

17th May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had another busy week this week. The weather has enabled us all to get out and about to make the most of the sunshine, we never know how long it will last, so we need to make the most of it. Please remember to put sun-cream on your child before they come to school and send some in for us to reapply as necessary in school time.



Ben, from Gold Class took part in the Bank Holiday Colour Fun Run in Witney with our TA Jill and her daughter Lauren. The event was organised by The Rotary Club and supported Oxford Hospice, Helen and Douglas House, who I know many of you are aware of. As you can see, they had a great time and ended up very colourful. We are so proud of Ben and his family who continue to raise money for various charities through various sporting events.

Message from Karen Sharman re Fit to Care Bootcamp

The first bootcamp went really well. I'm hoping more and more people will come along as the weeks go by. We all raised our heart rates and had a good laugh along the way. It'd be great to see some dads come along!! Please contact Karen direct at fit2care2018@gmail.com

LEKEL-500K in a Day

Today Andy set off first thing on a massive training ride, 250kms... He is about to break the £2000 mark in sponsorship. All pupils benefit from using the pool, as well as our community partners. If you would like to sponsor Andy and Tom, here is the link <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/lekel24>



Dates for your Diary

- Monday 20th May:** PFSA meeting 19:30 at Kingfisher School
- Friday 24th May:** Last day of term and non-uniform day
- Tuesday 4th June:** Pupils return to school (Monday 3rd June is a training day)
- Saturday 8th June:** The Great Kingfisher Summer Picnic time 15:00-19:00

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

It has been a great week in Green Class with the sun shining and making everything more beautiful. Once again, our students had a lovely time socialising with their friends from other classes during break time. The children had so much fun playing together and helping their friends by pushing the 'go-karts' for them and making them go a bit faster.

We had a great Sensology session this week with the children using their hands to explore the soft texture of the flour, smelling some freshly baked bread and looking at our exciting light toy that changes colours. The best part of the session was tasting the strawberry jam and exploring the sound of the chimes. Green class students were so good at using the beaters or their hands to make lots of different sounds.

Wednesday was a very exciting day for Green Class as half of our students went on a trip to Abbey Meadows. The class went in two separate groups due to some children taking part in their weekly horse riding slot, which is always extremely popular for all pupils that attend. We were so lucky with the weather and the sun was shining all morning making the walk down to the pond so enjoyable. The children had snacks and drinks when we arrived and we were greeted by a huge hungry mob of geese and their goslings. It was all very exciting and the children were very interested as the flock ran towards us. We have enclosed photos from the trip on Wednesday and next weeks Newsletter will of course have the Friday trip photos for you all to see.

Music Steve played his guitar on Thursday morning and definitely made our day. He sang a great song to the children called 'just you and me and song number three' and we all had a go playing the xylophone and the drum.





News from Spring Cluster



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

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



News from Spring Cluster

Yellow Class

Another great week for Yellow class, the children have all enjoyed exploring and finding out about our farm topic. Everyone worked really hard exploring different props from our sensory story 'The Three Little Pigs', especially enjoying feeling the 'huff and puff' from the Big Bad Wolf (a fan).

We had great fun making marks on paper with tractors and paint.

The children have been doing some super standing and physio work really building up their strength. We have seen some amazing achievements in the swimming pool, lots of independent standing, stepping and swimming including Diesel swimming almost 5 metres on his back. Each week we are seeing more and more improvement and confidence in each of the children as they swim. We are very proud of them all.

Next week will be sharing all the photos from our lovely walk down to Abbey Meadows to feed the ducks. We hope that you all have a lovely weekend.



Helen, Siobhán, Maria , Yvonne, Sally, Kerryann, Amanda and Hannah



News from Summer Cluster

Pink Class

Pink Class have worked so hard on their communication this week. We are incredibly proud of everyone. The Resonance Board has become a firm favourite across the whole group. Everyone actively communicates in our sessions so we have decided to use the Board in as many different ways as possible. This week we have been using it as normal but we have also been lying on the board itself to engage with objects as well as using the board to tell a story.

We have also done a lot of switch work this week. We have been using switches to support our communication and operate everyday items. Pink Class are becoming bigger fans of noise every week and so have really enjoyed operating hair dryers and blenders to create as much noise as possible across our different sessions. Although everyone clearly enjoyed the vibrations from the blender it was clearly the noisy that was most popular as the students laughed as their friends turned the blender on and off.

We have moved from working around the theme of India to nature. We have particularly enjoyed listening to nature sounds. We are hoping to all get out for walks next week to enjoy nature. A letter will be sent home separately. We are hoping that this lovely weather will continue so we can make the most of our walk.

