

Dear Parents and Carers

We are very nearly at the end of this term. We have continued to be busy, particularly around parent meetings that took place on Wednesday. Thankyou to all of you who came to see staff. This was not only a chance to find out how well you children have progressed over the past year but also a chance to look forward to new exciting plans for next year. All parents should now know where their children will be next year, if you have missed this information, please contact the class teacher to find out more information.

On Wednesday evening I also had a visit from Hollie, who is the sister of Sienna in Green Class. She had completed a 10 hour sponsored silence to raise money for Kingfisher School this was in order to gain her Charity Brownie Badge. She says she was inspired by 'Toby's dad' when she saw how much money he had raised to make our swimming pool even better. We re-created his photo for the newsletter. Well done and a big thankyou to Hollie.



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 24th July: Last Day of this Academic Year-14:00 finish for pupils

Wednesday 4th September School opens for Autumn Term

Monday 30th September School closed for pupils (Inset day)

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

We have had a wonderful week in Green Class. We had a great P.E. session on the field on Monday afternoon, where we all enjoyed practising our walking skills in the sunshine. The children had a lot of fun playing with the bouncy ball outside and practising their balancing skills by going up and down the steps on the big slide. It was also lovely to see some of our friends from other classes and interact with them during our session.

On Tuesday afternoon, Green Class students were so excited to explore the box with the new switch toys.

The children were so good at choosing between the different toys and pressing the switches independently. They all loved watching the 'toy animals' walking around them and making lots of different noises and movements. In Arts this week, the children made some fantastic 3D umbrellas using different colour paints and tools. We are sure you will be very impressed by how beautifully our students have decorated them. It was also lovely to see some of Green Class parents and carers on Wednesday afternoon during the Parents Consultation meeting and discussing about the amazing progress that our students have made during this very busy and exciting year.

Our sensory cooking session was one of our favourite activities this week. We made some delicious Victorian sponge cakes and we loved exploring the soft texture of the white cream and feeling the sticky texture of the jam as well. The best part of the activity was using a plastic spoon to spread the cream and the jam on the cake. We also had some amazing helpers during the session, Iqra and Scarlett from Gold Class very kindly supported our students during sensory cooking and they enjoyed tasting the cakes with us afterwards.





News from Spring Cluster



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

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



News from Spring Cluster

Yellow Class

Another busy week in Yellow class, we all enjoyed our singing with Trinity church singing lots of songs about colours, numbers and transport with the children making choices of what song to sing next

We have been enjoying using switches to control our new switch toys, and a hand blender to whisk up thick bubbles to play with in the garden. We had lots of fun exploring various sea creatures in sticky green slime during our hand function work.

We have done lots of painting with our hands, paintbrushes and fingers to decorate our umbrellas, we listened to the rainbow song during this activity, Mia did excellent high kneeling to watch the screen and Diesel sang all the words to the song for us.

We hope you like the picture of our raindrop sun catchers that are now being displayed in our classroom window, we think they look lovely.

The children have been enjoying regular trips to the ballpool this term engaging in ball games, physio and some even burying themselves right under the balls, they have had a lot of fun doing this.





News from Spring Cluster



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



News from Summer Cluster

Pink Class

Last Friday some of Pink class and two students from Red class enjoyed a lovely barge trip from Great Bedwyn in east Wiltshire along the canal. It was a wonderful experience for all and we were blessed with the weather. Some of us helped to steer the boat and open the locks and some of us enjoyed the sensory experience of meandering along the canal, taking in all of the different sights and sounds. We saw dragon flies skimming across the water and a family of ducks and beautiful flowers in the water along the way.

Some of our class stayed at school and had a wonderful sensory day which included our individual physio programmes, a sensory story and using the eye gaze.

This week we have continued to enjoy lots of our daily communication sessions, such as Tacpac and the resonance board. During these sessions we are very good at communicating with who we are working with and showing our pleasure in the different aspects we enjoy. During this term's Tacpac sessions the sound of the dripping water from the sponges has made some of us in particular smile and laugh in anticipation.

It was lovely to see you at our Parents meetings this week and to show you how well your children have done this academic year. We are so proud of all the achievements the students in Pink class have made. They have all worked very hard.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

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



News from Summer Cluster

Blue Class

It has been nice to meet with all the parents/carers this week during the parent consultations and talk about all of the fantastic achievements that our students have made.

Students in blue enjoyed visiting the garden on Wednesday and even managed to dig up some of the vegetables they have helped to grow.

