

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a great week for pupils at Kingfisher, there has been an immense amount of learning and also some celebrations have taken place too. I have been lucky enough to get into some classes this week to see some of the amazing work taking place. Purple Class have been working really hard in understanding what bullying is and how we can support each other. They have made some fabulous posters that will be displayed around the school.

My timing for Red Classes visit couldn't have been better. I was 'invited' to join in with the cake eating celebrations for Laura's birthday. We have had quite a few birthdays this week, my waistline is pleased I only managed to take part in only one of the celebrations.

Our Sensory Garden is looking fantastic. We should have had a grand opening last year as part of our St Georges Day Celebrations, however this could not go ahead. We aim to officially open the Sensory Garden in July and ask some of the volunteers from TrinityLearning to come in to do this with us. Unfortunately, Rosemary Perrow, who was the driving force behind this transformation passed away after a period of illness. We will take the opportunity to say thankyou to her at this point too. Hopefully we may be able to have some parents in to help us celebrate this occasion.

Message from Ashley and Carol-Parent Governors

Please fill in the parent Survey if you wish to have your view heard, this can be found here [Parent and Carer Engagement Survey \(surveymonkey.co.uk\)](#) or within the Parent Carer/Survey page on our website. This survey will be closed at 9am on Monday 10th May.

Dates for your diary

Last Day of Term	Friday 28th May
First day of Term	Monday 7th June
Parent Consultation	Wednesday 7 th July

Have a great weekend

Lorraine

Our Kingfisher View

Kingfisher-a place where everyone is valued to develop independence through an enriching curriculum which is worthwhile



News from Spring Cluster

Green Class

We started the week with a relaxing TAC PAC session, we all really like the music and the different sensory experiences. This terms TAC PAC features bubbles which we love watching float around the classroom, some of us are so relaxed during these sessions that we even start to yawn.

In our story 'A River' we had lots of fun this week exploring the water underneath floating fabric, we have been looking through it and practicing pulling off our head and bodies.



In PE this week we have been moving our whole bodies and practicing lots of different skills including crawling through the giant tunnel. Some of us are getting really good at walking up and down the stairs too.

We have also had lots of fun with corn flour and water moving it around the tray with our fingers and hands to make marks and find hidden letters. Working with an adult we have been practicing tracking the mixture as it drips and splashes.



Alicia, Kim, Amanda, Jackie, Julia, Clare, Maria, Melissa and Emily



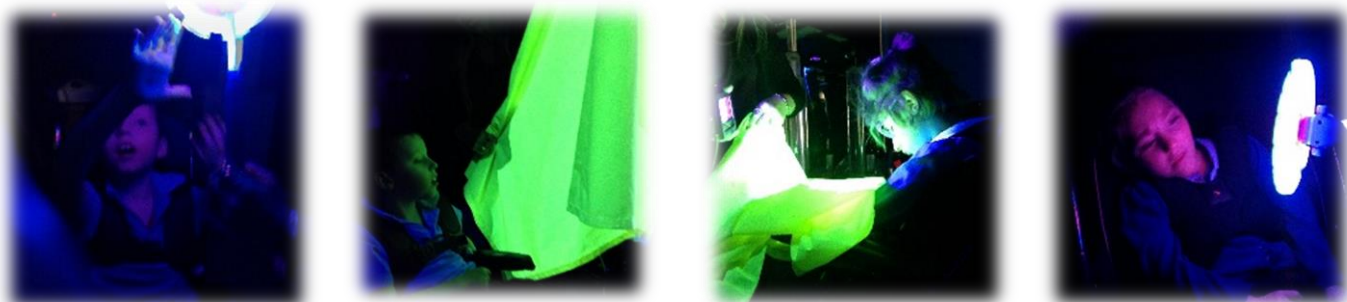
News from Spring Cluster

Yellow Class

Another really busy week in Yellow Class, we have carried on exploring our topic Enviroment and this time we have built our own house by selecting our choice materials like they do in 'The Three Little Pigs' story. Some of them decided to just use one material and some used a bit of everything. We started the week by representing it in an art way where pupils selected their representation of brick, straw and sticks in paper and created some amazing art houses. Then we used real materials for a more realistic experience to build our houses and try to blow them down like the wolf does.



VI was also popular and a favourite in Yellow Class, the children have developed their visual skills by tracking, reaching and interacting with some fantastic light toys. We would like to give a special mention to Oliver who has been doing amazing with his hand and visual coordination as you can see in the photos.



