

24th May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Wow what a wonderful week we have had at Kingfisher. I'm exhausted reading about the amazing things that have been happening. The Red Class trip to Costa and the ride back on the bus is a real highlight. I'm sure the other passengers enjoyed the rendition of 'Wheels on the Bus'. I wonder if anyone else joined in. I know I would have.

Our amazing swimming team participated in the Home Counties Swimming Panathlon at Stoke Mandeville, I will leave you to read about the results in our community page. Thank you to all the staff who supported our pupils at this event, in particular Angela our swimming teacher.

We are starting to work towards sports day and the pupils are also looking forward to our Tennis Championships to be held at White Horse Leisure Centre next term. More details to follow soon.

Andy Kelly and his brother Tom are aiming to complete their mammoth 500K ride in 24 hours this weekend, I am particularly looking forward to the before and after photos. There is still time to donate, click here for all the details <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/lekel24>

Our pupils make us proud every day, whether it is swimming, singing, supporting themselves, focussing on an item or developing their independence. I would like to say a huge thankyou to our wonderful staff who make sure every moment within school is working on the targets that are most appropriate for every individual pupil.



Dates for your Diary

- 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
- Friday 28th June:** Sports Day

Have a great week, I look forward to finding out what adventures everyone has had when we all return to school on Tuesday 4th June (Teachers.... I will see you all on Monday 3rd!!)

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 has definitely taken advantage of the nice weather this week. We started the week with a great P.E session on the field on Monday afternoon, where the children loved practising their walking skills in the sunshine. It was so nice to see some students from other classes kindly encouraging and supporting our children with their balance and walking.

On Tuesday morning, three of Green Class students went on a trip to Abbey Meadows, as the weather was much better than Friday when we were aiming to go. The sun was shining and all the geese, ducks and their tiny goslings and ducklings were waiting for us. The children loved feeding them and really enjoyed watching them as they all gathered around us. It was also great having our snack afterwards and walking around the park with each other. During Art activities this week the children did some brilliant mark making using dairy products, such as yoghurt, milk, cream and cheese. Green Class students did some great choosing between the different products and they enjoyed using all their senses to explore them. The favourite part of the activity was definitely tasting the ingredients and getting a bit messy.

The children were happy and excited to see Music Steve on Thursday morning. This week Music Steve played bouzouki and Green Class children just loved listening to him playing and singing. We finished this term with a relaxing Tac Pac session on Friday afternoon, where the children enjoyed feeling the soft textures of the different fabrics and materials. Well done Green Class we had such a lovely term!





News from Spring Cluster



We hope you enjoy the half term and have a great time,

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



News from Spring Cluster

Yellow Class

We had an amazing time on our trip to Abbey Meadows at the end of last week. We got up very close to the geese and goslings, as they came in huge flocks ready to be fed, the children were extremely focused and watched contently as they surrounded us all.

We were extremely lucky as the sun shone down on us and it was wonderful exploring the grounds in and around Abbey Meadows. Thank you to all involved for making it happen and helping it to be such a success.

We have enjoyed spending time out in the garden this week, even having Trinity Church singing outside for a change.

The children have continued to work hard on their ILP targets and physio programmes and we are extremely proud of all of their achievements this term.

Have a lovely and relaxed half term break and we look forward to seeing the children back on Tuesday 4th June as we move forward into Term 6.





News from Spring Cluster



Helen, Siobh  n, Maria, Yvonne, Sally, Kerryann, Amanda and Hannah



News from Summer Cluster

Pink Class

It feels like it has been such a whirl wind of a term. Despite the fact that we haven't had many weeks in school since Easter we feel that we have achieved a lot. Not least of which this week. We started the week having a walk to Abbey Meadows. We really enjoyed getting out into the community. We saw the weir, listened to the water, watched the trees and fed the ducks. Everyone's behaviour was amazing too; the change of routine did not phase anyone which was fantastic to see.

Everyone's understanding of our daily routines has really developed recently. Yujan is starting to bring our Atmospheric equipment when it is needed and everyone gets involved with the mornings bubbles. This week our visitor Ceri from Red Class had to help staff to dry off after a particularly fun bubble session in Pink Class.

