

Newsletter

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Message from Headteacher

We are pleased to share with you the classes for next year. The children will spend the morning with their new class teacher on our 'shuffle up' morning on Monday. The children still need to arrive and be collected at their

'current' class teacher's door and the 'shuffle' will happen at 9:00 am and children will return to their 'current' teacher before lunchtime. The team have already begun sharing information about the pupils to help ease the transition into their new year groups.

We'd like to use this opportunity to welcome Miss Coker to the team. Miss Turnell will add capacity to the year 5/6 teaching team and Mrs. Rawlins will be non-class based to add capacity to the Key Stage 1 teaching team.

We are pleased to share our best wishes to both Ms. Kinley and Miss Smith who will be getting married this summer. Some of you may already know that Miss Stowers-Veitch has recently married and from September will be known as Mrs. Stowers-Petrova.

Dates for your Diary

6 – 8 July - Year 6 Residential

11-14 July - Year 6 Bike-ability

18 July - Year 6 leavers assembly, 2pm

| Current class: | September '22 Class: |
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| RSS (Miss Smith) | 1KF (Mrs. Freeland) |
| RSW (Mr. Wellard) | 1TB (Mrs. Brooks) |
| 1KF (Mrs. Freeland) | 2AM (Mr. Maclaren) |
| 1TB (Mrs. Brooks) | 2ED (Miss Dale) |
| 2AM (Mr. Maclaren) | 3CS (Mrs. Spencer) |
| 2JR (Mrs. Rawlins) | 3CSP (Mrs. Stowers-Petrova) |
| 3JP (Mr. Palmer) | 4CP (Miss Pass) |
| 3CS (Mrs. Spencer) | 4JP (Mr. Palmer) |
| 4ET (Miss Turnell) | 5OW (Mr. White) |
| 4CP (Miss Pass) | 5EC (Miss Coker) |
| 5OW (Mr. White) | 6HW (Mr. Wright) |
| 5HW (Mr. Wright) | 6AK (Ms. Kinley) |



Reception news

We've been den building this week in our lovely outdoor area which we've had a lot of fun with. Some of our children have spent time in the mud kitchen, a definite favourite addition to the EYFS area! In Phonics, we've been learning three tricky words this week "do", "so" and "come". We've also been listening to stories outside and enjoying the nice weather. EYFS have had a chat about changes that can be expected when we move into year one, whilst reiterating although our teacher may be new, we still have all of our same friends around us in our new classroom.

Year 1 and 2 news

The Art Festival this week has given Year 1 and 2 the opportunity to follow an artist's work and create their own pieces. Year 1 have used a range of mixed media to produce large colourful bugs. Their finished work shows a real confidence in using paints, pastels and paper or card. The bugs with wings look amazing with the children choosing materials that give an interesting texture and the idea of flight. Year 2 have used a range of textiles and by tearing at fabric and thinking of the shapes, colours and tones have created layers to simulate feathers on their birds. Pupils used this technique to develop their own original work assembling detailed trees, sea landscapes and mountain ranges.



Year 1 have had a week full of art, as their unit on 3D allowed them to use clay and learn how to smooth it out to complete a designed form. They thoroughly enjoyed exploring a range of materials to understand the importance of weight and balance in construction. They used recycled materials to create their own sculptures inspired by *The Enchanted Owl* and *Conquest of Fire* by Kenojuak Ashevak.

Year 2 have completed their Geography unit on fieldwork and map skills by drawing their own sketch maps ensuring that they give a title, compass point, key and relevant symbols. They have enjoyed exploring maps, especially the OS Kettering/Corby locality and were delighted to find the symbols for buildings and areas they had studied during their History unit such as Boughton House, Wicksteed Park and the Manor House Museum.

