



The Kimpton Communicator

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Head's Lines

Tally Ho! This week kicked off with a fantastic day of workshops and an assembly, where the children learnt all about the Battle of Britain and the extraordinary lives of some of the individuals that had a part to play. It has been lovely to hear how the children enjoyed the day and many have been inspired to learn more at home. Thank you to Mr Dadswell our Humanities Lead for organising a fun packed day and bringing extra excitement to learning about history.



This week, Year 3 and 4 boys, entered the Harpenden District Football Tournament. They represented the school fantastically and Mr Tuffin was particularly impressed by their attitude and teamwork. We know the girls are looking forward to their tournament later in May. Trials will be held next Wednesday lunchtime for their tournament.

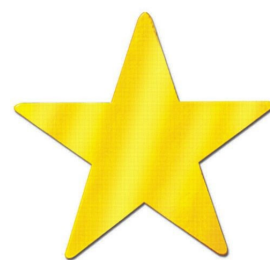
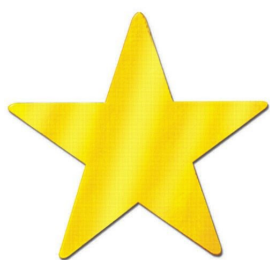
May Festival weekend is nearly here! Get your glad rags on and come and join in the festivities. I'm 100% confident it will be wall to wall sunshine for the day but whatever the weather, come and enjoy a day of fun. As always, all the money raised supports various groups in the village, one of those obviously being the school. Our float is towards the front of the procession and our theme this year is from "The Greatest Showman", so please give us a big wave as we come down the High Street.

Whatever plans you have, I hope you have a lovely bank holiday with friends and family, and we will see you all next Tuesday.

Mr Ferguson
Headteacher

Up Coming Events

- w/c Monday 13th May—Year 6 SATS Week
- Wednesday 15th May—Governor in School Day
- Thursday 16th May—School Census Themed Menu
- w/c Monday 20th May—Walk to School Week
- 21st—24th May—Year 5 School Journey to Barton Turf



Gold Attendance

Gold attendance class
for w/c 29th April was
3 Brazil with
97.7% attendance.

Well done!



Stars of the Week

N England	Amayah Z & Oscar H-M
R Italy	Alba L & Lexi G
1 Australia	Suzie M & George Bi
2 Kenya	Amy K & Thea D
3 Brazil	Breda R & Olivia W
4 Egypt	Kassandra M & Siena A
5 Mexico	The Whole Class
6 India	Hattie P & Isobel W



N England	Luca A
R Italy	Elodie K
1 Australia	George Br
2 Kenya	Tommie P
3 Brazil	Amelie F
4 Egypt	Ella Hill
5 Mexico	Annabel M
6 India	Ethan R

Hub Points

1st Place	229	Bronze
2nd Place	195	Attenborough
3rd Place	193	Benjamin
4th Place	177	Donaldson



on the playground

A weekly round-up from each class

NURSERY ENGLAND

This week Nursery have been reading The Gruffalo and learning about the animals: Did you know owls have 6 eye-lids?! We have been looking at wildlife and even released our frog back into the pond. We spotted the fish and some pond skaters and have been looking into facts about snails too! Another big topic this week has been road safety and we have been using the zebra crossing to look left and right before crossing the road - and using the brakes on our bikes to stop. Some of us even made traffic lights to help let everyone know when it is safe! What a wonderful week.

RECEPTION ITALY

This week we continued our under the sea theme and looked at our book Commotion in the Ocean. We discovered lots of new vocabulary such as: curious, scamper, majestic, bulbous (our favourite) and camouflage. In maths we continued our learning in doubling and have explored halving, we know halving is sharing numbers into 2 equal groups. We have been so busy in our outdoor area and have been exploring how to be a safe pedestrian and making our own traffic lights and road safety signs. Have a lovely long weekend!

1 AUSTRALIA

A fantastic week in 1 Australia! We have been planning and writing balanced arguments in English - one has been about the Great Paper Caper and the other has been about a naughty fox that was sighted in Kimpton! In maths, we have been counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and linking this to money, by counting in 2p's, 5p's and 10p's. In geography we have been learning about castles in the UK. We even got to design our own castle! Have a great weekend Year 1!

2 KENYA

This week in Year 2 we have been learning about synagogues and the children set up the classroom and spent the lesson doing some of the routines Jewish people would do when going to worship. They wore kippas and prayer scarves and looked at the Torah. In art they completed their wave pictures using paints and pens to add extra effect, they put all the skills they learnt about mixing and tone and created some real masterpieces. Another great week, well done Year 2!

3 BRAZIL

Year 3 have started learning all about the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons this week. We created a timeline of events that happened during Viking times then came up with our own historical questions, answering them using secondary sources. In maths, we finished our learning on fractions with a focus on problem solving. We also started a new English unit this week and we are focusing on the personal narrative 'The Proudest Blue' by Olympian Ibtihaj Muhammad. We have been looking at the features of personal narratives in preparation for writing our own.

4 EGYPT

This week in Year 4, the class began their "big write up" to conclude their unit on balanced arguments. Each student has had an opportunity to act out the roles of defendants, culprits, witnesses and more in order to better understand new vocabulary. Elsewhere, Mr Gifford was very excited to be out on the field in the sun as the class were challenged with learning some new cricket skills. This week's focus was on batting technique, looking at grip and stance.

5 MEXICO

Year 5 wowed us last Saturday with their sponsored run at the St Albans parkrun. They were full of life and put everything in to covering the 5km course. Special thanks from the class go to Mrs Deighton, Mrs Dollin, Mr Gifford and Mr Ferguson for giving up their Saturday morning. Thank you to other parents that came to support the event. In English, we have been writing our Out of this World writing summing up the court case in our whole school book The Great Paper Caper. In maths we've moved on to division where we have been looking at what the remainder actually means and whether it is required in certain calculations.

6 INDIA

This week has seen us start to read a new story: The Giant's Necklace by Michael Morpurgo. It is a treasure-trove of details, enabling us to use it as the starting point for many pieces of writing. We started with using dialogue to show characterisation and to move action on - the combination of a wide range of writing skills! In maths we have learnt about ratio and proportion, solving a range of word problems and drawing bar models to represent the ratios involved. One of our PE topics is athletics; we have been taking sprinting seriously by learning drills to improve our running technique - just wait for Sports Day!



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