This term we have explored India and Nature and our Atmospherics sessions have been based around these themes. It has been such a popular session that we will continue to build on these themes into next term. All the students are really enjoying Indian music and the song Jai Ho which we listen to whilst we do the parachute. Rania and Louisa usually do some fantastic singing and dancing under the parachute.

We have also been enjoying our Indian Story that we share around the Resonance Board. The students laugh and engage beautifully. We will be introducing a new story next term- hopefully it will prove as popular.

We hope that everyone has a lovely half term. Looking forward to seeing everyone back in June.





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 some of our students have been out and about representing our school in the home counties swimming competition which we won against a strong field of teams from all over.

We have made use of the nice weather and using the outdoor spaces. Next term our topic moves to 'water water everywhere' and we are hoping to arrange some lovely experiences around our local environment to experience these in our pathway.





News from Summer Cluster

Purple Class

Our final week of Term 5 has been primarily focussed on completing pieces of work, preparing for the holidays and waiting eagerly for our end of term trip to Rebound Trampoline Park. Purple Class were lucky to have Clare Johnson back in for the morning which was a lovely surprise for all the students. Tuesday, most of the students went over to Fitzwaryn to help make sure our plants are ready potted up for the half term whilst William and Matt went off with a small group of students to Stoke Mandeville to participate in the swim Panathlon. The Kingfishers came back to school proudly carrying the trophy and wearing their medals with pride as they were pleased to share with us all that they had come first place!! Super work guys!! In the afternoon we continued practise for our Imagine project and a few more students had a go at the Duvet Challenge. We were most impressed with staff member Laura who managed to change the duvet in 1 minute 20 – Go Laura! Matthew CS and Sam had a real good go and although they found it quite a challenge they persevered! Super effort lads!

We made plans and prepared for our Friday picnic Wednesday and enjoyed a lovely walk in the sunshine at Tilsley followed by some fun in the park. Chan had her first go on the tyre zip wire! Later, we completed our Kadinsky paintings and listened to Imagine and a few favourites. At Oxsrade some students had a final game of Rounders before our practise for Sports Day begins in Term 6 whilst others joined their weekly spin session for keeping fit – super well done to Brandon who this week achieved his 5 stars for 5 weeks of spinning sessions – Go Brandon! Harry, Josh and Sam went shopping at Tesco for our picnic treats – thanks guys!

A special surprise for Matthew CS after '*music with Steve*' as he took centre stage whilst we all sang a special Happy Birthday to Steve's guitar and shared some cake. Happy 17th Matthew!!!

A super end to the week – Rebound trampolining and picnic in the sunshine.

Have a great half term everyone!

From purple class – Leah, Mary,

Sean, Laura & Sian





News from Summer Cluster





News from Summer Cluster





News from Autumn Cluster

Orange Class

It has been a lovely, sunny last week of term.

We have been so impressed with how hard the children have been working despite the hot weather. In maths we have worked on comparing numbers using the language of 1 and lots and well as bigger and smaller and more and less. In literacy we have continued to think about 'Abbey Meadows park' encouraging people to visit and making sentences about what is there.

We were really proud of the display we made in Art. We all finished making our houses and people and used these to make a class display. Some of us stapled the background, others painted and drew roads and some attached the houses and people. It looks great! In ICT we also finished making our videos all about Kingfisher school.

We have also been very sporty this week. We enjoyed our weekly tennis session where we practised throwing balls and beanbags as well as hitting these with rackets both in the air and on the floor. It was good to cool off in the swimming pool and we were lucky enough to have a fun session this week. Some of us did lots of jumping in, some got items from the bottom of the pool and others loved playing with the pool toys.

Another highlight of the week was definitely our treat of making pizza pitta breads. We all got stuck in and worked fairly independently to make the pizza. We were impressed with how well the children spread the tomato and grated the cheese. Some of us couldn't wait for it too cook and ate some of it along the way.

We also enjoyed our final trip into Abingdon on Friday. We all walked there and had a lovely time playing in the park. We think this has tired a lot of the children out so hopefully they will have a restful weekend.





