



# KTS NEWSLETTER

Spring  
Term  
February  
2023

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*Message from our Headteacher, Sarah:*

What a busy half term it's been, the time seems to be flying with Spring finally around the corner! This term it's been great to welcome families into school for lots of face-to-face meetings. We are arranging parent's evenings next term too, where you'll be invited into school to discuss your child's progress.

The extended leadership team have been working hard and we thought it would be good to share their roles with you. Danielle leads on behaviour and pupil wellbeing across school. She has a wealth of knowledge and expertise in supporting behaviour and is responsible for staff training, as well as supporting staff teams with behaviour. She has recently attended Thrive training and is a licenced Thrive practitioner. Lauren leads on Preparing for Adulthood, which starts right down in the early years. Lauren ensures our curriculum prepares our pupils for the future and also trains staff to ensure this happens. She also oversees our leavers and supports them with their next steps. She is planning some exciting events this year for the pupils who are leaving us... watch this space! Michael is responsible for developing the KTS curriculum, ensuring it is broad, balanced, exciting and challenging and meets the needs of all of our pupils. He supports staff and works with subject leaders. Louise is our Autism lead, ensuring our pupils with autism are supported effectively. She is also licenced to deliver the Early Bird Plus programme to families of children with autism and is currently running the second cohort of this. It's been fantastic to be able to support families with this extensive programme.

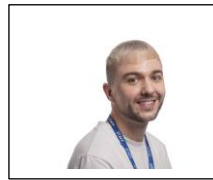
We are excited that building work will be starting on the playground for our two new classrooms during half term. This will affect parking arrangements, so please be patient and bear with us.



Danielle Inkpen  
Pupil behaviour and wellbeing



Lauren Parker  
Preparing for Adulthood



Michael Bennett  
Curriculum

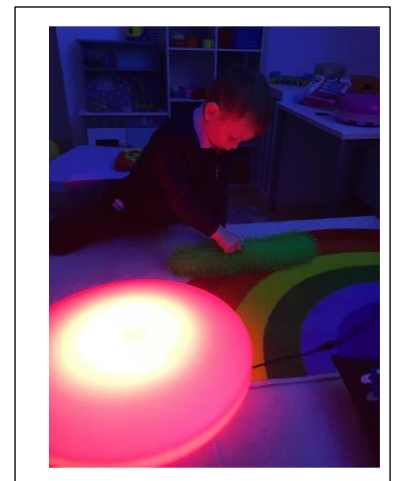


Louise Robinson  
Autism and family engagement



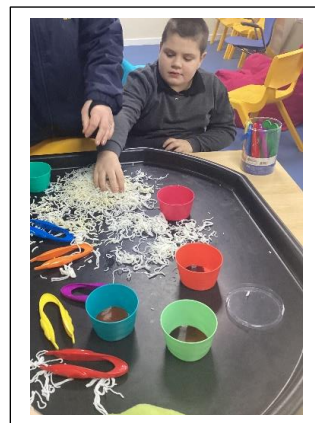
## KTS 1 & 2

Frozen Kingdom has been the topic this half term and the classes have loved it (despite the lack of real snow!). Some activities included polar bear footprint biscuits and painting with ice. Some of the groups in Lower School have enjoyed Attention Autism sessions this term, which staff have developed following some training from Louise. They have kept their topic of Frozen Kingdom as a focus in these sessions and the pupils have enjoyed engaging. One of their favourite sessions was when it was their turn to melt the ice. They all had a go and some pupils worked together and persevered until the ice was water! As part of National Storytelling Week, pupils took part in interactive sensory stories – it was great fun! All groups have also enjoyed a trip to Senses.



### KTS 3

We always try and give our students opportunities that go 'beyond the academic' and some groups have enjoyed Friday Tai-Chi lessons with Terry Doyle this half-term. From learning the Chinese salute; right fist, left palm and bow to show respect and honour to others, to undertaking a series of gentle physical exercises and stretches, the sessions have proved to be a valuable form of 'meditation in motion'. What a great experience for students who have fully committed to the sessions. The groups also enjoyed learning all about Chinese New Year, with some groups exploring and tasting Chinese food as well as producing some Chinese-themed artwork.



### KTS+ & High Hills

The students at High Hills have been working hard in their PFA sessions. This has included planning a snack and then going shopping for the ingredients, before preparing it. They have also been to Guisborough Bridge Society to learn about their role in the community and dropped off some donations for the food bank. Some students took part in a mock interview with local employers – they did really well!

The groups have enjoyed the Frozen Kingdom topic and, as well as doing some lovely artwork, have made their own ice lollies!



### Pupil Voice

The school council have been looking at our school rules and we hope to update these soon. We also hope to involve them in further developing our school values. They are also keen to look at how we can help look after the environment and learned about the 'Switch Off' campaign. As a result we are taking new measures to save energy and have posters displayed to remind everyone about this.

### Other Information

**Half Term:** Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Feb – Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Next term's topic:** Beat Bang Boogie

**Teacher's Strike Day:** Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Feb – School closed to some students; info has been shared

**World Book Day :** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Option to dress up as a book character.

**Break up for Easter holidays:** Friday March 31st

### 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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