

Dear Families and Friends

I presume that most of you will be aware that our very own Brian Richardson has been appointed as the new Headteacher for September. I, along with the pupils and staff, are so pleased with this outcome and wish him the very best in his new role.

Please help. We are expecting a visit from Ofsted in either the summer or autumn term. As part of the inspection process Ofsted will want to gain parent views and will access the information on the parent view portal before they visit. Please can I ask that you register and complete the online questionnaire at <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>. If you require any support with this please let us know.

Thanks. Enjoy the holiday break.

Kevin



Our jungle themed Art Display

KTS1

This half term our topic has been 'mini-beasts'. The groups have enjoyed a visit from Kirkleatham Owl Centre and everyone took part in Arts Week where we had a 'Jungle' theme. Thanks to those of you who came along to our art exhibition last Friday to celebrate the week - it was a roaring success! Pink class really enjoyed the Arts Week activities especially getting their hands in the paint! Red Class have enjoyed this half term's Mini beast topic by going on a bug hunt to Guisborough Walkway. They made tie-dye butterflies and pom pom caterpillars! Blue Class have enjoyed going on bug hunts in the Mud Kitchen. They took out their magnifying glasses and bug boxes and made recordings of the mini-beasts they found. White Class loved all of the activities during Art's Week, especially dancing in the hall during our jungle-themed music performance!

KTS2

Grey class have been exploring the different mini beasts that can be found throughout the rain forest. They also linked this in with Arts Week and learnt all about the different layers of the rain forest and which animals live where. Purple Class have been very creative this term, they made some wonderful mini-beasts using all sorts of different materials. One of their favourite class books is 'Monkey Puzzle' so they based their display for the art gallery around the story; the finished piece looks fantastic! Yellow class have enjoyed listening to different stories about mini beasts and creating a variety of artwork for each insect. In Green Class, the highlights of the topic were making edible soil and worms using smashed bourbon biscuits and cooked spaghetti, and making huge bee mobiles to hang around the classroom.

KT3 & KTS +

During our PSHE lesson in U1, we focused on team building and working together. The pupils were given spaghetti, marshmallows and jelly babies to see which group could build the tallest building using our knowledge from our buildings topic. It was fantastic to see the pupils communicating and sharing ideas throughout the session.

U2 have enjoyed studying mini-beasts this half term and are in the process of making giant dragonflies to 'fly' around the classroom. Students enjoyed meeting and greeting some other animals when the Kirkleatham Owl Centre brought in animals to show students including an owl, a pair of rats, a bearded dragon and Daphne, a duck!

U4 enjoyed all the activities on offer during arts week. They enjoyed producing two large sensory themed 'In the Jungle' pieces of art. They particularly enjoyed the visiting 'Rhythm time' workshop, led by Katherine, where we explored the sounds instruments made, sang body awareness rhymes, moved their bodies to the rhythm of the music and relaxed with bubbles.

U5 enjoyed lots of activities, as part of our whole school Arts Week. As part of our sensory exploration activities that week, the students enjoyed our 'Jungle Jelly' (green jelly, broccoli 'trees' and jungle animals).

U6 have loved the topic mini beasts. They have explored a range of sensory textures to look for bugs, baked snail whirls and made some flying insects. We loved Arts Weeks and creating a piece of artwork for the theme in the jungle. We have danced in the hall, banged drums with Kathryn and did some very messy art. We can't wait to do it again next year!



We recently held our annual Careers Information Day at KTS+ and KTS3. The day was organised to engage our young people in activities and experiences that will inform them about possible future options. Parents were also invited to the 'information hub' on the afternoon. The day was a success and students spoke positively about the day afterwards.

KTS+3 have continued to participate in visits to the day services they wish to use when they leave us in July. We have had students spend time at RED, Beyond Boundaries, Botton Village and Earthbeat. All the students are really enjoying their visits and they are proving to be valuable.



Notices

We break up for Easter holidays on Friday 5th April and return on Tuesday 23rd April.
We finish for summer on Fri 23rd July and return on Tuesday 3rd September

Governors Update

The Governors have spent a good deal of time during the last few months in the process of recruiting and selecting a new Headteacher.

Some governors have undertaken training on 'The inspection of Governance' and 'How to deal with complaints'.

We have been successful in our capital bid to the Educational Funding Agency. (£80k for refurbishment work within the school).

MEET GLENN ROBERTSON ONE OF OUR NEW TEACHING ASSISTANTS



Hi, I'm Glenn

Before I started as a Teaching assistant with KTS, I had experience working in many different youth clubs across the Redcar and Cleveland area, both mainstream and young people with disabilities. I have also had a lot of experience doing 1 to 1 outreach work with young people and adults with multiple disabilities, and a little bit of residential care work with young adults with disabilities.

When I saw an advert for a Teaching assistant post at KTS, I thought I would apply for it because I thought it was an ideal job for me where I get to support children and young people with their learning and knowing I could be a part of their learning journey.

Currently, I work in U6 and absolutely love it! I get to support seven lovely young people through their learning journey by doing things such as sensory play, support through independent skills, their writing skills and much more! I look forward to many more memories at KTS!

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