

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a fantastic week topped off with the Macmillan Coffee Morning today. Parents and carers, family and friends came in to support us. At first count, we have raised in excess of £170. Thank you to everyone who supported this event, by making cakes, buying and eating the cakes or providing donations.



WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT



Flu vaccinations

As outlined in last week's Newsletter, the School Health Nurses have provided us with a series of information sheets they want us to share with parents. The second one of these can be found in the Community section at the end of this Newsletter - please can you read through this information. You should have received a separate letter home this week from the Immunisation Team Leader – if you did not receive this, please contact the school office who can send another copy home.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 30th September

INSET-Staff only day

Wednesday 9th October

Parent Consultations

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

Green Class have had another wonderful week. The children enjoyed taking part in different sensory activities, playing and interacting with each other.

The sensory story for this term will be 'all about myself' and our students have already started exploring all the different props and showing great anticipation during the story. The children really enjoyed tapping the drum, going under the blanket, kicking the football and pressing the button to operate the switch toy independently. We all had great fun and it was lovely to see our students being very excited and ready to explore all the different items and props. We have also started exploring different sounds, textures, scents and tastes during our Sensology sessions for this term. During our session this week the children enjoyed touching the soft feathers, smelling the gold bath bomb and tasting some honey from Crete. Once again, we had some great facial expressions and smiles from the children.

In Art activities this week, our students made some great choices between different paint colours and they did some great patterns on white card using different items and tools. The children were great at using the tools with minimal adult support or independently. On Thursday morning, Music Steve made us smile and made us dance as well. The children had a great time clapping and moving to the beat as Music Steve was singing his special songs to us. During our Gymnastics session, this week the children loved bouncing up and down on the bouncy balls and playing games with our friends from Yellow Class.





News from Spring Cluster



We hope you all have a great weekend,

Anna, Kim, Amanda, Hannah, Julia, Lorna and Jackie



News from Spring Cluster

Yellow Class

We have been learning about our ears and exploring and making lots of noise. We enjoyed tipping the pasta and rice onto a drum, it sounded very like the rain that was pouring outside.

We have worked hard on our physio and standing this week in class, during rebound and with the therapists.

We enjoyed blowing bubbles and are getting good at practicing all the things that we can 'do all by ourselves' in our story 'All by Myself'.

We welcomed Alessandra the latest member of Yellow class.

We made cake pictures in art for our Macmillan Coffee morning – what a lovely way to end the week raising money and eating cake!



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



News from Summer Cluster

Pink Class

Pink Class have all been great communicators this week. Everyone using their preferred methods has been making choices about lots of different things. We have been choosing what toys to play with, how we want to complete art work, what we would like to eat and how to use the resonance board. Not surprisingly most students wanted us to play the resonance board 'fast' not 'slow', 'loud' and not 'quiet' but most of all everyone wanted to make a mess by putting something sensory on the board.

Our Eye Gaze work has been a real highlight this week. For the students that use this technology it is a part of their curriculum every week but this week it seems everyone wanted to show off their skills by using it more, for longer and in different ways. Well done to all those students.

Our room is now starting to feel a little more like home. As part of our topic we have been exploring our portraits and have started to display some of our work. It has been fantastic to see how proud the students have been of their work.



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



News from Summer Cluster

Blue Class

We took advantage of the sunny/warm weather with a lovely walk in nature at Wittenham Clumps. We looked at the different kinds of trees and the variety of colours of leaves beginning to fall. This should help us with our autumn art work.

We also worked on our spreading, cutting, chopping and grating skills during cookery this week. We all created a bespoke sandwich with a range of yummy fillings.

In our topic lesson we worked on colouring our birthday cake pictures and cutting out those tricky candles for the top!

Everyone had a great time at OXSRAD too. After our initial warm up, some of us went off for a busy spin session and the rest of us remained in the large hall and enjoyed an exciting game of skittles.



Have a great week-end

Sean, Esther, Pauline, Matt and Sarah



News from Summer Cluster

Purple Class

This week many of Purple students have had one thing on their mind! We have all waited eagerly for Friday to arrive hoping that the rain would hold off. Some students have learnt how to sign 'fair' and Harry has been able to sign 'I'm going to the fair'.

