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NEWSLETTER

General Update

Dear Families and Friends

I hope you have managed to attend some of the excellent festive activities that have been occurring in school over the last week or so. It has been a busy time for everyone and our children and young adults have performed fantastically well.

I am aware that many of our families are unsure of who our Governors are and what they do. Therefore, I have included with this newsletter a sheet containing updated Governor Profiles. Also as part of this newsletter, we have included a section on what Governors have been up to recently. I hope you will gain an insight on how hard they work for us all.

The picture (opposite) is of a section of one of our new primary classrooms being built at 'Eco Modules' in Hull. We are hoping to have all three of them delivered over the holiday period and they should be up and running by the end of March (fingers crossed).

Wishing you a wonderful seasonal break and the warmest wishes for the New Year.

Kevin



KTS1 & 2

This term Pink Class have really enjoyed the dinosaur theme and have explored it with stories, songs and matching, jigsaw and colouring activities from Purple Mash. Blue Class have also enjoyed the topic of 'Dinosaurs'. They have been on a dinosaur egg hunt, explored a gloopy swamp, had an archaeological dig in the sand tray and had a visit to Pannet Park Museum in Whitby to see the dinosaur bone fossils. They have also enjoyed helping out the elves in their Santa's workshop role play area. Red and Yellow Class have been busy making lots of Christmas crafts and they had great fun playing in the snow.

As part of the dinosaur's topic, Grey class have visited Teesaurus park to look at life-size metal dinosaurs, Arcadia Garden Centre to look at mechanical dinosaurs and they have designed their own dinosaur skeletons to link to the Science topic of fossils. All the children in Grey Class have really enjoyed fact finding about dinosaurs! Green Class have had fun playing with dinosaurs and have made fruit dinosaurs and edible dinosaur bones.



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White Class also visited Arcadia Garden Centre to see the Dinosaurs and the Christmas decorations. They also had fun doing a science experiment trying to melt frozen Dinosaur Eggs to reveal the type of Dinosaur. Purple Class have been looking at fossils and rocks and had a brilliant visit to Whitby Abbey to look at the sandstone that came from local quarries and how it has been used to make this signature landmark. They were able to get their hands on some fossils from Port Mulgrave and even managed to get a fragment of real dinosaur bone! Orange class have also been looking at dinosaurs, fossils and volcanoes this half term. They have made dinosaur fact files, met a robot dinosaur, freed frozen dinosaurs and made an erupting volcano! All of the groups enjoyed their Christmas parties and also practising, and performing the songs for the nativity performances. Santa paid us a visit on Monday and brought a 'reindeer' with him! The snowy weather has helped make it seem extra 'Christmassy' around school!



KT3 & KTS +

KTS3 held their first Enterprise Sale Day where parents and the rest of school were invited to look and hopefully buy some of the wonderful craft items each class had made during their careers and enterprise sessions. There was a 'make your own reindeer dust station', gift tags, tree decorations, wooden spoon Santa's and snowmen, plants, surprise gift bags and jewellery to buy. There was also a cake and drinks stall, tombola and raffle for all of the visitors to enjoy. One class had also made their own magazine called 'WOAH' which documents what has happened within KTS3 department. There was a huge turn out and the students enjoyed seeing so many different people visiting the department. Over £300 was raised for the enterprise funds for next terms ideas.



KTS+ held their annual Christmas Enterprise Sale day on Friday 15th December. It was a huge success with lots of parents, students and our friends from the community turning up to buy items such as ginger wine and Christmas cakes. The students also started a new venture of an 'adopt a teddy bear' stall, which proved very successful and also looked very cute! There was also a raffle and tombola to visit while everyone enjoyed a drink and cake made and served by the students. Well done Everyone, over £280 was raised for KTS+ enterprise!



Celebrating the Arts at KTS

At KTS Academy we have lots of fun using the arts to explore our different topics. With the Christmas festivities underway at KTS each class has been busy preparing for the school nativity by practising songs and Makaton signs and role playing in their costumes. In addition to our regular arts activities, we have enjoyed a live performance from musician John Nicholas and we all enjoyed our Christmas pantomime. KTS Academy has also been involved in the Brighter Futures creative arts exhibition in Redcar with some of the children's work on display for the public to enjoy.



Dates for your Diary / Notices

We break up for Christmas on Friday 22nd December and return to school on Monday 8th January. Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous new year!

Thank you to everyone who took part in our whole school Christmas raffle, and everyone who donated prizes it is greatly appreciated, we raised an amazing £838.64. We raised £286.94 for Children in Need.



Well done to everyone who donated to the Children in Distress Shoebox Appeal.

Governors Update

In December Governors attended Mind Training. In November, Ian Bowman, Chair of Governors attended the annual SEND conference and Maggie Hadland attended the Safeguarding Children in Education Conference. Ruth Sherris, Parent Governor came to a learning walk to see the alterations at the KTS3 building. All Governors have had Core Competencies Training and attended a full Governors meeting in school on 7th December.

Meet Helen Ayres, one of our new Teaching Assistants

Hello everyone at KTS, I joined Claire's class, U3 in November as a Teaching Assistant. I love being in this class, everyone has been so welcoming and friendly. So far I have been on a trip to Newcastle to see the dinosaurs, baked lots of delicious cakes, learnt about rocks and been involved in some amazing lessons. I can't wait to meet and work with the rest of the classes.



KILTON THORPE FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Kilton Thorpe Friends association is a registered charity which at present is run by staff of KTS. The group support other Charities such as Pudsey Bear activities for Children in need, Red Nose Day for Comic Relief and Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. They also organise things like discos and bingo nights for the pupils and families and fashion shows etc, for families and friends. This year the group have raised just over £8,000 and funded resources, theatre trips, etc. to the value of £9,050 for pupils of KTS. (Balance at present £6,000).



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