



NEWSLETTER

General Update

Welcome to our families and friends

During the summer (seems a long time ago now), it was a very busy time in school as we had a new extension built and refurbishment work taking place at our KTS 3 building. In addition at the rear of school we had the primary yard re tarmaced and ground work undertaken in preparation for the arrival of three new modular classrooms which will hopefully be with us in the New Year. Watch this space!

Many of you will be aware that we have been running our own catering facilities for over a year now. Recently we have been inspected and received the maximum 5 star rating for both kitchens. Well done to Sally and her fantastic team (photo opposite).

Enjoy your half term break *Kevin*



KTS1

All of the groups have been busy learning about Traditional Tales and enjoyed the focus story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. Red Class have taken a sensory approach to the story using squeaky sensory pigs and different materials and sounds to bring the story to life. The children have made pig biscuits in cooking and searched for numbers in hay during messy maths. Yellow Class have been acting the story out and enjoyed building houses made of sticks, straw and bricks. They loved trying to knock them down using our mouths to blow as well as fans and hairdryers - the favourite being the hairdryer as the materials were blown all around the classroom! Blue Class have also retold the story using props and joined in with the key phrases "I'll huff and I'll puff..." etc. They have explored different materials that houses are made of including ice and made a small world igloo from ice cubes and artificial snow!



KTS2



All of the groups have been focused on the topic of Traditional tales. Purple class have read, painted and modelled elements from the stories, The Three Billy Goats Gruff, Chicken Licken and the Ginger Bread Man. They made some fantastic Ginger Bread Men which the children took home to share. White Class have taken part in some fantastic pieces of writing, crafts, food tasting and cooking linked to each tale. In Science they have been looking at seasonal change, and this was their focus on their educational visit to Guisborough Forest Walkway. Grey class have also been working on Traditional Tales and their educational visits have focused on this. They have visited places such as Morrison's bakery to make some of our own dough for Gingerbread Men and Coulby Newham Farm to look at the animals, especially the 3 little pigs! Green Class have been focusing on 3 stories - Some Dog's Do, The Bear Hunt and Owl Babies. They've enjoyed the cookery sessions linked to the stories, particularly making 'Brotton Mud Pie' and 'Dog Biscuits'. Orange Class have been learning about seasons in Science, what they look like and what we might wear for the weather.

KT3 & KTS +

KTS3 parents were invited into school to have a look around the building with all of the changes and meet new teachers and staff. It was lovely to see so many parents turn out for the event!

U1 have been travelling up to KTS+ and learning independent living skills. Some of the activities are ironing, washing and cooking. Some students have been to Redcar library and having their photographs taken for their bus passes to help them become independent travellers.



As part of our dinosaurs topic U2 spent a morning fossil hunting on Saltburn beach. Students were very successful in finding a range of fossils including one ammonite and lots of Jurassic oysters, nick named 'Devil's Toenail'.

U3 are really enjoying their termly topic dinosaurs. We have already learnt so much about the creatures that once roamed the earth. We have been to Arcadia Garden Centre to observe the mechanical T-Rex and their Velociraptor. We are also very excited about our coming trip to the Life Centre to visit the 'Dino Jaws' exhibition.



In U4 we have been experiencing our sensory story "Dinosaur's in the supermarket", where we have been dressing up as dinosaurs and making a mess with frozen peas, chocolate sauce and custard footprints!!

U5 enjoyed a visit to Teessaurus Park in Middlesbrough, to look at the dinosaur structures, as part of our topic all about 'Dinosaurs.'



Mike McGrother visited KTS+ to launch the Dragonfly Enterprise Project. He told the story of the project through music and stories then set the students the challenge of creating an inclusive collaborative event that celebrates school and community through performance and music. They have been excitedly planning a festival for the Summer term and are already getting fit for a sponsored walk with Mike to his Wildcats of Kilkenny gig in Saltburn in December to raise money for their plans. We are introducing new accreditation, Arts Award, to recognise the students work.

KTS+ held a Macmillan coffee morning where £195.09 was raised. There was a fantastic amount of people from the local area who visited to support the event.

KTS+ have held two transition mornings this half term where parents were invited into school to learn about which FE placements and Social care providers are available once students leave KTS Academy. The feedback has been very positive and we hope to ensure this is an annual event.

Unicef Rights Respecting School - Chris Race - RRSA Co-ordinator

As a level 1 Rights Respecting School, KTS is supporting the RRSA/Clarks ShoeShare appeal.

ShoeShare gathers old or unwanted shoes to raise money for Unicef to help all children, no matter where they are in the world, or what is happening around them, to access their right to education (Article 28).

All we need to do is gather old and unwanted shoes from around the house and bring them into school. We will then take them to Guisborough Clarks shoe store. Clarks will then recycle the shoes and support Unicef in providing basic resources such as pens and pencils and teacher training to enable children to learn in countries where children have limited or no access to education. Please send in unwanted shoes to school and ensure that:

. The shoes are paired with a rubber band to make it easier to sort and pack

. The shoes are in relatively good condition - so no holes or broken soles!



We break up for autumn half on Friday 20th October and return to school on Monday 30th October. Professional Development days for 2017/18:

4th December 2017

12th March 2018

25th May 2018

23rd July 2018



ASDA are now making available velcro-backed visual shopping lists, using pictures, symbols and activities to help families of people with autism when shopping in store nationwide. This idea was inspired by one of their employees and the way her son's school uses symbols and pictures to communicate. Her son has non-verbal autism and always found shopping an overwhelming experience.

The National Autistic Society are running a campaign 'Too Much Information' and have created a film about sensory overload for more information visit

www.autism.org.uk/tmi

MEET THE GOVERNOR - MARK ROBINSON



Hello, my name is Mark Robinson and I became a Co-Opted Governor at KTS in December 2016. I was born in Brotton and during my childhood attended St Peter's Primary and Warsett Secondary schools. There was, at that time, a lot of interaction between the schools, given their proximity to each other, and this enabled me to see first-hand the huge and positive difference that KTS makes to the lives of the young people who attend.

When my wife began working at KTS in September 2016, I was delighted to be asked if I would be interested in joining the governing body. The academy has a vibrant and inclusive atmosphere and what always strikes me is how the provision of education is so focussed on the well-being and progress of the pupils as individuals. It is undoubtedly this approach, coupled with the dedication of the staff that has led the academy to gain the excellent reputation that it has consistently enjoyed. I am proud to be a part of the academy as a governor and to contribute in any way I can. I am currently a member of the Finance, Human Resources and Audit Committee. Professionally I am a practising barrister and outside of work I enjoy spending time with my wife and young son along with running our smallholding. There are rarely enough hours in a day.

IMPORTANT SECURITY NOTICE

In order to adhere to DBS regulations, can all parents please ensure they report to the main reception when visiting school for any reason?

KTS Academy is committed to the safeguarding of its pupils.

For your information the Designated Safeguarding Lead for our school is Kevin Thompson, or, in Kevin's absence, Brian Richardson or Sarah Gunn. The school Governor for Safeguarding is Maggie Hadland