



KIRKBYMOORSIDE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

6th October 2023

Our assembly today was full of certificates, awards and kindness leaves and this was a great reflection of how hard the children have been working. The work the children have produced as they delve into their topics has been fantastic. They have been trying so hard to do their best and show their work with pride - it has been lovely to see.

We hope they can share their songs with you at the Harvest festival on 12th October. Please see below for further details.

Class	This week we have....	Next week
Wrens	This week in Wrens our story of the week was 'Marvin Gets Mad'. We have been discussing what makes us angry and how we can find strategies to calm ourselves. We have been learning the poem 'A Basket of Apples' and acting it out. In maths our focus has been sorting. We have been making comparisons between objects relating to size. We have played some listening games with activities to strengthen our fingers ready for writing.	Next week in Wrens we will be reading the story 'Ten Little Robots' and practising saying number names in order up to ten. We will learn the poem 'Owl' and act it out. We will be matching numicon shapes and comparing objects according to size. We will practise clapping the number of syllables in our names and talking about which names have the most syllables in. We will continue to look for the signs of Autumn.
Robins	We have been exploring the book "The Leaf Thief". In maths we have been looking at the composition of 3 & 4 and have been busy learning a harvest song ready for our Harvest Stay and Play.	Next week our book will be 'The Little Red Hen'. We will be having a go at joining in the refrains and retelling the story. We will also be looking forward to our Harvest Stay and Play where we will get the chance to play at school with our parents and carers. We will also sing them a special song. In maths we will be exploring the different ways of making 4 and continuing to use our 'fast eyes' to subitise.
Woodpeckers and Kingfishers	Woodpeckers and Kingfishers have been building model houses. They will be Tudor houses just like during the Great Fire of London. On Friday afternoon, we lined up the houses on the playground and set fire to them, watching how quickly fire spreads. The Fire department came in to put the fire out and talked to the children about fire safety.	Next week, Year 1 will be starting their art lessons, focusing on Fauvism. We will be learning new skills such as colour mixing and creating a piece of art at the end of the week. Year 2 will be continuing their work on the Great Fire of London and writing a Diary entry as if they were there in 1666.
Puffins and Gannets	Puffins have been moving forward with their place value knowledge by learning to compare numbers with three digits. They have been excited to observe the plants from our science investigation and see if they can really find out what plants need to grow. In PSHCE, they have been thinking about personal identity and how own strengths can help others. Year 4 have been developing their English grammar by strengthening how to use conjunctions, prepositions and clauses in our everyday writing and how to spot them as language detectives when reading. We have also been conducting a plant investigation. We have hypothesized as to what will happen when we try to nurture the same plant in five different places. Our predictions are based on what a plant will need to grow and survive. In RE and PSHCE we have continued to understand, acknowledge and enjoy learning about different faiths, cultures, customs and family units and respect individuality.	Puffins will be doing further work on their non chronological reports. They will be thinking more closely about Stonehenge and how it was built, as well as looking at the Iron Age and how the daily life of humans progressed through this interesting period in history. In art, we will be refining our sketching skills to create some of our own cave art. After an exciting week creating giant cave drawings using only natural materials such as sticks, bark and stones we are going to develop this further next week and complete enquiries into the everyday lives of the Stone Age people. What they ate, wore, how they entertained their children and how they worked out how to make bronze. In PSHCE we have been taking a deeper look at our inner superhero, who we are and what special powers we have, what makes us who we are. Next week we will build upon this further and celebrate our own individuality. Science is very exciting as we have two experiments on the go. One is watching a plant in five different environments and conditions, the other is working out how a plant takes water at the roots and distributes it right to the tips of its petals.
Falcons and Ospreys	Year 5 and 6 have continued their spooky story writing experience with the aim of producing an amazingly eerie narrative inspired by a spooky video. We have continued to read more short stories from the Anthony Horowitz Horror collection, with 'The Lift' being this week's read. We have conducted our properties test that we have thoroughly planned in Science, dug deeper into Viking art and investigated how the Vikings travelled. In maths, Year 5 have continued to deepen their understanding of number through addition and subtraction. Year 6 have been investigating multiplication and division initially focusing on common multiples and factors.	Next week, Year 5 and 6 will continue to delve into the delightful horror in Anthony Horowitz's stories, reading 'Killer Camera' over the next week. In writing, we will edit and improve our horror stories that have been inspired by a short horror film, and begin to plan our own, unique horror stories, ready for our writing competition. In history, we will continue to look at the Vikings and will learn why they chose to settle in Britain, the significance of the Danelaw and the Treaty. In maths, Year 5 will continue our journey through the wonderful world of addition and subtraction. Year 6 will have more of a focus on prime numbers before we move on to multiplication.



