



KIRKHAM
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We write with some exciting Kirkham Grammar Pre-School news!

Kirkhamigo!

We are delighted to inform you that our wonderful Pre-School pupils will be affectionately known as a Kirkhamigo: Spanish for 'Kirkham friend'. We hope that as your child moves forward on their learning journey with us, that they will remember Pre-School as the starting point where the Kirkham values begin – Be Kind, Be Curious, Be Determined.

We have also chosen a penguin as a gift for your child, and for use as their School mascot, as this is an animal that represents friendship, good manners and conduct. Penguins demonstrate determination, patience, and endurance in the face of the extreme conditions in which they live. They do everything together: eating, hunting, nesting and huddling together to keep warm. They are also highly adaptable creatures and true team players.

As part of the Personal and Social Education curriculum, our Kirkhamigos have also been learning about the characteristics of penguins and even learnt how to say 'penguin' in Spanish. We hope that our Pre-School pupils will love their little penguin and take good care of them, acting as a reminder of the Kirkham values of friendship, kindness, curiosity and determination as they move onwards through school – all key to their future success.

Lancashire Quality Award – Mathematics in the Early Years

In line with our School Development Plan, we currently have a particular focus on Mathematics within Pre-School. We are working towards a 'Lancashire Quality Award' that will support early excellence in this curriculum area and build upon our already strong provision. In relation to this, on a recent visit from Penny Watson, the Early Years Foundation Stage Consultant for Lancashire, Mrs Anyon has been asked to be a Leading Mathematics Practitioner in light of the outstanding and inspirational learning environment that has been created within Pre-School. I am sure that you will share with us our pride in relation to this accolade. Naturally we are very grateful for the hard work and talents of Mrs Anyon and our staff, and the subsequent high standards of learning taking place by your wonderful children, in addition to your support as parents. Collectively we have created a marvellous setting for your children. Mrs Anyon and I will also be attending a forum at the end of term to disseminate and share our good practice at KGS within Lancashire, South Cumbria and Greater Manchester.

Mathematics in Pre-School

Throughout our exploration and teaching of early mathematical experiences, we are cognisant of the fact that the importance of learning through play cannot be underestimated and lays the foundations for future success. It is also important to note that nurturing the importance of being a problem solver is more important than having the answer or being 'correct'. There is a very wise saying that young children should hold maths in their 'hands', before they hold it in their 'heads'. Early mathematical skills are used by our pupils throughout their activities, experiences and daily routines, whether at KGS or at home. For example, becoming familiar with their routines such as brushing their teeth, getting dressed, taking a nap, and learning about going shopping with their parents can all become mathematical learning opportunities. Mathematics plays a major role in a child's development and helps children make sense of the world around them; with children between the ages of one to five beginning to explore patterns and shapes, compare sizes and count objects. When it comes to our KGS Pre-School children, they use a variety of methods to problem-solve and talk about their findings. Mathematics is evident in pretend play, block play, literacy play, outdoor play and science play.

Within early years, the development of mathematical thinking is vitally important and a rich, stimulating learning environment, both indoors and outdoors, is the key to this success as well as working in partnership with parents. We are aware that due to the current COVID-19 restrictions we are unable to invite you into the setting in the way that we would usually be able to do, and we are not able to share this fully with you. Therefore, we would like to invite you to join the Pre-School Google Classroom; please refer to the attached instructions. The code for the Pre-School classroom and your child's username and password are on the attached sticker. Should you have any difficulty in accessing the Google Classroom, please email j.cannell@kirkhamgrammar.co.uk who will be able to assist you.

Within this virtual platform, we can inform and demonstrate how mathematics is taught within the Early Years, and we can share how it can be enhanced within the home environment to support richer mathematical experiences. We can also demonstrate the environment within Pre-School, both indoors and outdoors through photographs and video. We also hope to inspire your love for mathematical stories with some pre-recorded storytelling of mathematical books, and also a list of books that you may wish to borrow from the local library. You will notice that one of the assignments 'Mathematics at Home' asks for your views on what has been a success in terms of mathematical development at home and ways that we can support learning; we would be incredibly grateful for your feedback on this. We look forward to working in partnership with you through this platform and providing a forum for continued success and confidence in Mathematics.

If you have any further questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,



Kate Aldeen
EYFS and KS1 Lead



Sharon Anyon
Pre-School Manager



A guide to getting on to Google Classroom

Logging on to your KGS Google Account – First Time Users

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- You have all been set up a KGS Google Account.
 - Your username and password are detailed on the sticker that came home with your child.
 - Please go to www.classroom.google.com and follow the next few slides.



