KIORA HALL NEWSLETTER

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OFSTED PRAISE

This half term, we welcomed Ofsted inspectors to our school as part of their visit. While the final report has not yet been published, we were delighted to hear some very positive feedback from the inspection team.

Inspectors praised the excellent attitudes and behaviour of our learners, highlighting their positive approach to learning and the respectful way they conduct themselves around school. They also recognised the dedication, commitment and care of our staff, who work tirelessly to support our learners and help them achieve their very best.

We are incredibly proud of our whole school community and the way everyone contributed to making the visit a positive experience. A huge well done and thank you to all our learners and staff!

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON







A huge thank you to everyone who attended, donated cakes, and helped to support our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon. We are delighted to have raised an amazing **£132** for this wonderful cause. Your generosity and support are very much appreciated!









CLEVELAND FIRE BRIGADE VISIT





We were delighted to welcome Cleveland Fire Brigade into school ahead of Bonfire Night. The learners listened to some important fire safety messages, including how to stay safe around bonfires and fireworks. The firefighters also showed us the specialist protective equipment they wear when attending emergencies. The learners were fascinated to see how the equipment helps keep firefighters safe, and some lucky learners even had the opportunity to try it on themselves! It was a fun and informative visit, and the learners thoroughly enjoyed learning more about the important work of our localfirefighters. A big thank you to Cleveland Fire Brigade for visiting us!





MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **25th Sept** – Macmillan Coffee Afternoon
- **23rd Oct** – Halloween Party
- **20th Nov** – Children in Need
- **15th Dec** – Parent Workshop
- **17th Dec** – Christmas Party

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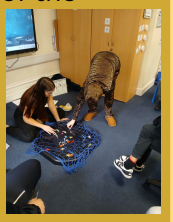
PEARL CLASS





We have had a fantastic start to the new school year and have settle into Pearl Class really well! This week, we have enjoyed lots of Attention Autism activities linked to our Under the Sea topic. We have also started reading Commotion in the Ocean, exploring and labelling some of the wonderful sea creatures featured in the story.





In Maths, we have been busy representing numbers as we begin our new Place Value unit.

A key focus this week has been building relationships and becoming familiar with our new environment. We have enjoyed exploring our classroom through a range of sensory activities, including playing in the water tray and making our own playdough. It has been wonderful to see our learners growing in confidence and becoming increasingly comfortable in their new surroundings.





It has been a lovely first week back, and we are looking forward to all the exciting learning and experiences ahead!



RUBY CLASS

Ruby Class have been working hard to develop their independence and life skills through real-life shopping experiences. As part of our lessons, including cooking, learners have been creating their own shopping lists before heading out to the shops. They have really enjoyed finding the items on their lists, making their own choices about what they would like to buy, and paying for their purchases. These valuable experiences are helping pupils to build confidence, develop independence and strengthen their decision-making skills.

It has been wonderful to see the learners becoming more confident and capable while developing important practical skills that they can use in their everyday lives.



OPAL CLASS





Opal Class are delighted to welcome Teddy to our class. He has settled in wonderfully and is already building lovely friendships with his fellow learners, as well as developing positive relationships with the staff in Opal Class.



Teddy has been enjoying taking part in a wide range of activities and has particularly loved our cooking sessions. He has enjoyed shopping for ingredients, making delicious crispy cakes and getting creative while decorating biscuits. It has been wonderful to see Teddy growing in confidence and enjoying his time in Opal Class!



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SAPPHIRE CLASS

Sapphire Class had a fantastic time celebrating Roald Dahl Day! Everyone got into the spirit of the day by dressing up as their favourite Roald Dahl characters, filling the classroom with wonderful costumes, creativity and lots of smiles.

It was a magical day celebrating the imaginative world of Roald Dahl and enjoying some of his much-loved stories and characters. We had a fantastic time and loved seeing everyone's brilliant costumes!







EMERALD CLASS

Learners from Emerald Class enjoyed a visit to Preston Park Museum, where they explored key historical events and discovered how they helped shape the history of our local area. It was a fun and informative experience, helping learners develop their understanding of local history.







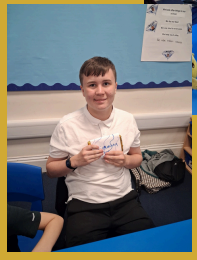




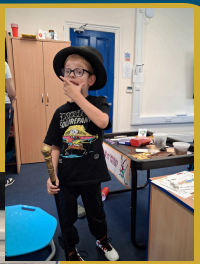
DIAMOND CLASS

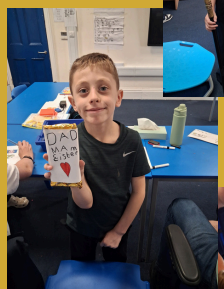






Diamond Class have thoroughly enjoyed reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. As part of their learning, the children created their own instructions for making a chocolate bar, carefully choosing and adding their favourite toppings. The learners then designed their very own chocolate bar wrappers, using their creativity to make each one unique. They wrapped their chocolate bars and proudly took them home to enjoy!







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SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is the action taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm. It means protecting children from maltreatment, preventing impairment of their health and development, and ensuring they grow up in safe, effective care.

Why Safeguarding Matters

Every child deserves to grow up in a safe, secure, and nurturing environment. Safeguarding ensures that schools, community groups, and families work together to identify risks early and step in before a child suffers harm. It covers a wide range of areas, including online safety, emotional well-being, protection from neglect, and physical safety.

Our Commitment to Your Child

Our organisation maintains a strict safeguarding culture. This means we:

- Train all staff and volunteers to recognise the signs of abuse and neglect.
- Run extensive background checks on everyone working with your children.
- Maintain secure premises and safe digital environments.
- Listen to children and take any concerns they raise seriously.

How Parents Can Help

Safeguarding is a shared responsibility. You can help keep our community safe by:

- Talking openly with your child about their feelings, friendships, and online activities.
- Monitoring digital habits and setting appropriate boundaries on devices and social media.
- Reporting concerns immediately if you notice changes in a child's behavior or feel something isn't right.

If you ever have a concern about a child's safety or well-being, please contact our designated safeguarding lead or your local children's services team immediately. Together, we can keep our children safe.

Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Lead



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In October, Edward Maddison will be relocating to one of our other schools in his role as Safeguarding and Family Liaison Officer (SFLO). We would like to take this opportunity to thank Edward for all his hard work and support within our school community and wish him every success in his new role.

We are delighted to welcome Janine Scott, who has been successfully appointed as our new SFLO. Many of you will already know Janine through her previous experience at Kiora Hall, and she is looking forward to getting to know our families and wider school community even more in her new role.

We are very pleased to welcome Janine to the team and look forward to working with her.