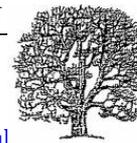


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*North Kidlington School inspires and develops every individual to enjoy, achieve and succeed*

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Dear Parent/Carer

I cannot believe that we are now at the end of the school year! The last day of term seemed such a long way away on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 but time has 'flown' by and that very first day of the Autumn Term now seems to be a very distant memory!

This year has been full of many successes and all of the people involved in the day to day running of North Kidlington have worked tirelessly in an attempt to make every day for every child full of learning in an enjoyable way. These successes have been at every level throughout the school ranging from our Foundation Stage Children all the way up to our Year 6 children.

At North Kidlington we know that levels of attainment are very important but still resist the trend to give children an 'educational diet' of Reading, Writing, Maths and Grammar only, because we feel that if children experience a broad and balanced curriculum of enjoyable activities they will be able to use all of the key skills in many curriculum areas, thus developing their expertise of these skills even further. However, we do need to report the following levels of attainment:

### **Foundation Stage Children:**

The children in the Foundation Stage have 'grown' in so many ways since the first day of the year and their assessment levels which they have been awarded as they move into Year 1 only paint a tiny picture of what they have achieved! However, we do need to share in success, on an attainment level they have made good progress and attainment.

At the end of the Foundation Stage Year, all children are assessed in 12 categories of learning. They are then scored at 1, 2, or 3 in each area. If a child is given a 2 they are at the expected level of development for their age. If a child is given a 3 they are achieving levels of development that are above what is expected for their age. This therefore means that a child who is given a 1 is not quite achieving the level of development for their age. When all of these scores are looked at it is called a Good Level of Development (GLD). A child has to score a 2 or above in ALL 12 areas of learning if they are to be considered as achieving a Good Level of Development.

Our current Foundation Stage children have been assessed as 72.7% of them achieving a GLD. (2016 National GLD Average was 69.3%).

### **Year 1 Children**

Our Year 1 Phonics assessment was also very pleasing, 62.2% achieved the expected score.

### **End of Key Stage One Children (Year 2)**

Our 2017 end of Key Stage One SATs levels of attainment for children achieving the expected standard or greater depth have been calculated as follows: Reading (70.5%), Writing (56.9%) and Mathematics (70.5%).

### **End of Key Stage Two Children (Year 6).**

Our 2017 end of Key Stage Two percentages for children achieving the expected standard was very good too. Our Year 6 children achieved the following percentages of children achieving the expected standard by the end of Year 6. Reading (75%), Writing (72.5%), Mathematics (82.5%) and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (75.00%).

2017 National Averages for end of Key Stage Two Tests were as follows: Reading (71.0%), Writing (76.0%), Maths (75.0%) and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (77.0%).

As a school we are very pleased with the achievement of these three key year groups. It has been a real team effort. The children, Staff and Parents have worked incredibly hard to ensure that children make not only the best progress but they also enjoy their learning.

However, as previously mentioned, our school is not just about targets and attainment tables. At North Kidlington School we strive to deliver a broad, balanced and interesting curriculum and value every child as an individual.

We continue to offer a wide and varied range of opportunities so that children can engage and reach their potential in all areas and use their learning to link into the community and the wider world.

This year has been no exception, I cannot believe how many extra activities we have done to give the children of North Kidlington School a fantastic experience. The following is most but not an exclusive list of the activities that we have carried out:

### **Autumn Term 2016**

Roald Dahl Writing Week, Jeans for Genes Day, Kidlington Flower Festival, Macmillan Coffee Morning, Saturday Apple Day, Harvest Festival, FoNKS School Disco, Children in Need, FoNKS Christmas Shopping Event, SATs Meeting for Year 6 Parents, Radio Oxford School Christmas Song, FoNKS Christmas Fayre, Christmas Productions, Christmas Lunch, Christmas Parties, Whole School Carol Service at St. Mary's Church, Cross Country Festival, The Poppy Appeal, and the Choir sang at Glebe House!