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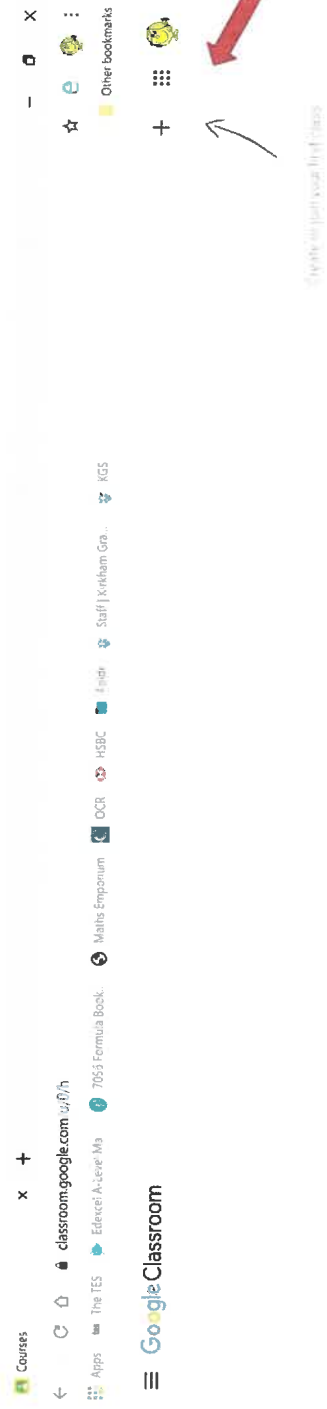
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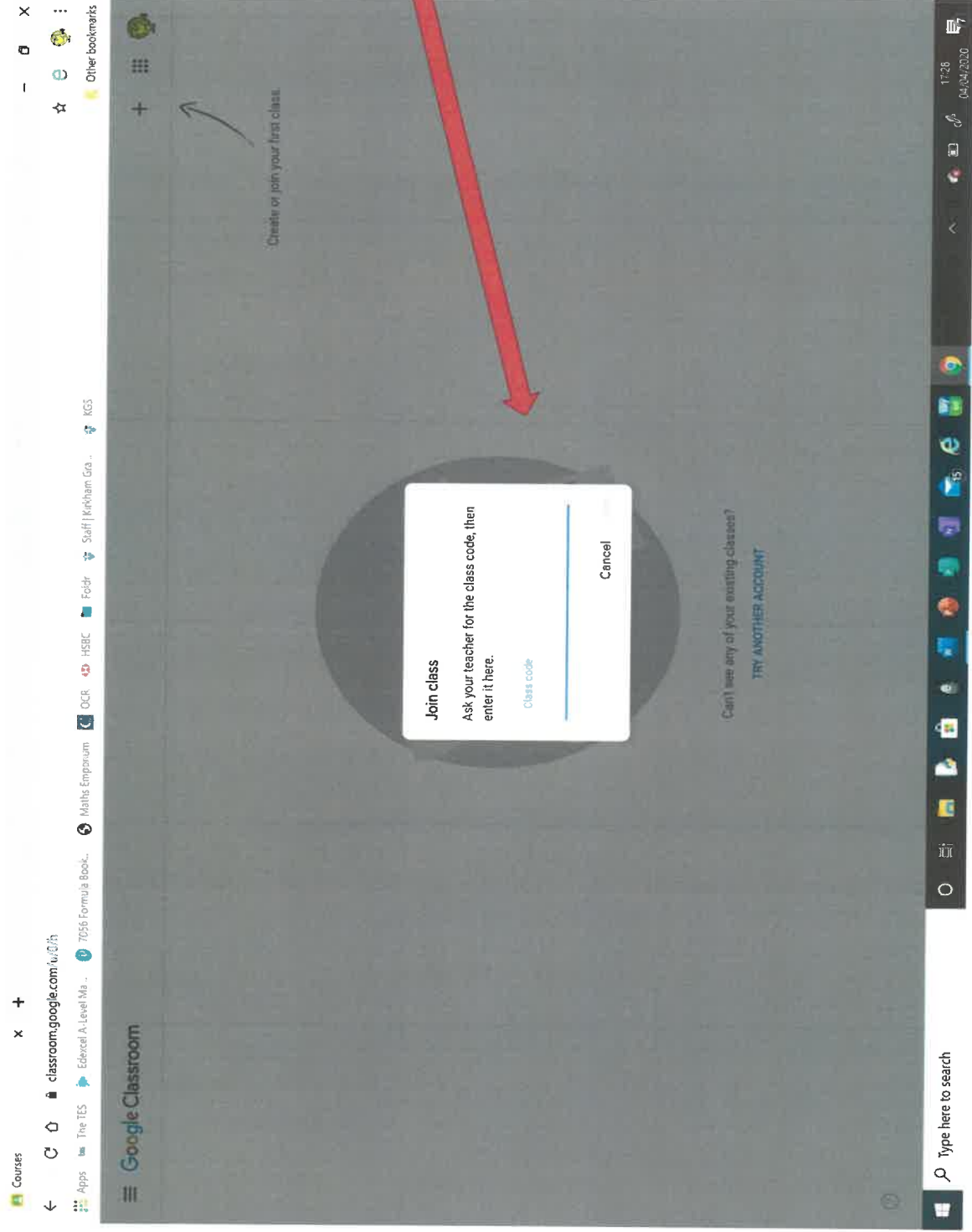


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Now to link to your phone ...

- Please download the Google Classroom App from Play Store or App Store on your phone.
- Open the App and login with your new Google Classroom account.
- Click to open the 'classroom'.
- You should now be able to see the same 'stream' homescreen with the welcome messages on.

Now take a photo ..

- Please take a photo (on this phone) of something interesting in your house, for example your pet, a vase of flowers or a picture you have drawn.
- Go back to the Google Classroom App on your parent's phone
- Click to open your 'classroom'
- At the bottom of the screen click on 'Classwork'
- Click on 'Photo Hand in Point' which is within the topic 'Kirkhamigo'
- Swipe up where it says 'Your work'
- Click on '+ Add attachment'
- Click on 'Pick photo'
- Choose your photo to add
- You can add more than one by clicking '+ Add attachment' again
- When you are finished, click 'Hand In' and your parent's phone will tell you when the work is submitted

Now go back to your pc ...

- We are now going to check that your photos are in the Google Classroom on your computer.

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- Well done for logging on and getting your first taste of Google Classroom.
- This is where there will be information and act as a platform for home-school communication.