

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a great week at Kingfisher. The PFSA met on Monday evening and discussed the various fundraising initiatives that are due to take place and what the funds may be spent on. Andy Kelly and his brother Tom are planning to ride 500 kilometres in 24 hours, with the aim to raise money to assist in the refurbishment of our swimming pool. You may be aware that our pool is used by every pupil in our school and is also hired out in the evenings and at weekends to various swimming clubs in our community. Thank you, Andy for this epic adventure and to all members of the PFSA who tirelessly support us.

We are in the process of setting dates for our 'Big Days Out' next term in order to take our pupils on various trips. We will send individual class letters out in the near future to let you know where your child will be going. There are also opportunities to visit local parks and activity centres in order to build upon our curriculum offer within the classroom. I know that plans are afoot to 'Feed the Ducks' as part of 'Five Little Ducks' topic work.

We are celebrating, I know.....more cake, William's 18th Birthday today, he is very excited and sent out invitations to attend his party. The pupils of Purple Class have supported in making cakes and various other sweet and savoury delights. I look forward to tasting these later.

I hope you have an amazing long Bank Holiday weekend.

Best wishes

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

One more busy and wonderful week has gone very quickly for Green Class. Our students keep working hard and focussing on their ILP targets in and outside the classroom. The nice weather has definitely contributed to that.

Green Class started this week with a lovely P.E session in the Big Hall where the children enjoyed working on their Physical Development ILP targets and playing with the bouncy balls as well. It was great to see our friends from the Trinity Church of Abingdon and Pink Class on Tuesday morning. The children did some great choosing between the 'song cards' that people from Trinity Church of Abingdon have kindly made. During the 'Old MacDonald had a Farm' song, the children were great at choosing their favourite farm animal pictures. Our Art activities this week included a lot of tickling and smiling as the staff supported our students to hold a paintbrush and paint their foot in order to make a 'tractor foot printing'. The children were brilliant at choosing their favourite colour paint and tearing some tissue paper for their tractors wheels as well. We promise to share some photos of our 'Farm display board' as soon as it will be ready.

The Green Class students are getting better and better at exploring the Resonance board as well. During our session this week the children loved watching the 'Farm animals dancing' on the Resonance board as we were all tapping loudly at the same time. The children were also so happy to see Music Steve this week and explore his 'music bag'. We had so much fun playing with the shakers, the tambourine and other exciting musical instruments as Music Steve was singing to us and playing his guitar.





News from Spring Cluster



We hope you have a lovely long weekend and we are looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Anna, Annie, Clare, Jackie, Maria C, Maria J, Pauline and Sue.



News from Spring Cluster

Yellow Class

This week the children really enjoyed participating in our new sensory story “The Three Little Pigs”

A particular favourite was using the fan to blow down the houses that were made from straw and wood! As our topic for this term is “Farm Animals” we had lots of different sized ducks to explore in our treasure basket and some that we were able to push and pull. The children were also busy making some ducks to create a wall display and in two weeks time we are planning a special trip to the park to observe and feed real ducks.

The children have been doing amazing physio work in their swimming sessions. Sienna did fantastic arm and leg movements, Matthew did super standing and Ada did great stretching.



All of the children did fantastic smelling, touching, looking and listening during our sensory cooking. They did fantastic tracking as they watched the flour being sieved and they were happy to feel both warm and cold milk.





News from Spring Cluster

The children have been continuing to work hard with their individual targets. Francesca did super cross legged sitting and Sienna was happy to explore a variety of sensory toys during her physio session.



On Wednesday afternoon some of the children went outside to enjoy a lovely walk around the field and to have a go on the roundabout together.



At home it would be great if you could sing “Old MacDonald” and “Five Little Ducks” to reinforce our topic work over the weekend.

Have a great bank holiday weekend,

Siobhan, Maria, Yvonne, Sally, Kerryann, Amanda and Hannah



News from Summer Cluster

Pink Class

Our topic this term is 'My Music'. This week and next week we will be focusing on Indian Music and using the theme of India across all our learning. We have listened to Indian Music as well as exploring some of the smells and taste of India. In Art and Hand Function lessons we have been making Rangoli patterns using play dough and coloured rice. Our playdough was scented quite strongly with lovely spices which we all enjoyed.

We incorporated our Indian theme into our Atmospheric sessions too and everyone loved dancing under the parachute to the music. It was either that or our new projector that we used. Either way it was great to see everyone expressing their preferences and having fun together.

In Sensory Cooking we are going to explore Kulfi, an Indian Ice Cream. We will let you know how it turns out next week. We had a visit from Leo the Cat this week. Some of us have loved him from the start and are so happy when he arrives but this week it has also been great to celebrate those students who have really grown in confidence with this different experience and now are much more ready to explore.

Also a huge well done to our Hand Function stars this week- Bernard and Louisa. They have explored lots of different textures but have been really happy to hold some (very loud and flashy) vibrating toys this week.

Have a lovely weekend all.