### **Spring Term 2017**

Year 6 Junior Citizen at Rewley Road Fire Station, Year 6 Imps visit to John Radcliffe Hospital, School Book Fair, World Book Day, FoNKS Mother's Day Surprise Gift Wrapping, Farmer Gows Foundation Stage Class visit, Year 5/6 Residential Trip to Youlbury Scout Campsite, Red Nose Day, FoNKS School Disco, Science Week, Sportshall Athletics, Cycling Proficiency for Year 5/6 and Family Bingo.

### **Summer Term 2017**

Year 3-5 Quadkids, SATs Year 6 Breakfast Club, International Week, International Food Share, Year 5/6 Cricket Tournament, Bag-2-School, Year 5/6 Quadkids, North Kidlington's Got Talent, Fire Safety Talk, Whole School Sports Morning, FSU and Infant Sports Afternoon, Lower and Upper Junior Sports Afternoon, Blenheim Palace Foundation Stage Class visit, Yr 1/2 visit to Crocodiles of The World, Summer Fayre, Year 6 Camp, Year 6 It's a Knockout, Year 6 Play, Father's Day Surprise Gift Wrapping, Rounders, Change over morning, Cycling Proficiency for Year 5/6 and end of term activities week!

Thank you to ALL of the members of staff who have been involved in making these fabulous activities happen and to FoNKS who have worked extremely hard to support the school and raise an amazing amount of money to help our children to go on trips and buy resources to support in school learning.

A big THANK YOU also to all of the parents who have volunteered their time to help our school whether it has been escorting children on trips or visits to parents who have helped to run clubs (such as Art Club and Cycling Proficiency). Without your help children at North Kidlington School would not be able to have as good an experience as they do!

We have continued to offer a range of clubs which have included:

Mary Ella's Dance, Multi-Skills Club, Football Club, Homework, Art, French, Drama, NKBeans, Lunch Boox, Netball, Chess and Computer club.

## **Goodbyes**

As well as celebrating the many successes of the past year we do unfortunately have to say a couple of goodbyes to staff who will be leaving us this year.

Mr Purveur has been employed by our school for the last five academic years, he is relocating to Brighton. We saw how good a teacher he was when he was completing his final university placement at our school and we were determined to employ him-which we did. Mr Purveur has been an outstanding teacher and his contributions have had a significant impact on making our school as good as it is. I am sure that you will join me in wishing him the very best in his new post and share with him our thanks for everything he has done.

Mrs O'Leary will be leaving us to take up a new position which is closer to home. Mrs O'Leary has done a great job teaching in the Foundation Stage whilst covering Miss Soley's Maternity leave. We wish Mrs O'Leary good luck in her new post and are very thankful for all that she has done whilst she has worked here.

Miss Owen and Mrs Hashemi will also be leaving us this year too. Miss Owen and Mrs Hashemi have provided great support to Class Teachers over the past two years and helped many of our children develop the skills and confidence to succeed in their classwork. Good luck and thank you Miss Owen and Mrs Hashemi.

## **Hellos!**

In September we will be welcoming three new members of staff to our school.

We will be welcoming Ms Fidler who will be our new Deputy Head Teacher and Class Teacher for Beech Class.

Miss O'Brien will be the new Class Teacher for Pine Class.

Miss Pella will be the Class Teacher for Red Apple Class until Miss Soley returns from Maternity leave.

I am sure that you will join me in welcoming them to North Kidlington School and I know that they will do all they can to help every child they meet achieve as well as they can.

Finally I would like to express my huge thanks to everyone for all of the support, encouragement and positive comments that you have made about North Kidlington over the past year.

North Kidlington School continues to be a fantastic school and the values that set us apart from other schools still remain clear to see. Thanks to ALL of the staff and people who always go the 'extra-mile' to develop the children in their care on a daily basis.

I hope you have a wonderful Summer Holidays and you get the chance to spend much needed time as a family relaxing and enjoy life together. Have fun and I will see you all in September!

Thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Kemp". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Gary Kemp  
Head Teacher