


King's School Newsletter Summer 2015



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SCHOOL TRIPS

Aquarium

The Reception Class had a wonderful day at the Aquarium. After a two hour tour with a guide, we had a one hour Art workshop based on all the wonderful creatures we had seen.

'It was fun looking at the sharks. I made a starfish hiding in the seaweed'. Woody

'I enjoyed looking at the fish and I learnt their names. I made a 'Now you see me, now you don't' seahorse book.' Aniyah



Year 2 Visit Smeaton's Tower



Year two went to visit Smeaton's Tower on Tuesday 2nd June and explore the Hoe and Barbican using old photographs. The weather was very windy making the walk out on the upper balcony of the lighthouse very exciting and a little like we were out on the Eddystone Rocks for real. The ladders were never-ending!!! As we enjoyed our lunch, the weather brightened up and so we continued on our photographic hunt; looking at how Plymouth has changed over the

years. Once we reached the Barbican we took our own photographs but with a twist entitled 'Plymouth from another Angle'. We finished the day sitting in full sun with our well-deserved ice-creams.

Year 2 Visit Berry Pomeroy Castle

On Tuesday 21st of April Year two abandoned their school uniform opting instead for a more 'medieval look' for our trip back in time to Berry Pomeroy Castle. The rain held off and we spent a beautiful day exploring the old castle grounds. First we made our way to the old chapel, where we participated in a morning service. After that, it was all hands on deck as we had to prepare a marvellous banquet for the Lord and Lady! Eventually, after an exhausting day of hard work, we were able to try the pottage we had made, - which was rather delicious!



“Berry Pomeroy is colossal! We had some delicious pottage. Pottage is vegetables whizzed up!” Jonah

“I loved preparing the yummy feast for the Lord and Lady; we had to shoot pheasant with our bow and arrow!” Izzy

Year 1 Visit Buckfastleigh

“We went on a coach to Buckfastleigh and it was an exciting journey. I enjoyed seeing the beautiful butterflies and the Otters.” Shayla

“I liked seeing the Otters being fed smelly fish.” Matthew

“I liked seeing the butterflies coming out of the Pupa.”
Poppy



Years 3 & 4 Visit Paignton Zoo



Years 3 & 4 had an amazing time at Paignton zoo, they learnt about animals and their habitats, examined an elephant’s tooth and held a giraffe’s vertebrae!! After the excitement of having the opportunity to handle lots of items related to different animals the children enjoyed walking around the zoo looking at all the animals. Y3 were fascinated by the animals they had studied

in their topic on Africa and Y4 had been learning about habitats and were able to pass on lots of knowledge to the Y3 children.

Years 5 & 6 Visit Plymouth Dockyard

Pupils from year 5 and 6 were lucky enough to visit the dockyards which was organised by Lieutenant Commander Roberts (William’s dad).

The components of the trip included visiting H.M.S COURAGEOUS, a submarine that is out of use, visiting the figurehead museum as well as the ship gallery. Finally we visited the wardroom, where the officers eat and drink. The wardroom had lots of model ships of the Armada and Drake’s sword.



On H.M.S COURAGEOUS we explored many areas such as: The control room, torpedo room, officer’s bunk, kitchen and the crew’s bunks.

By Anunt and Christopher

Year 3 Visit to Wembury Beach

Whilst learning about how the environment and lifestyle of different people can affect



how they build their houses Y3 had the opportunity to put all their knowledge into practice on Wembury Beach. It was a windy day but that did not stop the children from building some fantastic shelters to eat their lunch in. The day was rounded up with raft building and racing down the river (small rafts for toys, not rafts for us!!) and rock pooling.

Heatree

Monday

When we first arrived we were welcomed by our instructor for the week.. In the afternoon we were split into a red team and a blue team and we did an activity called 'team quest'. The team quest was where we all had to work as a team and try to complete challenges.

Tuesday

On Tuesday we did low adventure and archery. In low adventure we all got absolutely coated in mud, we crawled in things, balanced, we even pretended to be Tarzan! In the evening we had a fun and exciting night walk and played games!



Wednesday

On Wednesday we all had a trip to the River Lemon and then visited Teignmouth. We saw a huge jellyfish on the beach and had ice creams.

Thursday

Thursday morning we either did mountain biking or grand designs. With grand designs we started off by making a home for a puppet, using only our surroundings, some didn't go quite as planned! Then we made a shelter for ourselves.

