



Kirby Muxloe Primary School

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

General Message from Mr Howles

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another (much shorter than last time) half term, I am amazed at how much has been packed in and how well the children have come back after the Christmas break.

As you read on, you will gain a flavour of the learning journeys that children have engaged with these past 5-6 weeks and some of the events and successes that have occurred. We have also seen exceptional leadership from a number of our children and great representation of our school and what it stands for!

I hope you and your children have a great half term break and we will look forward to seeing everyone return on Monday 26th February for a very short (4 week) half term.

Best wishes

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.



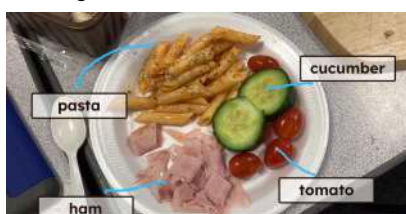
Learning Journeys This Half Term



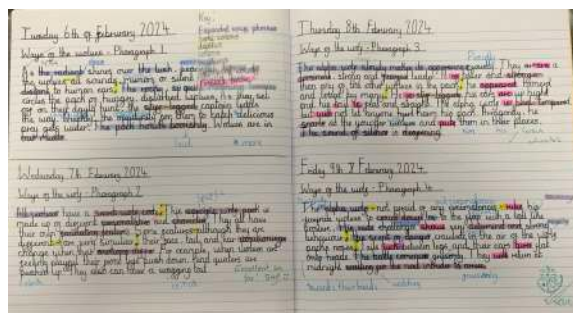
Reception have been learning all about super heroes. The classroom was invaded by The Evil Pea and wrote rules to help him. They have also been very lucky to have not one, but three special visitors, who kindly came in to school to tell the children all about their fantastic, front-line jobs.



This term Year 2 have explored continents and oceans as pirates, looking specifically at Madagascar (Pirate's Island). We investigated to see what the pirates would have seen and found on the island, using atlases & compass points. We made a treasure map with key geographical features added in a key. We looked at forces, finishing off with an investigation looking at how distance effects sound.



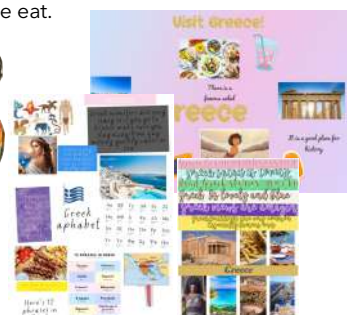
Year 4 have been learning all about 'Law and Order'. We have been thinking about what makes a good leader, why we have rules and how we vote and elect our leaders. We were also paid a visit by our local councillor, Roger Stead! We have also been designing a healthy and balanced meal with a little bit of advice from our school cook, Helen who answered lots of our questions!



War of the Worlds has taken us on a journey of exploration and investigation. We created some incredible presentations about the initial causes of World War 1 and World War 2. We then began to explore how we see! We looked at the biological make up on the eye and made incredible information leaflets based on all aspects of light. We ended the Learning Journey with an art project based on our current literacy book - The Ways of the Wolf. The children explored different mediums, textures and layers to create some truly beautiful pieces of abstract art.



In Year One's learning journey 'Unity in the Community' we learned about all the different communities each of us is part of. We've been on a walk around the village and identified lots of local landmarks and types of houses. We've also been learning all about plants; their different parts, what they need to grow and which ones we eat.



Year 3 have been focusing on the Ancient Greeks this half term. We've started by looking at the differences between Athens and Sparta, examining some of their conflicts. Following this, we analysed Ancient Greek vases (and created our own!) which gave an insight into what daily life & beliefs were like in Ancient Greece. We finished the half term by starting play rehearsals for our play!



In Year 5, we have been learning about conflict through the lens of the Roman Civilisation. From acting out Roman conflict conversations to creating our very own mosaics, we have been busy developing our understanding of what it was like to live as a Roman.



Sports at Kirby Muxloe Primary School

Rice Bowl

Following our last successful game, our Year 5 and 6 children have continued to play excellently.

On the 29th January, the children travelled to Market Harborough for the quarter finals match. The children played brilliantly, managing to gain a 4-0 win! With one goal being an own goal, two scored by Stanley (6OH) and 1 scored by Lewis (5F), we're super impressed by the children. As a result of their win, the children have made it to the semi finals with more details to follow. Well done!



Cross Country

Our Kirby Muxloe Primary School representatives performed incredibly in our latest cross country endeavours. Everyone tried super hard and we're really proud of the efforts the children put in! Special shout outs to Brody, Riley and Madison in Year 3, George B in Year 5 and Georgie in Year 6 who all placed brilliantly. Keep it up!

Girls Football

Our girls football team played against Fossebrook Primary on the 7th February. Despite really harsh conditions including heavy wind and rain, the team performed brilliantly. Scoring a whopping 13-0, we're super impressed with them! Their teamwork was incredible too. Keep it up, girls!



