

## Dear Families and friends

We began this half term with the good news that we have been successful in our Condition Improvement Fund bid for an £80,000 grant. This will enable us, over the summer, to finish the refurbishment of KTS3 and refurbish two of our classrooms on the main site.

Over recent weeks, we have asked you to complete questionnaires on your thoughts of how we are doing. Can I thank all the families that have completed these to date and if you have not managed it yet, can I encourage you to do so. If you did not receive a questionnaire, or require another, please contact the office and we will get one out to you.

Finally. A big thank you (once again) to 'Eston and Normanby Ladies Dart League' for their fantastic fundraising efforts in raising £335 for the pupils at KTS. Very much appreciated.

Kindest regards *Kevin*



## KTS Healthy School Week 2019

Children enjoying their right to play and relax as part of Healthy School Week (Articles 31 & 24 of the Unicef Convention of Rights of the Child)

## KTS1



Although it has been a short half term, it has been busy with the topic being 'Rivers, mountains and volcanoes'. We have also had 'Healthy Schools Week', where pupils have had the chance to take part in many different 'healthy' activities, as well as tasting lots of healthy foods. It has been nice to see some of you at our Lower School 'Links' family group. If anyone would like to come along, we meet every other Wednesday, from 1.15 - 2.30.

KTS 1 groups have enjoyed the topic, especially the focus story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. Red Class made sensory boards to retell the story, made playdough caves and went on a class bear hunt - walking through the 'thick, oozy mud' and splashing through water! White Class had a teddy bear's picnic outside, making bear footprint biscuits and acted out the story in class using all the materials e.g. grass, water, mud etc. Blue Class went on a 'Bear Hunt' too and had a teddy bear's picnic at Saltburn Valley Gardens. The weather was lovely! Pink Class enjoyed a dinosaur themed sensory story and song and have enjoyed spending time outdoors.

## KTS2

In KTS2, Orange Class have enjoyed learning about Rivers, Mountains and Volcanoes. Pupils have watched a volcano demonstration, written instructions for making a volcano and then made their own volcanoes following their instructions. Orange Class have also enjoyed taking part in athletics activities in PE with Grey Class. Grey Class had a fabulous trip to the Teesmouth Centre and used materials from the beach to create their own volcano. The weather was great and the pupils learnt so much about the topic. Yellow class enjoyed looking at different animals that live near rivers and mountains. They also looked at the senses and made a five senses bear face. Purple Class have also been learning about mountains, rivers and volcanoes. They have produced some fantastic models of a mountain landscape and a real erupting volcano! Green Class have been extending the skills we have learned this year in their Charanga music sessions. They have had great fun choosing and playing instruments during the song 'Look in the Box'.



## KT3 & KTS +



During independent living, U1 were able to share their skills of how to put on a quilt cover. They then learnt a super easy way to do this. They were all keen, working in groups to have a go.

U2 have been into space this term.....Well actually, we have created a model of the Solar System in the classroom with balls and even seeds acting as planets rotating around a huge bouncy ball (The Sun).

U3 enjoyed a great Careers outing to Newham Grange Farm, where we learnt about how to care for some of their smaller animals.



In U4, the students have been enjoying weekly trips to ASDA. Each student had their own shopping list and enjoyed collecting each item from their list. This half term the topic has been about River, Volcanoes and Mountains so we linked our focus story to 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. U4 pupils have enjoyed getting messy in art exploring different materials to make a classroom display based about this story. In Rhyme Time, we have enjoyed learning new rhymes about the bear hunt and explored different props such as leaves, sticks, water and mud along with a big bear teddy.

U5 have been enjoying the good weather outside, on the new decking area to the rear of the classroom. We now have an exercise bike and a rowing machine, as well as other outdoor resources to explore!

This half term in U6, we have had a big change, a new teacher! Abi our new teacher has loved her first half term and the students in U6 have adapted and accepted it really well! Our topic has been 'Mountains, Rivers and Volcanoes'. We have been reading our story, 'We're going on a bear hunt', making volcano cakes, footprint bears and lots more!



## KTS+



All students at KTS+ have recently enjoyed two visits to the University of Teesside. The visits were organised as part of our careers programme to enable our students to have different experiences and understand future opportunities that may be available to them. The first visit was a SEND taster day and students took part in different team building challenges. The second visit was a transitions event and we presented an interactive stall at the event to demonstrate some of the things we do at KTS Academy. Students were also able to visit the different stalls by other college providers, day services and employers to learn about opportunities available to them in the local area. It was a real pleasure to see our students positively interact with different people at the event.



## Notices

We break up for half term on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May and return on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.  
Pupils break up for the summer break on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July and return on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.  
The 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> July, & Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September are Professional Development Days, pupils are not in school on these days.

We will be holding our school Sports Days on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June.

## Governors Update

The Governors are pleased to welcome a new Associate Governor, Sarah Walker. Sarah will replace David Major who stepped down at the end of last year. Sarah has many years' experience as a Headteacher and being on Governing bodies and is currently the Headteacher at Skelton Primary school.

## MEET OUR NEW TEACHER ABI POTTER



Hi, I'm Abi,

I am the new teacher in U6 and I have the pleasure of working with seven lovely young people in this class. I started after the Easter holidays and I absolutely love it here at KTS. Before I started as a teacher with KTS, I completed my teacher training in two special needs placements and worked in some mainstream schools.

Prior to this, I worked as a 1:1 teaching assistant at a specialist school. I absolutely love working in this setting and when I saw the advertisement for a position at KTS, I knew it would be the perfect job for me because I would have the opportunity to support young people and be part of their learning journey. 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