



Head's Lines

Community is Key

I would like to start this week by congratulating Year 6 on their wonderful art gallery that is now being displayed at the Kimpton bus stop opposite The Boot. It is amazing to see how their creative print designs have brought a new lease of life to a space in the village and I suspect it will put a smile on lots of peoples faces. [#KimptonFacebook](#)



We have been busy at school with the continued work on the Community Garden. Thank you to the Bench Working Party for coming to build the remaining planters and fill them with two tonnes of soil! The children will be busy planting over the next week or two and we are hopeful that by half term, we will be in a position to officially open the garden for the weekends for members of the community to come and enjoy it.

Speaking of community, it was great to see so many of our families support the quiz night last Saturday and we raised a whopping £1200! This is a great step towards upgrading the children's computers and developing our new outdoor learning environment. A special thank you to the PTA for all their hard work, Mr Dadswell for another amazing quiz and for all those who attended.

In other news Miss Sharma (Reception Teacher) will be leaving us at the end of the academic year. Despite a fantastic time at Kimpton and to the start of her career, the pull of moving home to Leeds and being with family and friends is too much. She will be missed greatly.

We pride ourselves on creating a fantastic learning environment for our children and this week I had the pleasure of showing a fellow Headteacher round our school. I will leave you with a quote from the email he sent me after his visit: *'Kimpton looks incredible and has a lovely warm atmosphere that surrounds it.'*

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Ferguson
Headteacher

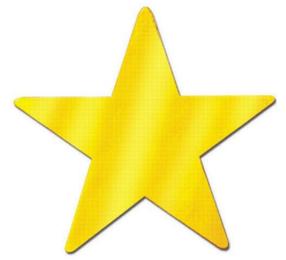


We will soon be welcoming one of our community volunteers, Simon, and his lovely dog Lis into school. Lis is a registered therapy and reading dog; we can't wait for her to come and share some stories with us!

Mrs Caner recently sent out an email asking for consent for your child to have contact with Lis, if they wish. If you have not yet done so, please can you complete this asap so we can invite Lis into school. Please log in to Arbor to 'consent' or 'decline'.

Up Coming Events

- **Friday 3rd May—Non-uniform day—Bring a Bottle for the PTA May Festival Tombola**
- **w/c Monday 13th May—Year 6 SATS Week**
- **Wednesday 15th May—Governor in School Day**



Gold Attendance

Gold attendance classes for w/c 22nd April were R Italy & 2 Kenya with 97.8% attendance.

Well done!



Stars of the Week

- N England** Ida S & Hugo A
- R Italy** Stanley L-J & Ellie L
- 1 Australia** Zoe G & Skyla J-W
- 2 Kenya** Daniel S & Woody J
- 3 Brazil** Scarlet K & Harry E
- 4 Egypt** Phoebe H & Hugh W
- 5 Mexico** Charlotte V & Freddie B
- 6 India** Rae H & Toby B



- N England** Joey H
- R Italy** William S
- 1 Australia** Brody B
- 2 Kenya** Thea D
- 3 Brazil** Jerry C
- 4 Egypt** Lola J
- 5 Mexico** Alex K
- 6 India** Frankie Z

Hub Points

1st Place	178	Bronze
2nd Place	159	Benjamin
3rd Place	147	Attenborough
4th Place	123	Donaldson



on the playground

A weekly round-up from each class

NURSERY ENGLAND

This week Nursery England have been reading *The Great Paper Caper*, discussing new words such as 'judge' and revisiting 'detective'. Bear has been having some busy nights trying to win that paper airplane competition, and Nursery have been fantastic at spotting clues. We decided that Bear must have used a LOT of trees for all those planes, so we've recycled our paper by making some of our own! Maths this week has seen us hunting for those planes that bear left and decorating them with spots, ready for our very own competition. What a super second week back!

RECEPTION ITALY

This week Reception have been diving into our under the sea topic with the book *The Rainbow Fish*. We have been ecstatic (one of the words we have learnt) to learn all about the journey of the rainbow fish and how he became a kind friend that shares. We have been describing the rainbow fish, sequencing the story, creating posters and writing about what we are proud of. In art we have been creating the rainbow fish with felt tips and pipettes of water and even using celery to do some printing. In maths we have started our doubling topic and the children have had fun using the mirrors and dominos to explore doubling numbers. Outside we have been having so much fun exploring bubbles, painting and making submarines.

1 AUSTRALIA

Another brilliant week in Year 1! In English this week we have been exploring questions and looking at some more Year 1 suffixes. In maths we have completed our money unit. We all had lots of fun and we even turned our classroom into a shop! In geography we have been using Atlases to help us when naming countries, capital cities and seas. Have a great weekend 1 Australia!

2 KENYA

This week Year 2 started their art block by looking at *The Great Wave off Kanagawa* by Hokusai. They were really inspired by it and have been planning their own wave pictures. We started by looking at how to make colours lighter using water or adding white. Then we had a go using lines to show the different movements of water including tranquil and choppy waves. In English we wrote out reports about *The Great Paper Caper* court case, we even used contractions! Another great week!

3 BRAZIL

Year 3 have been continuing to look at fractions in maths. This week, we focused on equivalence as well as ordering and comparing fractions. In English, we have finished our writing based on *The Great Paper Caper*. Miss Ludbrook and Miss Matteo are so proud of how hard everyone has tried. In science, we learnt about the lifecycle of flowering plants and we learnt more about plants in our reading sessions on Thursday and Friday. We used various comprehension skills to answer questions about some peculiar plants.

4 EGYPT

In Year 4, we have wrapped up our summer geography topic, comparing the Sahara to the largest desert on earth (Antarctica). We now switch over to computing, where we are evaluating the effective use of search engines. Elsewhere, Mrs Ledger supported the class in their learning of sound by bringing in a variety of musical instruments to experiment with. Mr Gifford was very upset to have missed out!

5 MEXICO

Year 5 have showed a good amount of resilience this week and it was great to hear that they were respectful to Mrs James on Wednesday. In history we started our learning about the Ancient Greeks. First finding out about some significant dates and then sequencing the dates to build a picture of what happened when. In English we've become engrossed in our whole school book, *The Great Paper Caper* by Oliver Jeffers. We've looked at relative clauses and coordinating conjunctions and started to write a balanced argument. In maths it's been all about angles, estimating and using a protractor to measure them. RE has seen us practice some Buddhist meditation and in PE we've continued to hone our rounders skills.

6 INDIA

Yesterday, we started our new topic "Location, Location" with a walk around Kimpton on a 'Blue Plaque Hunt'. Through careful observation, we were able to learn a lot about the history of the area and about how buildings change over time. In PE, we have begun our athletics unit by focusing on sprinting. We explored a range of running techniques and drills, deciding which strategies help us run the fastest. Over the next few weeks, we will be practising these - Usain Bolt better watch out! Our reading sessions have also been interesting as we are studying extracts from classic fiction, such as *Swallows and Amazons*.