PFA QUIZ

On the 2nd February, the annual PFA quiz returned with Roger and Rosemary Stead fronting it as quiz masters. Between fabulous questions, funny one liners, great company and a thrilling game of heads or tails, the night was a huge success raising a whopping £1030. The pizzas also went down a treat! Thank you to everyone who attended and to the wonderful PFA for organising such a successful evening. Without our committed PFA, events like this would not be able to take place.

Year 2 Pirate Day

Year 2 started their half term with a swashbuckling adventure to Beaumanor Hall. On the 11th of January, the children became pirates for the day, dressing the part too! They had lots of different activities to complete, including testing their aim by throwing cannonballs at targets, finding specific points on treasure maps, finding out pirate facts and singing songs. The children also tested their skills at relay racing with bottles of Grog, trying to avoid spilling any. The winners were those who had the most in their bottles by the end of the race! Alongside this, the children also got to visit the secret pirate where they were able to see lots of different pirate treasures.

The children were a credit to the school. They behaved brilliantly and we all had an “arrr-some” day!



JEDD'S THANK YOU MESSAGE

As many of you aware, on the week beginning 29th January, the gas and water supply in Kirby (and surrounding villages) had been affected, causing many homes to go days without either. Many people worked super hard to restore the gas and water to the village, including the gas company Cadent. Jedd (3CP) shared his appreciation for the workers by creating a wonderful sign which helped to vocalise his thanks. Jedd even got a big shout out on BBC Radio Leicester, giving an interview at: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0h926vl>.

We're really impressed with the sweet, kind and thoughtful gesture. It's really heartwarming to see children from our school setting such amazing examples. Well done, Jedd!



Children's Mental Health Week

This year's theme for Children's Mental Health Week (5-11th February) was 'My Voice Matters'. We know how many children at KMPS care deeply about the world around them so all pupils were tasked with completing a collage that showcased what really matters to them. This could be something closer to home or a topic on a worldwide scale. If you or your child needs support with mental health more generally, visit place2be.org.uk where you will find excellent advice and resources for children and adults alike.

Anti-bullying Posters



Mrs Coltman would like to thank all of the children who entered the anti-bullying drawing competition to design the new front cover to the school's child friendly anti-bullying guide. The junior leader team will discuss these and vote for their favourite. The winner will be announced soon and their drawing will be used for the redrafted guide. Other entries may be used as images in the leaflet. Watch this space!

Young Voices

On Friday 26th January, we took 51 choir children from Years 4, 5 and 6 to Young Voices at the Resorts World Arena in Birmingham. They sang with nearly 6000 other school children, rehearsing during the afternoon and then performing in front of their parents and family in the evening. They performed alongside professional musicians, singers and dancers and helped put on a fantastic show for the audience.

We are incredibly proud of the commitment they all showed during the many months of rehearsing at school, and then the energy, enthusiasm and wonderful behaviour they displayed on the actual day. They were an absolute pleasure to take and did the school proud! Well done

Young Voices choir - you were amazing!! 🥰🎵

Fundraising for AgeUK

At the end of January, Jovan and Isher helped to organise a cake sale in aid of AgeUK. The charity is a cause that is really close to the boys and their family. Knowing the value of the money raised and what it means for the people who need support from AgeUK, the boys decided to put together a bake sale without any input from their family. They worked really hard to organise their bake sale and managed to raise an impressive £306.

We're really impressed with both Isher and Jovan for their sheer determination to help others and the wider community. This shows how considerate the pair are and how much they value the cause that AgeUK stands for. Well done, boys!



Year 6 Trip to Warning Zone

On Wednesday 10th January 2024, our wonderful year six students spent the day at 'The Warning Zone' in Leicester. This was a truly invaluable trip that delivered such crucial and important messages about keeping safe both online and in the real world.

This scenario based learning experience is truly unique and the children fully immersed themselves in the opportunity. The volunteers and staff all commented on the children's incredible behaviour and enthusiasm!

We felt very proud of them all.



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ZONE...**



KIRBY MUXLOE SCHOOL PFA PRESENTS!



Glow Disco

THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY
RECEPTION & YEAR 1: 3 PM - 3:45 PM
YEAR 2 & 3: 3:55 PM - 4:40 PM
YEARS 4, 5 & 6: 4:50 PM - 5:40 PM

TICKETS £4.50
WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/KIRBYMUXLOESCHOOLPFA

Reception & Year 1	3pm to 3.45pm class teacher will take them to hall after school, please collect from classrooms as normal
Years 2 & 3	3:55pm to 4.40pm please arrive through school office and collect from hall via infant playground
Years 4, 5 & 6	4:50pm to 5.40pm please arrive through school office and collect from via infant playground