KIRBY HILL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Friday 27th September

Dates for your diary …

October – Black History Month
2nd Oct – Nursery Stay and Play 9am – 10am
4th Oct – Walk to School Day
10th Oct - Flu Vaccinations for pupils in Reception to Y6
12th Oct – Applications open for Reception places 2025
15th Oct – Tempest Photography in school for individual photographs
22nd & 24th Oct - Parents' Evenings (please note the change of date)
24th & 25th Oct – Y6 Bikeability
25th Oct – Pumpkin decorating competition / Finish for half term
31st Oct – Closing date for Secondary School place applications (for Sept 2025)
4th Nov – Return to school
7th Nov – PTA Glow Discos
11th Nov – Remembrance Service / Start of Anti-Bullying Week
15th Nov – Children in Need Day (PE Kit: Wear something yellow or spotty)
22nd Nov – Walk to School Day
6th Dec – PTA Christmas Fair (3.30pm in the school hall)
11th Dec – Choir's Christmas Production 2pm (School hall)
12th Dec – EYFS / Y1 Nativity Performances 9.30am & 2.15pm (School hall)
13th Dec – Y2 & Choir – Nativity readings and carols at church, 11am
16th Dec – Anning Class Christmas Party (am) / Canady Class Christmas Party (pm)
17th Dec – Darwin & Einstein Class Christmas Parties
18th Dec – Christmas Dinner Day / Christmas Jumper Day
19th Dec – Bell Class Christmas Party
20th Dec – Finish for Christmas (School closes at 2.15pm – no After School Club)

Welcoming the New Headteacher …

As the last school year came to an end, we began the search to find our new headteacher to succeed Miss Lowe when she leaves at the end of this term. We ran a campaign over the summer and the response was outstanding; we had applications from many exceptional candidates. Over the last few weeks, the board of governors conducted a rigorous selection process culminating in a 2-day interview process. As a result, I am delighted to announce that our new headteacher will be **Miss Lisa Welburn**. Miss Welburn is currently the deputy headteacher at St Edward's Primary School in Boston Spa.

I would like to express my thanks to everyone who supported the recruitment process, and especially to all the staff and pupils who helped with the assessment activities in school - it really was a team effort!

I know Miss Welburn will be an excellent headteacher for us at Kirby Hill and we are very much looking forward to welcoming her in January.

David Orr - Chair of Governors

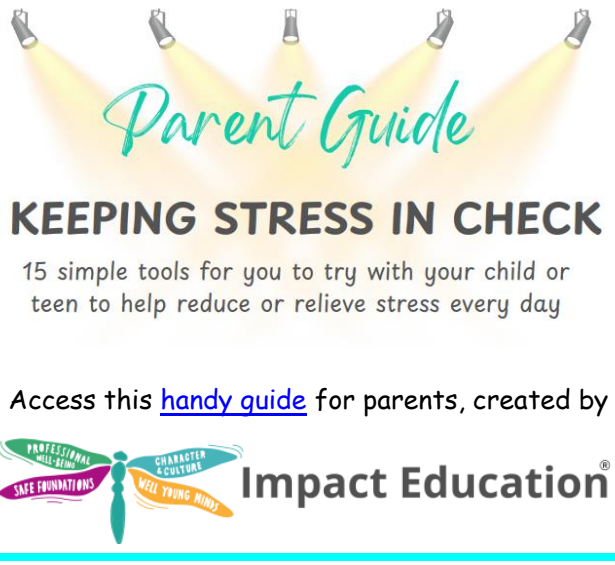
Effort Shield

The Kirby Hill Effort Shield is an amazing award to receive as it shows that particular children have valued their learning and fulfilled our school vision:

All things are possible for one who believes. ***Mark 9:23***

Well done to:

Curtis Kerry (R)



Anning Class' News

Anning Class were absolute super-stars in church for our Harvest Festival singing 'Dingle Dangle Scarecrow'! They enjoyed walking over to church and sat so sensibly to watch the other children take part.

Last week, we read the story 'It was a cold, dark night' which was all about Ned, the hedgehog, trying to find a home to hibernate in. We went on a walk around school to look for different animal habitats. During the week, we then made small world habitats for our woodland animals in the classroom.

This week, we have loved reading the story 'The Go Away Bird'. We found out all about how some birds migrate at this time of year to somewhere warmer, where there is more food and shelter for them. We used pegs as our beaks to peck in the ground to find worms which was great fun! We also used collage to create birds, and watercolours to paint birds, to be friends for the Go Away Bird.

