

Dear Parents and Carers

We have certainly enjoyed seeing pupils and staff again after the summer break, some pupils and staff have moved classes, so new friendships are already being formed. We have also welcomed new pupils and staff to our school too. Everyone seems to have settled in really well and the summer holidays already seem like a distant memory.

Our pupils have already been out and about in the community, some for organised sessions such as OXRAD and working within our Multi Academy Trust across at Fitzwaryn School in Wantage, whilst others have made the most of the last of the summer sun. Could you please return the 'out and about' letter so that your child doesn't miss out on leaving the school site with their peers.

We will, once again this year, be supporting local, national and worldwide charities.

We aim to hold a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 27th September, more details to follow next week.

**WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE MORNING**

Dates for your Diary

Term dates were sent out last week

Monday 30th September INSET-Staff only day

Friday 27th September Macmillan Coffee Morning

Have a lovely 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 hope you have all had a great summer and you have all enjoyed spending time with your families and friends during the break. It has been lovely seeing the children back to school this week and getting to know our lovely new students. We are all very happy as Mia, Diesel, Ada and Kaylem have joined us this year and we would definitely like to warmly welcome the new children and the new members of staff into our Class. Green Class students have settled back to the school routine brilliantly and have enjoyed interacting with each other and making new friends. Our topic for this term will be 'Knowing me, knowing you' and we are all excited to get to know each other very well and learn new things about ourselves as well.

Although we have been back to school only for a few days, our students have already done so many things and have been enjoying taking part in different activities. We started this week with a great P.E session in the big hall where all the children had lots of fun rolling forward and backwards onto the mats, stretching themselves and practising their skills on the steps. The highlight of our session was definitely our Parachute games. Green class students loved going under the parachute and really enjoyed listening to our 'rainbow song'. On Tuesday morning, we joined our friends from Pink Class and we had a great time meeting each other and participating in the Resonance board sessions. We had lots of tapping and smiling during our sessions and all the children were brilliant.

In Arts this week, the children have started painting and decorating their personal 'birthday cupcakes' and we are all excited to see them on our 'Birthday display board'. Max the dog came to visit us on Wednesday afternoon and the children were very excited to see him after the summer holidays. Green Class always enjoys singing and especially listening to Music Steve singing and playing his guitar. Music Steve was very excited to see the children after this long break and gave a big handshake to each one. We all had a great time playing with the musical instruments and singing altogether.





News from Spring Cluster



Have a lovely weekend and we are all looking forward to seeing you on Monday.

Anna, Kim, Hannah, Lorna and Jackie



News from Spring Cluster

Yellow Class

Yellow class have had a wonderful start to the new school year. It was lovely to see all of the children back with big smiles, pleased to see their friends!

We have had lots of fun already. Using our senses to explore and learning about our body parts for our topic 'Knowing me knowing you'. We have been standing in our frames, enjoying Tacpac, swimming, using the resonance board and lots of other fun activities.

We welcomed two new members of our class, Willow and Isla, who had visits to Yellow class and a new member of staff Emma.

We are all excited about the new school year and looking forward to seeing all of our children learning new skills and having fun.



Helen, Siobhan Yvonne, Sally, Kerryann, Amanda, Emma and Hannah



News from Summer Cluster

Pink Class

What a great start to the term. We couldn't be prouder of Pink Class pupils, old and new. Everyone arrived last Wednesday ready to go. It was lovely to see everyone happy to be back. The students took the new room, staff and pupils very much in their stride. We are loving the extra space in our new room and our garden and are currently hoping for an Indian Summer so we can make the most of it before it gets too chilly. This term our theme is broadly around looking at ourselves as individuals and being part of a team within the class and wider school.

We have been enjoying lots of familiar routines so far to get us settled back in. Our morning routine continues to be a great opportunity for everyone interact. In fact we have had a busy week focusing on communication with lots of opportunity for Resonance Board, Eye Gaze, Attention Buckets and more. We have also been doing lots of art work so that our new class will soon feel ours.

Green Class pupils joined us on Tuesday morning which was a lovely opportunity to interact with different pupils and staff and gave some of us the opportunity to work with people we have been used to.

Looking forward to building on such a great start to the term.



Tor, Juliette, Maria, Sue, Liza, Norah, Janet and Daniel



News from Summer Cluster

Blue Class

It's been a really wonderful start to the new term with everyone settling in again and getting set for a great year in Blue class! As well as getting used to a new classroom, new staff and some new routines, the students have also been getting to know their new classmates and I think they have all done amazingly well.

In addition to all of this we have been walking, swimming, cycling and doing class work for our new topic where we are thinking about 'Life now and in the future'. We have also made a start on collecting various twigs and leaves which we will use to create some Autumn themed artwork.. (Watch this space!)

But possibly the most popular so far has been the "construct a traffic light jelly trifle" challenge where everyone really got stuck in and also enjoyed eating the evidence!