We have also worked hard on our phonics, specifically the ones in our sensory story which are S and H. A big mention to Francesca as she has been vocalising them amazingly and even saying some of the full words. PE and Dance with Gina have also been highlights this week and some of our children are doing amazing at rolling every size of balls with either one hand or both. We finished the week by cooking some amazing cornflake cakes on our sensology and sensory cooking lessons.



News from Spring Cluster



Finally, we would like to give a special mention to Habibou who has been doing amazing work with his communication book. He has been showing great understanding of it and has interacted really well with all of us but especially our OT Lynn.



Have a wonderful weekend!

Gal, Sally, Emma, Katia and Kerry Ann



News from Summer Cluster

Pink Class



A slightly shorter week but still a nice busy one. The weather hasn't been quite what we like to see in May and so our time in the garden has been more limited, but we have still managed to stay lovely and active. There has of course been our weekly swim, a firm favourite with all. Sensory Circuits is an additional challenge for us and sometimes requires quite a bit of bravery to explore different equipment. That being said we are so proud of how well Pink Class have engaged with Sensory Circuit equipment this week.



The sensory swing and the trampette are usually popular but the wobble board can be a bit daunting. This week everyone was able to stand and wobble with more independence than before which is great.

It is also a great time to work on our communication; using topic boards and symbols to make choices about which equipment to explore. It was especially nice this week when some of us used symbols to describe our feelings and opinions on the sensory circuits.



We have also had the PE coaches helping to keep us active with Molly helping some of us work on our ball skills and we all love our weekly dance session with Gina.



Our new stories on the resonance board are becoming more and more popular as we get more familiar with them. This week the London's Burning song with the added switch work was enjoyed by everyone. We took it in turns using a touch pad switch to 'light the fire'. Although some of us found it very funny indeed to turn the fire on and off to stop start the singing.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

*Take care, Tor, Siobhan, Maria, Sue, Liza,
Norah, Felicity, Sarah and Daniel*



News from Summer Cluster

Blue Class

Good afternoon all and welcome to the end of another busy week. We've had great success dodging the thunderstorms as a class group over the past few days and have been outside every single playtime but one. Let's hope our next bank holiday has better luck!

Pupils have loved our new class book this week as we have started reading 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. During our first read through, pupils lapped up the opportunity to dress up just like the smartest giant with a smart shirt, shoes, belt

and tie! What a shame he

gave away all his smart clothes. Sadly we don't own a real gold crown like the giant at the end of the story, but hey - perhaps one day!



In maths we have been thinking about measurement and weight. In our first session, pupils explored heavy and light objects then put their understanding into practice comparing cups of rice using scales. All pupils were able to identify which object was heaviest with different levels of support and some began to order several different cups.



We had a blast with our Tuesday session for some pupils and achieved well with Wednesday P.E. In sensory play we constructed buildings for a town just like in the smartest giant and topic has seen us continuing our work on different weathers and seasons.



Have a brilliant weekend and we will see you all again soon,



*From Richard, Lynette, Kia, Sarah, Teresa, Ellie and Helen,
~ The Blue Class Team*



News from Summer Cluster

Purple Class

This week has simply whizzed past with the 'little' help of a Bank Holiday Monday and Leah has been a little confused with her days. No problem though as students have been quick to rectify her mistakes, particularly Josh who has been 'on the ball' and reminded her throughout the week of her mistakes when saying the wrong day and part of the day! Thanks Josh – 'Pheww'.

The Enterprise Group have continued to take a break from an enterprise project in order to focus on working independently to create a simple snack, this week making scrambled egg. We all agree it's fairly easy to make but it does make a mess of the pan! It was also nice to ease restrictions a little as we are not cooking for others, but we still remembered our usual hygiene rules. The Communication Group are showing real progress with their identification of common signs in the environment too!

For our topic about 'The Environment' we looked at pictures of significant landmarks around the UK such as Stonehenge, The Angel of the North, Blackpool Tower, famous castles and palaces etc. and of course famous London landmarks like Nelson's Column, Big Ben and The London Eye. We then used Google Earth to look at different areas and we even found some of our homes! Students have been thinking about a special end of year trip as hopefully restrictions will lift and we all deserve a lovely treat after our hard work!

Another focus this week has been on 'Anti-Bullying Week' and we discussed how people can feel very hurt by so many different forms of unkindness. We all contributed something nice to say to help put 'Bob the poster' back together who had been torn apart by unkind things. Luckily, he is back together but still a little tattered by his unkind experience so we will all hopefully make an extra effort to be kind.

