



RED KITE'S BIRD WATCH

23rd July 2024

Dear Families,

I can't believe we are at the end of term already. This last year seems to have flown by. It has been a great year with lots of highlights. Classes have reflected on the year and I hope you enjoy reading these. We have had a great two weeks with lots happening.

We are incredibly proud of all our pupils who went on the residential. A huge thank you to the staff who supported them on this trip. Here's a note from Suzy (AHT) about it –

"14 of our pupils went on a residential trip to Everdon. We all had a fantastic time; we went on a lovely walk, did some pond dipping and stream paddling, den building in the woods and bug hunting. All the pupils were just amazing and we can't wait to go again next year!"

Our Red Kite Festival Day on Wednesday last week was great fun. Everyone joined in the celebrations and enjoyed a range of activities. For families that were able to join us, we hope you had lots of fun too!

On Thursday last week we celebrated with our leavers with an afternoon tea, an assembly for families and a sleep over too. We wish all our leavers continued success as they move onto the next stage of their education.

We received a donation last week of **£300** from Corby Lions. We are going to purchase some new musical instruments with the money. We would like to say thank you to our Red Kite Friends and Family for putting the bid in for us.

Sally (AHT) is stepping down from her leadership role in September. Sally has played an important role in our Leadership Team and we will miss her being part of our team but she will be staying with us as a Senior Teacher next year. This will enable her to spend more time with her family.

In September we will have new staff joining us who I will introduce at the start of the new term.

Entrances for Pupils from September

These are the arrangements in September for pupils following our reorganisation of classes.

Meadows Entrance

Pupils in the following classes will enter and leave through this entrance.

Daisies, Poppies, Cornflowers, Caterpillars, Ladybirds, Butterflies

Woods Entrance

Pupils in the following classes will enter and leave through this entrance.

Snowdrops, Foxes, Owls, Badgers, Bears, Field Mice, Hedgehogs

Lookout

Pupils in the following classes will enter and leave through this entrance.

Ospreys, Kestrels, Falcons

Reflections on the Year

Daisies

Daisies have had a super year! Our favourite parts were the sponsored slip and slide - we had so much fun. We also loved all our sensory stories this year and the songs we have learned in Maths. The visit from the reindeer at Christmas also caused a lot of excitement and smiles in Daisies class.

Poppies

Poppies have had a super year and every poppy has been an absolute star! We have enjoyed some trips to the shops and the library. We have loved some sensory play in theme lessons to explore hot/cold, splash and camping. This term we had lots of fun having a camping lunch outside, water play, a campfire with marshmallows and a play on the bouncy castle.

Cornflowers

What a year it has been in Cornflowers! We have had an amazing time getting out and about with our trips to West Lodge Farm, the local care home, the local church and East Carlton Park. At Christmas we celebrated by hosting our annual Christmas performance for the school and Cornflower parents. We entered the annual talent show with our dance performance 'Old Town Road' and wore our cowboy hats with pride!

Field Mice

We've had a busy year in Field Mice Class. This year has been successful in many ways, for some of us this has been through successfully transitioning to class and for others this has been through tolerating taste, exploring different sensory items and becoming more successful at self-regulating. We are really proud of our pupils with massive improvements in their communication using IPADS and VOCA's and keenness towards engaging in learning and building relationships with staff and peers. We look forward to seeing what next year brings!

Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have had a busy year and we've been able to have some lovely trips in the community and also have had opportunities to invite families in for our class assembly, café morning and for the festival day! We have enjoyed having visitors to the school for our dance sessions and listening to different musicians. Hedgehogs have had a fantastic response to their enterprise items that were sold at the fayres and the class big picture treat was a success! Most of all, the pupils in Hedgehogs have shown that their love for each other runs deep and the friendships in class are truly unbreakable! I'd like to say a huge thank you to our Hedgehogs families for your support throughout the year, it has been a joy to teach the 'cheeky Hogs' and be a part of your young person's life and learning!

Weasels

Weasels have had an incredible school year. We experienced catching the public bus and using our bus passes for the first time. We also went to the library on many occasions to borrow books and hand them back. Furthermore, our favourite theme of the year was Ancient Egypt, as we learnt about Egyptians' daily lives, food and society. We had the chance to observe real artefacts at the Leicester Museum. Finally, we went to the cinema several times to watch the movies we were most interested in, always on the exact release dates. We are looking forward to enjoying the summer break and starting a successful new school year in September.

Yellow Foxgloves

The Yellow Foxgloves class have had a range of positive and enriching experiences this year. They have loved using the new soft play area and made great progress in their swimming lessons. The class have actively participated in sensory stories and engaged in a bear hunt activity in the forest school; they also learned how to make jam sandwiches and successfully planted flowers for the courtyard. However, our minibus trips to Cheeky Monkey's and Wicksteed Park were the highlights of our year! Overall, it has been a fun and fulfilling year for everyone!