Year 3 and 4 news

Another busy week in **Year 3** has passed. Children started the week with an impressive swimming session, where again they developed good water safety skills. This week the focus has been on Art, both in their curriculum lessons and by taking part in an Art Festival. We also enjoyed the opportunity to take part in a 'virtual tour' of a famous art gallery. On Wednesday afternoon the children enjoyed watching the year 6 dress rehearsal production of 'Olivia' loosely based on the famous musical 'Oliver'. We hope you have a wonderful weekend.



Year 4 have had a great week of learning. They have written their first-person diary entries from the perspective of Howard Carter discovering Tutankhamun's tomb, in the Valley of the Kings. The children worked so hard on their writing considering the tone and language that they used.

In Maths, they have started learning about statistics and applying this knowledge to interpreting charts and graphs. Our next topic is properties of shape, where they will be looking at groups of shapes, angles and lines of symmetry.

The children have enjoyed completing Design Technology in the afternoons where they have been learning about types of structures to help them answer our key question: 'Which shapes will give a structure stability?' See if your child can remember the types of columns that we learnt about.



As well, the children have taken part in our Art Festival where they have created a natural sculpture and had the chance to experience a guided tour of the Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art.

The children are looking forward to meeting their new teacher during Shuffle Up day of Monday.

Year 5 and 6 News

Year 5 have had a steady and productive week. We have continued reading 'Five children an It' for English. In Maths we have finished converting units of measurement and have now started to re-cap some of our key skills such as division. We had the pleasure of taking part in the amazing CUSP art festival with the talented Jayne Ryder who taught us how to make our own miniature art galleries. We then made our mini art to showcase inside the art gallery that we made.

We've enjoyed some Athletics in PE lessons, with Mr Hawthorn and Mr Runnicles putting the children through their paces! In Science we've continued our work on forces looking how the shape of an object can affect upthrust and buoyancy. Year 5 had a real treat on Wednesday,



watching the year 6 play in their dress rehearsal. It was very good. We were very impressed.

This week, **Year 6** have been working extremely hard to perfect their play this week. Key Stage 2 and siblings were so impressed with how well Year 6 did in their dress rehearsal on Wednesday afternoon and then families were blown away by their magnificent evening performance. Well done to everyone who performed - you really deserve every round of applause you received! They also then enjoyed a treat of bowling on Thursday, with lots of children achieving a strike! On Friday, the children enjoyed learning about akhira in RE.



Year 6 enjoyed Thunderbowl yesterday!



School Fete

FOBs hosted a hugely successful Summer Fete last weekend. Thank you to all of our Brambleside Community that attended and helped to raise money for our school. Here's a few images from the day including Mr White and Mr Fortune trapped in the stocks whilst children pelted wet sponges at them! There was quite a queue!! Also one of the



lovely FOBS ladies was pelted too, poor Mrs Mann! It really was a great day! We hope you all enjoyed the fun atmosphere, we certainly did!



Teachers kindly propose swapping gifts for donations

With July upon us, you may be thinking about how you can thank the adults who have worked with your children this year. At Christmas, we successfully donated goods to our local food bank. In Spring term, you made incredibly generous donations to support people living through the invasion of Ukraine. We have been bowled over by the kindness you have shown towards others and want to try and continue in this spirit.

It is a privilege to be able to work with your children every day. As a staff, we never forget that or take it for granted. We do it because we passionately believe in supporting your children to develop and grow into the fine young people we know they can become. This summer, as prices rise on almost everything, we'd like to invite you to try some of the following instead:

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/50-things-to-do-before-youre-11--activity-list>

If you can do one of them whilst enjoying an ice cream, even better!

If you would like to give something more tangible, the link details for you to donate to Kettering Foodbank: <https://www.ketteringfoodbank.org/>

Alternatively you might like to donate some dried food on your last day (pasta, rice etc) for Northamptonshire Help for Ukraine. We have contacts at Brambleside who oversee and track the transport of items directly into Ukraine and onto their refugees. Thank you from the Brambleside Staff ☺.



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