



# Headlines

Summer Term Week 6

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## Good morning

Good morning everyone. We find ourselves with only one more week left of a long half-term, and it's been a very busy week in school for everyone!

I'm really pleased that we have been experiencing Music tasters in Y3 over the past few weeks, and some children have been able to play the cello and the viola—I really hope one or two of the families will take up the opportunity with *Musica Kirklees* to continue with a string instrument. This week we have also begun our annual Bikeability programme. Today, Class 11 are working on their cycling skills in the rain and earlier in the week, lots of children were able to take part in the *Learn to Ride* programme. I think learning to ride your bike is one of life's great milestones and I was delighted to see that so many children have taken their first steps peddles this week. Bikeability will continue for Year 5 children next week.

Also this week, the children in school have had the chance to enjoy the recorded year 4 Greek assembly; I especially enjoyed watching the children's dance and learning one or two facts (those Greek Olympians must have been a little chilly at times!).

If you follow our Twitter feed, you will have seen some of the fantastic growing the children have been doing with Mrs. Pearson in the Butterfly Garden. Children have been weeding and feeding and growing beetroot, spinach, peas and salad leaves!

Year 6 have been providing school with a splash of colour in their leavers hoodies—I do remember saying children could choose their own colours, but I wasn't quite aware just how many colours there were! Never mind, they look brilliant and it was worth the wait.

As school is closed for children next Friday, this will be the final Headlines of the half-term, so if I don't see you out and about in the playgrounds, please have a lovely and safe half-term holiday.

Mr. Gibbins

## COVID

Obviously the half-term holiday is fast approaching (*don't forget that we finish next Thursday*) and the last thing anyone wants is a letter from me about a positive case in school! We will of course work hard to keep things as tight as ever here, but please be mindful of everything we've learned over the last year. Please keep children home and access a PCR test if they develop symptoms, and if you're unsure, contact us and we can help.

Next week class teachers will be making some small adjustments to the layout of the Key Stage 2 classrooms—bringing them into line with the way we work our Key Stage 1 classrooms. One of the toughest parts for the children in all primary schools, is the

bubble itself. We are required to keep these bubbles in order to minimise COVID infection and along with good ventilation, hand hygiene and keeping distance, this is predominantly how we mitigate against the risks. However, the size of our rooms and the seating arrangements in class are taking their toll on some of the children and certainly limit the curriculum and the way we need to deliver it. Next week, Key Stage 2 children can expect a slightly modified arrangement, but please rest assured that school will continue to ensure we do all we can to keep the children safe.

## A big thank you from our Reception teachers (and children)

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to come in and tell our Reception children all about the jobs they do to help people. So far, we have enjoyed talks and presentations from a firefighter, a podiatrist and a children's nurse!

## Wellbeing

I don't know about you, but this year is taking its toll on the best of us. If you're feeling anxious; if you're not sleeping well or lost your appetite, chances are it may be that there's a section on the school website to help you. Please take time to check it out for yourself, your child or someone you know.

<https://www.melthamceschool.co.uk/page/wellbeing/93763>

## What's going on at half-term?

There is plenty going on this half-term, locally and more widely in Kirklees. I've attached a number of flyers for holiday activities to this week's Headlines.

## Support your local library

Here's a link for you to access opening hours and services in Kirklees local libraries. We don't want to lose them!

[Kirklees Together](#)