



The Kimpton Communicator

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Head's Lines

This week started with a visit from our Herts for Learning, School Effectiveness Advisor, Mr Matt Johnson, who came in to focus on our progress with early reading and how we support our children in receipt of Pupil Premium funding. In early reading, it was clear that the new Anima Phonics scheme was fully embedded, and our children continue to make strong progress. He was particularly impressed with Mrs Stagg our Reading lead, who modelled her knowledge of children across the school and how targeted support was being utilised to have the best outcomes for the children.

As we further explored the provision in school for our Pupil Premium children, Mr Johnson was able to see how the staffing team constantly look for ways to improve learning experiences for pupils and develop opportunities to improve their cultural capital. Once again, he was very complimentary of our Pupil Premium Lead, Mrs Ledger who has only recently stepped into the role.

As part of our reflective practise, we often ask parents, governors and children for their feedback. We always find this process incredibly insightful, and it allows us to make positive improvements to our school. We also do the same with our staff team and each year, the governing board send out a staff questionnaire. As we reflected on the outcomes of the survey, we realised that the parents might like a small insight into how staff are feeling. Below are the top three statements that staff most strongly agreed with:

I believe that the children's wellbeing and interests are at the heart of all decisions made by the staff team.

I feel confident with the school's Safeguarding Procedures.

I am happy and enjoy working at Kimpton Primary School.

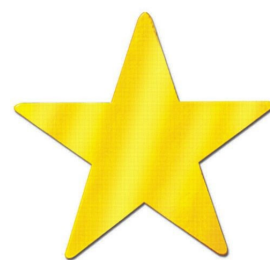
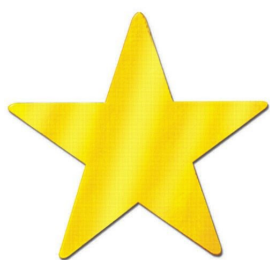
Thinking about my own son and his school, knowing that these statements are the top three things that staff feel, would make me extremely happy and, as the Head of Kimpton, they make me feel extremely proud.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to our last week of this term and the PTA Easter Egg hunt.

Mr Ferguson
Headteacher

Up Coming Events

- Thursday 28th March—10.45am Mrs Vine's Leaving Assembly
- Thursday 28th March—1.15pm PTA Easter Egg Hunt (£2.50)
- Tuesday 16th April—Bags to School Collection (information to follow)
- Wednesday 24th April—Year 3 Swimming Starts



Gold Attendance

Gold attendance class
for w/c 18th March was
R Italy with
98.9% attendance.

Well done!



Stars of the Week

N England	The Whole Class
R Italy	The Whole Class
1 Australia	Brody B & Polly M
2 Kenya	Tilly G & Jessica D
3 Brazil	Stan C & Amelie F
4 Egypt	Mayson M & Freddie H
5 Mexico	Max A & Freya S
6 India	Louie W & Arsen P



N England	Joey H
R Italy	Eren O
1 Australia	George Br
2 Kenya	Frank S
3 Brazil	Scarlet K
4 Egypt	Riley P
5 Mexico	Harry D
6 India	Sienna Ba

Hub Points

1st Place	859	Bronze
2nd Place	786	Benjamin
3rd Place	733	Attenborough
4th Place	709	Donaldson



on the playground

A weekly round-up from each class

NURSERY ENGLAND

We have been reading The Ugly Duckling and cementing our understanding of life-cycles. We have taken excellent care of our ducks, taking them for their daily swim and ensuring our classroom is a fabulous environment for them to be in. Our maths skills are really gaining ground as our counting skills have really taken off. Miss Thomas is so impressed. Lastly, as all the adults know, we performed our Sharing Assembly, unfortunately we couldn't fit all of our learning into it, as our brains grow every day (soon they won't fit in our heads), but we're happy you could come and look at our floor book to see everything we get up to.

RECEPTION ITALY

This week Reception have been reading 'The Odd Egg', we predicted that there would be chocolate in the strange egg, but we discovered there was actually a crocodile in it!! We described the egg so well and some of us even used 'because' in our sentences. In phonics we were learning the consonant clusters 'sw' and 'st' and our twin letters 'ss'. On Wednesday we projected our voices, sang beautifully and presented our beautiful work in our sharing assembly to our grown ups and the rest of the school. Well done Reception Italy!

1 AUSTRALIA

A brilliant week in 1 Australia! This week we have written a short narrative all about Peter and Paul (from the story Puffin Peter) hosting a party! We have also managed to squeeze in some poetry too! In maths we have been looking at finding missing parts when we know the whole and drawing our answers in cherry models and bar models! Have a lovely weekend Year 1!

2 KENYA

This week Year 2 have been learning about Easter in RE. They made their own pictures with the cross symbol to represent part of the Easter story. In English they have been working on descriptions and using the stimulus of sounds to help them they wrote about bubbling potions and crashing waves! In science they have been exploring microhabitats and thinking about why insects and other animals choose to live there. Another great week!

3 BRAZIL

Year 3 have continued reading The Amazon River by Sangma Francis and have used detailed description to write a postcard. They have been using a glossary to find the meaning of technical vocabulary and have even made their own. In maths they have been interpreting information from pictograms. During PE they have been improving their basketball skills and learning some new dance moves. As part of DT they have been designing, making and evaluating chocolate Easter nests.

4 EGYPT

In Year 4, we have continued to conduct various investigations into our topic, "States of Matter". This week, Mr Gifford arrived in class with his laundry, asking children to dry his socks using various methods (monitoring the rate of evaporation). Meanwhile, in PSHE, the Year 4s reflected on why some people might start smoking and the repercussions of deciding to smoke.

5 MEXICO

This week Year 5 have been writing newspaper reports all about our story The Promise. We have really considered the importance and impact that green spaces have on a community and the benefits they have on wellbeing. In maths, we have started looking at translating and reflecting shapes and patterns. Our blocked subject has been history where we have looked at historical artefacts - first guessing what each one may have been and who it belonged to, before logging on to Google Classrooms to discover if we had guessed correctly. In PE we (briefly) continued our hockey skills and during Spanish completed our end of term assessments.

6 INDIA

This week, Year 6 have knuckled down with determination and resilience to work through a set of SATs papers. As well as being valuable practice, this exercise has highlighted all of the great work they have done over the last term. Well done everyone! We've also had some fun and creative lessons, writing our own ending to a modern fairy tale and designing adventure stories in computing. We thoroughly enjoyed sharing our work with parents on Wednesday afternoon too.



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