21st June 2024 **ISSUE 16**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

04th July Sports Afternoon Further details to be announced 11th July

> (RESERVED) Reserved Date in case weather does not allow 4th July date to go ahead.

Sports Afternoon —

12th July School Reports

15th July New Classes Children visit their new classes (Reception and YR1 only)

15th July Meet The Teacher

Parents/Carers are invited to drop-in to meet your child's new Teacher 3:15pm

17th July Year 2 Trip

> Year 2 children go to a local book shop to choose a book

17th July Monkeys Class

> Celebration Day. Parents invited to stay & play from 1:30pm

19th July Year 2 Leavers Assembly

Families Invited

19th July End of TERM

School CLOSES at 3:10pm for the

End of Year Summer Break

22nd July INSET Day

School CLOSED to Pupils

03rd September INSET Day

School CLOSED to Pupils

04th September School OPEN

Welcome Back!

School OPENS at 08:30am

HEADTEACHER NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have been busily practising for Sports Day this week. It is always a sign that the Summer is here and also that the end of the academic year is approaching. We will be getting ready to say goodbye to our Year 2 children very soon. More information on this will follow shortly.

As you may know, Little Robins – our wraparound care provider who sit separately from the school - are closing down next Friday 28th June. I understand how much anxiety may have been caused by this for some of our families but we are happily in a position now to maintain a club both before and after school in the Children's Centre and we are now planning what this will look like from September onwards. Rest assured we will make this work so you can have peace of mind in the future.

I had our Ofsted report back very quickly and have signed it off for accuracy. I am hoping this means I can share the outcome with you all before we finish for the Summer.

Have a great, fun and sunny weekend and best wishes,

Ian Fraser

Executive Headteacher









EYFS - Monkeys

Its been a busy two weeks in Monkey Class. In Maths we have been exploring shape and numerical patterns; exploring doubles, odds and evens and number bonds to 10. They have also created their own AB and ABC patterns. Our story in Literacy is currently Rainbow Fish and we have shared our likes and dislikes of the story. In continuous provision the children have created their own Rainbow Fish using a range of collage materials, this means they have been practising their fine motor skills as they cut paper to represent each scale. They have also created their own rockpools out of playdough and using plastic sea creatures; some looked very realistic! Outside the children have had the opportunity to pretend they are at the beach and explore bubbles in the water just like the fish that blow bubbles in our story.





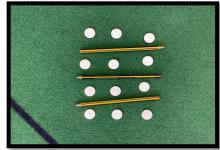
YEAR 1 - Lions

This week we have been learning about quarters in our Maths lessons, the children have been busy finding quarters of shapes and quantities. They have started to learn about place value to 100, and count from 50 to 100. They have done brilliantly with their hot writes for our narrative Peter Pan, and have absolutely loved this topic!

I have been very proud of Year 1 with their fantastic effort in our Phonics check last week.







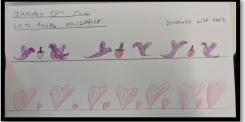
YEAR 2 - Giraffes

Wow! How our plants have grown. The seed with all the correct elements grew so well over the holidays, the others did not fair so well, so we have decided to now give all the seeds soil, light, water and the correct temperature to see what happens. Can we rescue the seeds? One has already started to germinate and grow.

In other news we enjoyed learning about historic homes and spotted many styles of homes on our local walk.

Then we have been busy designing and making our own wallpaper in Art. Well done Giraffes.





Celebration Assemblies...



Congratulations to our Sparkler Children. These assemblies celebrate children's efforts in all areas of work and play.

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MONKEYS Mario



LIONS Nova



GIRAFFES Oliwia

Congratulations to our children who have excelled in all areas of our 6 core values: FRIENDSHIP, RESPECT, SELF-BELIEF, CO-OPERATION, CHALLENGE and RESPONSIBILITY



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MONKEYS Janek



LIONS Emily C



GIRAFFES Winnie-Grace

Notices...





Dress for Dinners—Dress Down Day...



