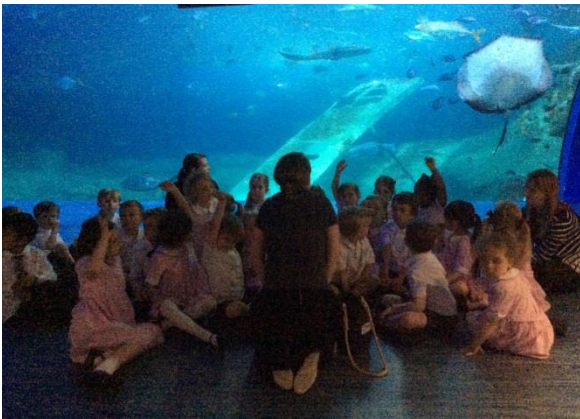


King's School Newsletter Summer 2016



SCHOOL TRIPS

Reception Visit the Aquarium



The Reception children have been learning all about the sea for one of their summer term topics. To conclude the topic, the children and the teachers all had a 'splashing' time at The National Marine Aquarium. They began the day with a tour led by one of the aquarium teachers. This enabled the children to learn facts about many fascinating sea creatures. They also had an opportunity to ask questions that they had thought about in class. The day continued with an enjoyable alfresco lunch

in the garden area, before a craft activity and a visit to the gift shop. The children were all very well behaved and well mannered, we were very proud of them.

Lauren "The trip was interesting because we learnt lots of new things."

Year 1 trip to Buckfastleigh Steam Train & Rare Breeds Farm

Some quotes from 1PR about our trip –

"I didn't know that goats would eat anything, I watched them eat a paper bag." Sophie

"An owl that has yellow bits around its eyes hunts during the day and an owl that doesn't have yellow bits around its eyes hunts at night." Oliver

"The most exciting thing I did was holding and stroking the guinea pigs because they were soft." Ashleigh



"The weirdest think I saw was a grey goose with a grey crest on its head." William

"The best thing I did was to travel on the enormous steam train – it was relaxing!" Jacob

"I loved holding the guinea pigs, I wish I could keep one of them." Ellie

"My favourite part was being on the old steam train, we had our lunch on it." Amelie

Year 1 Trip to Emmanuel Church – Christian Weddings

On Monday 4th July Year 1 went to Emmanuel church. There we saw John Marlow who is a vicar at St. Pancreas Church. He talked to us about weddings, we also conducted a wedding.



I was a bridesmaid with Ashleigh and Daisy! We had to walk behind the bride who was Kathleen and James was the groom.

Sophie the photographer took pictures at the end and in the middle of the service. We also had 2 or 3 group ones with Kathleen and James at the front in the middle. After that we sat at the front and talked about the service and had sweets!

Written by Ellie

Year 1 Visit HMS Portland

Year One were very excited to see 'the naval ship HMS PORTLAND', which Hope's dad Mr Martin kindly arranged.



The children were divided into two groups and were shown around all the different decks. The children had to be very careful climbing down the ladders. They were very surprised at how narrow the corridors were.

They particularly liked seeing the guns and learning how they are fired. It was amusing to see the children wearing headphones and talking to each other in the operations room.

Year one had the chance to become a firefighter: wearing the heavy yellow coat, helmet and firing the powerful hose out to sea.

Everyone appreciated sitting in the Captain's chair, visiting the Officers' Mess, eating delicious cake and drinking orange squash.

We should like to thank Mr 'Pinch' Martin for arranging such a fantastic morning. What an experience!

Year 2 Visit Berry Pomeroy

Year 2 travelled back in time to the medieval period. Dressed in their finery, they explored a day in the life of a medieval castle, preparing for a visit from a Lord, organizing and eating a banquet; entertaining the guests; learning about etiquette; hearing about the history of some of the residents, and of course visiting the gift

shop for souvenirs to remind them of their time travel adventures. They rounded off the day by wandering in the ancient forest, back up the hill, to meet up with the coach.

Year 2 Visit Boat and lighthouse



As Year 2 is studying 'Plymouth and the Sea', the children enjoyed a boat trip up the River Tamar to see the sights and to look at the warships and submarines. They had an I-Spy checklist to complete as the voyage progressed; this as well as an alphabet of seaside related words to build up. They were successful on all accounts. They then walked to the Hoe and played bowls just as Sir Francis Drake is alleged to have done, prior to the Spanish Armada arriving. Later they climbed up Smeaton's tower to find out about life as a lighthouse keeper. As with all good trips to the seaside they enjoyed an ice-cream on the prom, prom prom.

