

King's School Newsletter Spring 2016



Class Assemblies

Parents and carers were invited to watch class assemblies this term. Our theme this term is Values for Life.

‘Do unto others as you would have them do to you.’ Luke 6:31

Reception- Happiness & Friendship



Year 1 - Patience



Year 2 - Humility



Year 2's class assembly explored the theme of being humble and how you should put others first and not judge them based on appearance. The children performed a medieval play which featured a proud and rude princess who was taught a lesson about her behaviour and how she should act

towards others. They sang about children's rights but coupled this with knowing their responsibilities as well. They finished with a poem rounding up all they had learnt about the importance of being humble.



Year 3 - Everyone is special



Year 4 - Mutual Respect



Year 5 - Courage



Year 5's class assembly was all about having courage. Having the courage to stand up to our friends, stand up for what we believe, and even to stand up in front

of an audience and perform. They shared stories about people who have shown tremendous courage, standing up for what they believe is right, such as Nelson Mandela's fight for the freedom of black people in South Africa and the Suffragettes standing up so women could have a vote. Year 5 reminded us that courage is about taking steps to overcome our fears and not letting our fears stop us from achieving our goals. *Courage is not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it.*



Year 6 - Responsibility

The Year 6 assembly was on the theme of 'Responsibility'. The children decided to focus upon their responsibility for ensuring their individual talents and giftings were used to best effect and not hidden. During the assembly, each pupil was able to show the rest of the school and their families exactly at what they are talented and how they have a duty to use these to help others rather than merely to attain glory and attention for themselves.



Sport at King's School

Football

Teams from King's have taken part in a number of football tournaments this term.



A boys' team, from years 5 and 6, took part in the Bettinson Cup at Stoke Damerel Community College on Wednesday 13th January. The team consisted of: William, Louis, Anunt and Christopher from year 6 and Finlay, Matthew, Markos, Harrison, Alex and George from year 5. "I enjoyed the chance to play football," said Louis.

The girls also took part in the Bettinson cup with a team from years 5 and 6 who were: Lauren, Kate, Emily and Sophie-May from Year 6, Mary, Poppy, Martha and Charlotte from Year 5. Their tournament took place at Plymstock School on Thursday 21st January. Considering their lack of experience they played very well and were unlucky to lose their matches.

“I liked playing in goal which I’ve not done before,” said Mary.

“This gave me a great understanding of sporting events against other people,” said Sophie-May.

Our last competition was in the Plymouth Schools’ Knockout Tournament. This was for a mixed gender team and ours consisted of: Lauren, Louis, Kate and Emily from Year 6, Markos, Finlay, Alex, Matthew and George from Year 5. Our match in this stage of the competition was against St. Edward’s Primary School. It took place at Eggbuckland Community College on Thursday 25th February in dry conditions. There were some great performances and the team battled hard but unfortunately we came up against a more experienced team and we lost 5 nil.

“It was fun because I got lots of game time,” said George.

“I enjoyed being in goal because it was fun,” said Alex.

Junior Swimming Gala

The junior swimming gala took place on Friday 12th February at Marjons Sports Centre.

Bethany: “Everyone had lots of fun and it was great.”

All the children took part in events that suited their ability level. There were races in backstroke, free style and breast stroke over one length of the pool as well as some 2 length races where children chose their best stroke. There were also two width events for less confident swimmers.



The house relay was keenly contested but a big gap opened up leaving the final swimmer from Damascus house swimming alone after the rest had finished, but she didn’t mind and carried on the very end.

Layla: “The house relay was quick.”

The final results for the house standings were: Emmaus 49 points, Damascus 56 points and Antioch 67 points.

Niamh: “It went very well and we all had a lot of fun.”

There was a lot of vocal support from the parents and grandparents who were able to attend and the whole gala was a great success.

Netball



credit to King's School!

On Tuesday 19th January, Kings's School Netball team consisting of: Kate, Lauren, Anunt, George, Finlay, Tulah, Ella and Charlotte, took part in the 'Plymouth Schools' Primary High Five Netball Tournament'. This is a large event with many schools taking part from all over Plymouth. Eagerly, the team arrived at Marjons bright and early for a day of competitive sport!

The team played five matches, demonstrating lots of skill and athleticism. It was pleasing to watch every member of the team improve during each match. The team finished 3rd in their group, unfortunately this was not enough to qualify for the next round. Despite this, every member of the team should be commended for their efforts; they are a real

Cross-country at Stover

We were delighted to be invited to take part in the cross-country event at Stover School near Newton Abbot with 10 other independent schools from Devon and Somerset.