Thank you to everyone who helped support our Dress for Dinners Day on Friday 21st June in support of St Mark's Meals. So far we have managed to raise an incredible £275. out of our £300 target. This is so fabulous as several of our families across the Blue Sky Federation are supported with Meal Boxes provided by St Mark's Meals. Their ethos is that no child in Milton Keynes should go to bed hungry.

If you would like to make a suggested £1 donation and haven't yet been able to do so, you can donate online; DONATE HERE

Parking...

Please be considerate when parking your vehicle and do not block residents driveways or park on the pavement. Parking on the yellow zig-zag lines is prohibited.

> We want to keep our children safe. Thank you for your understanding.







HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME (HAF)

The Household Support Fund was first launched by the Department for Works and Pensions on 6 October 2021 and has been extended several times. This latest extension lasts until 30th September 2024 only, representing the fifth edition of the fund.

MKCC has administered the Household Support Fund providing supermarket vouchers during the school holidays for families eligible for benefit related free school meals, and families who are receiving Universal Credit and Working and Child Tax Credits.

As funds are now limited, we will only be able to offer 1 week of food vouchers from the Household Support Fund during the Summer holiday. Further details on when to order vouchers will be sent out shortly.

Any families that are currently eligible for benefit related free school meals can sign up to the HAF activities and food programme, and we strongly advise that families and schools complete eligibility checks via the link Milton Keynes Council Free School Meals Application

The HAF Summer Activities and Food programme will be taking place **Monday 29 July to Thursday 22 August 2024 –** providing over 24,200 free activity and food sessions for children, young people and their families who are **in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals.**

The programme will go live on **Monday 1 July** via the online booking system here.

More information can be found via the HAF webpage www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/HAF

Any families which are not eligible for Benefit related free school meals can access our cost-of-living webpage for information on support available to them. Cost of living support | Milton Keynes City Council (milton-keynes.gov.uk)



Friday 28th June

Are you having a tidy-up at home? Do you have any pre-loved toys in good condition, fully working and clean?

Please hand to your Class Teacher on Friday 28th June. Thank you.

Tea Sets

Happy Land Toys Role Play Clothes Fidget Toys Little Toy Cars Small Work Figures Footballs / Balls Duplo Sets **Play Food Board Games Jigsaw Puzzles Construction Sets**

A FULL LIST OF REQUESTED TOYS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE







THURSDAY 4th JULY

1:00pm - 3:10pm

Parents/Carers need to arrive promptly. Access will be through the Playground Gate entrance.



Level 2 Learning Support Assistant

Grade D, Annual Salary £24,702 pro rata (pay award pending) 39 weeks/year, term time plus INSET

08:30-15:30, includes 1 hour lunch duty and 1/2 hour lunch break, daily

Start: ASAP, 1 Year Fixed-Term Contract Initially (extension is funding-dependent)

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and motivated Learning Support Assistant to join our friendly, nurturing and supp team to work with children who have dedicated needs (SEND). successful candidate will:

- Be passionate about providing quality support, energetic, resilient and will have a can-do attitude
- Have experience of working with children with Special Educational Needs (desirable)
- Have high expectations of achievement and behaviour
- Be a team player with excellent communication skills.
- Have a good sense of humour!

- Supportive and enthusiastic governors with a commitment to build on the current strengths of the school
- A friendly, supportive dedicated and hardworking staff team.

you would like to be part of our team, then please email <u>recruitment@summerfieldschool.org</u> to request an application pack ours of our school can be arranged during the day or after school. I would love to have an informal chat and answer any uestions you may have by 'phone, so please feel free to call me via the school office.







Summer Solstice

-Hemisphere tilted towards, the light of the sun. -Longest (brightest) day and shortest night of the year. -Welcome midsummer and full return of the sun (light). -Celebrate light, renewal, life, fertility, and a good harvest (inner and outer abundance).

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Winter Solstice

-Hemisphere tilted away from the light of the sun. -Shortest day and longest (darkest) night of the year. -In the absence of light we circle within to honor the shadow self. -Celebrate the light of awareness and the rebirth of the sun.