



# Kirby Muxloe Primary School

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

## General Message from Mr Howles

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy and productive start back to the year and I can't believe that we are about to finish for half term.

As you read on you will learn about many things that have happened this half term and the variety of opportunities that the children access. At the heart of many of them is the passion and the commitment that the children show and how this enables them to achieve in so many different ways.

I have been so pleased to see so many parents and carers involved in wider school life. This has included the great support shown during the recent Macmillan coffee afternoon and the ongoing support shown by our PFA. It was also lovely to see so many of you at the parents evening on Tuesday and at the Half Term Heroes assembly this morning.

I hope you are able to have a great half term breaks.

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.



## Learning Journeys This Term



Mrs Button, Ms Hayward and Mrs Coltman would like to say a huge well done to all of the Reception children who have made a super start on their school journey. They have already started to develop wonderful relationships with the adults and other pupils. This half term, the children's learning journey 'Happy To Be Me' has focused on themselves, family and the 5 senses. They have discovered how people can be similar and different.



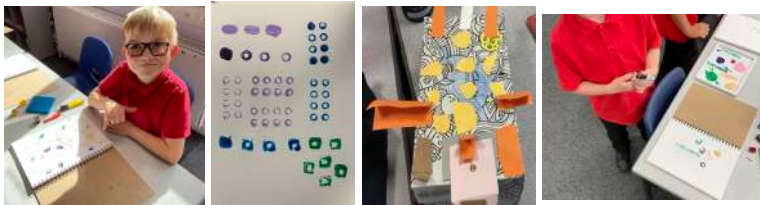
Year 1 have been reading lots of different traditional stories. Alongside this, they have also designed a new bag for Little Red Riding Hood with the purpose of replacing the one that the wolf ruined. They have also been learning about pitch, rhythm and tempo in music. The children have also learned about habitats and painted their own choice of habitat.



In Year 2, the children have been looking at Intonation Media Station which has explored the history of communication. As part of this, they have learned about radios, TV and forms of communication from the past before these existed. Alongside this, they've also had a go at making their own podcast and produced some beautiful colour pop art pieces.



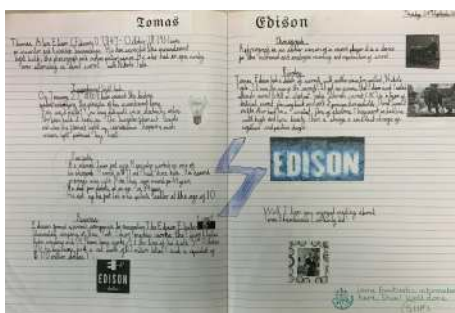
Year 3 have been focusing on animation in their topic 'That's All Folks'. They have created their own stop motion animations using iMotion, they've had a go at studying early forms of animation with Captain America and created their own versions. As well as this, they've tried creating their own dance compositions relating to animated characters.



In Year 4, we have been learning all about networks. They made a communication device for the Evil Genius. As well as this, they've focussed on William Morris and looked in depth at the printing press. They've experimented with printing and have recreated their own wallpaper design.



This half term, Year 5 have been learning all about space. They've made display boxes to create their own mini replicas of our solar systems. As well as this, they've practised some colour mixing to help them prepare themselves for painting their planets. The children also practised some drama where they had to role play and hot-seat as astronomers.



This half term, Year Six have researched trademarking and copywriting to understand how people own specific types of media. After this, they moved on to creating their own small businesses and worked on their presentation skills to prepare them for future life. They have also explored an inventor and an invention of their choice.



## Sports at Kirby Muxloe Primary School



We have had a great start to the new year with our representatives participating in a range of sports.

The year 5/6 mixed football squad have started the season really well, we attended the Pokémon cup at Bosworth academy. With a hugely successful season last time out, the pressure was on. The team this season have built such a good team spirit in such a short time which is amazing, they did so well at the Pokémon cup not conceding throughout the tournament and only lost out on goals scored!



We have entered then RICE BOWL this season and in round one we drew away against Thistly Meadow (Blaby). The team did exceptionally well and after 50 minutes and then an extra 10 minutes, the game finished 3-3. It went to penalties where we successfully won 4-3 with a stand out performance from Freddie in the sticks.