Year 3 and 4's trip to The Eden project.

On 10th June, Years 3 and 4 went to The Eden Project. When we arrived, we all cheered, "Hooray!" First, we did the Crazy Chef Challenge where we had to go around the domes looking for ingredients for a cake. I thought it was really fun. We even talked to the Crazy Chef! He made us a banana cake which we all loved! Brooke remarked, "I liked finding the ingredients for the cake and enjoyed eating it". After



lunch, we explored around The Eden Project. Aryan explained, "It felt like a very environmentally friendly area". Luca said, "It was eco-logical!"

The first dome we went to was the tropical dome. It felt like we would melt. Then, we went to the Mediterranean dome and it felt wonderful! Niamh said, "I enjoyed going around the biomes." Finally, we went to the outside dome, then went to the gift

shop and went home. Lucas said, "It was an inspirational day and I enjoyed the Crazy Chef challenge". By Rhiannon (3A)

Year 3 Visit Wembury Beach

On 20th May, Year 3 visited Wembury Beach. We were put in our groups and made shelters but ours kept on falling down! After that, we built little rafts, put



a tiny dinosaur on it and then floated them on the little stream. Our group came 2nd in the race! Next, we washed our hands, walked back to the beach and had our lunch in our shelters. Annoyingly, our tent fell down and we had to put it back up.

Afterwards, we went rock pooling. Lucas found a hermit crab and it was astonishing! Henry said, "My favourite part was rock pooling"



Then, we had delicious hot chocolate and scrumptious biscuits. Finally, we had 15 minutes to play in the sand which was awesome. We had the best day of our little lives! Written by Lucas and Imogen (3A)

Year 4 Residential week at the Heatree Activity Centre

On Monday 9th May we started our residential week. In the morning we went to Haytor on Dartmoor. After we went to the Heatree activity Centre, where we were met by our instructor, Simon. Our first activity was Team Quest. It was all about team work and listening to others. There were lots of different challenges for us to complete, these won us pieces to make a rocket. We launched the rockets and they went really far.



On Tuesday morning we did low adventure. We did lots of different activities, like climbing the scramble net, and crawling through the bog. Then we went to the barn to do archery. Simon taught us how to use the bow correctly, and then we practiced shooting at a target. In the evening we went on a walk round Heatree and on to Dartmoor.

We were given a map with instructions on it to find a tin box (treasure) which had two stamps, an ink pad and a notebook in it. We stamped our hands with them and then made our way to the next clue. There was about six clues altogether, before we made our way back to Heatree



On Wednesday we went to Haytor to study the River Lemon and follow it from its source to the sea. We found out that the River Lemon got deeper and wider and faster as it went on. It eventually went into the River Teign at Newton Abbot and then into the sea at Teignmouth

On Thursday morning we did raft building. Afterwards we jumped into the pond. It was freezing! We then learnt about the Bronze

Age. We went back in time becoming Bronze Age people in the roundhouse built of stone, wood and thatch. We crushed oats to make flour and put hot water and honey in. Next we crushed dry clay into bowls, added water so we could make clay objects. Finally we made jewellery each bead represented a challenge the Bronze Age people had done.

On Thursday evening we went just outside The Way (where we were staying); we got a tarpaulin and some string and we had to find a spot to build a den. After that we had a bonfire and we ate marshmallows.

On the last day everyone was feeling sad because we were leaving. Our last activity was climbing on a tower. We started climbing then if you climbed high enough you could “honk” the horn at the top. After abseiled and it was great FUN!

By Bethany, Alfie, Megan, Niamh, Riya, Brooke, Layla and Trinity

Year 6 Cookery Trips

Over the course of five weeks, Year 6 have been to the Saltash campus of Cornwall College to learn everything that is worth knowing about cooking. Every session, they have made a different kind of bread such as naan bread, sweet dough (doughnuts) and a full size loaf per child.



Each session has also included every child making a meal from scratch – curry, a roast, risotto, sushi and pizza.

The skills gained will be invaluable for future life but not only that, the children have shown a passion and an enthusiasm for creating meals and menus.

