



# Newsletter

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**Headline!**

**News!**

## Dear Parents/Carers,

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This week has been very varied with absences of both children and staff, including our sports coach. A huge well done to everyone for coping with the last-minute changes, especially our very adaptable staff who have been covering each other, helping wherever they can and going above and beyond to ensure the children were in school and able to learn.

Once again, I have had the pleasure of seeing all the classes in action and have been overjoyed at what I am witnessing in every class, by every child. On Monday, I had the pleasure of showing Mr Blight and Mrs Popat (our new school improvement leads for InMAT) around school. Some of you will remember that Mr Blight supported the school before I was appointed. They were both thrilled at the progress we have all made over the past 18 months and the plans for the future. They were particularly impressed with the impact of Read Write Inc (Phonics in KS1/EYFS) and Power Maths across the school. English books were looked at, and again, they were impressed by the quality of teaching and learning, outcomes and quantity of work being produced too. The children are certainly making huge strides and, like I am, you should feel very proud of them all.

We have seen more participation in sports this week with both gymnastics and archery (see notes from Miss Pallet). This weekend, we have children participating in the county cross country championships at Abington Park, Northampton. We wish those competitors lots of luck and I, along with other staff, Mrs Brown (Chair of LAC) and Mrs Brooks (Head of Trustees at InMAT) are looking forward to cheering them on!

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Bodman-Knight

## COVID

As you are aware, cases have been high in school this week. We are hoping we have peaked and that normality will return soon! Thank you to all those who have continued to test their children, kept them at home if they suspect anything and also kept us informed. Masks will continue to be worn until next Thursday as announced last night, but please respect those who choose to continue to wear them around the school site.

We will continue to limit parents attending Friday assemblies for the coming weeks until things settle with us, but I hope to be inviting you all to more school events after half term.

## Parking

Once again, we have had two separate parking issues this week. One parent using a private driveway and one blocking a lowered part of the path, meaning parents with pushchairs were struggling to get access to the path. It was also disappointing to hear of altercations between parents.

We are fortunate that our school is situated within lovely grounds, surrounded by housing which is far safer than a lot of other schools. Parking will always be an issue, but please be kind and courteous and think about all of our parents and children, as well as the local residents.

Thank you.

## Gymnastics

Last Friday, we had two groups of gymnasts take part in the Kettering School Sport Gymnastics competition.

First up, in the morning, were the year 4 girls, who had to perform a floor routine, a body management routine and two vaults. All the girls performed brilliantly and remembered all the correct moves. The girls were amazed to find that they had achieved second place in the competition!

In the afternoon, it was the turn of the year 5 and 6 girls. They also had to perform a floor and body management routine and two vaults. The standard of this competition is always extremely high and we were very pleased with the girls' 5<sup>th</sup> place. As always, all the gymnasts made us very proud of them with their behaviour, determination and passion.



## Archery

On Tuesday morning, Mrs Davidson and Mrs Drew accompanied 12 archers to the KSSP Archery Competition.

During the competition they were split into two groups that took part in a number of archery-based challenges.

Mrs Davidson and Mrs Drew were beaming when they came back! They reported that the children had been brilliantly behaved and that they had all participated with enthusiasm.

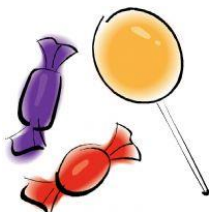
Mrs Davidson's group came 4<sup>th</sup> in their section and Mrs Drew's group came 5<sup>th</sup> out of 12 schools.



### School Photographer Reminder

Just a reminder that the School Photographer will be in School on Wednesday (26<sup>th</sup> January).

Due to COVID cases, only siblings attending Hall Meadow will be able to have their photos taken together.



### PACT

A big thank you for everyone's support yesterday at the Tuck Shop.

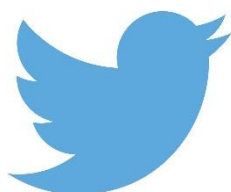
A fantastic £72 of takings!

With this success we plan to have another Tuck shop on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb



### This Week's Stars are:

- Iris** - Esmail
- Demeter** - Danso
- Apollo** - Adil
- Poseidon** – Tilly-Rae
- Athena** - Aaron
- Ares** - Gracie
- Zeus** - Two Stars will be chosen next week!



- Whole school - @primary\_hall
- Iris - @HMIris2
- Demeter - @DemeterHm
- Apollo - @HmApollo
- Poseidon - @HmPoseidon
- Athena - @HMAthena6
- Ares - @HMAres2
- Zeus - @hm\_zeus

### Tweet of the week!



HMAthena  
@HMAthena6

Great fun with string telephones on Friday afternoon. We consider how the vibrations transferred the sound of our voices. @primary\_hall



### DATES FOR DIARY!

#### January

23<sup>rd</sup> Jan – County Cross Country Finals

26<sup>th</sup> Jan – School Photographer

#### February

2<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Apollo & Athena Mosque Visit

4<sup>th</sup> Feb – Iris Class Theatre Visit

8<sup>th</sup> Feb – National Online Safety Day

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#### Term 3

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Training Day

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – School open to all pupils

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February – End of term

**Term 4**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Training day

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – School open to all pupils

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April – End of term

**Term 5**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April – School open to all pupils

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – End of term

**Term 6**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Training Day

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – School open to all pupils

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July – End of term