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Dear Parents,

As always, it has been a busy time at school. Children have been working extremely hard and enjoying their learning. The class topics are fascinating and exciting, and our new phonics and spellings programmes are being taught effectively across the school and well received by the children. We have also had an exciting trip and other events.

Autumn Fest at Blenheim Palace

Children from year 3 and 4 in our partnership of attended Autumn Fest, an arts trip held at Blenheim palace. The children began their day with a yoga activity, followed by mask making, drama workshops and a session about growing food and links to well-being. They all had a wonderful day.



Sports for School Sponsorship Event



The children took part in an exciting, sponsored fitness circuit! Nerys Pearce, a famous athlete, was injured in a road traffic accident which left her paralysed from the chest down. She explained to the children that she wanted to remain active following her accident and has since competed in powerlifting, swimming, athletics, rowing, and wheelchair basketball at the Invictus Games winning 10 medals. She was inspirational and led the event, encouraging all children to participate. The children have raised a whopping £2319.50 for new sports equipment and to support future athletes.





Headteacher's Curriculum Conference

Mr Protherough and I were invited to speak at the Kassam Stadium about Kirtlington's great reading culture. Mr Protherough was responsible for implementing reciprocal reading across the school as well as the bespoke reading journals which provide support for children and parents.



The event was well attended. We also have a volunteer reader, reading buddies and Hamish the Pets as Therapy dog who patiently listens to children read. Classrooms have been revamped to include new reading areas with a wide selection of books. Our new library has been painted and we are awaiting new flooring and shelves. Exciting times at Kirtlington! Many other schools have since been in contact to ask for support in their own schools.

Remote on-line Safety Session reminder – Tuesday 11th October 7-8pm

Nick Speller from 123ICT (our ICT Support provider) will be delivering a zoom session to teachers and parents about on-line safety. I would encourage all parents to join and find out how to keep our children safe on-line in the ever-changing world of social media. We will send you the link before the session.

Well-Being Presentation – reminder 20th October 6.30pm

Parents are invited in to find out how our school vision and different approaches promote pupil and staff well-being. We will explain how our Zones of Regulation and Restorative Practice work, including strategies that you can use at home. We will also describe how our daily mindfulness breaks and active learning supports the children in their well-being and learning.

Celebration Assemblies

We look forward to inviting parents into our celebration assemblies after half term. We will notify you on the Monday before if your child has been chosen to receive a certificate. Each week we will update our celebration wall with photographs of the children proudly holding their certificates. If your child has earned a certificate outside of school for a sporting activity, music or anything else, then we would like to share and celebrate their success. You are also invited to celebrate with your child. Children that have already received certificates will be included.



Harvest Festival

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the church today to celebrate our harvest festival. Thank you to Mrs Langrish for organising the music and singing. We have had many donations for the local food banks and harvest market.



KSF Bingo Night - reminder

Please join us for bingo tomorrow night at 5pm. Adults and children are welcome and we have some wonderful prizes thanks to your non-uniform day generosity.

News from Rowan Class

Rowan Class have been busy learning footwork skills in PE such as hopscotching, skipping and galloping. The children used their perseverance and resilience. In RE, we have been learning about Hinduism, including the Hindu Gods and the story of Rama and Sita. The children have enjoyed taking part in our new reading practise sessions, developing their decoding, prosody and comprehension skills. Year 1 children have worked hard writing a description of the giant from Jack and the Beanstalk. We have also been creating our compositions in music lessons.

News from Willow Class

This term Willow Class's topic is 'Movers and Shakers' which is predominantly a history topic. We are looking at historically significant individuals who have had an impact on the world. We learnt that historians use Dawson's Model to decide if a person is historically significant. We discovered that people can be important for different reasons. So, we sorted people into the following categories: activist, artist, explorer, monarch and scientist. We decided that Rosa Parks was an activist, Christopher Columbus was an explorer and Joseph Lister was a scientist. We will be moving on to learn about ranking people for importance, positioning when they lived on a time line and we will find out more about each of their lives.

News from Oak Class

We have had an amazing start to the new academic year. As scientists, we have begun our journey to explore the mysteries of our very own solar system - with Mr Vincent (our resident astronomer) visiting to show us how moon craters are formed. We also used our skills of scientific deduction to use evidence to prove that the Earth is, indeed, spherical. For our humanities topic, we have become historians - taking a journey back to the 1300s and the rise of the Black Death. We have used different sources (some primary and some secondary) to start to answer some big questions about the time. We have also used our skills as historians to research and present information on Britain's role in the slave trade, for black history month. As writers, we have been writing stories with a theme of bullying. Using the opportunity to link our learning, we have set the story at a fairground - similar to the Bletchington fair that was here last week. This will give us a great opportunity to introduce our art and DT project - Scream Machines, next week. We are looking forward to sharing our learning next term...

Facebook Page Reminder

Keep liking and sharing so that we can continue share the good news and achievements from our wonderful children and school. <https://www.facebook.com/Kirtlington-CE-Primary-School-103702855403042/>

Free School meals

Should your circumstances change over the next few weeks or months, please see this link for further support. <http://schools.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/free-school-meals>



Breakfast club and After School Club

Remember if you require wrap around care provision, please contact High Flyers
www.highflyers.org.uk

Dates and reminders

Sat 8 th October	KSF Bingo night – 5pm, school hall
Mon 10 th October	Mental Health Day
Mon 10 th October	Parents Evening (online) – 3:30-5:30pm
Tues 11 th October	Remote online safety lesson for parents – 7-8pm
Thurs 13 th October	Parents Evening (online) – 5:00-7:30pm
Fri 14 th October	Hinduism workshops
Fri 14 th October	Oak Class Bake for Books (after school)
Thurs 20 th October	Well-Being Presentation for parents – 6:30pm
Thurs 20th October	Term ends – 3pm
Fri 21 st October	INSET day
Mon 31st October	Term starts – 8:40am

You can find more diary dates on our school website.

As always, thank you for your wonderful ongoing support for our school. Have a great weekend!

Joy Baker
Headteacher