House Points



Juniper	518
Cherry	522
Tulip	525
Oak	534

Stars of the



week.....

Wren's star	Oscar Biggins
Robin's star	Jack Holtby
Woodpecker's star	Tommy Durrant
Kingfisher's star	Lottie Lewis
Puffin's star	Amelia Grayson
Gannet's star	Murphy Power
Falcon's star	Effie Meadowcroft
Osprey's star	Esmee Gordon
Head Teacher's star	Sophia Swalwell
PE Star	James Young

Diary Dates

Event	Date and time	Event	Date and time
Friends AGM & Quiz All Welcome	Wednesday 11th October 7pm Kings Head, KMS	Christmas Shopping Trip to Leeds	Saturday 4th November. Departs 8.30am
EYFS Stay and Play for the Harvest Festival	Thursday 12th October 8.40am-10am	Non Uniform Day Donations towards Xmas Fair	Friday 17th November More Details to come
KS1 Harvest Festival Assembly in the school hall	Thursday 12th October 10.15am	Individual Photos	Tuesday 28th November
KS2 Harvest Festival at All Saints Church	Thursday 12th October 2pm	School Christmas Fair	Friday 1st December
School Disco for KS1 + Nursery - In School Hall	Tuesday 17th October 4.30 to 5.45pm		
School Disco for KS2 In School Hall	Tuesday 17th October 6 to 7.15pm		

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PE NEWS

In PE next week, Reception will be looking at different ways to move and how apparatus can assist with jumping. Year 1 and 2 will be focusing on how to run and dodge in game situations. Year 3 and 4 will be looking at how midfield players can be used to link attack and defence during invasion games. In Year 5 and 6, children will be trialling and evaluating which attack and defence formations can be the most beneficial in invasion games such as basketball and football.

In addition to this, please can the following be put on as a separate item:

Inclusion Event

A huge well done to all the children who took part in our inclusion afternoon held at school last week. It was great to see everyone getting involved and showing such enthusiasm. We would also like to thank our amazing sports leaders from Year 5 and 6 who did an outstanding job running the activities for our cluster of schools - they represented Kirkbymoorside brilliantly and made us very proud.

HEAD LICE

Just a reminder to please check your child/rens hair for Head Lice and treat as soon as possible.

MISSING LUNCHBOX

A pupil in Year 4 is missing a clear plastic lunchbox with green clips. If this has been taken home by mistake, please return it to the school office. Thank you.

FRIENDS OF KIRKBYMOORSIDE SCHOOL

AGM + QUIZ

Just a reminder about our AGM and quiz on 11th October at 7 pm at the Kings Head. It's £2 per person to enter (pay on the night) and there will be a cash prize of £25 for the winning team. Free sandwiches and chips will be provided. No tickets needed but if you are planning on coming please let us know so that we can cater for the right number. Email friends [@kirkbymoorside-rit.co.uk](mailto:friends@kirkbymoorside-rit.co.uk) or respond to the event on our Facebook page.

SCHOOL DISCO

Tickets are now on sale-£2 each-for our Autumn disco on Tuesday 17th October. Tickets include crisps and a drink; £1 sweet cones will be available to buy on the night. EYFS/KS1 4.30 to 5.45 and KS2 6 to 7.15 pm.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

This year's Christmas Fair will be on Friday 1st December from 6-8pm Please could you start collecting the following items for our stalls? Ask friends and family too if they are having a clear out. These can be left at the school office.

- Good quality teddies or soft toys for the teddy tombola
- Small toys, rubbers, stickers, children's jewellery, sweets—anything that would fit in a jam jar. Toys don't have to be new but good condition would be great.
- Good quality books, jigsaws (complete please) and games.

We are also collecting outgrown Christmas jumpers/tops for our uniform stalls. If you have any, please send them to the school office.

We set fire to the houses today to recreate the Great Fire of London. Luckily the fire brigade were on hand and the blaze lasted 4 minutes not days!

