



Welcome Elsie Iris Smith



We start this week's bulletin with the wonderful news that Mrs Smith gave birth to a beautiful baby daughter on Tuesday. We are delighted to welcome Elsie Iris Smith (7lbs 8oz) into our community. Mrs Smith will return to teaching at Kingham in the next year. We wish the Smith family all our best wishes for the exciting weeks and years ahead.

Year 5 Residential

On Thursday, 9th June, Year 5 went on a trip to an awesome place called Windmill Farm, near Bampton. We were accompanied by Mr Dunstan, Ms Aylen and Mr Prockter.



On our residential, we participated in a variety of activities including archery, climbing, fencing and lots more.

In the evening, before settling down to bed, we had an extremely enjoyable campfire, beside which we toasted marshmallows and shared entertaining jokes - Mr Prockter's joke was the funniest (so he said!).

After this, we went back to our cosy and comfortable cabins to have a great night's sleep (some of us did anyway). In the morning, we awoke to a delicious breakfast made by the superstar staff at the farm. Finally, we travelled home around 3pm.

Year 5 had loads of fun on our first ever residential!

Report by Evie Arzberger, Esme Harris and Honey Purchase-Rathbone (Year 5)

Value of the Month: Honesty

Honesty:
is telling the truth
is trust
is being true to myself and to others

Kingham Fete Update

Plans are coming along well for the fete, which is just 4 weeks away! We would appreciate donations of the following to help stock a few of our stalls and games:

- Teddies in good condition but needing a new home.
- Pot luck - please take a jam jar and fill it with anything you like (edible or not) for our pot luck tombola. The jars will be in the playground to collect from next week.
- Wine donations for the water or wine stall.
- Cakes for the tea tent - [please sign up to bake here](#).

Please leave your donations in the boxes outside the KPSA shed next week.

Every class is running a stall or game at the Fete. Your class rep will be in touch with details. Please volunteer to help on your class stall for an hour or two it will be fun!

U11 Cricket Festival at Kitebrook

On Wednesday 15th June, twenty-three enthusiastic Year 6 cricketers went to visit Kitebrook School to play a series of friendly matches in a round-robin tournament. Children were grouped into mixed teams, and everyone had



an important role to play: from batting to bowling to fielding or scoring... all their cricket skills were put to the test! Of course, our students behaved impeccably, their manners were flawless, and their teamwork was fabulous, and most of all, their batting skills impressive! To end the festival, children enjoyed afternoon tea in the sunshine. Thank you to parents who came and watched and cheered from the side-lines.

Author Visit to KS2

Last Monday, author, Caryl Lewis came to Kingham to see Years 4, 5 and 6. Caryl told us in assembly all about her family, her Welsh lifestyle, many animals and



enthusiastic children. The award-winning author also told us about how to get inspiration for *our* writing. Caryl claimed that you can find ideas for stories anywhere and proved it with an entertaining example. She also talked to us about her new children's novel: *Seed*. *Seed* is about a 12 year-old boy whose mother is a 'hoarder', but his grandfather owns nothing. One day his grandfather gives him a very special seed that changes his life.

After the assembly, Caryl Lewis stayed behind to sign and dedicate copies of her latest book.

Report by Conolly Norman and Joshua Carter (Year 5)

Classics Cheney School

The Iris Project is offering their eighth annual Classics Summer School this August at the Iris Classics Centre at Cheney School in Oxford. It will take place on the mornings of 22nd, 23rd and 24th August and this year the summer school will be themed on sea myths!

The format for each day will be as follows:

9 – 10.30am - Latin (ages 7 – 9); Latin (ages 10 – 11); Greek (ages 7 – 9); Greek (ages 10 – 11)

10.30 – 11.15am – refreshments and activities

11.15 – 12.45pm – Latin (ages 7 – 9); Latin (ages 10 – 11); Greek (ages 7 – 9); Greek (ages 10 – 11)

The classes will be run by experienced teachers and will include activities as well as language learning. They will all be aimed at complete beginners.

If you would like your child to attend the summer school, you can book by emailing lro@cheneyschool.org and stating name, age, and which language class they would like to join. Attendees need to choose one language they would like to learn for the duration of the school – either Latin or Greek – as each class builds on the previous one.

The cost is just £20 per child for the summer school, and they ask that you get in touch if you are interested but feel the cost is likely to be prohibitive.

Further details can be found [on this website](#).

Parking

We are disappointed to still be hearing that parents from our school would rather park on the pavement (forcing pedestrians with young children to walk on the main road) than park a little further away and walk in.

We are teachers and cannot police the parking for you, but we kindly request that vehicle drivers stick to highway rules and are role-models for our children. There is parking at the Village Hall and on many streets within a 10-minute walk of our school.

School Uniform - House Shirt Poll

You may recall that we recently asked parents for your views about introducing House shirts (*Bulletin 31*). Schools that have adopted House shirts have found that wearing them is a fun, inclusive and unifying experience and particularly enhances House competitions and tournaments such as Sports Day.

Thank you for your responses to our survey. We had twenty-nine contributions in total with 70% of those in favour of the proposal.

While many parents clearly support this idea, there is a sizeable minority yet to be convinced and some heartfelt opinions given about the current cost of living crisis.

For this reason, we have decided to hold on this idea for a while, and not to introduce new shirts at this time.

Diary Dates

Weds 22 Jun	U11 CNPS Cricket Tournament
Thurs 23 Jun	Year 3 trip to Cadbury World
Tues 28 Jun	Year 1 at Cotswold Wildlife Park
Weds 29 Jun	Whole School Photo
Fri 1 Jul	Kingham Lodge Artists in school
Mon 4 July	<u>Closing date for Art Competition</u>
Weds 6 July	Kingham's Got Talent Final (9:20am)
Thurs 7 Jul	Reception trip to Cotswold Farm Park
Fri 8 Jul	Infants Inter-House Rounders
Sun 10 July	Kingham Summer Fete
Tues 12 July	Year 6 Leavers Activity Day
Weds 13 July	Year 1 and 2 visiting Oxford Synagogue
Weds 13 July	Macbeth Year 6 Production 6pm
Fri 15 July	Sports Day (Infants am / Juniors pm)
Thurs 21 July	Last day of academic year – 2pm close