On Tuesday 1st March Mme Hall and Miss Williams, our PE Student from The College of St Mark and St John, took our team of 17.

Our team consisted of Louis, Matthew, Markos, Harrison, Finlay and Alex representing Year 5/6 in the U11 boys, Lauren, Martha, Charlotte, Poppy, Ella and Tulah representing Year 5/6 in the U11 girls, Oliver Eaton and Oliver Heath representing Year 3/4 boys in the U9 boys and, Bethany, Riya and Trinity representing Year 3/4 in the U9 girls. Well done to all of them!



It was a really fun event and fortunately the rain held off for the whole afternoon. It was great to be able to include all the pupils, especially as all the children have been training hard every Thursday lunchtime since the beginning of the academic year with Miss Anderson and Mme Hall.



The weather recently has often been too wet and windy to go up to Hartley Park where we run but that hasn't deterred our training efforts! When it has been too rainy to venture outside, Miss Anderson and Mme Hall have been running circuit training sessions in the hall. The children have really enjoyed these sessions and have really improved their overall fitness.

Unfortunately the wet and windy weather has played a part in making the course at Stover extremely gruelling and difficult to negotiate. However, our children were not put off and carried on regardless - some of them battled on despite losing their running shoes in the mud! Well done to all of them!

Although we didn't win any medals at the awards ceremony, we put in a great effort and achieved 9th in the overall event but all the children received participation certificates. Without exception the children ran excellent races with some of our children doing exceptionally well, gaining places in the top 20.

Visitors to King's School

The Flying Theatre Company

Last half-term we were delighted to welcome 'The Flying Theatre Company' to come and perform their production of 'Le Tour de France' for us at King's School.

The story was centred around a fictional town in France called 'Le Pasdequoi' and was based on two main characters, George and Chantalle. George is intent on winning the coveted Yellow Jersey of 'Le Tour de France' but can he get fit in time? Chantalle is searching for l'homme de ses rêves, but where could he be? We joined George and Chantalle as they set out in search of their dreams, watching them overcome numerous obstacles. George had to get fit, Chantalle had to find George and together they had to find George's missing bicycle.



The production was an hour long and was performed entirely in French. It was very funny and included vocabulary about the weather, food, numbers, time, parts of the body, sports and even family members. The production incorporated magic tricks and circus acts including juggling and riding a monocycle and the children were enthralled by it all. It was very visual and interactive and as it was designed to appeal to children of all ages we were delighted to be able to invite all our children from Reception to Year 6, and also some of the older children from FS2. Everybody without exception behaved beautifully and enjoyed the production.

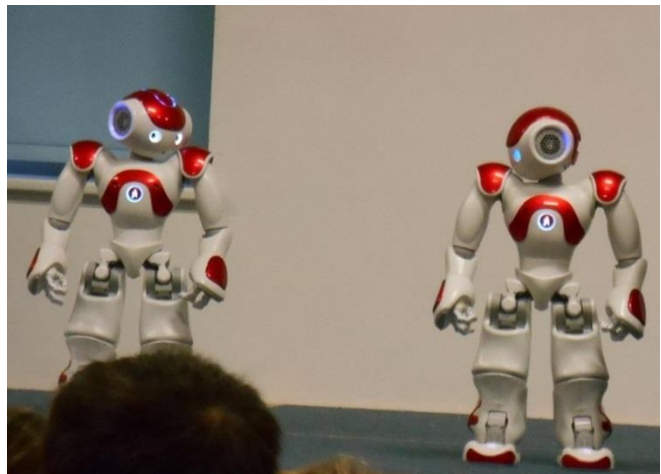


"Awesome!", "Fantastique!", "Super cool", "So funny and giggly" and "Amazing" were just some of the comments made by the children following the performance. We also think that the adults enjoyed it almost as much as the children.

Thank you to all parents and guardians for supporting this event. The theatre company lived up to our expectations and as we had hoped, left our children with continued enthusiasm and enjoyment in their language learning experience at King's School.

Humanoid Robots Visit

On January 8th, King's School had some very special visitors. Two humanoid robots, Nao, spent the day thrilling and inspiring children and adults. Nao can sing, dance, bang a drum and even get up if he falls over. During whole school assembly, we were in awe as Nao did his 'Thriller' dance and played a game. Classes watched him counting steps then bending over to bang a drum. Junior children programmed Neo to do various activities. A fabulous day was had by all. Thank you to Friends of King's School. "It was amazing to see the robot dance," said William. "Very cool technological genius," said Louis.



