



Kirby Muxloe Primary School

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

Part 1

General Message from Mr Howles

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another action packed half term. With such a long half term, we have been able to cram even more into it and as you read on you will find out about so many events, trips and activities that the children have been involved in.

We are so proud of how well the children represent the school and the achievements that they gain along the way. I think if anything captures the spirit of KMPS it is most definitely this newsletter!

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 2024!

Elliot Howles - Headteacher

P.S. Read to the end to find out about the special treat that the staff surprised children with on Wednesday!

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.



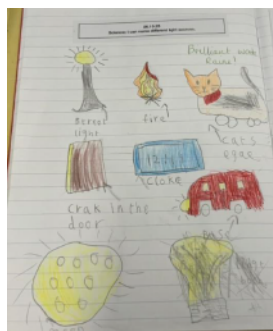
Learning Journeys This Half Term



Reception have been jet setters this term. We flew Asia, looking at different counties and their cultures. We then jetted off to the North Pole with Santa and finally to Bethlehem to perform our Nativity. The children have made us very proud.



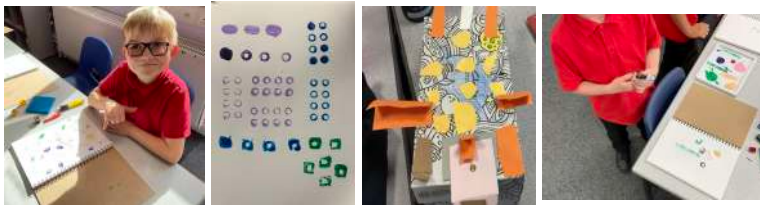
Year 1's learning journey has been all about "Come fly with Me - Arctic Circle". We have had a great time learning all about the Arctic. We have made igloos and learned about all different types of Arctic animals!



Year Two have had a busy half term looking at various inspirational figures throughout history. While learning about Thomas Edison, we have learnt all about electricity & experimented with circuits. As part of their DT project, the children designed marvellous marble mazes to challenge Michael Jordan. We have also been learning about Thomas Bernardo and travelled back to the Victorian era.



Year 3 have been super busy this half term, starting with learning all about the continent of Africa. We practised African dance, African drumming techniques and made banana and mango smoothies after learning about fair trade. The children then learned about the locations of Dover, France and Canada before producing a presentation on a city/town from France.



In Year 4, this term we have been looking at the history of slavery - from the first recorded examples in Ancient Greece to how slavery unfortunately still happens in this country today. As well as this we have been investigating forces by carrying out lots science investigations to find out which forces act on different objects and how changing the forces affect the way objects move.



Year 5 have been learning all about North America this half term. We have looked at the different habitats across the continent and the animals which live in them, written our own national anthems after listening to a variety from across the world and created beautiful dream catchers. We have finished the half term with a focus on geography, looking at Hong Kong and trade including imports and exports.



This half term, Year Six's learning journey, titled 'I Have A Dream', has involved them learning all about the Windrush Generation and creating art based on Althea McNish, a famous textile designer from Trinidad. We have also looked at Martin Luther King's inspirational speech and studied the apartheid in South Africa. We looked at how diversity and multiculturalism can bring so many advantages to the world too.

Sports at Kirby Muxloe Primary School

Cross Country

Despite one event being cancelled, we're really impressed with the amount of children who have been committed to attending the Cross Country races. It's the largest amount of children we've had attend in a few years.

Well done to all of the children for participating in these events - it takes a lot of courage to put yourselves forward. Olivia (6OH) was the only Year 6 girl to participate, continuing her streak of commitment for the past 4 years. In addition to this, Brody (3C) has placed third overall for Year 3 across the county which is incredible, earning him a bronze medal and a shield for the school that will be delivered in the future.

The next cross country event is on Saturday 20th January at Brookvale & Groby Learning Campus. If you'd like to sign up and you haven't already, please speak with Mr Rowley.

Rice Bowl

The children have continued to play brilliantly in the Rice Bowl, scoring a whopping 11-0 (with two further goals being offside) despite the rainy conditions. We're really impressed with the teamwork that the children have displayed, avoiding bragging and remaining humble. It was lovely to see some Year 5 children join the ranks and be welcomed too, displaying the same level of humility and cooperation. Well done, KMPS!

We're looking forward to the next round with to details to come.

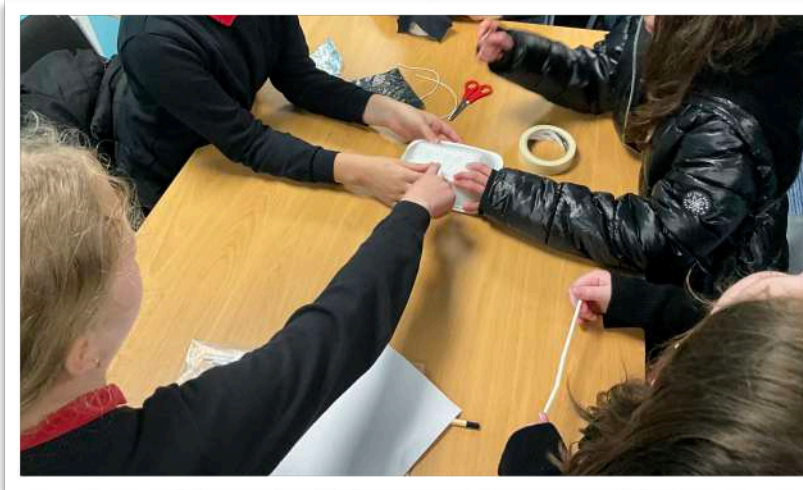
PLANTING

Some Year 6 children have decided to become green fingered this half term. They have been working hard to plant winter bedding plants in a planter outside Mrs Fisher's and Mrs Chick's classroom and spring bulbs in a planter near the swimming pool. We were kindly donated the seeds from Dayman's DIY Limited on King Richard's Road. They also donated 6 large bags of compost which helped with this project, vegetable seeds to be planted next year and poppy seeds to be planted in the spring. We're really grateful for the donation and wanted to give a big thank you to both Dayman's DIY Limited, to the Year 6 children for working so hard during their lunch time and to Mrs Robinson for helping to coordinate this project.



