

## Kingfisher Art Gallery

At the Kingfisher Partnership, we have worked hard to develop a curriculum to best meets the needs of mixed age classes, that is suitably challenging and allows all to shine. As such, finding ways to promote the arts is really important to us. During their time in the Kingfisher Federation, pupils experience a rich, varied art and design curriculum that allows them to build their skills over time. It also allows them to explore their creativity as they are given the courage to respond to different stimuli. One important aspect of the curriculum is introducing the children to the work of a range of artists. They learn about the artist themselves and have a go at producing their own work in response the work of that artist.

During the spring term children across the federation had a fabulous time exploring their chosen artist and preparing a piece to go on display as part of our art gallery week.

Each school now has a fantastic display that has been admired by all. It has been lovely to invite families in to view the work and encourage the children to explain the process they went through to produce it.

Executive Headteacher, Mrs Heather Brand said, 'It has been wonderful to see the creativity and individuality on display. Each school is a riot of colour and expression, and the children are rightly proud of their work. Much of our art curriculum is delivered by our fantastic support staff who have all gone above and beyond to support the children to make great progress with their art and ensure that they are able to shine.'



# DITCHINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY Classroom Updates

#### Robins

This week Robin Class have been exploring some famous landmarks in the UK and categorising these according to their human or physical features. Year one and two took part in a multi-skills carousel of PE activities at Hobart High School. The children could not wait to tell me how much fun they had on their return and were keen to share the number of skills they had practiced! Our science lessons have focussed on healthy eating. We discussed the four main food groups before organising different representations of food into these categories. We also sorted any remaining foods into three more categories; combination foods, foods higher in fats and sugars, oils and butter. During maths year two have been learning to find fractions including unit fractions and non-unit fractions, Year one have been counting in twos, fives and tens, whilst reception have been using addition to find 1 or 2 more.

#### **Barn Owls**

This week Barn Owls have been planning their instructions for getting rid of unwelcome goblins around the home - the final work will be finished next week. Year 3 have started investigating fractions and year 4 have been looking at decimals. In history we have looked at how Mayan society worked, in French we have continued to learn vocab in 'The Classroom' and in PE pupils have enjoyed hocket, gymnastics and rounders sessions.

A big thank you to the Year 4s who have all been keeping up with the reading of 'Who Let The Gods Out', Please can parents remember to complete the Reading Wings - this week we only had 5 signed out of 22, our lowest score of the year so far.

Finally, the weather is so changeable at the moment - please do check the forecast and send in coats and jumpers when appropriate.

#### **Golden Eagles**

This week in Golden Eagles class we have been writing our own stories which I have really enjoyed reading. In maths, both year groups have been looking at charts, graphs and tables. We have been looking at regular verbs in French and in history we looked at why Athens became so powerful in ancient Greece. As well as all of this, we really enjoyed showing our artwork off to our families in the art gallery on Monday and on Thursday and Friday, year 5 completed their level 2 bikeability which they really enjoyed!

#### **Good news**

Ella plays for Harleston Magpies U.10 Girls Team and they were crowned Norfolk Champions back in February. They took part in the East Regional Finals on Saturday 27th April against the best teams from Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Essex and Hertfordshire. After some great team performances they went on to win the final to claim the title of East Regional Champions.

Well done!



Prayer **Whole School Attendance** Mighty God from up high, **Reading Wings** VTD You are the Lord of the earth and sky, **Golden Eagles** We know we sometimes get things wrong, Are this weeks 95.54% We're sorry for those things we've done. winners! We thank you for our families, friends and school, Attendance We thank you for loving us all. Please can you let our lights shine, **Golden Eagles** -0-0-0-In all our work, including mine. 8 999 Have the highest Amen attendance this week!

### **Important Dates**

- 06/05 Bank Holiday
- 07/05 Tempest Leavers Photos (Y6)
- 13/05 SATS Week
- 13/05 SATS Breakfast club from 8.00am for Y6
- 14/05 SATS Breakfast club from 8.00am for Y6
- 15/05 SATS Breakfast club from 8.00am for Y6
- 16/05 SATS Breakfast club from 8.00am for Y6
- 20/05 Barn Owls Hockey at Langley (certain pupils)
- 22/05 Y6 visiting Bungay Residential Care Home
- 24/05 Golden Eagles visit from Hobart
- 24/05 Last day of Summer Term 1
- 03/06 First day of Summer Term 2
- 03/06 Barn Owls swimming
- 04/06 Premier Sports Mini Dance Event Whole School
  Please wear PE kit
- 10/06 Barn Owls swimming
- 13/06 Y6 Bungay High School Transition Evening
- 14/06 Y6 Road Safety Session
- 17/06 Golden Eagles Horstead Residential
- 17/06 Barn Owls Swimming
- 19/06 DAFS Clothes collection final day
- 20/06 Barn Owls & Golden Eagles Athletics Event at UEA

### Communications

We are moving away from MyEd/Parentmail and moving over to a new system called Arbor. You will receive further information on how to download and use the Arbor app over the coming weeks.

If we can ask that when contacting the office you use phone or email rather than PS Connect for the next few weeks while we change over it would be very much appreciated.



- 21/06 Ditchingham Sports Day
- 24/06 Barn Owls Swimming
- 26/06 Y6 Bungay High Transition Day
- 27/06 Y6 Bungay High Transition Day
- 02/07 Transition Morning
- 03/07 KS2 Play
- 08/07 Hobart Y6 Transition
- 08/07 Y6 to Crucial Crew
- 08/07 Barn Owls Swimming
- 09/07 Hobart Transition Y6
- 10/07 Hobart Transition Y6
- 10/07 Bungay Transition day Y5
- 10/07 Barn Owls trip to Beccles Quay
- 12/07 Y6 to Pleasurewood Hills
- 15/07 Transition Afternoon
- 15/07 Barn Owls Swimming
- 16/07 Long Stratton High School Transition
- 18/07 Y6 Leavers assembly
- 19/07 Last day of the academic year
- 04/09 First day back at school