Students are doing well in their literacy groups on Mondays and helping each other to think of words beginning with different letters and sound out the words. They have put their skills to good use throughout the week and have helped their teachers with spellings on many occasions! Particularly with the shopping list for Friday lunch. Some students are keeping a booklet of new difficult words to learn.

The Enterprise group at Fitzwaryn had an indoor activity this week due to the bad weather and focussed on Autumn. Students back at school enjoyed interactive stories focussing on everyday life with sensory objects to explore. We completed our topic on Harvest and have finished pieces this week to complete our class display. Josh was definitely the master of the online Harvest Quiz!!

Meal prep focussed on preparing a picnic lunch which we made and had in the common room on Friday before leaving for the fair! We enjoyed a brisk walk in the fresh air around Tilsley Park and shopped at Budgens for some cakes and decorations which students decorated and donated to the Macmillan Coffee morning.

Thursday, we visited OXSRAD as usual where some students continued spinning and others joined in with the giant skittles. In the afternoon, Alicia, Ben, Harry, Brandon and Kayah shopped at Tesco for our Friday lunch, whilst other students enjoyed a session with 'music Steve'. Sam has worked hard with Leah to create his own book about friends.

Finally, the moment we have all been waiting for! Friday fun at Wallingford fair!! And with the help of the kind fair men Ceri got to enjoy some rides too! Awesome. Photos next week!

Happy weekend everyone!

Purple Class - Leah, Mary, Dawn, Sian, Sarah, Lynette & Julie





News from Summer Cluster





News from Autumn Cluster

Orange Class

We have had an action packed week in Orange Class. Our story this week, *From Head To Toe*, has involved learning about different animals and doing lots of fun actions to the story and the song. We can walk like a penguin, thump our chests like a gorilla and stomp like an elephant. We have played with lots of the toy animals for role play and shared games such as picture matching cards.

Orange Class love being active and so have really enjoyed P.E this week. We all participated in tennis, which was great fun, but tricky to hit the ball with a tennis racket for some of us. Others can already drop a tennis ball and hit it over the net!



In gymnastics, the Coach is helping us develop our core strength with various fun activities. We enjoy doing log rolls and pulling ourselves up on the bench and have had great fun playing catch.

On Thursday we had a visit from Leo the cat.

Just a reminder: don't forget to log on to register children for flu vaccinations as in the letter sent home.

Have a great weekend,

Maria, Nina, Scarlet, Tracey and Ellie





News from Autumn Cluster

Red Class

It was really lovely to see lots of you at our Macmillan Coffee Morning! The children have been really excited about this, particularly about the baking we did in preparation – there was lots of great teamwork and independence shown during the cooking session.

In literacy this week we continued working on letters, this time using our imagination to pretend that we were a fictional character writing to another character. In maths we have been practicing our multiplication and division skills, and in science we thought about the wind, and made wind socks so that we could see the wind's direction and strength.

We also had our first group of the year visiting the allotment this week on Wednesday, where they did some digging and harvesting, bringing back some tomatoes and squashes to show everyone!

Katherine, Nicola, Laura, Pauline, and Ellie

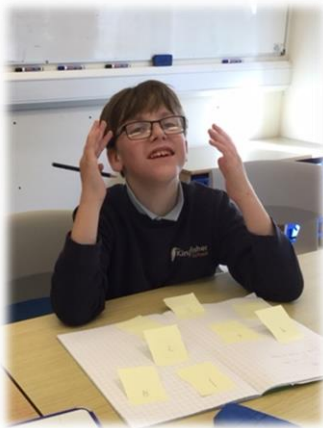




News from Autumn Cluster

Gold Class

Happy Friday, we trust work has been treating you well this week and I hope you are invigorated for your weekend – or perhaps simply glad for one! We have had a positive week. Gold pupils have continued helping out in a variety of classes around the school and this has proven very successful for all parties. In literacy we have been writing our own formal and informal letters following on from our analysis last week. Maths has seen us continuing our work on number bonds as well as looking at some column addition and subtraction. All pupils have aced it with some pupils progressing to adding two digit numbers using place value (no carrying) and others both adding and subtracting 3 and 4 digit numbers using both borrowing and carrying!