News from Autumn Cluster

Red Class

Half term seems to have come around very quickly after a very busy term! We've all really enjoyed our Community topic this term and will be continuing to integrate using community services into our Tuesday walks. This week we walked into Abingdon and voted on a coffee shop to visit – Costa won by a decisive lead. Everyone enjoyed buying a drink or a snack, and the ride back to school on the number 35 bus have become a weekly highlight, complete with singing “Wheels on the Bus” on the way.

We have finished our persuasive writing about Abingdon this week, and the children have been really impressing us with their grasp of exciting adjectives, remembering to use these in their descriptions from the word banks we put together in previous lessons. Our handwriting skills are also continuing to improve – special mention to Holly this week for all the hard work she has put in.

In maths we have been refreshing our place value skills this week, sorting numbers with some of us learning the order of numbers to 20 and others sorting by ones, tens, and even hundreds. In art we have finished making our Lowry-inspired town, which you can see below. We have enjoyed listening to the song about Lowry, “Matchstalk Men & Matchstalk Cats and Dogs” while we work and watching the slideshow of his paintings on the video.

We hope you all have a fun and restful half term, and look forward to seeing you again for the summer! Please do remember to send in named bottles of suncream after the holiday to stay in school – we do expect suncream to be applied at home in the morning, and we can then touch-up at lunchtime. Our theme next term will be “Extreme Environments” and we will be learning about rainforests, deserts, and the arctic.

Katherine, Julie, Nicola and Sarah





News from Autumn Cluster





News from Winter Cluster

Silver Class

We have completed our amazing farm display this week. It has been so much fun making art together as a class. Everyone has been busy ripping and sticking paper and other materials to make these beautiful farm animals.



In maths we've been counting and ordering numbers and sorting shapes. In our creative cooking we have been painting toast with edible topping like strawberry sauce. As always, we've been keeping our bodies active. In PE we've been balancing on beams, jumping off onto crash matts and throwing balls down tunnels. A big well done to one of our Silver Class students for completing 5m in swimming.



Have a fantastic half term Silver Class,

Emily, Niki, Jill, Jimena and Annie



News from Winter Cluster

White Class

The children have enjoyed Music Steve's sessions this term. They have interacted with a range of instruments, sounds and songs which feeds into their learning in Phonics. Steve took some of the session out in to our garden and the children were very excited and responsive.



Here are some pictures of the children at lunch time. We have our lunch in the classroom and the children have settled into the lunch time routines brilliantly. They know where they have to put their empty packets, waste food and finished trays. Lunch time used to be quite a fraught event but is now an enjoyable and relaxed experience for the children.



Our topic for next term is Water, Water Everywhere. We will be exploring measuring and capacity in Maths and playing with lots of water – seeing what will float, what will sink. In Cooking and Food Exploraton, we will be interacting with water-based foods. And we are all looking forward to our ice lolly 'shop' to practice our on-going work with money.

We hope you all have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend. See you next term!

From Jane, Zoe, Pauline and Lynette

Community Links

SWIMMING SUCCESS

On Tuesday 21st May an excited group of Purple, Gold and Blue students spent the day at Stoke Mandeville Stadium participating in the Home Counties Swimming Panathlon. There were five teams competing and Kingfisher swam in the first heat.

William (Purple) and Alicia (Blue) both had narrow wins in the 25m Freestyle. Matthew (Purple) and Kayah (Gold) also won their races their 10m Freestyle heats. We were second in our heat in both the relay races, where Willian (Gold) and Ryan (Gold) also swam. In the team events, we won our heats in the Slam Dunk and the Raft Race, but were less successful in the Treasure Hunt.

The results were read in reverse order and there was an anxious wait until we discovered we had come first and received our medals, certificates and the winner's trophy. We were also given swimming towels and pool toys. This was the first time Kingfisher had won a swimming event so we were very pleased and so proud of all our team.

We finished the day with a lovely picnic beside the athletic track and practiced our sprinting skills ready for sports day.

Many thanks to Marie for driving to the event, to Julie and Marie for filming and photographing the races and to Joe for providing the entertainment!