Have a wonderful weekend





News from Summer Cluster



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



News from Summer Cluster

Blue Class

This week in Blue Class we have been rounding up the term and continuing to work hard on our learning both inside and out in the community.

During swimming we have worked very well on our strokes and have started to implement numeracy into these sessions.

We also developed our own Picasso pictures with students choosing different ways to represent themselves.

Next week we are planning to go to the trampoline centre in Bicester as a nice end to the term trip for all our students after the success of our bowling trip.





News from Summer Cluster

Purple Class

We started the week by sharing our news in groups and working on some individual targets for functional English and Maths, followed by a relaxing swim in the afternoon. On Tuesday we went over to Fitzwaryn School to continue with Enterprise. We are having to pot up quite a few plants as they are growing bigger each week! Some of the students have also helped maintain the sensory garden by digging up and getting rid of the weeds. In the afternoon we focussed a little on our music topic and had a think about all the different music genres. Some students also helped in the outside area tidying up the herb pots ready for a revamp of the area and also by potting up our newly planted herbs and tomatoes.

Brandon chose Friday's lunch this week – Jacket potato with a choice of fillings and salad. We prepared the shopping list and worked out how many potatoes and other ingredients we would need for all the students and some of the staff too. As part of enterprise we will prepare jacket potato and salad for a few other staff this week as a practise run for setting up and holding a Jacket Potato Café next term. Altogether we needed 30 potatoes! Brandon and Matthew CS helped to search for just the right size jacket potatoes at Tesco. We continued with our individual math tasks and some students played the MONEY game in a small group.

Our 'Walk4Wellbeing' visit this week took place at Shotover. It was very beautiful on the plane with all the buttercups and forget-me-nots covering the meadow and some amazing views! Some of us thought that it would be a fabulous place to have a picnic so next term we will hold a vote using photos to decide and plan a picnic lunch. William also got some walk route leaflets for our next trip so that we can walk through the woods and maybe find the sandpit and rope swing. In the afternoon we thought some more about our IMAGINE project and looked at the use of colour in artwork. We looked at some painting by Kadinsky and had a go at doing our own versions by mixing and experimenting with some different colours. This is work in progress, but so far our painting are looking great and will really brighten up our common room!

We carried on working in our groups at OXSRAD. This week the Rounders group got into teams (Red & Yellow) and the students are really beginning to grasp the game. We have some good batsmen! The Spinners lasted the whole session and followed the instructions from the coach – a super well done to Brandon who now joins the spinning class each week and lasts the whole session and also to Sam and Harry who keep up with the pace each week. This week our shoppers bought all the ingredients needed for jacket potato and salad lunch. We hope they bought enough potatoes!!

Cycling at Horspath Friday morning and some students are being assessed each week and having their targets ticked off – hopefully they will receive a special certificate from the Bikeability team in the summer. A relaxing end to week with Friday Social Club after finishing our chores.

Happy Weekend everyone!

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

News from Summer Cluster





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News from Autumn Cluster

Orange Class

Orange Class have had a great week and have definitely been enjoying the sunshine.

This week we have continued to think about our local area. We have been looking at rubbish and thinking about what rubbish goes in different bins. We have also kept our with our local visits and went to Costa Coffee. Most of us enjoyed a cake and a babyccino but some children chose different snacks – Patryk chose a biscuit, Alexa some sweets and Camron crisps. We have also included some photos of our post box trip last week as well as from our trip to Dorchester Abbey.

In maths this week we have continued to think about measuring. We have been counting cupfuls of Water and sand and some of us have been measuring in 100ml. in literacy we have been writing about our local park thinking about the letter sounds we need to use to spell the names of the equipment in the park.

Two other enjoyable activities this week were Art and ICT. In Art we added windows, doors and chimneys to the houses we have been making – all the children worked as independently as they could to cut, colour, stick and staple the different parts. We also enjoyed making houses out of bricks and lego. In ICT we made movies about ourschool, taking a tour around the school and telling visitors what each room was.

We also loved developing our play skills by playing with the new dolls houses.

Next Thursday we will have our final trip to the park....as long as the weather is good. We hope all the children will be excited after spending so much time looking at pictures and writing about the park.





News from Autumn Cluster



Homework ideas:

Encouraging children to think about where different rubbish goes. This may just be putting their own rubbish in the bin or it may be talking about recycling.

Maths activities – continue filling up containers with sand and water – comparing how many cupfuls or saying which is bigger.

Practising their cutting skills to make models or collages at home.

