

Seasonal greetings to all our families and Friends.

I have just come from our nativity and once again, it has made me feel so proud of our pupils and students at KTS. We still have the Christmas meal to go, along with a visit from Santa and to finish off on Friday, carols around the Christmas tree, before we all head off for the holidays.

I do hope some of you managed to get in to school to some of the events that have been taking place during the last week or two. As always, thank you for your help, support and generosity. It just leaves me to wish you a very lovely Christmas and see you back again in the New Year.

Regards

Kevin



Congratulations to Lillymay in Blue class who had her card selected by the DfE as their chosen Christmas card to send out this year.

KTS1



It has been a very busy half term and although we do like to keep things as 'normal' as possible at this time of year, we have had a few special events to celebrate Christmas. Santa arrived on Tuesday to deliver gifts to the children and the Thrive room was transformed into a grotto! We had Christmas parties with a difference this year, with Emily from Mess Around, Teesside bringing us the most amazing Messy Play Party. Even the glittered sprouts were a hit! The topic this half term has been transport and all of the groups have been doing different activities related to this. Blue Class thoroughly enjoyed their trip on the train from Saltburn to Redcar linked to 'The Train Ride' story. White Class also enjoyed learning about different types of transport. This included making hot air balloons in art and playing in their train station role-play area. They have got into the Christmas spirit by making tree decorations and tasty treats as well as completing the Reindeer run. Red Class have also enjoyed this half term's topic of Transport. They have enjoyed making egg carton buses, shape trains and apple printed boats during Art sessions. Pink class have been enjoying doing lots of arts and crafts getting ready for Christmas too.

KTS2

This half term Orange Class have been looking at transport old and new. They really enjoyed making junk models at their parent event. In English, they have been looking at different texts and have written postcards and letters. The pupils in Green Class have enjoyed 'Charanga' music sessions, with everyone now anticipating the greeting song. There has been lots of enthusiastic participation using a variety of instruments including drums, bells and rain sticks. Yellow class have enjoyed learning about different types of transport and have made different pieces of Artwork. They tested their own boats that they made on water. Purple class have been busy working on their fine motor skills and have made great progress during 'Funky Fingers'. They have also made lots of Christmas-related artwork.

KT3 & KTS +



This year's KTS3 Festive Enterprise event took place on Thursday 13th December and was a huge success. A large number of parents and friends supported the event, buying raffle and tombola tickets and purchasing a variety of Christmas gifts and crafts. Each class in KTS3 hosted a stall. Among the popular features were Christmas Eve gift boxes, a Yule log raffle, hot turkey buns and a range of cakes that sold like hot cakes! Many thanks to all who supported the event, both by buying tickets and items for sale, but also by donating gifts for the tombola.

This half term in the KTS3 choir, we have been working hard and practising our Nativity songs. KTS+ students have also started their own choir and have thoroughly enjoyed learning all of the Christmas songs too! We are looking forward to performing with the rest of our choirs in KTS and to our parents and the staff.

U5 had a very busy morning Christmas Shopping this week, buying gifts for family members. They took a well-earned break by visiting McDonalds for lunch afterwards!



U6 have had a busy half term. We have enjoyed our transport topic and have loved making wheel pizza's and traffic light biscuits. We have explored a range of messy play activities and we particularly enjoyed rolling vehicles in paint. We ended the half term with a range of festive activities such as taking part in the reindeer run, making a range of Christmas crafts and enjoying a Christmas treat in the cafe on our trip out.

KTS plus Practical Skills students were asked to make U6 their very own mud kitchen. They have done a fantastic job and we love exploring it and getting messy. Thank you KTS and we can't wait for it to warm up so we can get out more!

Some of the KTS+ students supported our local church by helping at their coffee morning during December. The students were very helpful and enjoyed the experience merely as much as all the people who attended the event.

KTS+ also held their Annual Enterprise event on Friday 14th December. It was another huge success with lots of fantastic cakes and festive treats on offer. We had many parents attending and some of our ex-students paid us a visit, which is always lovely to see! All staff and students from Upper School wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Celebrating the Arts at KTS

This term we have continued to use the arts as a way of exploring our topics and learning about important celebrations such as Remembrance Sunday. The Christmas spirit is well under way at KTS Academy with classes making decoration, practising nativity performances and having lots of fun with festive messy play sessions. In November, all teaching staff took part in a music training session for our new music program 'Charanga' and were joined by colleagues from other schools. This term, some classes have been working on their new art sketchbooks which are being used to store and display individual pupils work and allows teachers to include pictures and samples of materials used. As part of our Christmas celebrations, the children will enjoy watching a pantomime and singing carols around the tree.

Notices

**We break up for Christmas
On Friday 21st December and return to school on
Monday 7th January.
Half term Week Mon 18th Feb 2019
Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous new year!**

Meet Julie Clements our new Catering Manager



Hi, my name is Julie Clements, I live locally in Skelton and I was appointed in my new role as Catering Manager in September. I've had previous catering experience in lots of different areas since leaving school and started out on a Youth Training Scheme catering course. My last job was at Redcar Academy where I was the Assistant Cook for 19 years.

I'm loving my time at KTS so far and hope to have many years more! The staff are all great, the children put a smile on my face every day, and it's a great pleasure to be part of it all!

**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 £904.00.
We raised £307.11 for Children in Need.**



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

Governors Update

6th Nov. Maggie Hadland (Governor responsible for Safeguarding) and Kevin attended a Safeguarding conference.
13th Dec. Full Governors meeting to sign off on the end of year accounts.

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