In the afternoon we went back in time to the Bronze Age. We made our own clay and moulded it into anything we liked. We made our own headdress and food as well!! We all looked very funny dressed in our Bronze Age clothes!! In the evening we had a bonfire! George sang 'Do you like Pina Colada?' and it was super funny! We all learnt a sheep song which was really fun! We ate TOASTED MARSHMALLOWS!!

Friday

On our last day, we went to the climbing tower. The abseiling was very scary. Some of us did a 360° turn near the bottom! All we had to rely on was the ropes! We also went climbing and tried to honk the horn at the end!

It was saddening to leave but good to finally see our families again!!!!

By Ella and Tulah



THEMED WEEKS AND DAYS

Maths Week



This year the theme of Maths Week was "Art in Maths" each year group had a bespoke creative maths challenge set for them by Mrs Williams. Each challenge enabled the children to use and apply their mathematical knowledge working at their own individual level. The artwork created has been excellent. During Maths Week the children in Year 1 got to use the new iPad Minis to help with their challenge. The challenges were:

Y6: "Discover Pi" the children had to prove Pi and then create a Cityscape picture using the numbers in $\text{Pi} = 3.141592653$ etc.

Y5: "Can you make a curve from a straight line?" Parabolic curve pictures using card and thread.

Y4: "Perimeter and Area" creating rectangles which have a set area and perimeter.

Y3: "Japanese Multiplication" learning about different multiplication methods and then displaying the method creatively.

Y2: "Shape, Symmetry and Fractions" making symmetrical pictures using fractions of shapes.

Y1: "How many triangles?" using 9 straws to visually show how many triangles can be made.

Rec: "Shape Dinosaurs" properties of shapes

"I have been pleased with the positive feedback from both children and colleagues about the "Art in Maths" challenges. This is our second year of Maths week challenges and the creativity of the children surpassed my expectations. I am already working on Maths Week 2016!" ~ Mrs Williams

"It was challenging but fun!" - Luke and Amy Y6

"I enjoyed doing the cityscape. It was creative and fun, a change from normal maths." -Grace Y6

"It was challenging and fun. We liked the creativity." -Y5

"It was easy at first but then it was challenging to create the picture." -Eddie Y4

"It was challenging." - Finlay Y4

"It was fun and enjoyable. It was quite complicated. I know how to multiply the Japanese way now!" -Oliver Y3



FS2 Maths Week

The children in FS2 have been finding out about 2D and 3D shapes during Maths Week. The soft play blocks arrived from the Sainsbury's vouchers you have all sent in and the timing was perfect to fit in with our topic.

Environmental Week

Michael Recycle, the green caped crusader, visited FS2 with helium balloons during Environmental Week. There were plenty of exciting experiments to observe and take part in.

We had fun finding out how to save the planet by reducing, reusing and recycling.



Walk to School Week

We also conducted our Walk to School week which, as always, was well attended and your clothing donations cumulated a total weight of 170kg, this will be converted into vouchers to purchase science equipment.

Tudor Day



As part of their history topic, Years 5 and 6 had a fun and educational Tudor day. Everyone enjoyed a Tudor banquet, where they entertained the school with their Tudor dancing. The feast included pies, pastries and marzipan delights. It was a great way to end our topic, and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Lauren and Sophie May



SPORT AT KING'S SCHOOL

Tag Rugby at King's School

King's School has had their most successful season this year!

This began in the Summer term with a tournament at the Tamar Saracens RFC in Ernesettle to which we were invited. We took two teams as we had so many children to choose from. The A team, led very ably by Christopher D of Year 6 and the B Team, led very capably by Aidan of Year 6. Team B played very doggedly and, considering most of the team were new to competitive Tag Rugby, they achieved great results.



The A Team, who were more experienced, won all their matches and won the trophy for the top school in the tournament.

Our next competition was:

Plymouth Schools Tag Rugby Festival 2015

The annual Plymouth Schools Tag Rugby Festival consisted of 48 different schools and three different awards: the plate, the shield and the cup.

The plate is for the school teams that came bottom in their pools, the shield for the teams who were middle in their pools and the cup for the top 2 teams from each pool.

Pool A (our pool)



The first match King's played was against Leigham Lions, which we won 4-0. The second match was against Old Priory Otters which we won 6-1. The penultimate match in our pool was against Chaddlewood which we tied 4-4. The last match in our pool was against High View which we won 7-2.

This put us 1st in our pool with 18 points. Because we were first in our pool we went through to the Cup division knockouts (also top 16).