We have worked hard on our topic and over these past two weeks have investigated Roman Gods, food, clothing, architecture, villas and inventions.

Aside from this we have also been cooking, swimming, playing tennis, helping at the allotment, practicing gymnastics and even collecting 'King Alfred's Cakes' out and about ready for some future bush craft. Busy for sure! Have a great weekend and we look forwards to seeing you all on Monday.



Homework

As we are now writing our letters up in neat, please continue to work with your children on letters this week, would Aunty Ethel appreciate a friendly note? In maths, we have continued our work on quickfire number bonds (extending to 20 for some pupils). It would be highly beneficial if you could test your child on these (You shout 6, they shout back 4 to create a number bond to 10). They have all shown that they are snappy at this and can manage a little bit of pace!

From Richard, Katie, Julie, Marie, Yvonne, Sarah and Lorna!

~ The Gold Class Crew



News from Winter Cluster

Silver Class

We've all had a lovely week in Silver Class. The children have continued to work hard and are becoming much more interested and focussed on different activities. We would also like to welcome our new class member 'Yaya' to Silver Class, who has settled in really well this week.

We have started our new sensory story....'From head to toe'. We enjoyed listening to the song and joining in with some of the actions. We also had fun playing with small world animals and animal puppets as well as naming animals and matching animal symbols and pictures. We also had some messy fun mark making in gloop.



In numeracy we thought about shape this week. We loved watching flour and glitter being poured on shapes and seeing what happened when we lifted up the shape. We have been busy doing lots of shape puzzles and shape matching as well as naming some key shapes.



News from Winter Cluster

As always, we have continued to work hard on our communication skills. We also had fun communicating whether we wanted more 'trampoline' or 'slide' and commenting on our bubble activities. We loved choosing the coloured paint we wanted to use to dip the car wheels in and drive on the paper.



We continued with our weekly trips and this time went to Waitrose. The children were brilliant at choosing what they wanted and waiting for their turn in the queue.



We hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Charlotte, Tina, Zoe and Leann



News from Winter Cluster

White Class

We have had some wet days this week – but White Class doesn't seem to mind! Apologies for the soggy shoes and clothes, but we have enjoyed splashing in puddles and being outdoors even though it is wet!

This week we would like to tell you all about our gymnastics sessions. White Class has a lesson every Wednesday in the big hall with coaches who come in to teach us. There is a course set up for the children to follow, designed to improve their balance and co-ordination whilst working on core strength and gross motor skills. The favourite activities are balancing along the benches and doing "1, 2, 3 ...jump!" off various bits of equipment. Hanging upside down is also very popular 😊 Some children are becoming really confident at completing a circuit; others are building their confidence week by week. We can also practise putting our socks and shoes back on after the activities.



Have a lovely weekend,

Rachael, Jill, Niki and Charlotte



News from Winter Cluster

Black Class

We have had a great week in Black Class, despite a lot of wet playtime! We have been particularly proud in communication group this week. The children practiced making sentences including a noun and a verb. E.g. I want Katie to run. The children found it hilarious when I was out of breath from all of the running requests!

We also had lots of fun making toast on Monday. We explored different spreads including marmite, honey and jam using our senses. The pupils then used communication boards to request what they would like. Jam and butter seemed to be the most popular choice, with marmite being the least!

In topic this week, we explored ways to look after ourselves. This involved lots of face/hand washing and hair brushing. Liam had great fun brushing and styling the dolls hair.



In PE, we did gymnastics and practiced balancing. Our warm up involved hopping and jumping. We practiced balancing on benches, with one leg in the air which was very tricky! With a little encouragement the children rose to the challenge!

All in all, a fantastic week with lots of progress and achievements. We are looking forward to the next!

Katie, Olivia, Ali, Teresa, Helen and Lynette

Community Links

Week 2

Flu vaccination

We will be coming in to school on 16th October 2019 to deliver the flu vaccination.

Some children who are at high risk from flu due to one or more medical conditions and can't have the nasal flu vaccine, should have the flu vaccine by injection. Children at high risk are **also offered the flu vaccine each year from their GP**, and you can choose if you would like your child to be vaccinated in school or at your GP surgery. Please contact your GP surgery to arrange for an appointment if you would prefer for them to be seen at their GP Surgery.