



Kirby Muxloe Primary School

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

General Message from Mr Howles

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a little longer since our last newsletter so there are even more exciting things to share with you. Recent treats have included the Year 3 Midas show, our Shakespeare week and a multitude of sporting exploits.

I hope you have a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to seeing everyone back for our final run in to the summer holidays.

We will see you back on Monday 28th April.

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.



Your Role in Supporting Good Attendance

As a parent or carer, you play an essential role in supporting your child's attendance. Here's how you can help

- ▶ **Ensure regular attendance:** Make sure your child attends school every day unless they are unwell. Routine is key to building good attendance habits.
- ▶ **Communicate with us:** If your child is struggling with attendance, contact us as soon as possible. The earlier we know about any issues, the sooner we can offer support.
- ▶ **Promote the importance of school:** Talk to your child about the importance of school, showing them that regular attendance is vital for their future success.
- ▶ **Sufficient sleep:** Make sure your child gets enough sleep and gets up in plenty of time each morning. Build regular routines for bedtime and the morning. Primary children need about 10 hours of sleep each night.
- ▶ **Set Good Routines:** Ensure that they leave home in the correct school uniform and properly equipped. Get as much prepared the evening before to save time in the morning. Check the alarm is set.
- ▶ **Term Dates:** Find out when the date each term starts and makes sure your child is ready. Book holidays in the school holidays and share dates with other family members.
- ▶ **Medical Appointments:** Where possible all medical appointments should be booked outside of school hours. The amount of disruption to learning time should be kept to a minimum if this is not possible.
- ▶ **Back up plan:** Try to arrange a back up plan for getting to school if there are unforeseen circumstances. Ask a family member, neighbour or another parent for help.

For more information for how we can also support with attendance, visit <https://www.kmprimary.org/kmps-parents-carers/attendance>

PASTORAL SUPPORT

At KMPS, we strongly believe in caring for all our children and families. At different stages in our lives, we might well experience some difficult times and as part of the support we can provide at school, we work with children and their families.

This support can include liaising with staff, parents, children and outside agencies to ensure that the well being of individual pupils is fully prioritised. For the child, we are someone supportive to talk to, share successes/strategies with or to provide help with difficulties or worries.

Our team is here to help pupils make the most of school life by breaking down barriers to learning and helping to make school a happy and successful place for them.

The first point of call is always the class teacher as this relationship is imperative because they are the daily contact and know your child best. In each class there are worry boxes in which the children are encouraged to share any worries so their class team are able to address and support them.

We also have extra information on our website which can support with Early Help and support services, school nursing service, attendance and punctuality, bereavement, family wellbeing, mental health, parenting and behaviour as well as supporting separating and divorced parents. This can be found at <https://www.kmprimary.org/kmps-parents-carers/pastoral>

SPORTS AT KMPS

Cross Country at Brookvale - 18.01.25

Everyone put in great effort and showed great determination to finish on what was a rather chilly Saturday morning. We had some great results from KMPS student who made our school extremely proud. A special mention for Riley in 4HM who finished the Year 4 Boys race in 1st place.



Year 5/6 Boys Football Tournament - 23.01.25

Another fantastic string of performances from our boys football team who won all their games on the day. This resulted in them coming out on top and winning the tournament.



Rice Bowl Quarter Final

Final score 6 - 1 to Kirby. Another convincing win and impressive performance ensuring that the Yr 5/6 team have secured their spot in the semifinals. I know that the boys really appreciate all the support from the home crowd.



Year 5/6 Girls Football Tournament - 04.02.25

In pouring rain the girls gave it everything they had showing how far they have come this year. Unfortunately, the results didn't go our way but an enjoyable time was had by all despite the weather.

SPORTS AT KMPS

Year 3/4 Gymnastics Competition

For the first time in recent years, we entered a gymnastics competition! Our students worked hard for weeks to put together some fantastic routines that wowed the judges on the day. Each and every child involved behaved impeccably and showed what our school is all about!



Rice Bowl Semi Final vs Waterleys 13.03.25

What a game!!! Kirby were struggling to find the back of the net during the first half and were trailing far behind at half time. Due to some serious determination and great team play the boys managed fight back ending full time 4-4. This meant another 10mins of agonising extra time. Waterleys scored first but this only fired up Kirby more who responded with a goal of their own. Extra time ended the score now stood at 5 - 5. Penalties had to be taken. Kirby held their nerve and managed to secure the win the game finishing 3 - 1 on penalties! What a result!

Well done to the team who have made the final for a 2nd year in a row! We'll keep you



Swimming Gala - 01.03.25

Well done to all that competed in the school swimming Gala! We're so proud of the fantastic effort each one of you put in to represent your school on one of your precious Saturday nights. As a team we finished in the middle of the pack but as individuals you all shone brightly.

Here is a list of our students that in a tough field managed to win their races in the final:

- 1st place - Yr6 Girls 25m Breaststroke - Harper T
- 1st place - Yr6 Boys 25m Backstroke - Eben D
- 1st place - Yr6 Boys 25m Freestyle - Kobe B
- 1st place - Yr5 Boys 25m Backstroke - Freddie B (who is only in Yr4)



SPORTS AT KMPS

Year 5/6 Netball Tournament **03.04.25**

This was another first for this group of children all of which have not played competitive netball before. You wouldn't be able to tell as they demonstrated great skill and tactical awareness. Unfortunately a few results didn't our way but nevertheless the team battled on and managed to score a good few points of their own. Well done!



