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School Christian Value: Love

21st October 2022

Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of our first term after a very busy seven weeks at school. The reception children and other new children have received warm welcomes and settled in really well. Children have been making great progress in their learning through the exciting and inspirational topics taught.

Visit from a Hindu Priest

We were visited by Indri from the Hinduism Education Service. Children enjoyed sessions of storytelling, dressing up in traditional Indian costume and other activities related to Hindu worship, culture, values, and lifestyle.

Forest School

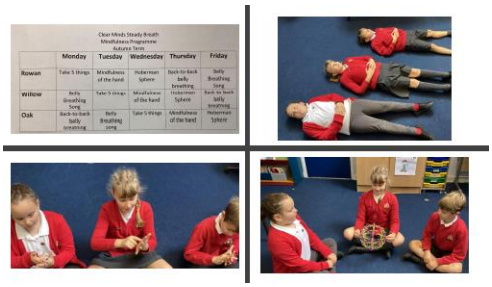
Year 4&5 have been enjoying Friday afternoons in forest school. In their recent session, they took part in den building, making mud/clay pots and self-made seesaws. They have thoroughly enjoyed their time in the fresh air surrounded by nature. The children will still have a couple of sessions after half term.

KSF Bingo Night

The Kirtlington School Friends PTA organised a fabulous bingo night which was very well attended. Two of our past year 6 pupils did the bingo calling and helped to give out prizes. Parent, carers and children got took part in the games and there was much concentration (and competition)! KSF were delighted to raise around £500 profit which will help to fund our new library and purchase of phonics books.

Well-Being Presentation

We were well supported by parents, carers, and governors at our well-being presentation. We explained how our Zones of Regulation and Restorative Practice work, including strategies that parents and carers can use at home. We also described how our daily mindfulness breaks and active learning supports the children in their well-being and learning. We will send the slides out to parents and carers. Parents found out more about our school vision and values, discovering how well the school has developed and implemented an inclusive and distinctive Christian vision. More information can found by following this link to our webpage. https://kirtlington.oxon.sch.uk/our-school/ethos-values-vision/



Parent/Carer and Pupil Surveys

Thank you very much to all parents and carers who completed the questionnaire. We had 37 responses in total, which equates to over 50% of our parent/carer community.

From the results, it is clear that the majority of our parents and carers feel that their child is happy and safe at school and that pupils are well behaved. Creating an environment where all our pupils feel safe and happy is at the heart of our school vision.

We also undertook a survey of our Year 2-6 pupils. The results show that the majority of children enjoy being at school and feel safe there. All the children felt that bullying wasn't a problem at school and that incidents were effectively dealt with by teachers. The majority of children felt that they were supported and listened to by staff. You can view results, comments, feedback and actions on the following link. https://kirtlington.oxon.sch.uk/information/parents-information/parent-survey/

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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

Mon 31st October	**Term starts – 8:40am**
Fri 4th November	Willow Class Bake for Books
W/C 7th November	Children's Book Week
Thurs 10th November	World Science Day
Fri 11th November	Remembrance Service at the memorial
Mon 14th November	Individual school photos (new date)
W/C 14th November	Maths Week
Fri 18th November	Children in Need
Mon 28th November	National Tree Week – whole school art project
Weds 30th November	Flu vaccinations
Fri 2nd December	Rowan Class Bake for Books
Fri 9th December	KSF Christmas Bazaar and Auction
Tues 13th December	Oak and Willow Class Carol Service – Church, 6pm
Thurs 15th December	Rowan Class Nativity
Tues 20th December	**End of term**

You can find more diary dates on our school website.

Thank you for fantastic support this term. Wishing you all a wonderful half term break and look forward to seeing you and the children on Monday 31st October.

Joy Baker
Headteacher

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