



The Kimpton Communicator

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Head's Lines

The summer term has started very positively, and it has been lovely to hear about the nice things the children did over the Easter break. The first week of each term is always particularly exciting as new topics are launched in a wide array of engaging activities. Children have been dissecting flowers, creating a courtroom, making perfumes and even investigating a crime scene. These types of lessons encapsulate the school vision 'inspired with a love of learning'.

On Monday morning, I held a whole school assembly with a focus on one of our K Factors: Resilience. We are asking the children to think carefully about challenging situations they may face in school and to react in a proactive way rather than giving up or becoming upset. The children gave great examples of how they could react when being out in a game or finding something tricky in class, and we will be supporting them with this during the term. Several of our Stars of the Week have already put this into practise!

Let it grow! Let it grow! – Work continues on the community garden at the front of the school and the Bench Working Party will be coming in Tuesday next week to build the remaining planters. Then it will be all systems 'grow'. EYFS to Year 3 will be taking part in 'growing to love tomatoes' and it won't be long before they are ready to bring a tomato plant home.

The much-anticipated Quiz Night is being held this Saturday at the Memorial Hall. Mr Dadswell has carefully crafted another fun packed evening and the PTA have been busy preparing another wonderful event. We can't wait to see you all there!

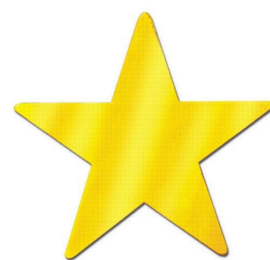
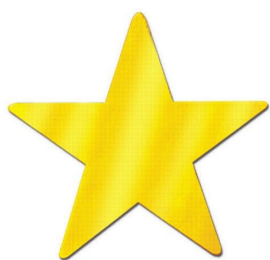
A reminder that we still need donations for the May Festival children's outdoor sports auction items. The box for this is in the front entrance.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Ferguson
Headteacher

Up Coming Events

- **Tuesday 23rd April—Guides, Scouts, etc. to wear their uniform**
- **Wednesday 24th April—Year 3 Swimming Starts**
- **w/c Monday 13th May—Year 6 SATS Week**
- **Wednesday 15th May—Governor in School Day**



Gold Attendance

Gold attendance class
for w/c 15th April was
R Italy with
97.8% attendance.

Well done!



Stars of the Week

N England

Luca A & Skye M

R Italy

Arthur S & Erin O

1 Australia

Joshua F & George Bi

2 Kenya

Harry S & Sophie V

3 Brazil

Ayla O & Jordan M

4 Egypt

Sam H & Poppy C

5 Mexico

Freddie C & Jack D

6 India

Bertie T-B & Jack F



N England

Hugo A

R Italy

Willow H

1 Australia

Skyla J-W

2 Kenya

Dexter M

3 Brazil

Stan C

4 Egypt

Dylan C

5 Mexico

George J-B

6 India

Ebony B

Hub Points

1st Place

90

Bronze

2nd Place

87

Benjamin

3rd Place

76

Attenborough

4th Place

72

Donaldson



on the playground

A weekly round-up from each class

NURSERY ENGLAND

This week Nursery have been looking at The Ugly Five and exploring our new words. We have been hunting for animal facts on the Ipads and recording them on the talking tins: did you know that elephants have long trunks and tusks, or that the lion ant is a vicious predator of other insects? Well, we do. Miss Thomas is particularly proud of Nursery's behaviour this week, with resilience in coming back to school and enthusiasm for our learning. We have also been so kind and grown up in dealing with tricky issues. We have also been looking at things that STINK, like vulture from our story. We decided to make some perfume, but with flowers (a bit kinder to the nostrils) and have been selling them at our very own perfume shop. What a brilliant first week back!

RECEPTION ITALY

This week we have been reading 'The Great Paper Caper' we learnt lots of vocabulary such as: alibi, eyewitness, culprit and investigation. We discovered that the paper thief stole our tree outside and we became detectives trying to catch the bear, we even made our own walkie talkies and posters to catch him! In maths we have been exploring teen numbers and how they are made up of 10 and more. We have also been learning about Ramadan and Eid and comparing this celebration to the other celebrations we have learnt about this year.

1 AUSTRALIA

A great first week back in 1 Australia. This week in English we have started a new book - The Great Paper Caper. We have been busy taking on the role of the characters in the story and we have even written an eyewitness report. In maths we have been comparing different numbers and solving the difference using number tracks and tens frames. Year 1 are all coding superstars and they have enjoyed debugging and creating new codes in computing this week. Have a wonderful weekend!

2 KENYA

This week Year 2 were introduced to a new book in English - The Great Paper Caper by Oliver Jeffers. They came into school with a crime scene in their classroom, they had to look at the clues and figure out what the crime was. From this they read the story and found out all about the evidence and the suspect. On Tuesday we held our own court case, every child was given a role. We had witnesses, detectives, suspects, judges and a jury. They acted out the case and used this to do some fantastic report writing! In history they started learning about what it was like to go to the seaside in the past using primary sources. A fabulous first week back!

3 BRAZIL

Miss Mateo and Miss Ludbrook have been super impressed with Year 3 this week as they have thrown themselves into new learning with new teachers. In science, we started our topic all about plants and set up an investigation to learn about what plants need to grow. We also potted our own sunflowers to take home and see who could grow the tallest flower. In maths, we have started learning about fractions and how to find fractions of amounts. In English, we have been writing a discussion based on our whole school text 'The Great Paper Caper'.

4 EGYPT

This week in Year 4, the class were introduced to several new and exciting topics for the summer term. In English, the children engaged in a paper aeroplane competition, inspired by the new focus book for the school, "The Great Paper Caper". Once the winner was decided, the class had to argue as to why their paper aeroplane was the best using subordinating conjunctions. The skills used to persuade and argue were transferred to geography as the class tried to persuade a judge to either live in Antarctica or the Arctic. These arguments were formed using their new knowledge of extreme environments.

5 MEXICO

Welcome back Year 5 and what a week it's been! Year 5 have returned full of beans and eager to go in what is going to be a very busy term. In English we have been writing a newspaper article about the changes that have happened in the KS2 playground area. We interviewed Mrs Ledger to get her view, using some of what she said as a direct quote in our article. In maths we have been calculating the perimeter of shapes and working out the cost to put up fencing around a vegetable patch. Our RE learning continued this week with us looking at the life of Buddhist monks and considering whether we could become a monk.

6 INDIA

Year 6 have absolutely hit the ground running this week! In English, we have enjoyed the whole school text, The Great Paper Caper, and learning about how court rooms work. This has lead to some interesting discussions about the justice system, as well as comparing spelling and vocabulary between British and American English. Our first block of the term is computing. We are having fun creating different types of quizzes on Purple Mash. Everyone has smashed maths this week - we have covered a huge amount as we focus on applying our calculation strategies to a wide range of reasoning questions.



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