

Dear families,

It is with great pleasure that I wish to inform you of the appointment of Sarah Gunn as Head of KTS Academy from September 2022.

Sarah is currently the deputy head and will be taking over the role when I leave at the end of the summer. Sarah is totally committed to the children, families and staff of KTS. She has been with us for over 16 years, so knows the school inside-out.

With the support of the fantastic team of staff at KTS, the school will continue to move from strength to strength. I wish her the very best of luck in her new role.

Brian



KTS1 & KTS2



What a lovely term it's been – it finally feels like things are returning to normal! The start of term saw Grey Class moving to our KTS3 building. They now have lots more room and access to a variety of indoor and outdoor spaces – they have settled in really well! This also means that staff now have a staff room after using the hall since the start of the pandemic!

It has been lovely to have families back in school again this week for our spring event – it was enjoyed by all! Across school it has been multi-cultural week, with the focus being Christianity (Easter). Some groups have been to visit St Margaret's Church and all of the groups have been learning about and exploring what Easter means to Christians.

The topic this half term has been Beachcombers – which has been popular with all of the groups. The children have taken part in a variety of sessions, from looking at wildlife you might find on the coastline, to playing and exploring sand and water. Some groups have even had chips and ice cream in Redcar!

We have been lucky enough to have TimbaDash, a multi-sensory theatre company visiting every Monday this half term. Each week, classes have explored a different, fully interactive theme. One session even took place in hydro! The actors have been fantastic – ensuring it was a collaborative experience that could be enjoyed by all of those who took part.

KT3 & KTS +

Upper School have had a busy term with classes settling into their new rooms and routines. We have been joined by Grey class in the KTS3 building and the staff and students are enjoying their new environment and getting to know the new staff and students in the building.

Upper School have also welcomed some new teachers to the department this term. Nikki Daniels has joined U4, Helen Swarbrick has become the teacher of Grey class and Sandra Barry will be covering Abi's maternity leave after Easter in U6.

Members of the school council/RRSA steering group have been working on environmental projects with Groundworks staff from the Loftus Community Woodlands. As part of these projects, U1 have visited the woodlands and planted trees on the site at Loftus.



KTS+ has had a busy half term and are all now fully moved in and set up in the new buildings. We are having a parent's event on Friday 8th April to show off the new facilities and share with the parents all of the work we have been doing. KTS+ students all enjoyed Science Day and the best moments for the students was taking part in the nature hunt and experiments.

Finally, we would like to say Goodbye to Abi who will be leaving us on the 8th April to start her maternity leave. Good luck and we can't wait to meet your new baby!

Notices

There will be the Queens Jubilee Bank Holiday on Monday 20th June – school will be closed on this date. Our final PD day will be Thursday 21st July – school will break up for the summer holidays for the pupils on Wednesday 20th July.

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 Brian Richardson, or, in Brian's absence, Sarah Gunn. The school Governor for Safeguarding is Maggie Hadland.