

Dear Families,

What a busy half term it has been! Our pupils have all been exploring the topic 'Let's Play' which led perfectly into the Christmas season. For many of our pupils Christmas time can be quite overwhelming so we have kept the activities until the end of term and matched them to the needs of the individual groups and pupils. We would like to thank you for all of your support in sending in raffle prizes for the annual Christmas raffle, we raised over £1100! With your support we also raised an amazing £441.83 for Children in Need. All of the staff at KTS would like to wish our families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Let's Play

This half terms topic has been 'Let's Play'. Pupils explore different types of toys and some groups visited the Victorian Street in Preston Park to look at old and new toys.



Kirkleatham Georgian Market

Our fantastic Support and Create group were winners in the Redcar and Cleveland Young Person's Enterprise competition. They had their own stall at the Georgian market selling some brilliant crafts. Well done everyone we were all so proud of you.

Transition Events

Thank you to those parents and carers who attended the transition events. These are sessions for the parents and carers of our older pupils so that they can meet with the college and day service providers and find out more about them. The sessions were once again really well attended and we found your feedback really valuable in planning next year's event.



Community Inclusion

U8, U9 & U10 had the opportunity to visit Hollywood Bowl Stockton to discover the variety of jobs available within one business. Marianne the manager gave a great talk, discussing the roles within Hollywood Bowl and the skills needed for these jobs. The pupils had lots of questions during their visits. U9 enjoyed focusing on Community Inclusion last half-term. They enjoyed lots of outings but some of their favourites were visiting Meadowcroft Day Service and Senses for a drumming session. They also focussed on their Independent Living skills, and made some delicious soup!

The Redcar RNLI. John & Stormy (Rob) came to visit some of our pupils to deliver a presentation around water safety, the equipment used, how to call for help and other sea safety information. The pupils enjoyed watching the videos, asking questions and they thoroughly enjoyed watching the staff dress up! It was wonderful to see our pupils so engaged and taking part in this session, especially with lots of us living so close to the sea.

Food Bank

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our families who donated food items for our local area Food bank and also the Shoeboxes for families and children who would struggle over Christmas with presents and essentials. You are all wonderful.

Pupils in our Support & Create group dropped off the food donations to the warehouse in Redcar. Helen the Manager there enjoyed showing our pupils the different donations around the warehouse that would go out to families across our area.



Our newsletter is just not big enough to include everything! We would love you to take a look at our Facebook page where you can catch up on our EYFS/KTS1 Messy Christmas video, Our Nativity/Christmas song video and photos of - The Santa Dash, Christmas Tractor, Cherry Hill Christmas Walk, Messy Play Party and much more.

Thanks for your continued support. We look forward to seeing pupils back in school on Monday 8th January.
Merry Christmas

Sarah

Other Information

Our Topic in Spring 1 is 'Big Wide World'
Monday 8th January 2024 – Pupils back in school
Remaining PD Day – Monday 22nd 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.**

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