Events and Competitions

Saltash Music Festival and Singing Event

Miss Lee and Mrs Davies were very proud of the 18 King's children who took part in the singing event at Mutley Baptist church on Saturday 12th March.

They were delighted with the performances of Music Makers and ukulele Group at the Saltash festival and very pleased to come home with a trophy.

Mothers' Day Breakfast

Again this was another big hit. Mums left the breakfast with a pot of flowers. With the proceeds we will continue to invest in the school garden. Thank you for your support, and we are already looking forward to the Fathers' Day Breakfast in June.



Walk to School Week



We enjoyed 'Walk to School' week which brought with it lovely sunny, crisp weather. Our two walking buses set off each morning at 8.30 from their starting points and we were joined by lots of enthusiastic children and parents. Thank you for taking part and we would challenge you to continue this habit whenever possible.

Certificates will be awarded next term.

Infant Easter Egg Hunt

The Infant Department partook in an exciting Easter Egg Hunt afternoon on Friday. They rotated around searching for their eggs, crafting and playing games. They had lots of fun and finished the afternoon consuming their gathered chocolate treasures.



Foundation Stage

Play Hub Trial

At King's School we would like to move towards bringing about some changes at lunchtimes that will benefit the children.

We are currently trialling a lunchtime project where a Key Stage One class works with other children from either the Foundation Stage or another KS1 class. If this proves to be successful we shall be rolling it out with a view to extending it to include the Key Stage Two classes.



The Play Hub itself is a holistic process that works with the school to change both the human and physical play environment thereby transforming play at lunchtimes. It is our hope that by introducing a wide range of open-ended, recyclable materials from the Play Hub, older children will encourage younger children to extend their creative and critical thinking in line with the characteristics of Effective Learning whilst at the same time support and challenge the younger children they are engaging with.



Open Morning coincided with Chinese New Year and this week we had plenty of parents who came and joined in with the activities. Chinese noodles in the tuff-spot tray, spicy playdough as well as the Play hub outdoors.

Superhero day was lots of fun. FS2 created a landscape for our Super Healthy Super Heroes to fly through the air combating unhealthy lifestyles one carrot at a time!



School Trips

Year 3 Visit the Apple Store



Year 3 have been on a visit to the Apple Store in Drake Circus. During our time there the children took part in completing different coding activities on the iPads. The children had to complete an 'hour of code' on the website Code.org where they were programming different characters from Star Wars, Minecraft and Frozen to do a range of different things.

'We had a great time and we learnt lots whilst we were there' - Oliver

Year 5 & 6 London Trip

Our London Adventures

Year 5 and 6 woke up at dawn,
Oh Miss Thompson, she did yawn.

At Shakespeare's Globe we performed a play,
It set us up for the rest of the day.

At the history museum, we saw a huge whale,
The amazements there, never fail.



Miss Thompson, Miss Farnsworth and Miss Giles,
Och I the Nooing for miles and miles.



The Houses of Parliament were oh so brill,
Debating back and forth, we passed our bill.

B.B.C was one of the best,
it was much better than all the rest.

Way, way, way, up in the sky,

We took our nerves to the London Eye.

We all ate at the Hard Rock Café,
The food was great, we have to say.

Alex, at the courts was the very best,
He silently put everyone to the test.

The Greenwich Observatory was all about time,
And the famous Meridian Line.

Wednesday night we all went bowling,
Pins were flying, as the ball went rolling.

Rob really gave us an excellent thrill,
With his top-notch drama skill.

National Portrait Gallery was so vast,
But the time we had, gone so fast.





Seeing Willy Wonka was a treat,
Five different children he did meet.

Going to Wembley was the best treat,
Finlay got to sit in Gerrard's seat!

On the coach Miss Giles was asleep
In her head she was counting sheep.

It was an amazing trip, the best yet,
And that's something we will never forget!

Poem written by years 5 & 6 collectively.



A Message from Mrs Lee

Spring has been a short term but packed with lots of interesting events which both children and parents have enjoyed.

Over the Easter holiday we are very excited that the long awaited resurfacing of the playground will take place and will be ready for all the Summer term activities.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday 11th April at the start of the Summer term.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter and I hope you enjoy many seasonal festivities.

Jane Lee