In our PE, we have been using big and small movements to travel across a bench before practising our jumping from the different sized vaults.

Bell Class' News

In Bell Class, we have been looking at the life of Mary Anning. We are using magnifying glasses to study real fossils and do fossil rubbings.

In science, we are learning about different materials. Last week, we did an experiment to see which materials were waterproof, after learning about Charles Mackintosh who discovered he could make fabric waterproof. This week, we explored magnets to see which materials were magnetic.

Forest school has been fantastic for learning a huge range of skills. The children need to communicate with each other, to make decisions as a group, to work together as a team, to take turns and problem solve.

Canady Class' News

Last week, all classes at Kirby Hill CE Primary School had their Harvest Festival in All Saints Church. Canady Class worked together to perform an acrostic poem for the rest of the school, to show their thanksgiving and celebrate the food grown over the year. They all performed their harvest poem brilliantly, with great enthusiasm.

Fundamental British Values underpin what it is to be a citizen in a modern and diverse Great Britain, valuing our community and celebrating the diversity of the UK. In school, we have been carrying out School Council elections, whilst focusing on the British Value: 'democracy.' All pupils who wanted to be a school council representative had to address the class explaining what they would like to do to help the school before the class could vote for who they wanted to represent them. It was lovely to see that most children in Canady Class put their name forward to be a candidate in the election.

In Science, Canady Class explored ways in which they could change the shape of objects made from different materials. Using a wide range of different objects, pupils tried bending, squashing, twisting and stretching them to change their shape. They recorded their results in tables and then reported back to the class what they had found.

Darwin Class' News

In Darwin Class, we've continued to focus on building independence and responsibility, as we take charge of our classroom and learning environment.

Our science lessons have been filled with excitement as we explored circuit boards, challenging ourselves to light up a bulb or power a motor.

In our Topic work, the Roman adventure continues! We've created creative timelines, explored countries once under Roman rule, and produced amazing double-page spreads on the Roman invasion of Britain. We've also begun studying the story of Boudicca.

In English, we've been working on sentence stacking to write detailed instructions on how to be a Roman warrior – we look forward to sharing these once they're complete.

In RE, we are developing our understanding of the Trinity. We've explored different art forms representing the concept, and shared our thoughts on Bible passages, offering reasons for our opinions.

Last week, we celebrated the harvest festival with the rest of the school and put on a fantastic performance of the 'Vegetable Fashion Show.'

Finally, some of our class took part in a football competition on Wednesday, representing the school brilliantly. We won two matches, and one student was recognized for their excellent work!

It's been a busy and exciting time in Darwin Class.

Einstein Class' News

Well, the last two weeks have flown by! The big news for Einstein Class this week has to be this Wednesday's Macmillan coffee morning that the year 5s and 6s organised to raise money for this very worthwhile charity. As you can imagine, everyone was SO excited! Could I take this opportunity to say a big thank you for your support - it was lovely to see lots of you at the coffee morning and thank you also to everyone who baked / bought cakes for the children to sell (we raised over £260!!).

If you were able to come, I'm sure that you will agree that they all did a great job, organising, greeting, serving cakes and drinks and making you welcome, as well as running a cake stall after school too. A huge well done to the whole class - they're setting themselves a high standard for the rest of the year!

Little Sips
BIG ADVENTURES

Dear parent/guardian,

As you may be aware your child's school has a milk scheme, administered by Cool Milk. Mid-morning milk provides a much-needed nutritional boost and keeps children hydrated between breakfast and lunch. Children receive free milk until the age of 5. After that, they can continue to reap the benefits of fresh mid-morning milk at a subsidised* cost.

If you'd like to opt in and have not already done so, simply register your child at www.coolmilk.com/register. Your child(ren) will continue to receive free milk whilst under the age of 5 and Cool Milk will get in touch with further information by email shortly before their 5th birthday.

For children who are already over 5, it's not too late – our scheme is flexible! As well as being able to register and make payment straight away, you can join and cancel the scheme at any time. We offer yearly, termly and half termly payment periods and a recurring payment option to give you one less thing to remember.

If you already have an online Cool Milk account for a sibling, you can manage your account, make payment and add extra children by logging in at www.coolmilk.com/parents.

Should you have any questions or need any help, send us a message at www.coolmilk.com/contact or give us a call on the number listed below – we're here to help!

Kind regards,

Cool Milk

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SCAN TO REGISTER

**Milk for under-5s is fully funded by DHSC via the Nursery Milk Scheme. Milk for over-5s is subsidised by Defra via the School Milk Scheme.*