

Dear Families,

Although it has only been a short half term our pupils have still managed to take part in some fantastic learning opportunities. Thank you to those families who are engaging with communication through Class Dojo. I am regularly asked to share documents about parent course, SEND family voice, Short Breaks etc. This is much easier to do on Class Dojo however I am sent them from other professionals in a variety of forms such as photos, word documents and PDFs. I realise that some of you are struggling to open some of these on your devices and where this happens we will try and send them in a different format where possible. I would like to thank you for all of your support this half term as we have had a number of issues regarding our buildings and staffing which have impacted on you and your children. We hope to rectify these issues moving forward.

Big Wide World

This half terms topic has been 'Big Wide World' or 'All Around the World'. Here is what some of our classes have been getting up to!

As part of the topic 'Big Wide World', U9 have enjoyed exploring different types of foods from around the world. The students decided on 5 recipes they would like to prepare and try. This included Tacos, Apple Strudel, Homemade Pasta (which was very difficult but turned out delicious!), Green Thai Curry and finally Lemon and Garlic Wedges with Coleslaw. The students have worked really hard during their independent living sessions and it has been great watching them being willing to try new foods.

Purple class enjoyed exploring the topic 'all around the world' by visiting different countries each week, learning a little bit about each country through their senses. They visited France, Italy, India & America.

Some of their favourite activities have been; painting with Indian spices, making pizzas, printing with spaghetti paintbrushes, dancing to cultural music, baking bread rolls, creating patterns with pasta, tasting Indian food, country themed attention to autism sessions and decorating pancakes!

Student Council

On 7th February 2024, members of the School Council/RRSA Steering Group attended a session led by officers from Redcar and Cleveland Council to learn about ways to save electricity and look after our environment. Lizzie Kemp (Energy officer) promoted a 'Switch Off' campaign, which would involve students switching of unnecessary lights and encouraging staff to switch off whiteboards and computers at the end of the day. John McSorley led a recycling sorting game to teach students what can and cannot be recycled. He was very impressed with students' knowledge. Iulia Ioana filmed students sorting recycling. The resulting video will be used to promote recycling in Redcar and Cleveland. Paul Murphy (Countryside Manager) talked about the importance of planting trees. David Rutherford has been working closely with KTS and is to publish posters produced by school council members in a forthcoming council newsletter. All the members of the school council are keen to put these ideas into practice. They continue to recycle every week in school.



Parent Evening

Parents' evening slots have been made available for the evenings of Tuesday 20th February and Tuesday 27th February. Please see the link on Class Dojo to book a place.

You can book a slot by going to:

<https://ktsacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk>

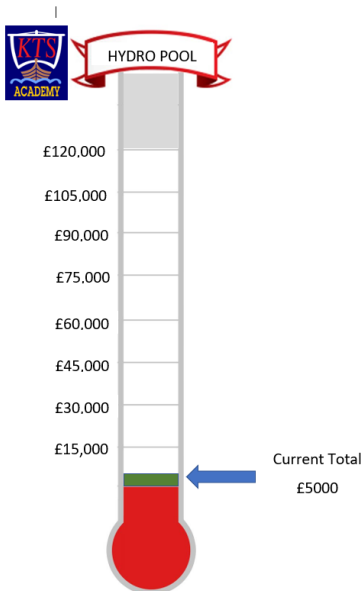
Pre-Loved Uniform

We are hoping to set up a Pre-Loved uniform shop/collection of clothes. Uniform is optional at KTS but we hope that you can support each other by sharing quality uniform which your children have grown out of. We would like to do this without any cost to parents and carers.

We would love donations of polo shirts, sweatshirts, school type tracksuit bottoms/trousers, skirts/pinafores, shoes, wellies and coats.

We hope to have a donation bin in reception. Please be mindful of sending large bags on transport as they might not have enough space. We will display the items at any family events and we are hoping to work out a way to share what is available and parents/carers can request items without coming into school.

Hydro



Thank you to all the people who have made donations so far and to those who have completed a fundraising activity towards our hydro pool refurbishment.

We have now managed to get a number of quotes and our target will be to raise £120,000.

Our current total raised is £5000 😊👍

We will update you on any fundraising events and hope to also secure some funding from grants and applications which have been made.

We look forward to welcoming pupils back after the half term break on Monday 19th February

Sarah

Other Information

Our Topic in Spring 2 is 'All Change!'

Monday 19th February pupils back in school

School Disco Friday 23rd February 6.00PM-7.30PM

World Book Day – Thursday 4th March

Red Nose Day/Comic Relief – Friday March 15th

Easter Bingo - Wednesday 20th March open doors 5.45PM start at 6.15PM

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.**