

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you all for your support for the May Fayre today and for sending in donations which will be used as prizes for the May Fayre on Friday 17th May. The May Fayre is a great annual event organised by our wonderful PTA and one of their biggest fundraisers. We do hope lots of you will join-in the fun!

### **Learning in Reception**

In school this week we have had lots of great learning continue. Reception children were very excited by the arrival of some caterpillars last week which they are looking after and feeding before observing them closely as they continue their life cycle into butterflies, which the children will then release. Our EYFS Local Authority School Improvement partner visited Reception this week and was very complimentary about our classes: the learning opportunities available; the children's learning behaviours; adult interactions with children and the learning environments.

### **Music**

Year Four Thistle class are enjoying their clarinet lessons with Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust (NMPAT). Their 10-week whole class lessons will then culminate in a show to parents and carers. NMPAT are also visiting next Wednesday to play a mini strings instrument concert to children in Key Stage One to encourage more children to take-up learning the violin, cello or even double-bass! We are lucky to have NMPAT peripatetic teachers offer keyboard, clarinet, guitar and strings this year – if your child is interested in learning one of these instruments, please speak to the office.

### **Reading**

Our superstar reading class for the third week in a row was Poppy class in Key Stage Two. An incredible 92% of Poppy class read at home 5 times last week! Their treat this afternoon for a triple win was extra playtime, parachute games and chocolate biscuits! The EYFS / KS1 winning class was Clover. The individual winners were Florence (Y3) and Brianna (Y2). Also, a reminder that we look forward to welcoming you into class to read with your children for Everyone Reading In Class (ERIC) time, which is on Thursdays at 3.15pm this term.

### **Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)**

As part of our ongoing PSHE work, we try to bring visitors into school to talk to the children about staying safe and healthy. This week we welcomed Jo from Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service who led a Key Stage Two assembly on the role of the fire brigade and how to stay safe at home and in school. We also welcomed PCSO Gareth Cross who spent Friday lunchtime walking around school saying "hello" to all of the children. Finally, Years 5

and 6 benefitted from a visitor from Joy from ReSolv earlier this week to talk about the dangers of drugs, vapes and solvents.

### **Building work**

You may have noticed some activity beginning on the school field this week. At long last, the building work to relocate our car park and build the 5-classroom link corridor extension is beginning with spades finally in the ground! Over the coming weeks, there will be various surveys taken to establish where services lie, etc. and then Phase 1 of the building work will begin at the start of the summer holidays. I will be speaking to the children in assemblies about the building work, any changes they need to know and ensuring they stay safe at all times. The project manager will also give children regular progress updates on the build and, next academic year, children will be chosen to visit the build for monthly updates which they will report back to the rest of the school.

### **Bank Holiday**

A reminder that Monday May 6th is the May Day Bank Holiday and therefore school is closed. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 7th May at 8:45am.

Wishing you a lovely, long weekend (and hopefully some sunshine!)

Miss Lally

Please find the online May/ June edition of [Families Magazine here](#).

A reminder that up-coming events can be found on the [school website diary](#).

### **Letters home this week**

May Fayre mufti reminder

Community safety

Y6 residential trip parent presentation

Bluebell change of PE day this week only

Y6 SATs breakfast invitation

Excellence in everything -Y1

Head lice letters – Crocus and Primrose

Date correction for the May Fayre

Y4 PSHE learning

**Attachments**

Kingswood Euro 2024 menu