We have also loved using some of our new sensory items outside and they have done really well to help manage the heat which is never easy.

Tomorrow for our last visit of the year to the Earth Trust we are going to take some picnic items and take in the scenery and wildlife that the area has to offer.

Joe, Matt, Olívia, Esther, Liza and Sarah





News from Summer Cluster

Purple Class

As we are drawing closer to the end of term, this week Purple Class has been focusing on their IMAGINE project and practising recording their version of the song with a microphone at each available slot. Michael has come into class with recording equipment and each day the students have made slight improvements and have remembered more and more of the words. It is not an easy experience for all – to sing in front of others - and Purple students should be extremely proud of themselves. Some students have played musical instruments along to the soundtrack and Josh has supported by whistling the tune.

Over the past two terms our *walk4wellbeing* venues have been the topic for a planned picnic and this week students voted between photo cards of three places where we frequently walk – Abbey Meadows, Shotover and Wittenham Clumps. The most popular venue was Abbey Meadows however, we later found out that Blue Class were also planning a picnic this week and they asked if we would like to join them. The vote was put out again and the majority of students were happy to join Blue at Wittenham.

Wednesday, we made plans for our picnic and students chose their sandwich fillings and other foods they would like to take. Lewis went on his transition visit to MAP and so before our visit to Tilsley the class went to MAP to have a look at the colleges and collect Lewis.

At OXSRAD we continued with games and spinning session and in the afternoon Harry, Sam and Josh shopped for our picnic foods. Well done to Brandon who has achieved his 5th star this week!

A super end to the week with a shared picnic at Earth Trust – fabulous views, fresh air and a great social opportunity with our friends.

Happy Weekend everyone!

Purple Class -Leah, Mary, Sean, Laura and Sian





News from Summer Cluster





News from Autumn Cluster

Orange Class

We have had a busy week in Orange Class and have been working hard even though it has been really hot in the classroom!

We would all like to say goodbye and thank you to our TA Maria, who had her last day in Kingfisher School on Monday. We will all miss her lots. We enjoyed saying goodbye with an ice cream party and gave her a chair with all our handprints on as well as a special card.

In maths this week we have been thinking about telling the time and ordering events. Some of us have been working on o'clock and half past times. Others of us have been sorting things we do in the night and in the day and then ordering what we do first, next and then in the morning and night. We have also been ordering the steps for different activities i.e. making toast, baking cakes etc.

In literacy we have been practising acting out our story 'We are going on a bear hunt'. We are looking forward to you seeing us acting this out in our class assembly this week.

We had lots of fun in art making marks in paint using different implements. We also enjoyed scratching marks in rainbow paper so that we could see different patterns and pictures on the black background. In ICT we made out our pictograms by catching different fruits in a basket and counting up how many of each fruit that we caught. We then made a chart to show how many of each fruit we were able to catch.

The highlight of the week was definitely our cooking session. We enjoyed trying all different fruits and then chose which of these we would like to cut up to make out fruit salad. We added jelly and sprinkles and enjoyed eating these for snack the next day.





News from Autumn Cluster



Homework ideas:

- Practising telling o'clock and half past times or saying what is happening now and next.
- Acting out different stories and acting as different characters.
- Experimenting with things that melt or change i.e. melting ice, dissolving jelly, freezing ice lollies.

Hope you all have a fantastic weekend!

Charlotte, Tina, Ali, Nina, Maria and Kim



News from Autumn Cluster

Red Class

We have had a really busy week in Red Class! (See later in the newsletter for the choir report.) Last Friday two children went on the barge trip organised by Abingdon Rotary Club, and the rest of us went on Monday. As always, we had an absolutely brilliant day, with opportunities to steer the boat, operate the locks, and chill out on the front deck to watch the canal go by. David impressed us all by pushing the lock gates open by himself!

On Tuesday we said goodbye to Stefanie, who is returning to Germany shortly and will be very much missed by us all. We all went on a nature walk and then had a picnic with open-air guitar afterwards. We will have to keep practicing the German songs she has taught us! We will also continue being pen pals with her class next year.

In maths this week we have been using position and direction, including whole/half/quarter turns and left/right. In literacy we have been practicing our play for the cluster assembly next week which was created by the children around our "Exploring Extreme Environments" topic.

We have been really excited to meet several new children on their transition visits ahead of starting at Kingfisher in September! The Red Class children have been really welcoming and friendly and we look forward to all getting to know each other even better on our transition morning next Thursday.

