



Headlines

Summer Term Week 5

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Hello

Good morning everyone, I hope you are all well? A busy week in school to report today. On Wednesday night, it was a pleasure to meet the new parents of our new starters on Zoom at their introductory meeting. Mrs. Wimpenny, Mrs. Osborne and Mrs. Turner showcased our school and thankfully did all of the talking, leaving me only to say welcome! I can't believe it's already time to be thinking about next year's reception children!

If you're about my age (*and I'm not going to tell you what that is!*) you'll know why I was excited to see our Year 1 and 2 children involved in a virtual author visit with Dame Floella Benjamin. The children had the opportunity to discuss acceptance and difference and really took a lot from it.

If you haven't heard, it seems we had a dinosaur in the playground this week too—I've even seen a video of it so it must be true, and the Year 1 children have been inspired in their writing and their topic work (*who doesn't love dinosaurs?*). Also, our Eco club committee have been able to meet this week to—Children from Year 4 are working with Mrs. Pearson to make sure Meltham CE is as eco-friendly as possible. All these great things as well as the usual helping of hard work, creative art and dance and a Harry Potter day going on in school! It's not always easy as we continue to work within the restrictions placed on schools during the pandemic, but there are so many fabulous things going on (*much of which you can have a look at on Twitter if you choose to*).

Are there any changes in school as a result of the COVID roadmap out of lockdown?

At the moment, no. Times to start and finish as well as face coverings in the playgrounds and our bubbles in school must stay in place. In the coming weeks, if things continue to progress well, we will look to review the timings and also the seating arrangements in class, but I'll let you know in good time if there are alterations.

A message from our Reception teachers

"We need your help!

This half-term, Foundation Stage are learning all about 'people who help us.' We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to come and talk to us about their jobs. This could be any job that helps—emergency service workers, carers, HNS staff, retail workers, supermarket staff, health care workers, vets, medical staff, volunteers. Pretty much anyone who helps! If you work in a uniform, it would be brilliant for the children to see your uniform and equipment used for your job. We are only looking for a 5-10 minute "show and tell" session for the children and this could be socially distanced outside or inside school (depending on the weather). These will take place in the afternoons of the week beginning 17th or 24th May. If you could possibly help out, please email the class teachers (emma.wimpenny@kirkleeseducation.uk or jenny.osborne@kirkleeseducation.uk). Thank you very much indeed!"

Phones in school

In school Year 6 children are permitted to have phones only if it *absolutely necessary*. To have a phone in school, you will need to request a permission letter from the teacher which must be returned before the phones can come into school. All phones will need to be given to the teacher to be kept safe throughout the day. As smart phones have their own data packages and more and more children have access to social media, having them in school creates additional safeguarding concerns which is why we keep them safe throughout the day. Children are not permitted to have phones in school without written permission from you and consent from the school.

If you feel that your child having a phone is absolutely necessary, please contact your child's class teacher. If it is not, please keep them safely at home where they cannot be accidentally damaged or lost. Thank you.

Transition

The pandemic has caused us all to modify so many things in so many ways. Ensuring your children get the opportunity to meet their new teacher is an important part of school transition. Doing it under these circumstances is a challenge. However, please be assured that we will make sure the children have the opportunity to meet with their new teachers before the summer.

The big Rainbow Knit (part of the Woven Festival)

There is a flyer attached to this week's Headlines to remind you about the festival and how you can help. There are some great things coming into school and being done in school, but there's more to do!

Wellbeing

This week Mrs. Watson (*our Class 11 teacher and welfare lead*) was recommended the following resource from Parent Talk, for parents providing on line articles and free telephone support on a range of mental health issues such as wellbeing, behavior, nutrition and sleep:

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/?ga=2.71317139.185020404.1620896494-940722500.1620896494>

We also have our fantastic Wellbeing and Support section on the website so please take the time to have a look:

- <https://www.melthamceschool.co.uk/page/wellbeing/93763>
- <https://www.melthamceschool.co.uk/page/back-to-school/94156>
- <https://www.thrivingkirklees.org.uk>
- <https://www.triplep-parenting.uk/net/uk/hot-parenting-topics/my-child/parenting-during-covid-19>
- <https://youngminds.org.uk/supporting-parents-helpfinder>