News from Summer Cluster



Tor, Juliette, María, Dawn, Tracy, Norah, Lorna, Janet, Daniel, Clare



News from Summer Cluster

Blue Class

This week in Blue Class we have had a good week. Students have started to get back into their familiar routines after the interrupted bank holiday weeks and the holidays.

On Monday we started our experience with blending colours with different objects and this helped us to create sunsets which turned out to be lovely pieces of work.

This week I had the pleasure of visiting the Stonehill community garden and our students showed how fantastic they can be listening to the instructions from Richard (The Head Gardener) and planting up some peas into the beds.

The Allotment helps to provide a mindful and organic environment for all our children to explore with activities ranging from building work to cooking and gardening.

Last week on Friday we increased our experiences when outside to include going through a public byway through a garden in Little Wittenham and using stiles to enter footpaths. Students followed instructions and independently managed these crossing on our journey around the countryside.

Some of our students have also started to explore in the den at the bottom of the field which is due to be developed to include a forest schools area. They selected pieces of wood to make a structure which looks absolutely great.





News from Summer Cluster

Purple Class

We have continued to share our news with each other during Monday communication groups session, recalling and responding to questions regarding our weekend and some of the students have been engaging in sensory stories too. Followed by some individual math work to keep us on or toes! Tuesday, we visited Fitzwaryn School for Enterprise as this term it is their turn to host. We split into groups, some students digging and eradicating weeds, whilst others making cuttings, repotting our tiny herb plants and helping out with general garden maintenance. We all had a lovely time in the sunshine with our partner school friends, it was so nice to catch up again! Our topic this term is 'Music', so we have been sharing our favourite songs and thinking about all the different genres. Michael John popped in and shared a favourite too 'Disco Inferno' – most of us liked it.

Wednesday was a little special this week as our William will be turning 18 this weekend so in order to celebrate as a class, we have planned a special end of week party! All students chose their favourite party foods so we could decide together on a special party lunch. Our 'walk4wellbeing' combined with an act of community goodwill this week as we joined in the litter clear up in the alleys at the back of our school. The students were vigilant with their disposing of litter trace and the alley looked spotless on our return! Our creative arts session continued with our IMAGINE project, this time having a go at producing an Andy Warhol version of John Lennon and listening to the track again so as to try and learn the lyrics.

Thursday, we went to OXSRAD as usual and some students have been introduced to the game of Rounders – we are hoping to have an end of term game in teams and if the weather permits a picnic too! Some of our students shopped at Tesco for party foods whilst the other students prepared jelly, planted some herbs and continued with their individual work tasks.

'Wheels4all' (cycling) started up again this week at Horspath and students have now started their assessment checklist towards gaining their end of year certificate based on the Bikeability accreditation units. The afternoon was **PARTY TIME** (yipeeee!!!) Happy 18th William!!!!

Have a great bank holiday weekend everyone!

Purple Class – Leah, Mary, Sean, Laura & Sian





News from Summer Cluster





News from Autumn Cluster

Orange Class

This week we have started our topic 'Our community'. We have loved playing with toy cars and driving these around the amenities in town. We have also had a great time continuing our role play with cooking in maths, thinking about how many cupfuls we need to put in of different ingredients.

In our topic lessons we have worked on naming different shops in buildings that we would find in Abingdon and matching the names of these buildings and what items we would find in these. We particularly enjoyed visiting Abingdon town centre and taking part in a treasure hunt to look for different buildings. The highlight was definitely buying something from poundland and using the tills by ourselves.

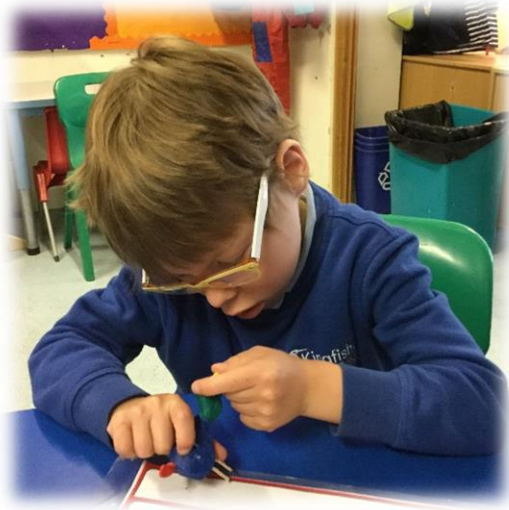
In art we have been making people for our town that we will be making next week. We used plastering and sticks to make various people and animals. In ICT we used the i-pads to take films of different areas in the school. We thought carefully about what we were filming and what our favourite film was.

In maths we have continued to work on adding and take away. The children have enjoyed doing through role play using toy animals and people as well as toy food.





News from Autumn Cluster



Homework ideas:

Look at different pictures of shops and buildings in your local area. Talk about what these shops and buildings are for and what we might find inside. If possible visit some of these different places i.e. a trip to the bank, shops or post office.

Maths activities – use toy foods to practise adding and taking away different amounts.

Using phones and i-pads to make different videos of places of interest.

