

Friday 28th January 2022

King's Academy Northern Parade



Newsletter

A message from Mr Beadell

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a busy two weeks since our last newsletter. Children have been working hard and ever Friday it is a pleasure to celebrate with each class their achievements. It is a great opportunity to celebrate their success in reading, demonstrating the dragon values and attendance. Highlights of the week include Year 5 critter visitors, Year 2s school trip to the Portsmouth Shoreline and Year R discovery time.

We continue to monitor our attendance and KANP is broadly in line with national average. In comparison to the start of the year in September, it has dipped slightly and with your support we will endeavour to improve attendance and punctuality. Our school website provides more information under the subheading Coronavirus Information - NHS link "Is my child too ill for school?"

	September	Current attendance
Infant School	96%	92%
Junior school	96%	93%

Dates for your diary

- 4th Feb – NSPCC Number Day
- 11th Feb – INSET Day
- 15th Jan – School Application Deadline
- 7th Feb - Y4 Swimming
- 14th Feb - Y4 Swimming
- 18th Feb – Last day of Spring Term 1
- 21st - 25th Feb - Half Term
- 3rd March - World Book Day
- 3rd March - Y4 Butser Farm Trip

Attendance



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 latest COVID-19 intelligence for Portsmouth shows that overall infections remain high but have now plateaued. There have been 1,992 new infections in Portsmouth recorded in the past week compared to 1,928 new infections the week before. However, rates remain the highest among children aged 0-14 years and are continuing to climb. Therefore, we strongly recommend face coverings are worn when you collect your child and you follow the one way system and staff giving further instructions. A barrier will be placed outside the main gate so parents wishing to collect children from the preschool can access the building. We would also ask all parents to leave promptly to avoid large congregations outside the classrooms.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Mr W Beadell
Headteacher

Year R

In EYFS, we have really enjoyed exploring the world of curiosity. In our classrooms, we each now have a curiosity corner which enables us to use our imagination to build connections with the outside world. In our Writing sessions we have learnt about the Giraffe who can't Dance. Our Reading Corners are filled with circus and jungle themed books to inspire us further.

Year 1

We have come to the end of our fantastic book about Castles. We have acted parts out, learned lots of new vocabulary and found out lots of new facts. In our maths sessions we have been learning to count in 10's and have explored grouping. In Science we explored the forces of push and pull. In RE we have been learning about remembering in Christianity and Hinduism. Keep bringing your reading books and records in every day!

Year 2

Even though we had a bit of bad luck with our trip last week, we did manage to get out and go for a walk around the local area. We used this experience to help us create a recount of the trip we took to Alexandra Park. We tried to use some of the skills that we had been learning to include in our writing. In Maths last week, we looked at one more and one less than a given two-digit number. We can use this for next week when we learn about 10 more and 10 less.

Year 3

In English, we have started looking at the features of persuasive writing as we are going to use these skills to write a letter to our local supermarket encouraging them to think about how much plastic they use. The children have worked really hard in Maths to understand our new strategy, column method. In our Science lessons, we have started looking at the functions of a skeleton and carried out an experiment which included a sweet treat. Another fantastic week of learning Year 3, well done!

Year 4

In English, we have finished our descriptive diary entry about Theseus defeating the Minotaur and the standard of writing has been superb. In Maths we have continued our work on multiplication and finished the week by having a treasure hunt using our multiplying skills. In Geography, we have been looking at volcanoes, finding out how they are formed and what causes them to explode. A very good week; well done all.

Year 5

In Geography, we have been learning about the different biomes of the world, in particular the rainforests. We had an inspiring visit from Zoolab, who brought us some rainforest creatures to study and handle. In Maths, we have been problem solving with time and in English we have continued with our writing inspired by The Explorer. We finished our unit on colour in Spanish and began learning how to programme our own game in ICT.

Year 6

In year 6, we have been learning about World War Two. This week we have written Non Chronological reports about the Battle of Britain. In Maths, we have been converting fractions, decimals and percentages. The children have really enjoyed being able to reason their answers. We are looking forward to exploring how it felt to be an evacuee in 1940's. Why not ask us what we have learnt!