Knockouts

In the Knockouts we made it to the final against Compton Buffalos who beat us 10-4 so we ended up in second place out of 48 schools, which is a tremendous achievement and the best King's has ever done in this competition. Because of our placing in the competition we qualified for the Devon County Finals. By Edward

The Devon County Finals for Tag Rugby 2015



On Wednesday 3rd June the Devon Finals took place at the Topsham Rugby Football Club, near Exeter.

We were now up against the very best teams in the whole of Devon and we started in a pool of 4 teams. We then progressed to the Plate knockout competition where we beat Our Lady St. Patrick from Teignmouth in the quarter finals but lost to Widey Court from Plymouth in the semi-finals. Overall this result placed us 11th in the whole of Devon which is a truly

fantastic result for a small school like ours. The team were a great credit to the school in the way they played and their behaviour throughout.

Year 4 Tennis Tournament



On Wednesday the 10th June the King's school Year 4 tennis team (George, Finlay, Mary and Poppy) went to the Plymouth Life Centre for the annual Plymouth Schools tennis tournament. There were 9 tennis teams altogether.

Their first games were against Pomphlett school; Finlay won 10:2, Poppy won 10:3, George won 10:4 and Mary won 10:3. Their second games were against Pennycross school; Finlay won 10:1 Poppy lost 9:10, George won 10:2 and Mary narrowly lost 8:10. On their 3rd set of games they played Salisbury Road school A team. Finlay lost 10:11, Poppy lost 8:10, George amazingly won 15:2, and Mary lost 5:7. In their final games they played against Boringdon school A team. Finlay won 13:11. Poppy won 12:7, George lost 6:9 and Mary won 14:4. The overall results meant that they came an amazing 2nd place overall for the whole of Plymouth and qualified for the Devon Finals.

By Poppy, George, Mary and Finlay

Plymouth Marjon's Hockey Tournament

The A Team played all their games extremely well and qualified for the shield, unfortunately they were knocked out by Plymouth College B.

On the other side The B Team qualified for the plate, but sadly were knocked out in the early stages.

The most important thing though is that we had fun, and we certainly did.

By Kate & William



Foundation Sports Day



Foundation Sports Day was a great success with plenty of parents and grandparents cheering the children on. The children were competitive and did their best to win their races. Their scooter skills were very impressive and the dressing up race always gets a laugh!

Infant Sports Day

Infant Sports Day took place at Hartley Park in glorious sunshine. There was superb sportsmanship from the children who strove to win points for their team doing a variety of skills and entertaining races. The hat race was particularly spectacular and we all enjoyed watching the parents in the Baker's Race. Well done to everyone on a very warm day.



Mrs Atkinson

Junior Sports Day



Junior sports day went really well, unfortunately it wasn't the best of weather as it was raining but we still enjoyed it! Because of the bad weather we sadly had to cancel the sack race. We enjoyed the flat race, egg and spoon, long distance, skipping, house relay and mum's and dad's race.

Over all Antioch won with 91 points, Emmaus came second with 67 points and Damascus came last with 57 points. We all had a fab time and the end results were very close. By Poppy and Tulah

SCHOOL EVENTS

Friends Quiz Night

The annual Friends quiz night took place with a large number of teams taking part. The questions were varied from extremely difficult to fairly simple but fun was had by all.



Grandparent' Afternoon Tea



Once again the grandparents were treated to a lovely 'Silver' themed afternoon of entertainment by the children followed by a delicious 25th celebration tea. One grandparent commented, "The children who served us with tea, sandwiches and cake afterwards were so courteous."

It is a lovely event and gives our grandparents the opportunity to see their grandchildren's talents.



Expressive Arts and Speech Afternoon



These two events were a real showcase of the talent our children possess in music, dance and speech. The audience were very appreciative, delighted by all the varied entertaining items from FS2 through to Year 6. Well done to all the stars of the future.



Father's Day Breakfast

This has always been an extremely well attended event and this time was no exception. Parents and children feasted on bacon baps, toast, cereal and fruit. It is an ideal opportunity for parents to enjoy a leisurely breakfast with their children and meet other King's School families. Proceeds from the event will go towards the garden. Thank you for your continued support

25th Anniversary Celebration Summer Ball

On Saturday 27th June King's School celebrated their 25th year with an anniversary ball at HMS Drake, our first ever but hopefully not our last.

It was an excuse to get dressed up, enjoy scrumptious food and drink, hear the delights of the jazz band ending with a fantastic disco, which commenced with, 'Dancing Queen' to great roars of delight. The dance floor was full in seconds.