Year 6 Tag Rugby **Tournament 04.04.25**

What a great Friday afternoon this was! This team put the skills they had learnt in PE and outside of school to great use. We scored some fantastic tries early on and qualified out of the group stages in 2nd place securing our spot in the semi Finals. We won the nail-biting semifinal in extra time and then it was time for the final. Sadly the final didn't result in a win. The team should be extremely proud of themselves and how they represented our school in good spirit. Second overall is an amazing result well done!



Bikeability

Year 5 have had the opportunity between the 17th and the 28th March to take part in Bikeability training. The training is provided by expert cycling instructors from Leicestershire County Council and the children completed two levels: Level One included bike checks and crucial cycling skills on the school playground and Level Two took place out on the local roads around school. All the children who took part were a true credit to the school and have gained some excellent skills throughout the course. Well done, Year 5!



Stay and Read 📖

This term has seen the relaunch of our wonderful 'Stay and Read' sessions. It was great to see so many of you at the first one, sharing your favourite stories. The children are already excited for the next one. We look forward to seeing many more of you there.



Year 4 Champion Writers

Some of our Year 4 pupils entered into a competition with the challenge of writing a 100 word story. Due to their excellent efforts, the children's stories have been published into a book with several copies provided to the school! We are so incredibly proud of all of them and hope to continue reading their successful works!



RED NOSE DAY

This year we celebrated 40 years of Red Nose Day by wearing fun and fabulous party clothes. Through selling red noses and our JustGiving page, we managed to raise over £800. It was wonderful seeing all of the children dressed up. A massive thank you to everyone who donated and helped to buy the red noses too!



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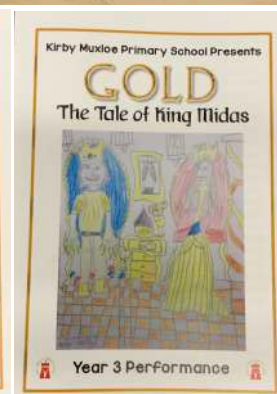
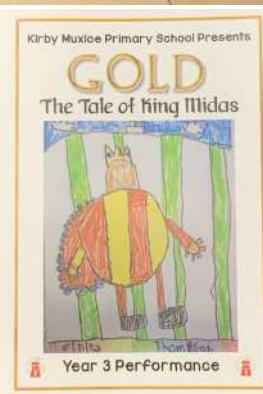
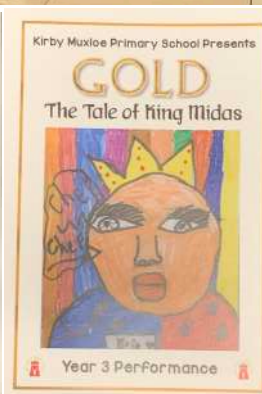
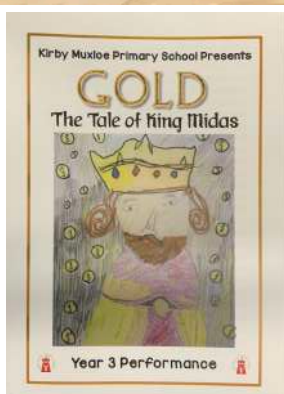
Year 2 Sewing Project

Early in the spring term, Year 2 took part in a sewing project. Their challenge was to sew a coat for Paddington, a bear who travelled from Peru to England. He needed a new coat to adapt to the cold weather! The children designed their own coats using a variety of materials. These materials were kindly donated from both Next and Low Woods Fabrics in Shepshed. The children enjoyed the different kinds of materials donated and made some pretty fabulous coats whilst doing so.



Year 3 Show

We are so incredibly proud of all of the children in Year 3 this half term as they have put together a wonderful show titled "Gold". Their show, depicting the story of King Midas and his penchant for gold, was put together with so much enthusiasm. The children have been very passionate and committed, learning both their lines and the many songs. Their performances have wowed us and we've loved seeing their confidence grow throughout. Thank you to every one who helped the children learn their songs, lines and find costumes for the children to wear.



Year 5 Pop-up Nacho Stall

In Spring 1, Year 5 set up a pop up Nachos stall. A lot of hard work went into the event beforehand; the children researched Mexican cuisine, looked at a variety of recipes, created recipe cards, decorated themed bunting and did some taste testing and evaluation. Following lots of chopping, squeezing and measuring, the children created and served a selection of chillies and dips served with nachos. The event was a huge success and we raised just over £220 for the Braunstone Foodbank. Thank you if you came to support the children - we are so grateful!



Choir Competition 🎵

On Tuesday 25th March, our school choir took part in the grand final of the Leicestershire School's Choir of the Year competition at De Montfort Hall. The children were given an amazing opportunity: to sing on the famous stage (one of the biggest many of them had ever been on!) in front of lots of different schools and their families. They were selected as finalists which is a very commendable feat, competing against four other primary schools in the final. The choir performed fantastically with lots of passion. Although they didn't win, they made the school proud and the judges mentioned how close the decision was. Well done to all of our choir children!