



School Newsletter

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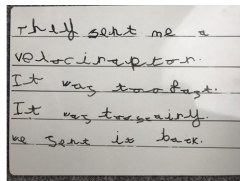
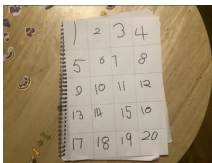


This week I met some of my headteacher colleagues in a Teams meeting, it was obvious that the last two weeks have been extraordinarily challenging for all schools. It was good to share concerns about the learning we were offering at home and at school. The meeting made me feel very proud of our school, particularly relating to the children's engagement in learning, our teachers determination to do the best for all children and the huge effort parents have put into helping their children to learn at

home. It cannot be easy for anyone and I know that many people are having to combine multiple roles. Thank you all! The unprecedented times the pandemic has caused have certainly made every aspect of life so challenging. The vaccine rollout cannot come soon enough for our children. A huge thank you to all the parents who have told me how well learning is going and to those of you who have made suggestions. This lockdown is very different to the last one and the feedback we have received shows that we are getting most of it right for most of our parents. The government demands on schools are much higher and from our perspective, we know that our provision meets both the DFE requirements and is in line the recommendations from the most recent Ofsted report. Next week, we plan to send out a survey for parents and children which will enable us to reflect on what is going well and what we can improve.

The more I read about the impact of the pandemic on our children the more I know how important it is to focus on Wellbeing. I am delighted that the Team are working on a virtual Wellbeing week. How exciting! Please take a look at the outline plan on page 2. I hope everyone has a super weekend, stay safe!

Foundation Stage



This week the children in Foundation have had lots of fun learning about 'Dinosaurs'. They have been focusing on a new dinosaur each day and writing simple sentences to describe the dinosaurs. The children have been trying really hard to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in their writing. In maths, the children have had lots of fun taking part in Mr Morgan's maths quizzes and recapping 2D and 3D shapes. The children have also made handprint dinosaurs this week.

Year 6 Persuasive Writing

Mattie, has written an exceptional BIG Write this week with a range of persuasive features and use of dashes. However what makes this piece so brilliant is the choice of vocabulary and phraseology.

Imagine, being huddled with your loved ones, watching the captivating Aurora Borealis, playfully dancing across the jet black Arctic Sky. Our distinctive Aurora tour will make your wildest dreams a magical reality.

Leaving Longyearbyen behind, dart daringly across the pristine snow on one of our state of the art Snow mobiles. Journey through the immense arctic wilderness – taking in the striking views and famous Svalbard Reindeer as you travel at high speed.

After an electrifying ride, you will arrive at the hidden village of Brattlidalen, where you will experience the once in a lifetime chance to spend the night in a Lavvo – a traditional Sami stye tent. Enjoy cozy fires and authentic local cuisine as you prepare to witness Mother natures ultimate light show.

Our local guides - knowledgeable and passionate - will enchant you with tales of the mystical arctic land before leaving you to gaze in awe at the beguiling northern lights.

During this exhilarating excursion we will provide you with a luxurious snowmobile suit and all the equipment required to keep you safe and in total comfort.

The majestic Arctic is an unrivalled setting to marvel at one of worlds greatest natural phenomenon's. Our adventure packed trip will fill you with stories – stories that will last for generations.

Reading Raffle

is back!



Reading is incredibly important to us at Kibworth: as the great Dr Seuss says 'The more you read, the more things you will know.'

We have restarted the Reading Raffle after its Christmas break. We have a new presenter in Miss Cornish, our Reading Lead. It has been fantastic to see so many children engaging in reading at home and sharing stories with their family.

Evie has even been reading Horrid Henry to her dog Dottie – she really looks like she is enjoying her story! We look forward to seeing more of your great reading at home.



Wellbeing Week 2021

1st February - 5th February

We do hope that you are all safe and well. Our Kibworth Wellbeing week will be taking place during national well-being week this year. With the current pandemic it is even more important to focus on our own health and wellbeing, so we know how important this week is to you all. With the current restrictions it has encouraged us to be more inventive with our activities which I am sure you will enjoy. We wanted to make sure that everyone felt included in all aspects of wellbeing week and that you all have the opportunity to join in, whether from remote learning or in the classroom.