Thanks to your generosity through fund raising throughout the year, tickets sales and an additional donation of £185 from the Watson table we have exceeded our target of £5,000 in support of St Luke's Hospice. Thank you so much, it really is a fantastic amount of money for a small school such as King's to raise.

The feedback from the evening has been extremely positive and King's School would like to thank everyone for helping to make it such a lovely and fun filled event.

Year 6 Play



A sold out performance of “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” was the order of the day when year 6 gave a wonderful rendition of the Shakespeare classic. Edward was the character of Bottom brought the house down with riotous laughter but all the children performed to an exceedingly high standard. Miss Thompson is so very proud of each one of them and hopes they will continue in their dramatic endeavours.

Summer Fayre

Saturday 4th July dawned beautiful and sunny as preparations got underway for our 25th Anniversary Summer Fair. At 12pm the gates opened and the African drummers performed brilliantly to welcome us all in. The atmosphere was busy, fun and friendly with many stalls and games around the playground and hall; Hook a Duck, Apple Bobbing, Name the White Rabbit and Sand Art to name a few. The drenching of the teachers in the stocks was a hit as always, as was the BBQ and Bric-a-Brac; not forgetting the Maypole. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to the cakes, scones, bric-a-brac, second hand uniform etc. A huge thank you too to the wonderful helpers who tirelessly worked to make sure it all came together to make a fabulous day. We raised around



£1,550. Friends will be meeting in the Autumn to discuss how this money will be spent. Dates will be set and sent out to you so that you can come along to the meetings if possible. All are welcome from nursery to year 6.

Year 3 Sleepover

Another successful Y3 sleepover ! The night was filled with games, food and a movie, as well as some sleep! Saturday morning brought with it the challenge of getting across the shark infested



playground in order to get their supplies to build a shelter and create their own tribe in the garden. All this hard work was rewarded with a hot chocolate and biscuit!

Foundation Scooter Day



Scooter Day with FS1 and FS2 was really successful and the children learnt a little bit about road safety too.

VISITORS TO KING'S SCHOOL

Author visit

The Reception Class were thrilled to invite Teresa Naylor, author of 'Benny the Blenny', for a book reading.

'She told us all about Benny. I learnt that a conger eel could eat Benny. It was fun because we got to do acting. She brought photos by Paul Naylor, an underwater photographer'. William



Years 5 & 6 First Aid Training

Years 5 and 6 had a medical day this term, learning how to be first aiders. They learnt about CPR, the recovery position, DRS ABC and how to treat different bleeds on the body. How to treat choking was also taught to the children. Did you know that only 2% of the UK population know how to save a life using first aid? Thank goodness for Years 5 and 6, we're in safe hands.

Emily and Noah

NED Visit



Never Give UP
Encourage Others
Do your Best

This entertaining assembly taught us very important life skills but also has started a yo-yo craze at King's.

Year 6 Final Days



Message from Mrs Lee

As we come to the end of our 25th year as a school it has been good to celebrate our journey and also to raise money for St Luke's Hospice, Plymouth. This reflects our care for others and our desire to be a school that touches the community.

School started in September 1989 at Plymouth Christian Centre with just 12 children and one teacher. It moved to its present premises in January 1992. The building was officially opened by Baroness Cox in November 1992.

Mrs Smyth the founder had the vision of a Christian School that would be a light on the hill. So when we moved into Hartley Road with a panoramic view over the city it was felt to be just the right place.

There have been highs and lows but to be awarded Outstanding across the board in our last inspection was a real testament to everyone's hard work and dedication to making King's a very special place.

I have had the privilege of leading the school for the past 21 years and my delight is seeing so many talented, confident young people leave at Year 6 to spread their wings ready for all the challenges, experiences and opportunities that are there for them to embrace.

We welcome Miss Daymond to the Reception class, Mrs Pennington Ridge to Year 1 and Miss Anderson to Year 3. Mrs Williams will be moving to Year 3 too and Miss Izzy Turner will become the trainee teacher and TA in Reception.

We wish Mrs Murphy and her family God's blessings as they emigrate to Australia. Thank you to Mrs Murphy for your hard work especially with the Geography curriculum. We look forward to Mrs Barkell's new arrival and will keep you updated.

We are sorry that Mrs Atkinson, after 13 years has decided that she no longer wants to teach full time, but we are delighted that she is remaining with us one day a week to use her expertise in teaching Forest School and Beach School.

May I wish you all a very enjoyable summer holiday and for those returning in September the prospect of another exciting year in the life of King's School.

Jane Lee

