



# KTS NEWSLETTER

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

Dear Families,

Wow! I can't believe how quickly my first year as headteacher at KTS has passed. I am so proud of the progress all of our pupils have made this year. I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the amazing staff for their continued hard work.

This year we held our first KTS Prom at Senses in Skelton. This was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate with our post 16 leavers and their classmates. The theme was 'dress to impress' but with a message to come in whatever you feel comfortable wearing. I think you'll agree they all looked amazing. The students were a credit to the school and had the most fantastic time dancing and posing in the photo booth!

We would like to thank the following local people and businesses for their support; Brotton counsellors – Barry Hunt, Martin Fletcher & Graham Cutler, Karen Winspear & Senses CIC volunteers, Arctic Foxx Ices, McDonald's Skelton, Long Acre, Holeymolies, Henderson's Carpets & Flooring, Teesside Magic Mirror & Photo Booths, Pearls and Ribbons and Huttons NE. The families also attended the leaver assembly where pupils received certificates for their hard-earned qualifications.



This half terms topic has been Road Trip. It has seen a number of classes take journeys from Saltburn on the train, looking at timetables and buying their own tickets which has supported them with preparing for adulthood. Some groups even upgraded to first class! Many classes have made buses and trains from cardboard boxes to enhance their role play and continuous provision areas. Some classes have been using the bikes in school and U6 & U7 have loved riding an adult sized tricycle which was kindly donated to school.



As always, we have finished the school year with our annual Arts Week. This year the theme was 'Rainbow Carnival' which finished with another extraordinary dance with Urban Kaos. Pupils had a fantastic time, taking part in messy play, activities were delivered by Rhythm Time and visits from The Bubble Man, a magician and a circus skills expert!



A quick update on our building projects. The Eco Classrooms were finished at the beginning of June and pupils moved into them and settled really well. The work on building an extension and refurbishing rooms which will become Reception and Nursery started at the end of May. This is progressing really well and should be ready towards the end of September. The nursery and reception class will be temporarily in other rooms for the first month, thanks for your understanding with this. We can't wait for the rooms to be finished so we can share them with you all.

We are still trying to obtain quotes for work to update our very tired looking hydro pool. However, fundraising has started with the pupils completing a sponsored walk, staff taking part in Total Warrior and a generous donation from Redpath Deilmann UK via some of our amazing parents. Once we have a target to aim for we have some other funding streams which can be explored, thanks for all of your suggestions.



Last term we had resignations from our governors Grant Hopkins and Ian Bowman. Ian was Chair of Governors at KTS for many years and will be greatly missed. We would like to thank them both for all of their hard work in supporting KTS. The governing body have appointed two new governors – Linda Stevenson, Jodie Hill and staff governor Danielle Inkpen.

Best wishes to all of our pupils who are leaving and those staff who are moving on to pastures new!  
Thanks for your continued support. We look forward to seeing pupils back in school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

*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 in Autumn 1 is Paws Claws and Whiskers!**

**PD Day Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Pupils back in school**

**PD Days – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.**