We have some of your favourite activities and some new ones too, I am sure you will all have fun. They include:

- Pilates with Rosy (pre-recorded sessions for students, staff and parents).
- Massage with Sarah (pre-recorded self-care massage for students and staff).
- Create the Well-being wave
- Wakey shaky sessions with the PE team
- Make a healthy snack competition.
- Express yourself through being creative (music, poetry, fashion, dancing, etc)
- Wellbeing Tips and tricks from a professional therapist
- Wear what you makes you happy (Friday 5th February)
- Family Quiz (Friday 5th February 6.30pm)
- Additional activities that may be set by your class teacher

We will however miss coming into the school and serving you toast during the weekly "toast and read" sessions. This is something that we would still like you to try and do at home if possible.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your yearly support for "wellbeing week" - we usually take donations on the last day on "wear what makes you happy" day, but due to current restrictions this is not allowed so any donations to the schools "Just Giving" page (details to follow) would be appreciated.

Stay Safe - The Kibworth Wellbeing Team

Year 2

Over the last two weeks, Year 2 have been learning all about money. They began by investigating the value of pence and pounds, before moving on to comparing amounts of money – including notes and coins! The children quickly understood why the £ and the p sign are very important! It was lovely to see children raiding their piggy banks (and possibly their parents wallets and purses) to physically sort the money and to create different ways of making set amounts. Well done for your super maths home learning Year 2 – your teachers are all very impressed!



Year 1

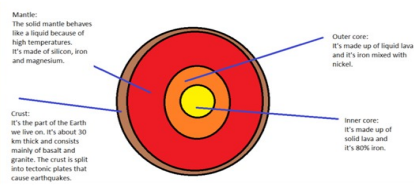
As part of our Year 1 "Superhero" topic, Year 1 have begun to look at the story of "Superworm" by Julia Donaldson. Mrs Rowe read the story to Year 1 and set them a challenge to use their creative skills to create a brand new front cover of "Superworm". The children showed great detail in their drawings. Each Friday this half term the children are going to be completing some new learning around the story.



Also a BIG shout out to Destinee in 1RT for her super History work this week. Destinee created a timeline with her mum on toys from the past and toys today – great work!

Year 3

Over the past week, Year 3 have spent some time learning about earthquakes and how they happen. The children first learnt about the four layers of the earth and found some creative ways to show their learning. Some children used their ICT skills to make diagrams and some made the layers of the earth in a jar! As part of this learning the children found out that the earth's crust is made up of tectonic plates and earthquakes occur when friction builds up between these plates and is then released. We then explored the impact that earthquakes can have on the environment and the people that live there. We learnt that in countries where earthquakes are common, children are taught to keep safe during an earthquake by following the saying 'Drop, cover and hold'. Year 3 then made posters to help explain to other children how to keep safe in an earthquake by following these three steps.



Year 6

Bethany

Year 5

Henry and Darcey

Year 3

Rachel

Year 1

Evie and Amaia

Foundation

Finley, Edie, Veeren, Millie,
Henry and Blake

Year 4

Year 4 have been looking at pictures by an artist called Paul Klee. He was a Swiss-born artist whose highly individual style was influenced by movements in art that included Expressionism, Cubism, and Surrealism.

He is famous for saying: " a drawing is simply a line going for a walk. So this is what Year 4 did and here are some of the results! We think they are amazing and would look great in any gallery!



Charlotte 4H



Mehar 4N



Neve 4W

Year 5 - Newspapers

This week Year 5 have been putting the skills they have learnt to practise and have written their own newspaper articles. We went back in time and published the breaking news that Aristotle has discovered the Earth is round. Here is an example of an introduction and first paragraph...

DAILY NEWS

Word • Business • Finance • Lifestyle • Travel • Sport • Weather

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Just last week, a discovery was made that could alter the course of history. Famous philosopher and astronomer Aristotle has founded the theory that the Earth is roughly spherical. This advancement to our knowledge is life changing and Aristotle has proof. Here are his three pieces of evidence for this breakthrough.

Whilst observing a boat on the diamond blue waves of the ocean, Aristotle witnessed that the hull (the front) of the boat drifted below the horizon first. Consequently, this led him to reason that maybe the Earth is not flat. However, if the Earth was indeed flat (many scientists believe) the boat would just get smaller and smaller until the human eye could not see it any longer. He studied this at great lengths until he was certain that his hypothesis was correct. Dr Blake, who is a leading scientific expert, states that "This is amazing! I cannot believe we thought the Earth was flat for all these years!" The highly trained professional, Aristotle, created two more theories to prove the Earth was roughly spherical.