This week Brandon chose Friday lunch – chicken wraps with potato wedges and salad. Students helped decide what ingredients we need and Hannah, Matthew and Roberto found the ingredient pictures to create a class shopping list. The AoPE Group (Award of Personal Effectiveness) have continued to work together on their project completing 'mind maps' – more to reveal later! Students have continued with their individual targets such as blending phonics, questions and answers and typing emails etc. A particular well-done to Hannah who is making great effort in her communication with others. Oh and also some maths! It has been lovely to witness the great relationships between staff and students and this week Matthew initiated a great big hug with our Mary – Bless!

We had a great session at OXSRAD. Jakob and Iqra were great at their first spinning class and this week the girls beat the boys at a game of Boccia in the OXSRAD Hall. Students have obviously gained skills from their sessions back at school! Chan improvised with some dance moves to a slow track and we will work on producing a video to show you!



News from Summer Cluster

Finally, it was also great to be able to return this week to our popular 'Wheels4All' venue and it was Jakob's and Iqra's first time once again! We hope they enjoyed the experience. All the students loved being out on the track in the sunshine and fresh air. Meanwhile, Brandon, Kayah, Sam, Ben and Josh stayed at school to help with the preparations and cook our Friday lunch – delicious! Students have created some fabulous posters for Anti-Bullying to be placed around school and we are starting to understand the importance that, as the older students we are role models for others. Students made sure to all muck in and complete all the jobs knowing that Friday afternoon we could have some more fun with our friends!

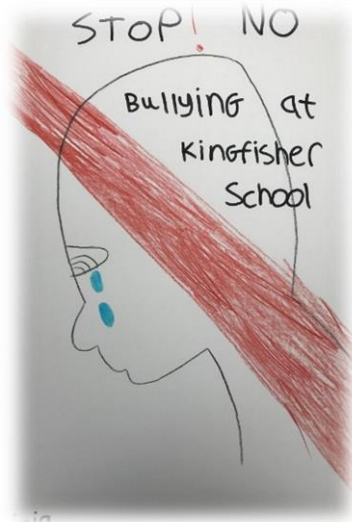
Happy weekend everyone!

Purple Class – Leah, Mary, Dawn, Gill, Sian, & Julie





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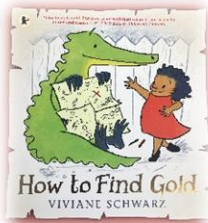




News from Autumn Cluster

Orange Class

We have continued our topic work this week. We have been looking at maps and plans, thinking about how they can be useful to help us find our way around. Some children were able to use a plan of Orange Class to find some small bits of 'treasure' that were hidden around the room. Next, we looked at a satellite image of Kingfisher School on Google maps and noticed different parts that we recognised, like the school field and the swimming pool. As we zoomed out, we noticed the area around school, with roads, roundabouts and other buildings.



Our new story this week is called '*How to Find Gold*'. Anna and Crocodile want to find some gold, and when they do find some, they bury it safely and make a map so that they can find it again. We have made our own treasure maps where **X** marks the spot where our treasure is buried. We made our maps look old by staining the paper with tea before drawing on the details.



Have a lovely weekend,

Rachael, Tracy, Caitlin, Beccie and Ellie



News from Autumn Cluster

Gold Class

Pupils in Gold Class have been learning about snails this week after caring for our Giant African Snails, Snelly and Tim. The larger snail, Snelly, seems quite inquisitive and is often moving around the tank but little Tim is much more shy. At the beginning of the lesson pupils only knew a few facts about snails, but by the end of the session they knew lots of information.

In science this week another investigation was carried out. This time we wanted to find out which type of paper was going to be the strongest to wrap a parcel securely. They all made a prediction first and then worked together to perform a test. As you can see in the photos there was lots of great teamwork going on!



There has been some brilliant writing this week both in Read write Inc sessions and in a class literacy lesson. There were brilliant ideas and lovely use of interesting adjectives to describe the characters. All pupils are really developing use of language and sentence structure.

They have also been using O.S maps and getting to know some of the symbols for different features and attractions this week. They have gone on to draw a plan of Gold Class including all of the main features within the room. Great work Gold Class!

I have asked pupils to read at home each week and record this in their reading record. I would appreciate it if you could encourage this and support them to do this several times a week. A few students sometimes bring mobile phones to school and so we will be asking them to lock these away in the classroom for safety during the school day and they must make sure that they have retrieved them at home time please.

Have a lovely weekend,

From Maria, Tess, Julie, Esther and Brittany



News from Autumn Cluster

Red Class

I do hope that you all had a good bank holiday and that the weather didn't spoil all of your plans. We have been very lucky that all of our outside lessons and activities have been in the dry spells.

