

Friday 14th January 2022

King's Academy Northern Parade



Newsletter

A message from Mr Beadell

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been two weeks since the start of the spring term and we are really pleased to see everyone back. It has been a pleasure to walk around the school to see children enjoying their new topics and talk to them about their learning. For example, in Year 5 the children took a 'flight' to Brazil and navigated their way through a rainforest and in Year 1 the children are building castles in their reading corners for their medieval castles topic.

We continue to strive to have good attendance and punctuality despite COVID. Please can you ensure that children arrive at school before the gates close – thank you. Teaching starts promptly and sometimes these sessions at the start of the day cannot be repeated later in the day or week.

The weather is changing so please can children bring warm coats and warm gloves to school. Please remember that the full and correct uniform or PE kit must be worn at all times. In common with other schools the wearing of jewellery is actively discouraged. If earrings are worn, they must be of the simple stud kind for safety reasons (and limited to a single pair). No other form of body piercing with associated rings or studs is allowed. Hair colouring/fashion styles and nail varnish are not permitted. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Some reminders - Please remember the deadline for a Yr. 3 place is 15th January 2022. On Wednesday 26th January at 1:30pm myself and the senior leadership team are holding a virtual meet and greet with parents. We look forward to anyone who can attend. You will find the Zoom link on the flyer in a recently sent email.

Please remember if your child bikes or scoots to and from school it should be walked not ridden across the playground. The end of day can be a busy time and we would like to avoid any accidents.

Thank you once again for your continued support and I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

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Dates for your diary

25 th Jan -	Y2 Isle of Wight Trip
4 th Feb -	NSPCC Number Day
11 th Feb -	INSET Day
15 th Jan -	School Application Deadline
26 th Jan -	Virtual parent meet & greet
4 th Feb -	NSPCC Number Day
18 th Feb -	Last day of Spring Term 1
21 st - 25 th Feb -	Half Term
28 th Feb -	First day of Spring Term 2

Year R

This week in year R we have enjoyed practising circus skills and balancing for our topic "the big top" during discovery time. In T4W we have been looking at the story "the singing mermaid" about a mermaid who runs away to the circus, and made shape patterns in Maths.

Year 1

A fantastic start to the year...Our first day back was medieval day. We loved baking bread, becoming a knight, dancing and making magic potions. We have started two new texts about castles and have been learning about odd and even numbers. Remember your reading record and to read each day – we cannot wait to see which class wins the cup and rewards!

Year 2

Welcome back. We welcome Miss Perkins to Jellyfish Class and to Year 2. In our Reading, we have begun to look at our new text 'Grandad's Island' where we have been looking at predicting what happens next. In English, we have been concentrating on our handwriting in our new books. In maths, we have recapped addition and subtraction facts. Don't forget PE is on a Thursday, so make sure you have your PE kits in!

Year 3

This week started with a strange discovery on the playground – a nest of plastic containing turtle eggs! The discovery of the nest kick started our new topic all about conservation and how we can be kinder to our planet. We will be sending postcards to different people in the UK to spread the message so in Geography we have been finding out all about the different counties and their locations in the UK. In English, we have been looking at poetic descriptions.

Year 4

On Monday morning, the children made their way to the hall and were greeted by the sounds of a strange beast. The children had to look at signs in the hall to work out what our new topic is; putting the clues together and discovering it was the exciting story "The Shadow of the Minotaur". We welcome Mr Occomore to the Year 4 teaching team and already he has introduced us to our new text in Shared Reading "A pebble in my pocket."

Year 5

In English, we have been writing diary entries about crash landing in the rainforest inspired by our 'trip' to South America and our new book 'The Explorer'. In Geography we have been learning about the features of South America. In maths, we have been learning to multiply and divide numbers by 10,100 and 1000. In ICT we have started a new unit on coding and in PSHE we have been looking at global warming and what we can do to help.

Year 6

This week we have made really good progress in our World War 2 topic learning all about the evacuation at Dunkirk. In English, the children have written excellent and informative non-chronological reports all about Portsmouth. In maths we have been calculating with decimals and practising our multiplication and division skills.



Friends of Kings Academy Northern Parade- Parent Teacher Friends Association (PTFA)

Happy New Year to you all. Your new PTFA is here, raring to go for 2022 and beyond!!

We created the new PTFA at the end of 2021 and still in the early stages but have set out our mission statement as below!

PTFA Mission Statement:

“Uphold the school’s Dragon Values, developing a more extended relationship between staff, families, carers, students and the community that creates a positive and safe learning environment for our children to learn and grow.

Enhance the morale of all through the organisation and delivery of diverse and inclusive events, while raising funds to assist the school in the provision of facilities that support and enhance the education of our children”.

The PTFA will be holding a launch on the week beginning Monday 14th February (date TBC), in connection with Valentine’s Day, our theme “Love your new PTFA” which will take place in the school playground.

This week also coincides with Act of Kindness Day which is on 17th February so we will incorporate this into our theme for the week.

The event will be an opportunity for you to meet the committee and volunteers, ask questions and provide ideas for the year ahead.

The PTFA have an official Facebook page which is linked to the main school account and we also created a new email system where you can contact us directly for any questions, points, suggestions to friendsofKANPS@gmail.com

Prior to Christmas there have been a lot of work going on behind the scenes to ensure our policies and procedures are in place. We will be registering as an official charity and will have an option to pay donations directly to our bank account or use debit cards at our events.

Following our initial set up the PTFA helped to raise £273.80 for ‘Children In Need’, thanks to our volunteers who up-cycled donated T-shirts to sell at the school and our Christmas jumper jumble raised £256.11 for our PTFA.

The PTFA have some big plans for this coming year and beyond, we will be holding a competition for the children to create a logo for the PTFA and a winner will be selected and given the first printed T shirt as a prize. (Details to follow)

We are currently putting plans in place for our events and fundraisers for the year ahead including the year 6 leavers disco, sensory garden tidying up, reading sheds, extra books for our school and a charity fire walk across hot coals!!! We are excited about supporting our school, parents, carers and the community moving forward.

We’re mindful that Covid-19 has had a huge impact on our children and events being cancelled last year which caused huge disappointment. We will be putting contingency plans and risk assessments to ensure we minimise any disappointment and consider alternative ways for events to still go ahead but safely.

We’re very much a community focussed PTFA and can only achieve the best outcomes for our children with your support and that of the local community so a big thank you from us for supporting us!

Look forwarding to meeting you soon

Regards

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