Finally, if you still want to order a handmade tie-dyed bag from the Enterprise Club formed from Red and Gold class, remember to get your orders in next week as they're going fast!

Katherine, Julie, Nicola, and Sarah





News from Autumn Cluster





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Gold Class

Good afternoon all and well done for completing another week. We only have one and a half more to go so don't forget to start digging your swim suit out of the attic.

Pupils have been a little tired in Gold Class this week as we approach the end of term but we have kept up the pace in both literacy and maths. In literacy we have been word processing on iPads and laptops, improving our speed at typing and demonstrating our ability to write using a computer. In maths we have begun to think about



spatial awareness and vocabulary, guiding peers around the room with positional language. Many of the class also began to think about mazes, using their logic and problem solving skills to create their own maze layouts for peers to solve. We will be deciding upon a winning maze and testing it with robots in forthcoming lessons!



adult supervision 100% removed)!

ICT and Swimming have continued as per usual and in art, pupils have been selecting appropriate brushes for a given task (with

This week in topic, as we have begun to close out our work on different environments, we have investigated the growing crisis of plastic in our oceans and what this means for wildlife and even our own fish stocks as the level of waste increases. On Monday (next week) we will be visiting Wittenham Clumps to apply our learning about habitats and animal/plant adaptations from across the term. This will of course be further pursued when we visit 'The Living Rainforest' the week following. Non-school uniform as appropriate for the location (e.g. shorts, sturdy trainers) will be ok on both occasions, please don't forget sun cream if sunny!



We look forwards to seeing you all again bright and early on Monday morning! Nearly there!

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



News from Autumn Cluster

Homework

This week in Topic we challenged pupils to generate a poster highlighting concerns about plastic waste in our oceans. Where possible, please spend some time with your child thinking about what we might do to manage our own use of plastic (reuse, recycle, appropriate dispose), and discuss how this can be helpful to the environment. You might want to mirror our activity from class as mentioned above!





News from Winter Cluster

Silver Class

This week we have been making all things you would find under the sea such as fish and jelly fish. We love exploring how different objects make different patterns. Some of us like to dip our brush in paint and make splatty sports and some of us like to make wibbly wobbly strokes with our brush like waves. We have been practicing using rollers that make zigzags or stripes when covered in paint. We've also been exploring mixing colours and making our own signature coloured paint.



Enjoy the weekend and we will see you next week,

Emily, Niki, Jill, Jimena and Annie



News from Winter Cluster

White Class

Earlier in the week the children interacted with the story resources linked to our book 'Rain' by Sam Usher. They explored different kinds of 'falling' materials to represent the rain, such as water spray, paper pompoms and tissue paper. It was great to play with the umbrella and use it to keep dry. The children also learnt about how we wear waterproofs and wellies to keep dry on a wet day.

In Cooking, the children made chocolate milkshakes and everyone was very good at stirring the mixture and pouring in the milk. Some children used PECS to express their opinion. Unfortunately, most of the children didn't seem to like their cool summer drink! It was good though to watch the children smelling and licking the ingredients and really getting stuck in to the task.

In the outdoor space we have continued with our water and sand exploration. This has supported the children's Maths and Science learning. It was great to pour lots of water on to the sand and make sand pies of different sizes and lengths. It was like having our own little piece of beach and some of us took our shoes off to feel the texture of the sand more thoroughly...In the water tray, the children continued to explore a range of objects and seeing which ones float and which ones sink.

On a final note, the children have had so much fun playing with the parachute over the last couple of weeks. We have seen a great improvement in the children's ability to engage in a group game and to follow instructions as to whether to go under or over.





News from Winter Cluster



Have a restful weekend.

From Jane, Zoe, Pauline and Lynette

Community Links

Choir news

On Wednesday evening four pupils from the choir had the opportunity to perform at Blenheim Palace at an event organised by the County Music Service. Alongside several chamber orchestra groups, a selection of the Buddy Ensemble (mixed SEN and mainstream children) performed a reprise of the set from the Royal Albert Hall as well as a new finale song. We performed in one of the beautiful galleries and the children coped amazingly with the challenges, including finishing quite a lot later than anticipated! In addition to singing with the Ensemble, Ryan and Richard did readings and William sang a duet part for the finale song "Love Can Build A Bridge".

We look forward to many more choir concerts next year (hopefully in larger venues – we were sadly only allocated a small number of places for this one) and are also hoping to offer instrument lessons within school time with the Music Service tutors. Please contact Katherine to register interest in this.

