! They used balance bikes to perfect their cycling skills, including riding around obstacles, over ramps and using their brakes to slow down. They learnt the importance of wearing a helmet and being aware of their surroundings. We have since had some success stories from parents to say their child can now ride their bike at home without stabilisers! We are so thrilled that it had such a positive impact and the trainer was so complimentary of our wonderful pupils.



Music at KMPS!

It has been a busy half term for Music at KMPS. Firstly, both the choir and band performed wonderfully at the Summer Music Concert and then at the Summer Fayre. We are blessed to have some fantastic musicians and singers and we are so proud of how hard they have worked and performed this year. We say a special thank you to the Year 6 children in the band and choir for all their fantastic contributions and really hope they continue with music as they move onto their secondary schools. Well done!

The Year 4 children also put on a mini performance to showcase what they have been learning in our whole class instrument lessons this year. They have spent half the year learning a brass instrument and half a year learning the violin. They performed so well and we were super proud of them all!



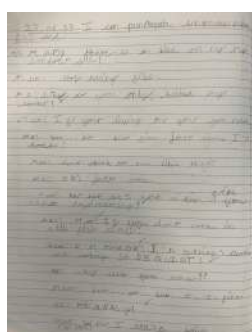
Learning Journeys This Term



This half term, Reception have been learning about some popular fairy tales. We made porridge and planted seeds. They wrote instructions on how to do this! They also wrote some amazing story retells which challenged them to write at length and describe characters.



Year 1 have been learning all about 'Under the Sea'. They have learned all about features of the seaside, about different sea creatures and their habitats and have been focusing on the story of The Lightkeeper's Lunch. They have also designed their own disgusting sandwiches to keep the seagulls away. Alongside this they also researched Grace Darling and her heroic act saving people who had been in a shipwreck.



This half term Year Two have worked hard in their Amazing Animals learning journey. We have looked at classifying animals, the habitats that they live in and have created food chains. Inspired by Henry Rousseau, we painted our own version of 'Tiger Surprise' using tints and shades and designed and created a clay animal for our jungles. We have also been writing beautiful poems this half term with imaginative vocabulary.

Year 3 have been learning about ancient Britain, discovering what life was like during the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. They've explored Skara Brae and Stonehenge, researched the Amesbury Archer and the Lindow Man and learned all about Celtic culture. They finished the learning journey by exploring the conflict between Queen Boudica and Emperor Nero, leading to the end of the Celtic tribes.



In Year 4, we have been learning all about the Vikings. They explored the Lindisfarne raid as well as how Vikings settled in Britain. We even looked at what Viking words and place names still exist today. In addition to this, we had a very exciting overnight residential trip to York. Children have read 'How to Train your Dragon' and responded brilliantly to each chapter in their book. They are now expert in all things Viking.



Year 5 have focused on 'life cycles' this half term. They have looked at the changes the body makes during puberty and the different life cycles of different animals. Alongside this, they have been reading *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. They have research mythological creatures too including fauns!



This half term, Year Six have been rehearsing for their end of year show 'Bamboozled'. They have been working incredibly hard learning their lines, practising their acting and perfecting their dance moves; we are so proud of everything they have achieved! We have also enjoyed our trip to Red Ridge and been preparing for a big step in our journeys to high school - we know they will make us even more proud!

The ART icle



Year Reception have created beautiful patterned worms, rolled them around pencils and watched them expand in water.



Year 1 have been making seagulls with paper plates.



Year 2 have created clay animals and painted backgrounds to go with their animals.



Year 3 have used water colours to create a Stonehenge silhouette background.



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



Year 5 have used water colours and silhouettes to create the lamppost scene from The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.



Year 6 have worked hard to design the backdrops for their play this half term.

Year 4 - York Trip

To help consolidate their learning on Vikings, Year Four took a trip to York to experience some of the ancient history. They were able to explore the Jorvik Viking Centre to learn about what life was like in York during the Viking reign, learned about Viking battling tactics at the DIG and discovered how chocolate was made at the York Chocolate Story. The children were well behaved and showed large amounts of enthusiasm for the activities.

York's Chocolate Story

I loved making the chocolate 🍫.

D.I.G

Because it was interesting and the lady was really funny telling us about Viking Battle Tactics.

York chocolate story and the Viking centre

Making the slabs 🍫 and also I loved the ride on Jorvik even though I was scared a first.

The York chocolate factory was really good because we got to taste lots of chocolate from bitter dark chocolate to real chocolate like in the stores and I also really liked how we got to make are own chocolate and how we learned a lot about chocolate like how it needs to do step by it was all just amazing for me it was first as coco beans I think then they picked up some white stuff that was hanging from the branches then they smashed them up with beans then burn it then put in the freezer i think that's the order.

RACECOURSE 🏇

Because we got to play around for a while we got to do anything we wanted like football, cricket, dodgeball and running.

National Railway Museum

I enjoyed looking at all of the trains. I had a grate time looking in the room with all of the models. I wood go back.

(:JORVIK VIKING CENTRE:)

The Jorvik Centre was the most exiting because the ride was taking me back to the Viking times. :)

My highlights are the York Minster and the Jorvik Viking centre.

I like the York Minster because we got to hike and see the beautiful view, I also like the Jorvik centre because of the ride but it was a little scary.

STABLESIDE HOTEL

Because it was exciting to meet our roommates and see the hotel and also because the food was REALLY good!

YORK NATIONAL RAILWAY MUSEUM

The National Railway Museum in York.

It was amazing so much fun I loved all the parts of the rocket. Many wonderful trains . I loved it was extraordinary me and my friend had fun. NRM gift shop was cool too.

Year 2 Celebration

On Friday 30th June, Year 2 had a party at school to celebrate finishing Key Stage 1 and to congratulate them on completing their SATs. The children were incredibly excitable all day!

The party started with some play time on the field, the play equipment and the netball courts. Lots of children enjoyed being able to make pom poms with Mrs Brunt, paint henna with Mrs Promy, play football while others enjoyed blowing bubbles and running around.

The evening then continued with musical statues and some delicious pizza. After this, we then watched Toy Story and enjoyed some sweets. It was a well deserved party to end a great year.



YEAR 2 CHURCH TRIP

Year 2 went to visit St Bartholomew's, a local church in Kirby, to look at the features within a church such as the cross, the altars and pews. They spoke to the reverend about how the church serves the community and listened wonderfully. After this, they enjoyed a nice picnic and had some fun playing in the local area.



Summer Reading Challenge 2023

Ready, Set, Read!



Dear Parents and Carers,

We were fortunate enough to have a visit from Mr and Mrs Stead during Wednesday's assembly to tell us about the Summer Reading Challenge which will be at all local libraries and online from Saturday 8th July. It involves children reading books and has lots of fun rewards and prizes on offer to encourage children to keep up with their reading over the Summer Holidays, which we know helps them significantly both academically and emotionally through reading for pleasure. You can sign up at any point in the holidays. The theme is 'Ready, Set, Read!' but children can choose from the wide range of books about any themes and topics on offer in their local library. It is a totally free challenge.

Please find further information here via this website link <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



Visit the website
summerreadingchallenge.org.uk



- Set your own summer reading goal
- Rate and review your books to unlock badges
- Play games and enter competitions
- Enter the codes printed on your stickers to unlock extra rewards
- Use the Book Sorter to find books recommended by other children

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It would be so fabulous to see as many children as we can take part and not only will they receive their own certificate from the library but if they bring this into school, to show they have completed the challenge, we will award them 100 House Points!

Kind regards,
Chris Hulbert and Amy Pickard
English Leads

Complete the Challenge and
you'll get your own
certificate



AND
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