Hope you all have a fantastic weekend!

Charlotte, Tina, Ali, Nina, Maria and Kim



News from Autumn Cluster

Red Class

We have begun looking at newspapers this week in literacy, which everyone has found really interesting. We began by reading through several children's newspapers and learning about the features of them, and ended the week by beginning to brainstorm issues around the school for us to write our own articles on. Some really interesting ideas were generated!

In maths we have been refreshing our adding and subtraction, and discovering the sum to solve from a word problem. This is tricky, but everyone has worked very hard. Another very popular lesson at the moment is RE – we are comparing different religions this term and the children really enjoyed handling and thinking about some objects used by Hindus. We have also been having some multicultural learning from Stefanie, who has taught us some action songs in German while visiting our class.

Out-and-about visits have started up again this week. Richard and Eleonora loved going to the allotment and doing some planting, while Isabel is doing great work at RDA. And the Tuesday walking group walked to Abbey Meadows this week (rained off at the end of last term) and had a wonderful time playing together there.

Katherine, Julie, Nicola and Sarah



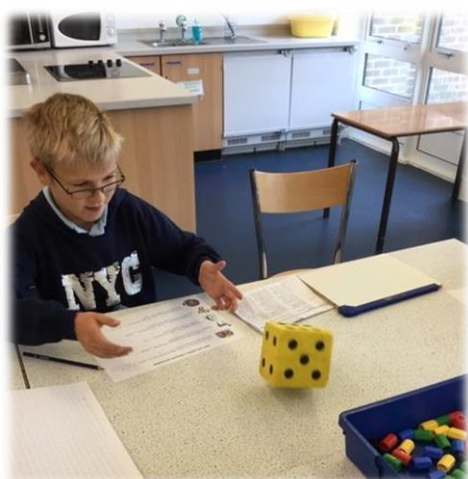


News from Autumn Cluster

Gold Class

Happy bank holiday weekend all! Gold Class have had a very positive week this week and have engaged well across a range of subject areas.

In Literacy we have been working on newspaper articles. We started by identifying the features of a newspaper and stuck examples into our books. Next, we worked on Headlines and discussed how to make an article eye-catching with puns, alliteration and large emboldened lettering. Pupils have now begun to generate ideas for writing their own articles next week.



In maths we have looked at calculation and worded problems. This has proven tricky across the group as pupils have found it hard to translate the writing into a sum to solve; however we experienced greater success as the week progressed.

In R.E. we have continued to find out about Hinduism and explored the concept of reincarnation, creating our own 'reincarnation caste pyramid' and playing a game to find out about how karma influences reincarnation.



SRE also went well this week, we looked at growing up and the changes we experience during puberty; whilst in P.E. we continued to work on our hockey skills out on the field, passing to one another through a cone gate and playing 'piggy in the middle'.

Swimming continues to go well and in Topic we further explored job roles and localities within our community. Thanks also to Chris from Oxford Brookes University who has been working with us all week.

Have a superb long weekend.

Richard, Teresa, Julie, Marie, Helen, Sian, Laura and Lorraine!

~ The Gold Class Crew



News from Autumn Cluster

Homework

Please remember to read with your child! Please share some online or paper news articles with your child. What makes the article stand out and how have they tried to capture our attention. What facts does it tell us in the opening paragraph? For maths, pupils need help contextualising their calculation work so please offer worded challenges appropriate to them where possible (whether cooking, shopping or playing with toys)!





News from Winter Cluster

Silver Class

This week we have been working hard on our counting from 1 to 5. We've been counting all sorts of things from finger puppets to washing up brushes. Our topic this term is farm animals so we are looking forward to visiting Millets Farm to see what animals they have there. Silver Class have been working so hard on their swimming since they have been back, they all have so much confidence in the water and some of them are starting to swim independently using floats and some have started to swim without any floats.



Have a lovely long weekend and we will see you next week,

Emily, Niki, Jill, Jimena and Annie



News from Winter Cluster

White Class



The children have shown fantastic focused behaviour listening to the story of George and the Dragon. They've done some good work identifying characters and other story features. It was great to see the children interacting with the story props and joining in with role play. For the next couple of weeks we will be reading 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson. It's all about burglars breaking into the farm and the animals saving the day.

Down at the allotment two of our boys have been very busy digging and planting seedlings. They're both doing a great morning's work!



We continue with our Communication sessions each week. One of our boys is choosing a favourite toy, while another is asking an adult to open a jar so he can get exactly what he wants.



In Art this term the children are experimenting with different printing techniques to make exciting shape pictures. This supports our work in Maths, learning about 2D shapes. Please encourage your child to notice circles, squares, triangles and rectangles in the home and the neighbourhood. It is also great to watch paint being dripped on to paper and then to make marks with fingers – maybe even toes.



News from Winter Cluster



It's only Thursday but we've packed so much in, we need to relax with a song and a cool drink. We've just come back from swimming and had a really good splash.



Jane, Zoe, Pauline, Lynette and our student helpers in White Class