



Micklem Newsletter

4th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a brilliant first week back to this half term.

Mr Frost talked to the children in assembly about how Marcus Rashford has used his status and fame to help children and families. The children really enjoyed learning about this.

Please have a look through this week's newsletter for more brilliant learning.

We are certainly noticing a change in the weather now; please ensure your child/children come to school with their coats every day.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Swift

NO OUT SIDERS

Our No Outsiders assembly this week was about a 9 year old Villa fan who was chosen to be a mascot for a recent game. He has autism and struggles with loud noises. He has ear defenders to help him keep calm, but he was worried about being laughed at for wearing them.

Villa player Danny Ings wore ear defenders and walked with him. Danny Ings said he wanted to help raise awareness about autism. Other parents have since said their children no longer feel embarrassed to wear ear defenders in public following this thoughtful gesture.



Learners of the week

Year 1

Holly - working enthusiastically

Tyler - great RE and sentence work

Year 2

Maryann - a great effort all week

Leo S and Tamsyn - excellent partner work in maths!

Year 3

Lexi - focussing well and being a kind member of the class

Riley - being organised and ready to learn

Year 4

Amani - excellent writing and times tables

Ivy - brilliant persuasive writing

Year 5

Kasper - working hard with others

Anya - for working carefully and thoroughly

Year 6

Alfie - great calculation skills

Isaac - excellent maths work and great use of mathematical vocab!



Year 6 and Year 2 took part in Farmer time this week with Farmer Charlotte. She showed them how strawberries were grown. She also explained how wheat and barley were used to make food and beer. She gave lots of interesting facts about what it was like to be a farmer. The children asked her some very challenging questions, such as how many plants were on the farm. More classes will be talking to her soon!

Reminders and updates



PTA AGM - 4:30 pm 15/11/2022

Please come along to our virtual PTA AGM if you are interested in joining or learning more about how to support our school.

Calling all Herts families with SEND!

The first annual HPCI SEND survey for parents and carers is open.

Please give your opinion and help us drive improvement for our children.

Please use the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HPCISurvey2022>



Watford Football Club are delivering a parent workshop on 'Managing Conflict with Children and Young People' on Thursday 24th November.

Please register for the event using these links:

6PM:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parentcarer-workshop-managing-conflict-children-young-people-day-time-tickets-449322755457>

12.30PM:

[Parent/Carer workshop: Managing conflict Children/ Young People \(Evening\) Tickets, Thu 24 Nov 2022 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Super Science!

Year 6 have learned how to extract the DNA from a strawberry!



Bikeability



Before half term, we were lucky enough to have HDFS come into School to deliver a FREE cycling project for years 4 and 5. The children had a chance to practise their cycling skills on the playground and the children who needed a bit of extra help had an extra session to learn the skills that were needed to ride. By the end of the session, nearly every single child was able to ride a bike - amazing!

Here is what some of our children had to say:
Isla - Year 4

"At first I couldn't ride a bike but now I can without stabilisers."

Emmanuel - Year 4

"At the start I didn't know how to ride a bike. Then when I got faster and faster they put one pedal on and I got extremely fast."

Rafe - Year 5

"I struggled at first and struggled to break. But by the end I could ride the bike all by myself".

Thank you to HDFS, who were amazing, and also to Miss Fahy for organising it.



Wonderful writing!

The dark is inside your house! It is even in your backyard. It goes underneath your little and big doors!

It goes round, taking everything that you have - like eating your ice-cream and stealing your food. The dark is beyond everywhere so be vigilant! Join us to ban the dark.

Ivy - Year 4



Understanding and Managing the Teenage Years & Teenage Behaviour

Wednesday 9th November — 6.30pm

The teenage years can often be a very tense and difficult period for both adult and child and this is a time when parents can feel at their most helpless. Research shows that the earlier parents and carers talk to and engage with their teenagers, the more likely young people are going to be able to make sensible decisions and choices for themselves.

Gade Schools Family Support is your local family support service that provides a range of parent support services. One key aspect are the parent information evenings that we run on a wide range of different themes.

This is another of our Parent Information evenings, looking at different stages all parents experience during the Secondary years. This evening is focused on the teenage years and the changes to anticipate within our children and how we can manage it. This evening will provide an opportunity for you to explore some useful tips and techniques on the changes that take place for children when entering adolescence, the behaviours associated with those changes and how we can respond as parents and carers.

This evening is developed from the expert programme *'The Teen Brain'* and in particular we will cover the following which we hope will help you support both your own feelings but also those of your teenager:

- **Understanding your teenager and their development –The Teen Brain**
- **Responding to difficult feelings and the role of praise and criticism**
- **Importance of recognition and positivity with teens and the use of behaviour specific praise**
- **Communicating with your teenager and handling difficult issues**
- **Managing conflict, choosing how to respond and problem solving**
- **Managing and supporting Teen mental health**

This informal evening being held on **Wednesday 9th November** will start at **6.30pm** and finish no later than 8pm. We welcome all parents and carers to this evening as the information and strategies discussed are relevant for pre-teens as well as teenagers and those beyond that age.

This evening will be held in the main hall at **Kings Langley Secondary School, Love Lane, Kings Langley, WD4 9HN**. We welcome all parents and carers to attend and if you would like to book a place please email familyservices@kls.herts.sch.uk or contact Emma Christie at Gade Schools Family Support on 07538 232069