Many of the children are now cooking regularly at home – Noah repeats the meal created at the college on the following day for his family but also serves it and sets the table!

SPORT AT KING'S SCHOOL

Infant sports day 23rd June 2016



The day dawned beautifully and the good weather continued throughout, without it being too hot for the competitors.

The children paraded up to the park in their various sea creature themed teams, led by the Year 2 captains and vice captains.

They took part in the skills' challenges and the race events, earning points for their team. Captains encouraged their team members to do their best and kept up a great team spirit. While the very support parents added lots of cheering and noise to the proceedings.

The children did a great job with the afternoon ending with presentations for the top three teams.

The female adults competed admirably in their race, though there was some unfortunate cheating in the male adult race.

Everything ended amicably though with a refreshing ice lolly. 😊



Junior Sports Day

On Thursday 16th June, all the juniors went to Brickfields Athletic track for the junior sports day.

The first race we did was a flat race, after that all the juniors took part in the egg and spoon race, some didn't even drop the egg! Then years 3 and 4 did a long distance race, over 200 metres, which was very tiring.

Next came the sack race and then year 5 and year 6 did their long race. They ran 400m around the whole of the track! The skipping races were next and some people found it hard to get the rhythm right.



Eventually we did the house relay, with 2 children from each year group for each house. This was a complete lap of the track with each child running 50 metres.

The overall scores at the end of the day were: Emmaus came first with 114 points, Antioch came second with 112 points and Damascus came third with 72 points

After the children had finished racing, some parent did the mums and dads

races. The sports day was a great success and thankfully the weather was just right on the day.

Riya, "It was fun but very tiring also very enjoyable, I was glad my team (Emmaus) won" Written by Brooke and Layla

Plymouth Schools Tag Rugby Festival 2016

King's School sent a team of 10 pupils to the Plymouth Schools Tag Rugby Festival 2016 held at the Plymouth Albion RFC stadium, Brickfields, on Wednesday 25th May.



The team consisted of: Kate, William, Louis, Christopher, Matthew, Alex, Martha, Madison, Charlotte and Tulah

The first part of the competition was the pool stage. William and Alex scored tries against Laura Green in our first match which we eventually lost 4:2. We then drew against Leigham with three great tries all scored by Alex.

Louis and Martha scored tries against Tor Bridge, which finished 4:2 to Tor Bridge. We lost to Beechwood 6:4 with our tries scored by Kate, Madison and Matthew. In the final game, a few poor refereeing decisions meant we also lost 3:1, with Tulah scoring our only try.

This meant we were into the plate competition for the next stage of the festival. We played a strong St. Andrew's team who beat us 8:4. These results did not reflect the effort put in by the team who all gave their best. There were some very inexperienced team members, who had to join at late notice, and they improved tremendously over the course of the day but sadly did not get the win that they deserved.

Plymouth Primary Schools Rounders Tournament

On Tuesday 7th June, King's School took a rounder's team to Stoke Damerel School for the annual Plymouth Primary Schools Rounders tournament. The team consisted of: Kate, Tilly, Lauren, Sophie-May, Anunt, Poppy, Charlotte, Martha, Madison, Mary, Alex and Finlay. We played 4 matches and won all of them. This meant we were the overall winners of the whole event and the best rounders team in Plymouth for under 11s.

Sophie-May: "I really enjoyed it and felt proud to be on the winning team with some great players."





Kate: "My arm was killing afterwards; it was all worth it."

Tilly: "I thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon, we were a great team."

We all did amazingly, we were a great team, and we qualified for the Devon County Finals. However these were cancelled due to bad weather. We hope the younger ones carry on our success.

Written by Sophie-May, Kate and Tilly

The Inaugural Saltash and District Primary Schools Swimming Gala

On Thursday 7th July, King's School entered a team for the first Saltash Swimming gala held at the Saltash Leisure Centre, where we take all classes for their swimming lessons.

The team consisted of Kate and Tilly from year 6, George, Eddie, Martha and Rocco from year 5, Bethany and Trinity from year 4 and Oliver H from year 3. Unfortunately some strong swimmers from year 6 were unable to take part due to secondary school induction days.