Round 2 - again we are going to be playing away against Burbage with details about this match to come.



The Year 5/6 girls attended the Pokémon cup and for a team who hadn't trained together, I was pleasantly surprised at how well they clicked. They played some unbelievable football and topped their group without conceding a goal. The girls went in to the semi final full of confidence and played with so much freedom. They did everything but score which meant it was penalties. Unfortunately, this time was not as successful. However, we were so proud of the girls. I believe we are going to have such a successful season.

### Cross-Country at Brookvale

We had a record number of runners join us at Brookvale recently. A massive well done to all the runners - you did Kirby proud! We hope to see you at the next event.



We also wanted to say a big thank you from the school to the parents for supporting each event.

Thank you, Mr Pallett.

## Year 4 - Sea Life Centre

On the morning of the 5th of October, something fishy was happening in Year 4. We were all excited to be leaving school and going on a trip to Birmingham Sealife centre. The journey was full of chatter and a few traffic jams but we arrived in time for the staff to open the side door and let us enter right next to the penguin enclosure. We loved seeing them dive under water and lean their beaky faces towards the glass.



We trailed through the different habitats, seeing salt water fish and some fresh water too. We were able to touch sea urchins and were amazed by the beautiful jelly fish as they glided to and fro.



We loved spending time in the 360 tunnels where we saw a giant sea turtle, sharks and lots of different species of fish. We also spent time watching and learning about lots of different types of rays. Some laid on the bottom of the tank and some were inquisitive and came to the top of the water to see who was there.

We were all really well behaved and loved the experience that we shared with our friends and our teachers.



## MRS TONGUE'S BABY NEWS

Hi all!

Just a quick message to introduce you to Freya, born 19th September 2023 weighing 8lb 7oz ✨ She's doing really well and her sister Imogen has really taken to her new role as Big Sister and is being a huge help.

Hope you're all well,  
Mrs Tongue





## Playtime Zones

This year, along with the curriculum changes, we have also launched a new playground zonal system. We're really impressed at how quickly the children have taken on board the rules of the different zones.

With the new zones, we feel that the children are enjoying play times more. They are more successful at looking after the equipment and are being very responsible.

Zone 1 - Outside 4CF with the ping pong tables

Zone 2 - Between 3CN and the black gates

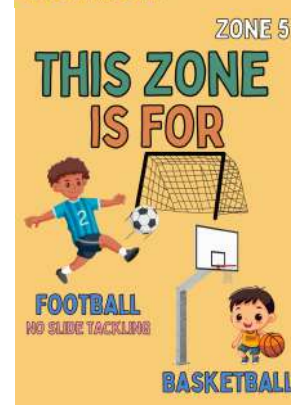
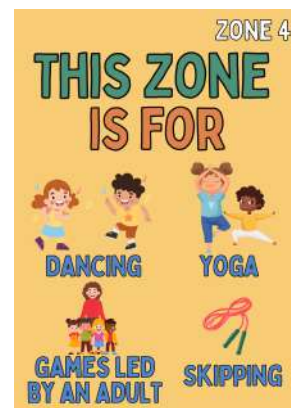
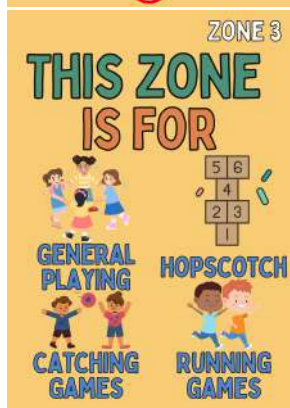
Zone 3 - Between the black gates and the start of the netball courts

Zone 4 - The area in front of the outdoor screen, on the netball courts

Zone 5 - The basketball hoops and the furthest part of the netball courts

Zone 6 - The adventure playground

We will be launching similar zones for the field in the warmer months.



## MACMILLIAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

Thank you to everybody who donated a cake or a raffle prize to enable another successful MacMillan coffee afternoon. Thank you to everybody who attended and spent an afternoon raising money for a good cause.

Events like this wouldn't be possible without your contribution.



