



KTS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new families who joined us in September. It's been a great start to the year, with pupils settling in well. The topic this half-term has been Harvest and if you follow our Facebook page I'm sure you will have seen some of the wonderful activities and experiences our pupils have been taking part in. We hope you enjoyed all of the smiley face photos we posted on National Smile Day 😊. It has been fantastic to have families back in school for meetings, appointments and at the community café. As we move towards Christmas there will be invitations for you to attend one of our family events. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our new leadership team so you know who we all are when you are visiting school! We hope you enjoy the half term break. Pupils are back at school on Monday 31st October.

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KTS 1 & 2

Lower school have thoroughly enjoyed our topic of Seasons and Harvests this half term. Blue Class have had a fantastic start to the year: going on an autumn walk to discover all sorts of autumn treasures, including leaves, apples, berries and they even spotted some mushrooms. Orange class went to Stewarts Park for their class trip. They enjoyed playing together at the park and looking at the various animals. Yellow Class have been celebrating Black History Month. They have enjoyed reading the story Handa's Surprise and African drumming as well as making African inspired necklaces. White class had a lot of new pupils join them at the start of this half term. They have participated in their first hydro sessions and enjoyed lots of messy play. Purple & Pink class went apple picking to find some yummy apples to make their own mini apple crumbles. Green class have been getting creative and creating lots of art work by exploring colour mixing. Lilac class have been enjoying their Attention Autism sessions and particular love the Rainbow Rain activity. Red class have enjoyed lots of topic themed messy play and spending time outside on our new climbing frame.



KTS 3

We've had a fantastic start to the year at KTS3! The pupils have been working hard to create some truly excellent pieces of work in all of their classes. We've been apple picking, nature spotting, leaf painting and tonnes more. U1 have been enjoying their swimming lessons at Loftus each week where, thankfully, the water has been lovely and warm. U2 have been using their Friday afternoons to do some gardening and learn about how to care for indoor and outdoor plants. U3 have been making excellent use of their new classroom environment and all of the new accessories they have in there. They were also one of the classes most enchanted by the visit we had from a theatre group who performed a rather spectacular version of Beauty and the Beast. U4 have been enjoying some fantastic music time, making brilliant use of their outdoor area and bringing the Autumn into their classroom. U5 have also spent lots of time in the outdoors, exploring the change in the season with leaves of all different colours, shapes and sizes. All of our classes made sensational contributions to our scarecrow display! We can't wait to have all of our KTS pupils back for half term 2 and share all of the incredible activities we have planned in the run up to Christmas.



KTS+ & High Hills

What a brilliant first half term it has been up at KTS+ and High Hills. There have been loads of opportunities to get out and explore our lovely new AstroTurf area with U6 pupils using it for their break and lunch times. U7 pupils have been on some wonderful trips out to Loftus swimming baths, senses and rebound. U8 have been working hard on healthy diets and designing and making their own versions of some of their favourite foods with health in mind. U9 have been celebrating Black History month in some of their lessons. U10 have had visits from Wendy Gosling from the DWP and Jo Thompson from TVLPN. Wendy has been delivering employability and key skills sessions to pupils each week and will continue to do so next half term. Jo shared some fantastic information about what Apprenticeships are and how our pupils can apply for one when they leave. Of course, all of our pathways groups have been back to their learning on Thursday and Friday. Notably this half term, the Show and Create group have been out to learn how vinyl records are pressed! Finally, each of our classes have contributed absolutely incredible effigies for our scarecrow display. All of the pupils from KTS+ and High Hills were able to come along to the pumpkin patch to see their creations alongside those from the rest of the school. We're really pleased with how well everybody has settled back in and are looking forward to continuing to educate and excite our pupils next half term.



Pupil Voice

Student Council - The KTS School Council met on the 5th of October.

Pupils were concerned about the current situation regarding energy and energy prices. They agreed that in KTS we should try to reduce the use of electric power to help the environment and help reduce bills. They have asked teachers to switch off lights and computers when they leave for the night. The student council has organised a competition to design a poster to switch off electric lights when not in use and switch off computers at the end of the day. The posters will be judged at their next meeting on the 2nd of November and displayed around school.

Pupils asked for social events to start again at KTS. The KTS Friends Association organised a disco on Wednesday 19th October. They look forward to organising further events in the future.

M&M Theatre – Thank you to Happy Days Charity who funded a performance of Beauty and the Beast by M&M Theatre Productions for some of our pupils. Pupils shared the following thoughts:

'I loved the music and different songs'. 'I liked the beast when he became a man'.

'It made everyone laugh and the choice of songs were fantastic, we'd like more things like this'.

We have listened to the feedback and booked 'Jack and the beanstalk' for next year are looking at other theatre opportunities for Christmas.

Other Information

Change of telephone number for the Children's Continence Service - From Monday 26th September 2022 the telephone number for the Children's Continence service has change to **01642 944581**. The answer machine will still be available. Office hours are Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4pm. If you are calling out of these hours please leave a message on the answer phone with your child's name, date of birth and a summary of your message.

Children in Need – Friday 18th November – Pupils can wear something spotty.

Raffle tickets will be sold in November.

The topic next half term is Dinosaurs!

Friday November 21st PD Day – school is closed to all pupils



IMPORTANT NOTICE

In order to adhere to DBS regulations, can all parents please ensure they report to reception when visiting any of the school buildings.

SAFEGUARDING

KTS Academy is committed to the safeguarding of its pupils.

For your information the **Designated Safeguarding Lead is Sarah Gunn. Deputy Safeguarding Lead is Alexis Gardner.**

The school **Governor for Safeguarding is Maggie Hadland.**

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