



# Kingsley Newsletter

Easter 2024

## The Meadow

This term Foundation classes enjoyed many different experiences related to the topic, 'We Are Artists!'

We have explored different textures and arranged a variety of natural materials, such as pine cones, leaves, sticks, pebbles and shells to create patterns, faces and insects.

Children have copied key vocabulary and matched the correct symbols to a variety of activities and loved having photos taken to record their success and creations. It was brilliant to see so many friends and family at the Foundation Gallery afternoon to celebrate all the lovely art work, photos and to join in some experiences with you all too.



## The Woods

Wow! What a busy time it has been here in Middles where we have immensely enjoyed our themes and exciting learning activities! Our first theme of the year 'Seasons' leapt us into enjoying and learning all about how and when our seasons change! The children loved experiencing all of the seasons in one go, what a wonderful time we all had from playing in the snow, to jumping in autumn leaves and enjoying the seaside in summer! We tasted healthy foods, looked at animals, their young and had a wonderful trip to West Lodge Farm to help feed the spring lambs and pet the array of gorgeous animals.

This term's theme has been 'Pizza Party' and what a party it has been from learning how to make pizzas, enjoying our very own Pizza Party and discovering exactly where our food grows and originates from. We have become budding gardeners, planting our own fruit and flowers, learning the differences between perennial plants and seeds, and cannot wait to watch them grow. We have certainly been keeping fit and healthy this term all ready to enjoy lots of lovely Easter treats over the holidays!



## The Ocean

This term's topic has been 'It's Springtime'.

As well as having World Book Day, Red Nose Day for Comic Relief, Mother's Day and our long-awaited school production, we have managed to fit in a lot of learning too. We have learnt about the changes that happen during Spring; we have learnt about how to plant a seed, we have watched our plants grow and have learnt how insects can change and grow when learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. Each class is going to visit Green Patch, in Kettering, after half term to consolidate our learning.

Starfish have been busy learning a new skill: weaving and origami. They followed instructions and watched as class staff modelled and then independently made their own Spring baskets. We think they're fabulous!

All classes have planted their own bulbs and seeds and have been watching how the seeds grow and change over time. We have used magnifying glasses to get a closer look at different types of seeds, and some of us found this very exciting indeed.



### The Aviary

The whole school has been very busy preparing for the school show. Rehearsing songs, dances, painting the backdrop, making props and costumes and learning musical instruments. The show is an adaptation of 'Giraffes Can't Dance'. A lovely story with an emphasis that we are all different and its ok to like different things. Like our children, each show will be unique because who knows what will happen on the day. The main thing is the children have lots of fun and have an opportunity to show off their talents. Thank you to everyone who attended, wishing you all a wonderful half term.



### Family Support and KSA

Thank you to all the families that have attended and supported our recent events. Sessions such as the Communication Sharing evening, SALT and OT drop ins, as well as a representative from Mind to support parents with mental health and wellbeing. Our KSA Easter craft evening was a huge success, it was lovely to see so many families come together and enjoy quality time together.



### Diary Dates

**Monday 15th April** - School reopens to pupils

**Monday 6th May** - School closed -Bank Holiday

**Wednesday 22nd May** – The Big Sing

**Friday 24th May** - Last Day of Term

**Monday 3rd June**- School reopens to pupils

**Friday 7th June** – Wear orange for Battens Disease Day

**Week Commencing 28th June**- Year 6 residential week

**Friday 5th July** -Year 6 Leavers Prom Celebration

**Wednesday 10th July** – Parents Evening

**Tuesday 23rd July** – Last Day of Term

### Attendance Information

Whole School Attendance: 90.2%

We are working hard to keep up our attendance and punctuality.

Thank you for your support!

### Message from Ben

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well as we approach the joyous occasion of Easter. As we enter this season of renewal and hope. I'd like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your continued support and collaboration in your child's education journey. Your involvement makes a huge difference, and we are grateful for the partnership we share in nurturing the children's growth and development.

It was a busy term with much learning and fun had by all. I hope you enjoyed the calendar of events, including Easter fun for families and the school production of 'Giraffes Can't Dance'. The children were, naturally, amazing. The summer term ahead always promises to be an exciting one. We have much to look forward to with a full schedule of events to follow.

I wish you all a relaxing Easter break. Enjoy this fabulous opportunity to spend quality time with your loved ones and create lasting memories together.

Wishing you and your families a blessed and joyous Easter!

Ben