Red Foxgloves

We have had a fantastic year in Red Foxgloves full of fun activities and making lots of great memories. We covered a variety of themes this year, some of the highlights of the Autumn term were when we had a visit from Santa and when Alfe treated us to some fun with the Snow Machine. The children loved this magical experience as if it were real snow. The children also really enjoyed it when we learned about People Who Help us as part of our 999 theme. They loved dressing up as Firefighters and Doctors and taking on the role pretending to put out fires and check each other's temperatures. This was topped off by a visit from the real Fire Engines later on in the year. The Summer Term was full of highlights like a trip to Wicksteed Park, The Big Sing, A Day to Create and the Festival Day. These special days created opportunities for the children to embrace messy play and for you as families to join us for fun filled activities. It was so lovely to see the children enjoying singing and dancing with their families. They loved getting covered in paint for Paint Drumming and then showing their moves on the dance floor after. What an amazing year we've had!

Purple Foxgloves

Purple Foxgloves can hardly believe that it is almost the end of the year! All of the children have worked so hard over the last few months and shown great resilience and determination. Our recent theme of 'Flying Saucers' has been really popular, the children have loved the space themed songs and stories and have produced some super arts and crafts. Festival Day was a big hit, the highlight for us was definitely Bubble Lady!

Blue Foxgloves

Wow, what a year Blue Foxgloves have had. I can honestly say we have put our all into everything, worked so hard and mastered so many new skills. Highlights from the year include our trips to the cinema and pizza hut, as well as a fantastic festival day more recently. The class have worked particularly hard on creating lots of positive relationships with one another, enhanced by our play curriculum, which pupils are much more interactive, playful and engaging with one another. It has been a pleasure and privilege to teach Blue Foxgloves this year and I can't wait to see what they all achieve next.

Snowdrops

Snowdrops have had such a wonderful year for our personal and academic growth, with some amazing experiences within this. A particular highlight was many of the Snowdrops taking part in their first lot of football training, leading into a fantastic first experience of tournament football for many of our pupils. With Red Kite storming to victory by winning all of our games! This was celebrated within our own presentation evening in which those pupils received an individual trophy for their amazing efforts. We had a brilliant time at Wicksteed Park for our 'Kids Day Out' in which our parents were very supportive and helpful, it was lovely to see everyone having a great time with families and friends. We rounded off a wonderful year with our 'Festival Day' where we had lots of fun across 2 different bouncy castles, our very own disco and finished it all off with a proper ice cream from the ice cream van! It has been an absolute pleasure supporting Snowdrops on their journey this year, we have loved every minute of it.

Foxes

Our highlights of the year were taking our whole class to Woburn Safari Park. All the pupils were amazing role models for Red Kite and really enjoyed themselves. We had a monkey climb on our minibus which seemed to want to come back to Red Kite with us. We also had a lovely trip to McDonalds which involved all pupils travelling by public transport and ordering their meals and paying independently.

Squirrels

Squirrels class have had a lovely year, enjoying class themes such as 'wash and go' and developing lots of skills in independence. They have enjoyed cooking this year, using their skills to chop, grate and mix their culinary delights! The outdoor gym has been used a lot for fresh air and movement. We particularly enjoyed festival day, bouncing on the bouncy castle and getting some exercise on the obstacle course. Enjoying the bubbles and eating ice-cream were definitely highlights of the day!

Ospreys

This year the pupils in Ospreys have experienced so many wonderful things and have had so many personal achievements but the one thing that really stands out is how they have developed in confidence and independence when we go out into the community. On our trips the pupils have used various modes of transport and have engaged in activities from the cinema, to cafes to train rides. Seeing the difference from the beginning of the year to now has been amazing, they are engaged, confident and independent and the way they conduct themselves while out in the community has been a credit to Red Kite.

Kestrels

We have had an amazing year working on different qualifications and work experience opportunities. We have had many trips using public transport and exploring the local community. We have taken part in 3 different careers weeks and learnt so much by meeting employers from 4 different market sectors.

Wolves

This year in Wolves we have had some amazing experiences. We had one of our students complete external work experience in a Cafe for a term, and complete a number of GCSE exams in Maths, English and History. As a class we raised £114 for Corby Mind Charity by raffling prizes donated by local businesses that students organised. We were very successful with our enterprise projects, the favourite being the homemade chocolate bars at the Easter Fayre. Wolves also spent a lot of time working on their travel training, where they were able to access public transport such as a bus into the town centre, and getting the train to Kettering from Corby station. What a year it has been!

Please remember that there will be a new school dinner system in place when we return in September, please check your dojo messages for guidance with this.

A message from the Red Kite friends and family group: The Red Kite Friends and Family would like to thank you all for your support throughout the year. We have managed to raise a whopping £5,000 and achieved the installation of the wheelchair swing. Our summer funday will take place at the school on Wednesday 21st August and we would like to invite you. More details will be shared on the facebook page in the coming weeks.

Just a reminder that pupils return to school on **Thursday 5th September.**

Finally, from both myself and all of our amazing Red Kite Team, we would like to wish you all a wonderful summer break and we are wishing for some summer sun for everyone too!

Warmest wishes

Karen









