



Red Kite's Bird Watch

Dear Families,

The last two weeks have flown by and we are in full swing again across the school. This week has been one of great celebrations.

Barbara, one of our Learning Support Assistants was nominated for the **Make a difference Awards** by a family she works closely with, recognising her care and dedication. She attended an awards ceremony on Monday where she received 2nd place. This is a fabulous achievement.

Jason, our Music Teacher, was also nominated by one of our pupils for the **Classic FM SEN Music Teacher of the year Award**. Jason won this award which is a fabulous achievement too.

We are extremely proud of both these staff members who are passionate about working with and supporting our pupils.

A message from Jason - We were so incredibly lucky to have the amazing NMPAT New Beats band come into Red Kite to perform some top hits to our students, the performance was very educational with discussions about the instruments they were playing and sounds they made. The New Beats band came in to be part of the drive for music we have at Red Kite, to share the love and joy of music and how it can make us feel. Each and every student enjoyed the performance with a few up and dancing away.



Our Jeans for Genes day last Friday raised **£94.29**. Thank you for supporting this.

We are very excited to share that we have had a new soft play provision installed in the Woods Department. Pupils will be able to access this from next week. This will be a great provision to support building social interactions between our pupils, a space to burn off excess energy for some pupils and to support with self-regulation as part of pupils sensory diets.





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Pupils in the Lookout have begun their work experience placements which are going very well indeed. Pupils have also been **out and about** using public transport to travel to Corby Cube to apply for bus passes. This is all as part of our Preparation for Adulthood curriculum.

A reminder about snack money. We ask families for a donation of a £1 per week which goes towards the daily snack. We really appreciate these donations as snack time is an important part of our pupil's day. These payments will go live on Eduspot over the coming week and you will receive a text to alert you that payment is due.

Our Red Kite Friends and Family group held a Macmillan coffee morning today, we will update you with funds raised once we have that information, thank you to all who organised and for supporting them with this. The group will also be holding a Table Top Sale on Saturday 4th November in Welton Village Hall Tables are £10 to book. If you would be interested in booking a table please contact lisaparrott100@yahoo.com. This would be a great opportunity to clear out before Christmas!

Our two therapists from Thrive Occupational Therapy that work with us every Friday have said that it would really help them if consent forms could be filled out for all pupils. If teachers then request for a pupil to be observed we already have this consent. We would of course be communicating with you too about seeking this support.

Smart watches are becoming very popular with our older pupils. Please can these not be worn to school. If a pupil comes in wearing a smart watch we will be asking them to leave this at the office as we do with mobile phones.

We will be celebrating World Mental Health Awareness Day on **Tuesday 10th October**. The theme is 'Hello Yellow' and staff and pupils can come to school wearing yellow. We will be planning additional activities to promote happiness and engagement between classes too.

We have our **Family Learning Week** coming up in the last week of term which includes a Halloween Disco. More details to follow on the range of activities across the week.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Karen



Highlights of our week

