

News from the Deputy Head Teacher's desk

This week we welcomed Butterflies, Hedgehogs, Otters and Kiwis (our Key worker children) back to school. It's not the start to the final half term we envisioned at the beginning of the year, however it is wonderful to hear the sounds of children voices, laughter and happiness ringing through the school again and to be able to welcome their families at the beginning of each day. We are very proud at how our children have returned in such a positive light and have embraced the 'bubble' concept, new routines and expectations, they have done a tremendous job and have taken all changes in their stride. Thank you for working with us and preparing your children for starting back to school albeit slightly different to what they are used to. We look forward to welcoming even more of you next week.

The staff have done a great job at getting their classrooms ready, adapting to the new changes and making sure that all children felt calm, safe and happy in their new 'bubble' environment. Their positive attitude has really helped everything run smoothly, and whilst the sun may have decided to hide this week, we've certainly had beaming smiles across school.

We hope all of you continuing with your home learning this week have found the new work format easy to follow and provides a range of different activities for you to do. Remember we are still available through Tapestry and E-schools to talk to and would love to see what you have been up to and share your photos in the newsletter. You and your families did a great job last half term, remember to find that balance of working and resting and if things get too much, there is always tomorrow to have another shot at it.

In school today, Kiwis have been completing work linking to World Environment day (5th June). They have spent time thinking about nature and the impact we have on it. During global lockdown it has been interesting to see that by stopping some of our normal, everyday routines, the impact this has had on the environment and that with pollution and greenhouse gas emission falling the visual changes that have been noted. During lockdown, I have thoroughly enjoyed my daily walks with Scribbles where I have had the opportunity to just stop and admire the views, the hillsides, the trees, the birds, the sky. What do you love about nature? What can we do to make sure that we protect nature around us? I've started a conversation on E-schools and would love to hear your thoughts and ideas.

"To care for ourselves, we must care for nature" World Environment Day

Wish you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Abernethy

6th—14th June



Next week is National Bike Week. Cycling is a great way to keep fit and active and is a good way to boost immunity, it's also a great for your mental well-being.

Go to <https://www.cyclinguk.org/bikeweek> to find a series of fun events online for you to take part in.

Are you eligible for free school meals?

Did you know that our school receives funding to help children who are eligible for free school meals?

This means we can help support families to enrich their children's learning experiences.

Even if your child already receives universal free school meals (Reception, Year 1 and 2) you may still be entitled to apply!

Families who receive the following are eligible for free school meals:

- income support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- income-related employment and support allowance (ESA)
- guarantee element of state pension credit
- Universal Credit (with an annual income of less than £7,400)**

Both income-based and contribution-based JSA/ESA if you receive the same amount for both. You should also qualify if you receive both but the income-based amount is greater, but not if the contribution-based amount is greater.

Families who are awarded Child Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HMRC, not in excess of £16,190 are also eligible to claim free school meals providing there is no entitlement to Working Tax Credit (unless in respect of a 4-week 'run-on').

Please go directly to <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals> or call 01926 742543 to apply.

If you need any further help please contact Mrs Shirley.

Spot Light on our Children

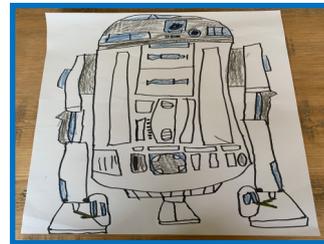
News from Reception

It has been lovely welcoming back lots of Hedgehogs and Butterflies. This week we have been getting used to our new routines. We have drawn the people in our bubbles and made our own Worry Monsters. We love chatting with the other half of our class over Microsoft teams. The children at home have been busy working on their Oak Academy challenges. We hope you all have a lovely weekend!



News from Owls

Owls have been trying a new way of learning this week using Oak Academy and BBC Bitesize to support their learning. In maths they have moved onto fractions and working out what fraction of a shape is shaded. We will continue working on fractions next week. We've had some exciting news from Leandi who passed her Grade 1 harp exam, she shared a wonderful video of her playing with myself and Mrs Lawson and she truly is a talented harpist, well done Leandi! Spencer has also been working hard on his drawing skills and shared some lovely pictures he has worked on, well done.



News from Kiwis (Keyworker Bubble)

We've had a fantastic start back and we are excited to have a mixture of Year 2, 3 and 4 children in our Kiwi group. We started the week with learning our new expectations and new routines we need to stick to in our bubble. We also learnt a new song to help us when washing our hands. You might like to learn it too:



Tap, water and soap,
Slithering snakes along the ground,
Prickly hedgehogs can be found.
Scuttling crab back and forth,
Jellyfish tentacles tickling the shore,
Mole in the hole goes round and round,
Water, tap, dry.

We've been busy this week by taking part in the Big Sing live show on Tuesday where we joined in with other schools around the country singing "I've got the Power". We've also been practising our directional skills using a compass and navigating around an atlas to identify and label the different continents. Well done team Kiwis! A great start back.

Resources Available

Here is a link to a free eBook available, it is a picture book dealing with worries about Covid-19:

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/books/jon-burgerman-everybody-worries-free-ebook/>

News from Otters

We've really enjoyed being together again this week. We started learning about our new topic, Brazil! We located it on a map of South America and also located some of its biggest cities. We learnt that the people of Brazil speak Portuguese and their favourite food is coffee and feijoada (chocolate fudge).



News from Foxes

During half term Foxes had an exciting delivery, 5 tiny caterpillars! We have named them Oliver, Carrot, Gus, Wiggler and Leafy. Unfortunately it's rather tricky for Mrs Shirley to tell them apart. We have spent this week watching them grow and making our own caterpillar diaries. We will be finding out lots more about animal life-cycles over the next few weeks.

