



Newsletter

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Headline!

News!

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week was national story telling week and the children have been continuing to read and listen to stories in both story books and story poems. Iris class are ending the week with a visit to the Corby Cube to watch 'The Smeds and The Smoos' which is a story they look at in class.

Apollo and Athena visited a Mosque this week as part of their RE studies. The children were able to see what a Mosque is like, what happens in a Mosque and over the coming weeks will draw upon this visit to further their understanding of Islam but also to compare buildings from different faiths. Unfortunately, Poseidon's visit to the Church of St Peter and St Paul has had to be rearranged, due to staff being poorly. Apollo also completed their geographical walk around the KLV to help with their mapping and understanding of the local area.

Staff spent time this week looking at books for all subjects across the whole school. It has been pleasing to see an improvement in work as the year has gone up and the standards and expectations that we are setting for the children being met. Alongside this, staff were looking at progress and evidence towards ensuring children are gaining new knowledge as well as building on knowledge from previous years and other subjects. Again, it was great to see links being made such as the use of data collection in geography and history, instructional writing in science and geography and reflective evaluations in design and technology.

As we enter the final week of this term, we are focusing on assessment and gaining a clear understanding of where the children are so we can ensure each child is targeted appropriately. These will be collated and shared at the next parents evening.

Once again, the children have coped with staff and pupil absence this week and have demonstrated their resilience throughout every aspect of school life. You should all feel very proud of your young people.

Have a good weekend,

Mrs Bodman-Knight

COVID UPDATE

Currently we have 3 staff members off with COVID and 22 children. This number has both decreased and increased every day in school, with days of 7 members of staff absent this week.

Presently, there are cases in every class. We are continuing with high levels of hygiene. However, the spread of the current strain is so transmissible we literally cannot keep on top of it. From discussions we are not alone in this.

Please continue to test children regularly and if in doubt, book a PCR test



PARKING

Yesterday, we were pleasantly surprised to see the highways team marking the area close to the school in Packer Road and Jackson Way.

Parking issues around the KLV will never be fully resolved but it is really pleasing to see more parents being mindful of our families who are walking to school.

Thank you for your continued support with this matter.



BEHAVIOUR POLICY UPDATE

Staff have started unpicking the current behaviour policy over the past few weeks. It is my aim to speak to the children next week and then parents after half term.

Our aim is to create a policy which is clear and easy for all to use and understand.

I will not go into detail at this point, as I am looking forward to collating responses before formulating a new policy with everyone's view.

Please look out for more updates on this and a survey for parents over the coming weeks.

LITTER BUSTERS!

Some of our children became 'Wombles' at the weekend and collected 15 bags of litter around the KLV.

Although, it is shameful that people still drop litter (I'm sure many of you remember the Keep Britain Tidy Campaigns of years past) these young people have shown respect for their environment and demonstrated that keeping the area clean and tidy is everyone's responsibility.

Well done to Abby, Archie, Olivia, Zane, William and Joseph



MUFTI DAY



**Wear Something You
Love**

PACT

PACT are holding a mufti day on Friday 11th February. As this is close to Valentine's Day, the theme is to 'wear something you love.'

Please donate £1 to wear your own clothes. All proceeds will go towards the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

YEAR 2 AND YEAR 4 MOSQUE VISIT

This week Year 2 and Year 4 had the great opportunity to visit a local mosque as part of their RE learning.

The Imam greeted us at the doors of the mosque, where we all removed our shoes and entered to find features that most of us had never seen before.

It was all very interesting and exciting; we learnt lots about the different features and most of us really enjoyed learning and watching the Imam demonstrate the call for prayer, praying, teaching, washing and about the five pillars.

The children engaged and asked lots of interesting questions and especially impressed the teaching staff with their ability to recall and answer questions from the Imam, displaying their understanding and knowledge of the religion of Islam.

When we got back to school we decided to write a letter to the Imam of the mosque, thanking him for allowing us to visit.

Apollo and Athena Class



APOLLO'S LOCAL WALK



This Week's Stars are:

- Iris** - Louie
- Demeter** - Anran
- Apollo** - Alisha
- Poseidon** - Isabelle
- Athena** - Aroush
- Ares** - Kaiden
- Zeus** - (Announced 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!



HMAres
@HMAres2

We may have been absent from Twitter but we have been having a blast in Ares this term! We've been dramatizing major earthquakes, travelling back to 79AD to imagine the catastrophic events in Pompeii, and creating explosive artwork! @primary_hall





DATES FOR DIARY!

February

8th Feb – National Online Safety Day

11th Feb – Poseidon Church Visit

11th Feb – Mufti Day

22nd Feb – Two's Day Sponsorship Form to be returned

March

2nd Mar – Poseidon Class Assembly (TBC)

3rd Mar – World Book Day

7th Mar – Ares Anglo Saxon Visit

8th Mar – School Photographer

17th Mar – PACT Cake Sale

22nd & 23rd Mar – Parents Evening (details to follow)

28th Mar – M&M Productions Jungle Book

30th Mar – Apollo Class Assembly (TBC)

31ST Mar – PACT School Disco

2021-22

Term 3

Tuesday 4th January – Training Day

Wednesday 5th January – School open to all pupils

Friday 11th February – End of term

Term 4

Monday 21st February – Training day

Tuesday 22nd February – School open to all pupils

Friday 1st April – End of term

Term 5

Tuesday 19th April – School open to all pupils

Friday 27th May – End of term

Term 6

Monday 6th June – Training Day

Tuesday 7th June – School open to all pupils

Thursday 21st July – End of term