Year 5 - Space Centre

Year 5 had a fantastic day at the National Space Centre revisiting our learning from the first half term of this year. We worked as teams to design the fairing (the external part of a rocket which protects satellites when they are launched into space) for an 'Egg-o-sat' and watched with baited breath as they were put through a vigorous vibration test. Then we explored the many exhibitions in the centre itself and finally, went on a journey through our solar system in the Planetarium. The children were amazing and represented the school brilliantly - well done, Year 5!



RECEPTION TRIP TO MANOR FARM!

Reception had the best day ever on Wednesday 6th December on their trip to Manor Farm. We made magical reindeer food, following the recipe carefully. We went on a scavenger hunt and had to search the elves houses and also wrote letters to Santa, posting them into the magical post box. We travelled down a magical woodland path where we discovered a cottage and inside was Santa! The children were "snow" excited! We met the animals from the nativity story as well as having the opportunity to meet animals that weren't. The children were allowed to pet a chicken, tortoise, lizard, snake and a very soft rabbit. We also had lots of fun in the soft play barn where we zoomed down slides (teachers included!). The children were a real credit and we are incredibly proud of them!



Anti-Bullying Week

On Monday 13th November, pupils celebrated Odd Socks Day by wearing odd socks to help raise awareness for Anti-Bullying Week and champion being unique! This year's theme for Anti-Bullying Week was 'Make a Noise' and a staff video will be released soon to explain the importance of speaking out against bullying. The Junior Leader Team have also begun to help review and update the children's anti-bullying guide and will be invited to judge competition entries for its new front cover.



Year 1 - Snowdome Trip

Year 1 had the most "snow-tastic" day at the Tamworth Snowdome. We got to frolic in the snow, meet Santa Claus, see some of Santa's animals and watch a pantomime. The children represented the school beautifully and we were really impressed with all of them.



Children in Need

This year, for Children in Need, the children were invited to come into school wearing their pyjamas for a donation of £1. They also performed an incredible amount of Pudsey Bear-pees (burpees) in their warm up slots during P.E. over the week. As a school, we managed to complete 8423 burpees which is very impressive! We were also able to raise £387 through donations and a further £73 in gift aid. Thank you to everyone who donated or participated in some way - without you, our charity events wouldn't be as successful! Well done, KMPS! 🌟



Year 6 Carol Concert

On Tuesday 12th December, Year 6 children were lucky enough to perform their Carol Concert at St Bartholomew's Church and share this with their parents and carers. Children worked really hard to learn lines and songs over the last few weeks to perform at the event which told the Christmas story. Children sat in choir stalls and performed using a microphone at the front of the church. They really pulled it out of the bag for the event and it was amazingly atmospheric and beautiful whether it was the lines they read, the songs they sang together, in small groups and even some solos. We were all truly proud of each and every Year 6 that attended and felt that they really set off the Christmas mood and spirit in everyone who was able to attend.

Music at KMPS



Choir Performances

On Friday 24th November, our wonderful school choir performed at the Kirby Muxloe Light Switch On. They sang Little Drummer Boy, The Moment (from Young Voices) and Every Christmas. The children then performed these songs again at our school PFA Christmas Fayre on Friday 1st December. They sang their hearts out and did the school proud. Mrs Newbury, Miss Jones and Mr Howles have worked really hard to help coordinate all the rehearsals and have been impressed by the commitment shown. Yesterday afternoon, the children will also performed at Baron's Park Nursing Home. We're really looking forward to this event!

Band

We have been delighted to see the return of the KMPS band. It has been lovely to see so many new faces as well as returning members.



PFA Events: Fireworks & Fayres

We have enjoyed two major PFA led events this term. The fireworks night in Early November was back for the first time in 4 years and was a great success. A splendid night was had by all, with lots of fabulous fireworks & food to enjoy, raising an impressive £1612.



On the 1st of December, the Christmas Fayre was held after school - it was so lovely to see so many of you attend despite it being such a frosty, chilly evening! This event managed to raise a further £3760.

Thank you to the PFA volunteers and supporting school staff who make these wonderful events possible & thank you to everyone who chooses to attend them too.

Science Day at Loughborough Grammar School

On the 11th November, some of the pupils in year six got the opportunity to go to Loughborough Grammar School to look at some of the aspects of science. Lots of students from other schools joined us for this incredible morning; when we were there we got split up into different groups yet we were all together and did Physics in a lab.

Whilst we were there we solved problems, made decisions and designed circuits to try and solve a problem. There were riddles to solve and loud noises to make. It was an action packed day full of fun and creativity. Our day was full of choices to make and lessons to be learnt. We all agreed that it was an amazing day.

Halfway through, we had a break time where we got juice and a giant cookie to eat, which was delicious. Every school seemed to move their chairs together at that time and learn bits about others days.

We would like to give our biggest thank you to all of the staff and children who gave up their Saturday for us at Loughborough Grammar School for making the day so unforgettable. Everyone is excited to see what next time brings for when we go. A message was received from the teacher that we had saying how polite and what such a credit we are to the school. Once again thank you!

Lucy - Year 6