Events for boys and girls in year 4, year 5 and year 6 age groups included freestyle, breast stroke and backstroke over 25 metres, as well open events in all these strokes over 50 metres. There were also open 50 metre butterfly events for boys and girls. The gala culminated in a cannon event, which was a freestyle relay, to include a boy and a girl from each year group.

There were some closely fought races, particularly by Martha, who swims for Plymouth Leander, and some brave efforts by the year 5 boys competing against year 6 boys. The final standing was a narrow win by Bishop Cornish but all the children enjoyed the gala and the opportunity to take part in competitive swimming races. It was good to have support from some of the parents who were able to attend.



Year 3 and 4 Tennis Tournament



On Wednesday 8th June, Bethany and Riya from year 4 and Aryan and Sam from year 3 went to the Plymouth Schools Tennis Tournament for years 3 and 4 at the Life Centre. There were 13 other teams altogether. Each player played a singles match against a player from another school and the points scored counted for the overall team position.

We played several games and qualified for the semi-finals where we played Keyham Barton and drew 16:16. Our total points score in the tournament was 86 and we qualified for the Devon finals. The Devon finals were unfortunately cancelled due to bad weather.

SCHOOL EVENTS

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Our annual grandparents day was held in May, where the children were able to perform to their grandparents, following the Carnival theme. We had lots of fun, and enjoyed the combined year 4, 5 and 6 Samba dance performance immensely.

Other year groups performed stories, African drumming and singing. The grandparents thoroughly enjoyed it and were really entertained (we think).



Lots of practise was needed to perfect our moves, but in the end it worked out fine. We learned a lot new moves we have never done before.

An afternoon tea followed the performance, with sandwiches and cakes made by the children. Overall, it was a great afternoon, which the grandparents enjoyed.

Written by Markos and Finlay

Market Day

This year, King's School has been working towards gaining our healthy child quality mark gold award. The focus of this award was economic well-being and enterprise.



Each class worked together to build their own business started by gathering information for their business plan. This research included weaknesses and strengths, financials, products and services, market research, key competitors, marketing and sales. All classes worked through their business plan, learning new terminology and asking relevant questions.

On 1st of July 2016, all classes, from Reception upwards, opened their business and took charge of a stall at our

market day. Each class had £50 to manufacture products which were then sold on market day, in the hope of selling all their products, and making a profit. All products were sold, to supporting parents, children and staff.

Once the classes had all their money, they had to repay the money they owed and a further £50 to fund their businesses next year. Every class made a profit, which they could then decide how to spend. This was a very successful occasion which will help us to achieve a gold award.

Maddison: "I thought it was really successful, and enjoyable, everybody had a great time."

Riya: "I thought it was very fun and exciting to see what other people had made."

Ameer: "It was very educational and helpful for our learning, at the same time as being really, really fun!"



Summer Fayre



Once again everyone was out in force to help with the Summer Fayre. Through the generosity of pupils, parents, staff and grandparents Friends of King's School raised £1,078.

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to the cakes, bric-a-brac, second hand uniform etc. A huge thank you too to the wonderful helpers. Keep an eye out for future meeting dates of Friends of King's, please come along.. All are welcome from nursery to year 6.

Expressive Arts and Speech Afternoon



Every year these two events showcase the talent our children possess in music, dance and speech.

The audience were very appreciative delighted by the varied entertaining pieces from FS2 through to Year 6. Well done to all the stars of the future.



THEMED WEEKS AND DAYS

Tudor Day

22nd April saw the year 5's go back in time when we had our Tudor day! We all came in dressed up as people from the Tudor period. The first activity was making our own coats of arms, which was really fun, and all of them looked really good! We found out the meanings of the different symbols and colours.

We then did moulding marzipan and icing. In this activity we made lots of different models, including fruit, and used food colouring-it got a little messy.



Next, in the hall was Tudor dancing, we were split into two groups to produce our own dance, and both dances were really interesting and good.



Finally we did archery. There were good bits and bad bits; one nearly went through the window. Thank goodness they weren't real!

We then came back to the classroom to have our Tudor banquet, the rich people sat at the top of the table and the poor people at the bottom of the table. Some of the food we ate was the marzipan we had made earlier that great day.

Overall we all had a fun day bringing history to life.

Written by George and Alex Year five.

Year 3 Sleepover

We were nervous and excited, some of us were scared, but most of all we were looking forward to the sleepover. We had to be in school by 5.30pm with our sleeping bags, PJ's and teddies.