Have a great week-end

Sean, Esther, Pauline, Matt and Sarah



News from Summer Cluster

Purple Class

We have had a great start to the new academic year in Purple. After a relaxed few days settling back in and welcoming our new students, we have started to get used to our timetable and all the different activities as well as attempt our differentiated tasks. Monday, we shared our news and got into groups to focus on individual Literacy and Numeracy tasks, finishing the day with a swim in the afternoon. Students will now be alternating in their groups each week to have their Literacy session in the Library.

On Tuesday, a group of students attended the Enterprise Project at Fitzwaryn. They were busy helping to clear the veg gardens and raised beds and came back to school with a big bunch of rhubarb which we are going to use for rhubarb crumble! The other students will be forming a group to complete an enterprise activity back at school starting with *Soup Day* for staff. Ben completed a survey by himself and we found that the most popular soup choice was *Tomato and Basil*. Luckily, we still have some Basil plants from last year which Student Centre grew. Our topic this week has been the time of year and thinking about all the changes in Autumn as well as learning more about Harvest Festival. It was good that we could look at our own produce grown at Fitzwaryn. Student Centre has started a Harvest Festival donated food collection which we will take to the local church to be shared out.

On Wednesday Chan chose this week's Friday lunch – Burger & Chips. Last week Ben chose Spaghetti Bolognese with garlic bread. We worked out what we will need to make home made burgers and chips and made a symbol shopping list. A group of students visited the Library to return some books that were overdue and choose some different ones for class. In the afternoon students used Autumn coloured pastels to create some beautiful Autumn leaves which will border our class display – *watch this space!*

At Oxrad the spinning group lasted the whole session! A particular well done to Robbie as this was his first go and Alicia for lasting till the end! We also played some games in the hall and had a group game of giant skittles. Ceri really enjoyed her first visit to Oxrad! Some students have really come on with their ball catching skills! Chan, Brandon, Mya, Matthew and Kayah shopped at Tesco for Friday's lunch ingredients whilst Harry, Sam and Robbie helped to start clear up our outside area for our new outside area plan. Ben was a star and created new resources for class! Josh really enjoyed '*Music with Steve*' this week and joined in with all the songs. Finally, Friday has arrived and once again the class will split into groups – some students will cook the lunch this week and the other group will try cycling with '*Wheels4All*'. Football club and Friday Social and Leisure Club to end the day – lovely!

Happy Weekend everyone!

From Purple Class – Leah, Mary, Dawn, Sarah, Sian, Lynette & Julie



News from Summer Cluster





News from Autumn Cluster

Orange Class

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new school year. My name is Maria and I am the new Orange Class. I am delighted to be part of the team here at Kingfisher School.

We have made a fantastic start to the new term! As the new class teacher, I have really enjoyed getting to know the children and our team.

Our routine in the morning involves the ball pool, which is always a pleasant way to begin the day and has proved very popular. This week we have been working on a topic 'All about me.' We have had fun singing songs like 'Head, shoulders, knees and toes,' which we sing slowly and as fast as we could. Then we drew around each child and they drew clothes and faces on their life size picture and labelled them.

We have done lots of counting in different ways and recognising and ordering numbers. Some children loved getting messy while searching for numbers in jelly or flour!

Our sensory story this week is - 'We're going on a bear hunt.' So we have felt and touched water, mud, trees and we are getting really good at joining in with some of the repetitive phrases. Using our hands, we have done threading to give a teddy bear some fur and we have used finger puppets to role play the story.

We have also been nice and active with P.E in the hall on Monday, gymnastics on Wednesday and swimming on Thursday. I am really impressed by the confidence in the water and the swimming skills.

Have a lovely weekend,

Maria and the Orange Class Team





News from Autumn Cluster

Red Class

Welcome to a new year in Red Class! Everyone has settled in really well and started making friends, and it's been especially lovely to welcome Charlie, Lewis and Leythan to the school.

After an introductory period of activities focusing on "About Me" and us as a team, we are now just beginning our term topic of the Romans. We are learning about forces in science, and had a fun lesson yesterday sorting things that worked by either pushing or pulling. Also on Wednesday we met the PE coaches who will be teaching us gymnastics this term.

Reading books have now been given out for all the children to share with you at home. We will change these in school once a week. Extracurricular activities like football club and choir will also be starting up in the next few days. If you would like your child to have a morning snack before playtime each day you are welcome to send in a piece of fruit or similar for them. Have a good weekend!

Katherine, Nicola, Laura, Pauline, and Ellie





News from Autumn Cluster

Gold Class

Welcome back everybody, we trust you have had a brilliant summer and are ready to get cracking for the new term.

This week we have kicked things off with a bang, taking our students out to Wittenham Clumps for some den building and kick starting all of our lessons for our new topic 'The Romans' ('We are a team').

In literacy we have worked on writing about ourselves, talking about our strengths and abilities. We used this to write a job application and even attended a job interview with some mean staff at the end of the week!



Maths has seen us working on place value with a refresher on reading numbers to 2, 3, or 6 digits and even some work on multiplying by 10 and 100 for our high flyers.

