



KTS NEWSLETTER

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★A Unique Child ★Positive Relationships
★Enabling Environments ★Learning and Development

Dear Families,

We have lots of news to share with you about the building work which has been taking place on the main site at KTS and KTS+. During the Easter holidays we had all of the toilets at KTS+ refurbished and astro-turf put down in the quad, to make it accessible in all weathers.

On the main site the Eco Build is almost complete, we are just waiting for a bespoke balustrade which will be fitted at half-term. Red and Pink class will be in the new classrooms after half-term. We are really pleased with how amazing the building looks and a huge thanks you the building company, TG Escapes. The buses will then go back to parking on the playground each morning. Hopefully there will be some more parking spaces for parents, however there will also be vehicles for the nursery/reception building work, so please be vigilant when using the car park.

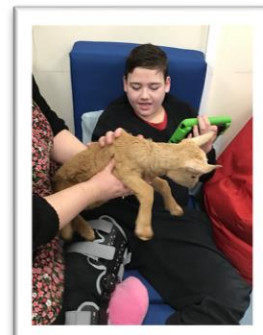
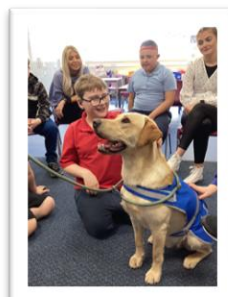
During half-term the building work will start on remodelling the old Red and Pink classrooms to make them into a nursery and reception provision, with a separate entrance for the nursery. The work will include; a toilet and changing area between the rooms, shared areas which will include a kitchen, storage, a wet area for art and messy play activities and an outdoor area. We hope that this work will be finished by October. Initially the reception and nursery classes will be based in other classrooms, but we hope to have them moved in as soon as we can.



This half-term started with a group of pupils from U1 and U2 visiting Kirkleatham Hall School to play football against their team. KTS demonstrated amazing teamwork skills, supporting and encouraging their fellow players. Although they lost 7-4, they were gracious in defeat and we straight way looking forward to the rematch at KTS.

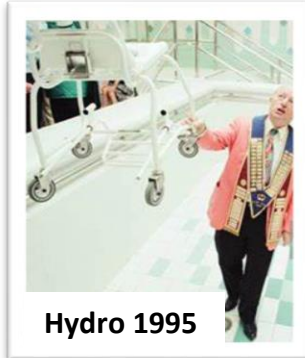
It was lovely to see all of the classes across school celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III in a variety of different ways. There was picnics, crown making, a barbeque and lots and lots of cake! Thank you to the parents who joined us for the activities on the main site for their family event.

We continue to introduce our pupils to different activities which support their PfA (Preparing for Adulthood) organised by Lauren P. For some of our pupils this is about finding out about the different jobs and roles and other just love the experiences. The emergency services and Meadow Croft have definitely a hit with everyone! Purple class have also had a visit from Chance the Caremark Therapy dog.



Our topic this term is Healthy Living, and as always we finish this half term with Healthy Schools Week organised by Chris R. We have had beautiful weather and the pupils have taken part in activities including; a day camp with shelter building, cooking over a fire, archery and axe throwing. A sensory camp and tunnel, making a healthy snack, yoga, meditation and all of our usual physical activities such as swimming, rebound and visits to Senses. Thanks to Morgan Lax from Rewilding and Karen Winspear from Senses for your continued support.

On Thursday 18th May the KTS staff held their first show in a number of years. It was a sell out with over 130 tickets sold. Staff groups got together to entertain the audience with performances songs and dances. No costs were spared and we had guest presenters Ant and Dec! In between each act were videos of each class performing their own dance moves. Thanks to Molly, Donna and Alli for organising the event, a great night was had by everyone. We were delighted to raise over £400 for KTS Friends for our next project!



Our next project....

As you may have seen we have begun fundraising with some groups taking part in a sponsored walk during healthy schools' week and some staff signing up to Total Warrior in July. This is the start of us trying to raise money to upgrade our current hydro pool. Many of our pupils' love being in the water and the hydro pool is a great starting point for pupils to gain water confidence, learn to swim and to support with their sensory and physical needs. The current pool was part of a refurbishment of Kilton Thorpe School in 1995 with some updates to lights and the changing room doors over the years. We are waiting for quotes from different companies to give us an idea of how much we will need to raise. Should you wish to take part in any events and raise money for the KTS Friends hydro project, there is a sponsor form on the school website.

Have a great half-term.

Sarah



There are so many photos to share but not enough space on the newsletter! Please follow our KTS Facebook page to see all the amazing things we have been doing!

Other Information

Our Topic next half term is Road Trip

Thursday 22nd June – an optional open evening for parents to see pupils' new classrooms and to meet their new teacher

Friday 7th July – End of year reports to families

Friday 14th July – Prom at Senses, for leavers and pupils in classes where there are pupils leaving (U6, U8, U9 and U10)

Tuesday 18th July 1pm - Leaver Assembly – for families of pupils who are leaving (main site)

PD Day – 21st July (last day for pupils Thursday 20th July)

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.**