In the hall we introduced our teddies to each other by throwing them in the air. Then we had to set up our bedrooms downstairs in the "New Build". After that we played games in the hall while we waited for our tea.

Lorraine had made lots of food for us and it was really delicious! Next we played some more games before getting ready for bed. Then we watched a movie whilst drinking hot chocolate and munching on biscuits. Finally it was time for bed. Poor Miss Anderson, Miss Turner and Mrs Williams had to wait a long long time until we fell asleep and then we woke up really early in the morning!

After a breakfast of cereal, sausage baps and orange juice we were ready for a morning of activity. We did wake up shake up, we played in the playground, we had drinks and cookies, made crowns and sleepover tokens, ate more cake and drank more juice and played some more. Finally it was time to go home and have a nap!

We really enjoyed the sleepover and we think we are ready for our trip to Heatree in Year 4!

By 3(W)

VISITORS TO KING'S SCHOOL

FS2 Parents

Parents from FS2 came to talk to the children about activities they are interested in or jobs that they do.



We had an astronaut demonstrating the solar system, a doctor checking us over and an explorer designing dens.

We had a talk about how chocolate is made, a poetry reading and a hot



dog/doughnut stand.

Santander Visit

On the 20th of June, Emily Chapman came to our school from Santander to explain how to use money wisely. Everybody had to imagine they were given £200 and had to decide how we would spend it. A large majority said they would give some to charity. The workshop was from year1 –year 6, and was aimed at teaching us about the importance of saving our money for our features as well as spending it on things we need.



Written by Martha

Police Visit

Recently, two Police officers came to school to speak to years 5 and 6 about online safety, road safety and stranger danger.

First, they told us about online safety and how you should never share your personal details with people you don't know. You should also only speak to your friends and family.



The Police officers then told us about road safety and explained to us the different types of road crossings; Zebra crossing, Puffin crossing, Pelican crossing and a Toucan crossing. Do you know the difference between them? We also played a game to do with road signs; we had to guess what some road signs meant. It was really fun and we all had a good time and knew more than we thought.

Finally, we played another game where the police officers held up some cards and we had to choose if we would feel safe doing this, feel safe doing this with others, or I would never feel safe doing this. This activity made us consider the decisions we make and how to keep ourselves safe. At the end we got goodie bags and we all agreed we had an educational experience. Written by Maddie.

Digital Photography Workshop

The children in years 5 and 6 were lucky to have Tony Cobley come to our school to run a Digital Photography Workshop. He taught us to use different angles and heights, when taking photos, to add interest. We also learned about how close ups can create entertaining photographs. It was lots of fun, everybody enjoyed the afternoon all having a go and producing some great photographs.



Eddie: "It was really fun." Ella: "I thought it was very good and interesting." George: "I really enjoyed it because I had never really done photography." Emily: "It made us creative."

Year 5 and 6 produced some remarkable photos and had an amazing time. We all took away something new, and tried it out at home. It was a great experience to do with our friends. Written by Poppy, Mary and Matthew.

Year 6 Play

Lights, camera, action! 'Buses, brushes, bobbies and bleach' was now underway. Year 6 pupils were transformed into irate family members, terrified fire officers, mischievous infants and over-excited visitors to the zoo.

All this was in the Year 6 leavers' play where all twelve children were truly stunning and took command of the stage much to the amazement of their family and friends who had never seen them so confident, self-assured and fully engaged in drama.



electric performance that brought the house down.

Year 5 girls provided the music and lighting to perfection, resulting in an

Mr Simpson and Miss Giles were the unsuspecting stars of the evening, totally entering into the spirit of the show and Mr Simpson covered in cream, was a joy to behold.

All in all, a fantastic night.

Final Day



Message from Mrs Lee

Thank you for all your support throughout the past year. We are delighted with our 'Outstanding in all areas,' and know you are too.

We wish Miss Farnsworth a very happy day when she gets married in August, she will return in September as Mrs Robinson.

We would like to thank both Miss Thompson and Miss Giles for all their great contributions to King's as they leave us this summer, and wish them both the very best for the future wherever their paths lead them.

We welcome Mrs Bruce and Miss Green to the team in September.

Have a really wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 5th September ready for another dynamic year at King's.

Mrs Lee