In between all of this we have kept ourselves busy with some work drawing half-portraits, mosaic creation, new reading books, Roman inventions in topic and even gymnastics and P.E.

We hope you have a fantastic weekend and we look forwards to seeing you on Monday.

Richard, Katie, Julie, Marie and Lorna!

~ The Gold Class Crew

Homework

Please can you test your children on turning 3, 4 or 5 digit numbers into words and back again as this is a skill that relies on their understanding of place value.



News from Winter Cluster

Silver Class

Firstly we would like to say a big welcome back to all the children in Silver class, both old and new. We hope you had a lovely holidays and enjoyed spending lots of time together. The children have settled in very well to their class and are joining in well with all the daily routines....our favourites are OT baskets and attention bucket.

Our sensory story this week has been the gingerbread man. We loved mixing the ginger, swishing the foxes tail and exploring the different animals.



In numeracy we have been exploring number. We loved the 5 little ducks song as well as 5 speckled frogs and have done really well matching and counting out amounts to 5.





News from Winter Cluster

We have also been working very hard on our communication skills: communicating what we would like for snack, what colour glitter we would like to use in art, which toppings we want on our sandwich and which hair dresser items we want to use.



We also did very well on our first trip out to the post box. We all walked carefully on the pavement and waited when we needed to cross. We were all keen to post our letters.



We are so proud of how well the children have settled in and how hard they are working. Well done Silver Class!

We hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Charlotte, Tina, Zoe and Leann



News from Winter Cluster

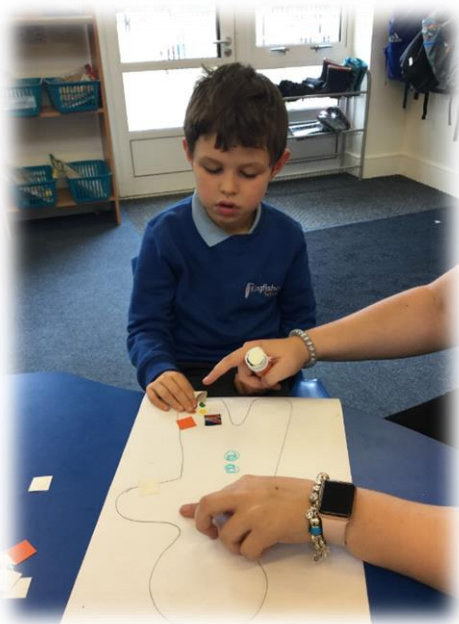
White Class

Let me send a big, warm welcome to White Class and their families as we begin a new school year! A new year – with a new teacher. My name is Rachael and I'm so pleased to join the team here at Kingfisher. It has been important for all of us to spend time getting to know one another this week.

The children in White Class have made a great start with a busy week of learning. We have enjoyed getting back in the pool for our first swimming lessons and I think everyone was excited to see Music Steve, joining in with his songs and moving to the music. We have started to establish our new weekly routine which includes trips to the ball pool and light room, as well as gymnastics in the hall.

In Literacy we have shared a sensory story and listened to a range of different sounds that were long, short, loud or soft. Some of us loved joining in with '5 currant buns in a baker's shop', as well as sorting shapes and matching numbers. How lucky that the weather is still fairly warm with some sunny days – we are making the most of our outside time too!

Have a lovely weekend and we will see you next week ...



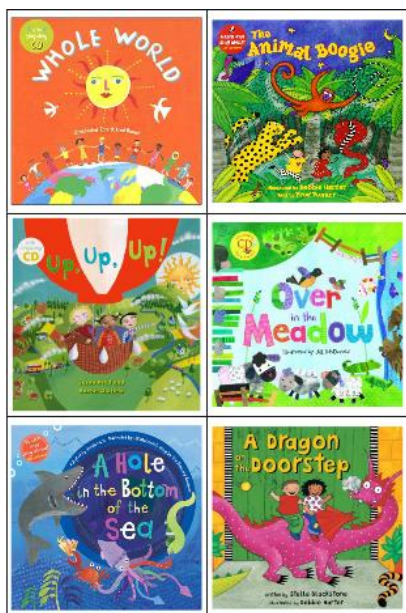
Rachael, Jill, Niki, Charlotte and Abigail.



News from Winter Cluster

Black Class

Our first full week back is coming to an end and what a week it has been! We have had lots of fun getting to know each other in Black Class and are very impressed with how quickly everyone has settled into their new class routine. The children have been working very hard on their communication this week and have been practicing making requests for their favourite toys, songs and equipment.



Cooking was definitely a highlight this week with lots of sensory explorations of vegetables. We were very impressed when Alexa was keen to touch some of the ingredients.

Swimming has been another highlight. Our swimming teacher was very impressed with the progress from summer. Our guess is lots of outdoor swimming in the holidays!

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to a much sunnier week next week!

Katie, Olivia, Ali, Teresa, Helen and Lynette