We managed to raise £229.75. Thank you again! 🙌



## **Sketchbooks for Art!**

To coincide with our new curriculum launch this academic year, every child (and class teacher 😊) in Key Stage 2 is now the proud owner of a snazzy new sketchbook! Sketchbooks will be used in our art and design lessons. They are a personal space for the children to explore and develop creative ideas, they will also be used for mastering techniques. The children will be encouraged to create personal books that they enjoy using.

There are lots of areas to cover in our new art and design curriculum such as sculpture, printing, collage and painting to name a few. If you are a local artist and you would like to support our art and design journey moving forward then please do get in touch with me as we would love to have your expertise. This could be sharing your artwork with a class or supporting pupils during their art and design lessons.

In addition to this, please do contact me if you can source any art and design materials. Items such as card off cuts, collage materials and fabric scraps are incredibly useful, especially with the festive season fast approaching us!

It is an exciting new journey and one that I look forward to sharing with you as the year progresses.

Thank you for your support,  
Ms. Hayward

## **Year 6 - Beaumanor Hall**



On Friday 6th of October, Year 6 children went on a very special trip to Beaumanor Hall. They spent the entire day out in the open air working on both team building but also pushing themselves in terms of completing a number of challenges. They created structures out of logs their whole team could balance on, did a blindfolded walk through a winding forest, created bridges that they each had to balance on across water, to test their creations out in the real world and then climbed the great high ropes as well as trying out a leap of faith and zip line. This was such a great day for help the children to work on their resilience, facing their fears and ability to work with others. It will not only help them throughout the rest of the year but also at Redridge and of course in life way beyond Year 6 which is why trips like this are so important!



## Football Ambassadors



Hi my name is Heidi and i'm a Female Football Ambassador. Outside of school, I play for two teams. My grassroots team is called Epworth Forest and my academy is called Notts County (fun fact it's the worlds oldest professional football team since it was formed and made in 1862). I really like football because it's a competitive and team sport and i'm very competitive and i like how the game is played. Football is really fun and everyone can play. I support Leicester City and I play under 11s for Notts and under 12s for Epworth. Prim and I play together for Epworth Forest. I want to make female football more popular so the game can be enjoyed by even more people.



Hi my name is Prim and I am a Female Football Ambassador here at Kirby Muxloe Primary School. I play for Leicester City Women U12s and Epwoth Forest with Heidi.

I love football becuse it is fun, exciting and you can see your friends. You can play it anywhere you what. Football is a team game so when you score a goal you can celebrate together.

I want to help girls and women's football grow in popularity.



## Reading Ambassadors

Hi, my name is Georgie and I am a Reading Ambassador/Champion at our school.

Reading is my comfort and is my way of being by myself. I feel like reading helps you have a positive mindset and will help you with your education.

You can read anywhere : in bed, in school, in your house and even in a rain forest if you want to.

Adventure books are a great genre as they always make you feel excited. The feeling of finishing a great book is very good. But once you finish a whole collection you will want to read more.

In my new role, I hope I can help people see how great reading can be and how helpful reading is for your education. I hope that I can prove that reading is not only great for your future but it is also such a great feeling when you get lost in a story!

**Hi my name is Lily and I am a Reading Ambassador and Champion. I love to read since it allows me to escape into a different world and calms mendown when I am sad. I'm very excited to try and promote reading and to read to some of you younger children.**

## Reading Ambassadors

**Hello, I am David and I am one of the reading champions and Ambassadors.**

**I think that when you find the right book, reading is fun and entertaining.**

**The more you read the better you get at it and you start to enjoy it more too. You almost get addicted to it!**

**When you can read, it can help you with your vocabulary, writing skills and also in every subject that you study. Reading opens lots of doors to learning and I am looking forward to showing you how.**

**Hi my name is Viktorija and I am one of your Reading Ambassadors and Champions.**

I love reading because it is interesting and it gives me a time to just relax and chill out.



My favourite book to read is Tom Gates because they are very interesting and they are actually funny plus there are a lot of books in the series so this is my recommended.



My favourite places to read are in my bedroom, outside on a sunny day or anywhere quiet.



I am looking forward to reading to some of the younger children and to show them that reading is important and that it's not boring. In fact, it is something to look forward to!

