



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Discussion of the Week

It is hard to believe that we have been back at school for 7 weeks. The children in all of the YR/1 bubbles (Acorns, Conkers and Pinecones) are all well settled in, and our newest children to our school community have all made a positive start, which we are very much looking forward to building on. It has been a long half term, but given the 6 months of instability that went before, staff have worked incredibly hard to try to ensure that our school environment has met the needs of children effectively in order to help them build on these experiences and learning. I would like to thank each and every one of the staff team here for going the extra mile every day to ensure that everyone's needs are best met to the best of our ability. There is always more that we can do and the staff team here are always up for that challenge. This week, we have started adding to a 'tree' of messages because our bubbles are separate and do not mix. I have included a quote from Evie (Y6) as an example, which will form part of our assembly in the first week back.

This week, the children in Y6 have done their Bikeability training. This is something that happens in our school annually. The feedback about the children in our Y6 class was phenomenal. The instructors have both taken time out of their days to come and personally tell me how amazing the children have been – their manners, their questions, their attitude towards the programme. They have said that it is the best Y6 class they have worked with for years and it has been a pleasure for them to work with them. I am incredibly proud of them all. We work so hard as a community to ensure that all of the children at our school get what they need, and this positive reflection is a culmination of the 6 and a bit years that these children have been at our school. Their current project is to help us work on a promotional video that shares our school with the families whose children will be school age in September 2021. After this feedback from Bikeability, I feel like they will do an amazing job with this!

The weather is likely to take a colder turn in Autumn 2, so please do be reminded that children need coats for playtime and learning opportunities outdoors. They also need warm layers for outdoor PE. We will continue to follow all of our updated Risk Assessment procedures relating to COVID, and as such, classrooms will continue to need to be ventilated after the holiday. We are very happy for you to send your children in layers for when it gets colder.

After School Club provided by Hedgehogs is finishing today and we are still undergoing the process of procuring the new provider to potentially start after Christmas (at the latest). I will write separately to the families of the children who are affected to let them know the arrangements for after half term.

I would finally like to say thank you to all for your continued support. You have all helped us to get on with our jobs and try to get back to a position that is the closest we have known to normal for a long time. Please do enjoy a restful half term and we will see everyone back, fully rested on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

*Hayley Ferguson and Team Kings Copse*

**"Great job for getting through this!**

**We are in this together!"**

**Evie (Y6)**

## Birthday of the Week



**Marcus Rashford**

**1997 -**

This week in assemblies we have been discussing how Marcus Rashford has been helping families during COVID.



**LEST WE FORGET**

Poppies will be on sale from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> November at the end of the school day. There will be two tables one for KS1 and one for KS2.

On 11/11/20 the children will be part of a Remembrance services in the their own classes and will honour the 2 minutes silence at 11am.

## Merits

Opal – Izzie B (Y6)

Platinum – Evie F (Y6)

## Positive Covid Test

If anyone in your household tests positive for Covid over half term please let us know. Someone will check the email address daily. Thank You

**INSET dates 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021**