



Red Kite Special Academy Newsletter

Friday 27th March

Dear Families,

It's been a short but busy term and lovely to end the term this week with our Easter Themed Family Learning Week. We organised the week in Departments this time to enable the activities to be more purposeful to classes. There has been a joyous feel around the school and the pupils have coped really well with organising the week this way. The Pastoral Team will be sending out a parental questionnaire after the Easter break to gain your feedback.

We had our Secondary Easter Fayre today which all the pupils and staff have been working hard towards in their Enterprise Lessons making things to sell.

We have also had Parents Evening this week and it was lovely to share your children and young people's learning with you.

Have a read below to see what each department has been up to this term.

Lookout - Jess

The Lookout have had a busy term with preparing for the Easter Fayre and creating and producing their products to sell! We celebrated World Book day with some great dressing-up and celebrating books and reading and it was wonderful to share this with your young people! This term in Enrichment we have been studying drama and doing our own dramatic story-telling and creating our own dramatic stories. We've had lots of fun performing these to each other or creating our own imaginative stories to share with peers.

Classes have had trips in the community including the local shops, parks, art galleries, café's and the church! We hope you enjoyed our afternoon tea also as part of family learning week, it is always lovely to have families come into the department and spend time with their young person and peers.

Thank you for your support over this term and we hope you have a lovely Easter break!

Woods - Kim

The Woods Department has enjoyed an exceptionally busy and rewarding Term Four. Pupils in Bears, Badgers and Fieldmice have made the most of opportunities to explore the local community, using the school minibus to take part in local tours, follow shopping lists, and visit nearby shops developing both independence and practical life skills.

*In English, our learning has been inspired by *The Lion Inside*, where we explored the characters of the Mouse and the Lion. This story provided a wonderful foundation for discussing emotions, helping pupils to recognise and express what makes them feel happy or sad.*

This term's cookery sessions have focused on recipes involving mashing. Pupils have thoroughly enjoyed hands-on experiences mashing a variety of ingredients, including bananas and potatoes, before combining them with other foods to create a range of delicious dishes.

During our careers sessions, we have been nurturing creativity by designing and making products to sell at our upcoming Easter Fayre. Pupils have shown great enthusiasm and pride in their work.

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We hope you all have a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready for an exciting Term Five.

Woods - Michael

In Foxes this term we have been doing some amazing learning. In Maths pupils have excelled in fractions and decimals. In English pupils have written letters to a range of people that are being posted. In Science we have been learning about the human body which pupils have really enjoyed. In PE pupils have been focussing on fitness and teamwork which led to a very successful family learning session. Pupils finished the term off with a trip to beefeater for breakfast.

This term in Owls we have had a very busy and productive couple of months. The class have completed another three Maths assessments for their ELC qualification. These include topics on Calendar and Time, Measurements, and Geometry. In English we have been focusing on Style and Fashion with both AQA, and Step-up English assessments. This has resulted in the class planning their own fashion shows, and creating their own fashion items out of Recycled materials! We have now completed a number of trips into the community visiting local places such as the Boating Lake, and getting breakfast at a Wetherspoons. The class have also been working on their team building and balance skills in PE where they have shown brilliant effort and have made some amazing progress on their balance, and communication skills. The class has been fantastic and deserves a nice break!

In Snowdrops we have been learning about place value and multiplication in Maths which pupils have grasped really well. In English we have been looking at fiction and non-fiction books and pupils have really enjoyed this and have shown excellent enthusiasm for this topic. We had a lovely picnic which pupils wrote a list first for what they would like to have at the picnic and pupils showed really good communication skills throughout this experience. We have taken part in lots of lovely Easter activities which have included Easter crafts and Easter themed baking. Pupils have worked very hard this term and deserve a well earned break.

Meadows - Debbie

Term 4 has been very busy in the Meadows department. Caterpillars and Daisies have really enjoyed our theme of On the Move, looking at different ways to be transported. We also used the story The Train Ride, which we all loved! Daisies have loved developing our cooking skill of mashing and have made some very exciting recipes. Caterpillars have enjoyed spending more time outside and looking for signs of spring.

Ladybirds, Butterflies, Cornflowers and Poppies have been focusing on the theme of Pets at Home and the book called The Egg Book. They have been learning all about animals that might hatch from eggs and what different pets need to be well looked after. Ladybirds have shown real engagement with stories and reading and had a wonderful World Book Day. There's also been lots of great communication and interaction between children in our class with some lovely friendships starting to blossom. The highlight in Butterflies class was the children being able to use their money in the Pet Shop. Cornflower's favourite part of the term was making houses for pets using cardboard and different joining methods. Poppies had lots of fun making bird feeders for the wild birds in the school grounds - it was a very messy activity!

The Meadows team wishes all our families a very peaceful and happy Easter. We are looking forward to having everyone back for Term 5!

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New RPI Guidance

The DFE has published some new guidance for schools on the use of Restrictive Interventions which comes into force on the 1st April. A letter from the Trust was sent out yesterday. We will follow this up with some parent meetings after Easter. This is the link to the guidance

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6943dad6501cdd438f4cf5aa/Restrictive_interventions_including_use_of_reasonable_force_in_schools.pdf

Red Kite Celebrating Difference Day

Our 2nd Celebrating Difference Day will take place on **Thursday 23rd April** and we are busy making plans for this special day where we will celebrate what makes our pupils unique and special. We will mark the day by wearing an array of colours. More details to follow at the start of next term.

A Sad Note

We are all deeply saddened about one of our former pupils Millie Broughton passing away last week. Our love and thoughts are with her family Karen and Richard at this time. Millie left Red Kite in the summer of 2024 to go on to college but left her mark on the school as part of our Red Kite Family. Millie was a ray of sunshine and touched the hearts of everyone who worked with her. We will never forget her bucket hats, her smile and laugh that lit up the room.

Term 5 starts back on Monday 13th April. We look forward to welcoming everyone back then.

Wishing you all a lovely Easter break.

Warmest wishes

Karen

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Headteacher

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