Hope you all have a fantastic weekend!

Charlotte, Tina, Ali, Nina, Maria and Kim



News from Autumn Cluster

Red Class

This week in literacy we have been moving from newspapers to advertising, and will be making some tourist leaflets to encourage people to visit Abingdon. This week we practiced writing extremely positive descriptions using banks of exciting adjectives and had fun going really over the top with our enthusiasm! This also links in with the walking we have been doing to visit places in the community as we can use the local knowledge we are gaining in our writing. We visited the post office this week and bought stamps to send each other letters – we've already had some very excited reports of letters being delivered. As well as to each other, we wrote to Stefanie's SEN class in Germany, with whom we are hoping to become pen-pals!

We have been continuing to think about measuring capacity in maths, and working on problems involving capacity – a good opportunity to revisit working with multiples of 10 and thinking about place value and 10 more/10 less. If you could continue practicing these skills at home that would be great.

Finally, we want to say how impressed we are with all the progress everyone has been making in swimming. Some children are propelling themselves independently in the water for the first time, some are being really brave about putting their face into the water, and some are developing their skills so that they are swimming different strokes with professional precision! We're really proud of everyone.

Katherine, Julie, Nicola and Sarah





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Gold Class

Happy Friday all! Just one week to go until half term, got anything planned?! Gold Class have been on form this week and have focused well in almost all of their lessons.

In literacy we have begun to write descriptive sentences and paragraphs that could be used to advertise a location just like a travel agent might be expected to do. Alongside this we have been working hard to develop our vocabulary with word mats, dictionaries and thesauruses. I'm please to officially announce that the word 'nice' has been banned in Gold Class and any child caught using it may have to face a forfeit (all in good cheer of course)!

In maths we have continued working on capacity and have focused specifically on worded questions and scale this week.



Our houses are nearly completed in Art and we have been continuing with our video editing in ICT. SRE this week investigated relationships; and in our two groups, pupils discussed what different types of relationships we might encounter at home and in our broader communities and what sorts of romantic relationships are acceptable in the UK.

Tennis on Wednesday was a real highlight and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Further to this, thanks to the nice weather we have enjoyed taking our guided reading and phonics sessions outside.

I trust you have a fantastic weekend and we'll see you all soon.



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

~ The Gold Class Crew



News from Autumn Cluster

Homework

This week the children have found the work on scale particularly tricky. Please support your child to make measurements and engage with different types of scale around the house and in the kitchen, e.g. measuring from a jug that counts in 50ml steps and another that counts in 100ml. Why are these different? How can we tell what each step represents? As part of this, the children have also shown that they need practice counting in 2s, 5s and 10s so any help that you can offer here would be appreciated and of benefit.





News from Winter Cluster

Silver Class

What a beautifully sunny week with Silver Class. We have been super active this week with two PE lessons, two swimming sessions and exploring the sensory circuit. Silver Class have come on so far in their physical development this term, we've been focusing on developing our balance and strength, and it is apparent how hard the children have been working and how much confidence they have gained. We are brilliant at balancing on beams, using equipment to help us stand and throwing balls at a target. Some children visited Millets Farm this week and thoroughly enjoyed seeing the animals.



We hope you have a great weekend and look forward to seeing you next week,

*Emily, Niki, Jill, Jimena and
Annie*





News from Winter Cluster

White Class



We are all having a lovely time out in the garden to do our Sensory Story role play, or for a bit of number work with balls and skittles. Phew! Let's just take a bit of time to chill on the swing!

Here are some of our more messy sensory activities. Everyone showed great focus exploring the different activities – from wet custard powder and lentils to sound tubes.





News from Winter Cluster

We have a garden shed full of exciting equipment and activities for the children to choose from. Here is our PECS board where the children make their 'I want' sentences. Balloons are a craze at the moment with the children having a go attaching balloons onto the pumps and then letting them whiz round the garden.



In Food Exploration/Cooking, the children made boiled egg sandwiches. This is related to our topic on Farm Animals and where our food comes from. There was lots of mashing and spreading and tasting. Two of the children found this a completely delicious experience, while one boy thought it was a very 'pooey' encounter. Some of the children explored the texture of the ingredients in a more sensory way; tapping and cracking the egg shells; squashing and squeezing the eggs. The bread was soft and fluffy and felt lovely when squashed into dough balls.

The weather is really hotting up now. Please bring in suncream and a note in the homelink book to say you give us permission to apply it. We will also encourage the children to wear sun hats and drink plenty of water.

From Jane, Zoe, Pauline and Lynette

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