

Kilby St Mary's

C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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'Together , we are learning to live life in all its fullness' John 10:10

Christian Value Focus: Hope

British Value Focus: Tolerance of Different Faiths & Beliefs

Message from the Headteacher

It was great to see everyone back in school and hear what they had all be doing in the half term holidays. It was with great delight we welcomed 2 new children to Kilby. Enzo and Meadow have already settled happily into Kilby school life and have made many friends.

On Monday we welcomed our 2 new office Admin Staff, Mrs Elwell and Mrs Chapman. Thank you to everyone who has already introduced themselves and made them feel so welcome. They are already beginning to learn children's names and classes. If you ring in with a message can you help them out by giving child's full name and class.

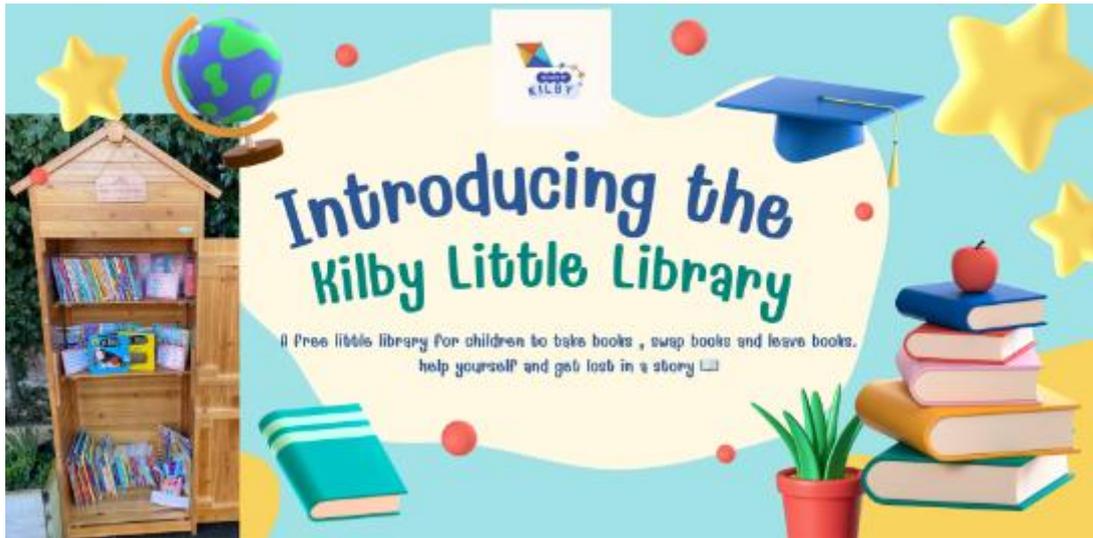
We are now looking at improving our systems to record absences. We have set up a new mail box;

absence@kilby.leics.sch.uk please use this to inform the office of any absences or alternatively ring the office and leave a message on the answer phone. This is regularly checked so you can be sure your message has been heard.

Sadly, after 10 years, we shall be saying goodbye to Mrs Martin. Her last day will be Wednesday 6th March. Her husband has a job in Penang, Malaysia and she will be moving out there with him. We want to wish her all the best as she begins this exciting new adventure. She will be greatly missed.

I am very pleased to announce that Mrs Kate Wykes will be joining the Kilby team on Monday 11th March. She will be primarily working in Little Seedlings and Oak classes as Mrs Martin did. The 3+ children got the opportunity to meet her today and she will be available on Monday morning to say hello to all the 3+ parents. She is very excited to be meeting you all.

Miss Hartshorne



I want to say a huge thank you to the FOK who have provided school with a little library. This will be open before and after school for children to take a book. This is such a fantastic idea and supports us in our quest to encourage all children to read for enjoyment. I am sure it will be enthusiastically supported by the whole school community.

Oak Class News

We have been enjoying many of the wonderful works of our author of the term - 'Michael Rosen'. As well as our favourite 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' we have been listening to and learning some of his many short stories and poems. We have then been carefully listening for the rhyming words and seeing if we can make some of our own rhyming pairs up.

This term we were very lucky to be gifted with a free class set of recorders from the Leicestershire Schools Music Service and have started to learn how to hold and use it properly. All the children have loved experimenting with sound and music!

In art the children have been looking carefully at the features of different landscape artwork - identifying how different colours are used according to the season or time of day. They have then been working on their own wonderful landscape artwork.

After learning how to follow and create our own sequence of clear instructions, the children used these to make a jam sandwich - the final instruction 'finally, eat the sandwich' was greatly enjoyed!



Willow Class News

Willow Class have been working really hard in all areas of the curriculum. We shared a book and reflected on how we can help save our planet. In class discussions, we thought it would be a good idea to recycle packaging and talked about the 'Wombles Assesmbly' too. The children have made posters about littering and highlighting the impact it has on the environment.

In design and technology the children have made puppets. We looked at the different types of puppets and then produced our own. Willow Class have perservered when doing their puppets as it had some challenging moments. The children have produced some amazing puppets. I am so proud of them for not giving up!



Maple Class News

As usual Maple Class has been very productive. We have been looking at the work of David Hockney in art and design. The children have been inspired by his work and his use of materials, and the colours that he uses in his pictures.

The children have used the new acrylic paints kindly donated by the FOK. The children were very excited to be using acrylic paint as it is easier to manipulate on art paper than poster paints and gives a professional finish too.

I would like to share some of their lovely detailed paintings.



In science they learnt how to be palaeontologists. They excavated the chocolate chips (whole) from a chocolate chip cookie.



Rowan Class News

It's been another busy month in Rowan class, with lots of practical activities to help engage learners. We built bridges in design and technology. The brief was to design and build a bridge that spanned 50 cm, was high enough to let a boat pass through at 20cm height, and support two passing cars over the top. We tasted Jewish treats as part of our learning about Rosh Hashanah. Everyone liked apple with honey! We decorated bird and bat boxes with some volunteers from Kilby Wildlife Trust. We are then going to site the boxes in the woodland area behind the Dog & Gun. Thanks to Steph and Neil for giving up their time to come and talk to us about the boxes and help decorate.



PE Days for Spring Term

Oak and Willow
Mon & Thurs

Maple & Rowan
Wed & Thurs



Dates for your Diary

Thurs 7 th March 9am	World Book Day Assembly
Fri 8 th March 9am	Mother's Day Assembly & refreshments
Tues 12 th March 3:30pm-5:30pm	Parent-Teacher meetings
Wed 13 th March 5pm – 8pm	Parent-Teacher meetings
Thurs 14 th March	IEP meetings
Tues 19 th March 9:15am	Easter service at the church
Mon 25 th March – Fri 5 th April Easter Holidays	
Mon 15 th April	Class group photos
Mon 6 th May Bank Holiday	
YEAR 6 SATs WEEK BEG 13 th MAY 2024 All Children MUST be in school	
Mon 27 th May- Fri 31 st May Half Term	
Fri 5 th July 9:15am	Yr 6 Leavers service at school
Tues 9 th July School Closes for Summer	
Tuesday 27 th Aug School reopens to children	

February Birthdays

Happy
BIRTHDAY

Amber, Mia, Jamie, Tommy, Emily O,
Ishaani, Stanley

Happy Birthday from Kilby!