Thank you for all of your recycling contributions, we have really enjoyed making lots of buildings with them. Our next project is to make some roads and streets to add the buildings to.

In maths this week, we have been learning all about adding and subtracting and some of the children have even been looking at tricky word problems to solve. Leythan has been setting a good example of using the posters on our maths display to help with his learning and when we told his classmates what he was doing, they have been trying to use his ideas too. Holly made Tess proud with her addition work on Thursday – what a star. Alex blew us away when he read some of the tricky vocabulary for maths, using his sound buttons and blending skills.

David has been a superstar in phonics and has earned over 20 certificates this week from his phonics App. We are so proud of you David, keep up the good work. Richard and Camron have been spotting exciting links in our reading and story talk, which has also made us very proud. Charlie, Lewis and Henry have been playing a phonics version of snakes and ladders with sounds instead of numbers. They are very competitive and have all asked if they can have a copy of the game to take home for homework, which really impressed us.

In Guided Reading Seb and Isabel worked very hard with Laura, Seb came and read his book to me as well – a whole book! Then he asked to join my reading group and helped the children read another book – what a clever boy he has been this week.

I think the best part of the week has been celebrating Isabel and Laura's birthdays. We have had 2 parties this week and it was really special when Lorraine Wilson came to join us for some chocolate cake.



Have a great weekend.

Lorna, Nicola, Laura, Pauline and Jo



News from Winter Cluster

Silver Class

Hello everyone, this week in Silver class we have been learning about Towns and our new sensory book is 'The Smartest Giant in Town' by Julia Donaldson.

The plants we planted last week have started to grow nicely, we hope you got to taste the cress the children brought home. This week we have looked at the different parts of a plant, we all had a lovely walk in our school sensory garden, looking at the lovely flowers and plants growing. The children also got to smell some of the herbs that are growing.

In Numeracy we have been learning about capacity, the children have looked at things that are empty and full, which included a lot of water.

In Art we continue with our junk models, we also made giraffe pictures using finger printing and sticking.



All of the children have worked really hard this week especially in phonics where we have started to look at new sounds.

We have all enjoyed our outdoor play, taking turns on the slide, gloop and washing our toy dolls clothes and hanging them to dry.



News from Winter Cluster



We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Leann, Tina, Ellie, Zoe and Brittany



News from Winter Cluster

White Class

Happy Friday everyone!

We have started our new book, 'The smartest Giant in town'. The children have loved listening to this story, looking at all the different animals in the book and exploring the different story props, especially the giants crown. We have been looking at pictures from the story and creating sentences using symbols, e.g. the giraffe is wearing a scarf. During mark making we have been designing our own odd socks for the giant to wear. In maths, we have been learning about full and empty, filling and emptying water with jugs and playing with water guns (they have also been getting pretty good at aiming the water guns at us). We have also been looking at big and small objects and comparing them. Within Phonics we have been working on the letter G and we have also been identifying instruments and environmental sounds.

In art we have been creating our own towns through junk modelling. The children absolutely loved this. In cooking lessons this week, we grated cheese onto pasta, to make cheesy pasta, they students are getting more confident using the graters. In topic we have been looking at weather, and what clothes we should wear when it is hot or rainy. Within PE, we have been doing a sensory circuit every morning, in swimming lessons we have been completing tasks such as the fastest student to collect all the toys in the pool, and the fastest swimmer, the student that can float of their back for the longest period of time, it's been great fun!

We hope you have a great weekend!

Jemma, Katie, Ali, Niki, Ellie and Christina





News from Winter Cluster

Black Class

Happy Friday everyone! Hope you all had a lovely bank holiday weekend. Black class have come back raring to go and have been working hard this week.

We have started our new story “the smartest giant in town” as part of our new topic, towns and villages. We have been getting into character and using role play to retell the story. We have also been exploring towns and villages through sensory play. The children enjoyed role play in our pretend clothes shop, especially trying on fancy dress and looking at themselves in the mirror.

In cooking this week, we continued to practice using a grater. We followed visual instructions to make pasta with grated cheese. This was one of our most popular cooking sessions. We all enjoyed tasting the final outcome and there was no waste.

I would like to make a special mention for everyone this week for their brilliant work in phonics. We have seen so much progress over the last term and everyone is working hard to meet their targets.

Fortunately for black class we have lots of birthdays this half term and we had a special party for Michael. We ate lots of cake and did lots of dancing to finish of our week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Katie, Amelia, Olivia, Teresa and Brittany

