



Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been one of those classic Michaelmas weeks. It's been full of events, visits and activities all whilst dodging intermittent rain showers! We're talking about Strictly in the staff room and Christmas planning has started already!

Nursery News

We've enjoyed improving our self help skills this week working on independence. We got a new sensory balance beam, which is best enjoyed with shoes and socks off! This has allowed for plenty of practice putting our socks and shoes on and off. Alongside this, we're getting better at putting our coats and aprons on during the day and completing toileting tasks on our own. It would be lovely if the children could share these skills with you at home and continue to gain independence. We've also enjoyed exploring the circle and different colours through fun activities and baking tasks. It's fantastic that the children know lots of their colours and some of their shapes! Well done Nursery.

Individual and Class Photos

On Tuesday we welcomed Bentley Photographic into school to take individual, class and team photos. The Hub was turned into a photo studio with stands, lights and backdrops, and children came in small groups to have their pictures taken. We don't have copies of the photographs and we haven't had the proofs - everything is done through Bentley Photographic. Please don't contact our School Office with enquiries, you must contact and order from the company directly. It's a logistical challenge to get everyone looking the right way with a smile at the same time, especially the younger pupils, but I hope you have a memento of your child in school.

KSSP U11 Football

Our Year 5 and 6 Football team travelled to KBA on Monday to play in a Kettering inter-school football tournament. We did exceptionally well, winning 5 out of our 6 games, coming 2nd overall due to a losing bonus point. It was great to get children competing again and we really enjoy the challenge of facing local schools, especially as we're the smallest that enters. An amazing achievement.



Stamford Rugby Festival

Our Year 5 and 6 Rugby team had their first ever game of contact rugby this week and they were brilliant. Playing Prep schools from across the East Midlands including Stamford, Laxton, Spratton, Witham, Leicester Grammar and Copthill, we managed to win half of our matches. Again, we were the smallest school in attendance and made some fantastic tackles. The team did us all proud, especially when the going got tough. We will hopefully be taking part in the Kettering Rugby Club Tag Rugby Festival later in the term and some of the girls will be playing hockey against some new rivals too.

Rutland Water Cross Country

It was good to be back at the Brooke Priory Cross Country today. 16 runners competed against 300 pupils from other schools, running 2km around the shore of Rutland Water. An impressive backdrop. It was lovely to have some spectators cheering on the children. Despite the wind and steep hill finish, everyone had a great time. Congratulations Jacob who finished 6th in his race. We have another Cross Country event later in the term with Kettering Schools so hope this practice helped.

School Council

The School Council elections were this week and the hustings were fierce. There are manifesto posters around school and every child from Reception to Year 6 got the opportunity to vote. The Year 6s did a brilliant job of Poll Clerking. The results are close, very close, and the children will find out who is representing them on the School Council and Eco Committee on Monday when they receive their new badges. Everyone who presented their ideas, made a poster or presentation should be congratulated.

Uniform

All school parents will have received my letter about school uniform. Please make sure that your child has all of the correct uniform and equipment in school. Why not leave blue socks, gum shields and shin pads in your child's bag? Uniforms are available to order through ParentMail. Children will be much more comfortable in a uniform that fits them properly. Thank you for your support.



Music Mark School

We are proud to announce that we've been recognised as a Music Mark School. Music Mark recognises our commitment to a broad and balanced curriculum and the value that we place on music in our school. Music Mark is the UK Association for Music Education, championing and supporting access to music for all children and young people. Well done Mrs Palmer and all of our musicians, beginner and pro!

Harvest Donations

Next Friday evening is the Lower School Harvest Supper and the whole school is accepting donations for the local food bank. Please raid your cupboards and pantries and donate cans, tins and packets of food if you can. These can be given to the Class Teacher any day next week. We'll collect them all together on Friday and take them to the Kettering Food Bank over the weekend. Thank you in advance for any offerings you can spare.

Next week is World Space Week, the start of Black History month and the football squad are heading to Tresham College for the small schools county qualifier. Wish them luck. Tickets are now on sale through ParentMail for the Reception to Year 6 PTA Halloween Disco for £2.50, fancy dress is optional.

Have a lovely weekend.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher