

King's School Newsletter Autumn 2016



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SCHOOL TRIPS

AppleStore Year 5 and 6 Visits

In November children in year 5 and 6 visited the Apple Store. It was lots of fun and everyone enjoyed it. When we got there we were put into groups, each with an i-pad. Our task was to make a puppet show in our groups, using whatever characters and backgrounds we desired; some groups even added voices to their characters. Everyone had different ideas and it was a lot of fun to watch back with our other class mates. It's always a pleasure and very educational to go to the Apple Store. Here are some quotes from year 6.



Markos-'I enjoyed making the sound effects for the characters.'

George-'I enjoyed making a new presidential candidate in my puppet show, Kim George Un.'

Written by Poppy year 6.

Year 2 Buckfast Abbey Trip



On 7th October Year 2 set off to visit Buckfast Abbey to find out all about life as a monk. They were introduced to their cuddly Brother Bear teddies who were to accompany them on the tour and then go home with them. The children found out about how the monks changed their names to saints' names when they joined; how many times they went to pray in the abbey each day; what their daily routine was; what jobs they had and how they dressed. They learned about the vows the monks took and the special service they attended when they joined for life. It was a fun day with plenty to find out. All the bears and children enjoyed it.

Year 2 Visit to Tesco's

On Friday 30th September year 2 went to visit Tesco's where they followed the trail from farm to fork to learn where our food comes from. They identified various fish on the fish counter, collected a 'rainbow' of fruit and vegetables, and led out the fridge and the freezer which were very cold. They then had a



tasting session with different fruits and cheeses. Some of the children even did took lemon challenge. They pulled some very strange faces as they tried.

Music Makers Trip to Mount Kelly



On 14th October the year 5 & 6 Music Makers travelled in the minibus to Mount Kelly to take part in the Acapella singing day. We were led by singer Paul Smith. We sang 3 songs; began with 'Fire!' and then had lunch, which was fish with baked beans and afterwards we had a run around on the rugby

pitch. In the afternoon we learnt 'Strong' by London Grammar. After that we composed our own song, by speaking into a machine that made words go backwards. At the very end, some of the Mount Kelly parents came in to listen to our songs. Overall it was a great day and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

"I really enjoyed it, making the music was fun." Ella

"I enjoyed using the machine that made words go backwards." Sophie

Lord Mayor's Carol Service and Singing in the Mall

Mrs Davies was delighted with how well the junior children sang at the Lord Mayor's Carol Service on Friday 9th December. The former music advisor for the Local Authority and other teachers from other schools commented on how good our performance sounded. In the words of the Lord Mayor "the children were a credit to their schools and their city."

The Children also delighted shoppers with their singing in the Drake Circus Shopping Centre. They filled the mall with the beautiful sound of Christmas Carols.

All Saints sewing

Year 5 had an amazing time at All Saints Academy making nativity costumes. I enjoyed it because I found it was a good skill to be able to sew. We made an angel and shepherd costume and also very much enjoyed making Christmas decorations. Miss Freeman and Mrs Merricks helped us along the way with our sewing. We used sewing machines which was really fun.

This was an exciting trip for all of us being able to complete our design and technology project at All Saints Academy and have some fun along the way. When we had finished the costume making we were able to decorate it with belts and sequins to add a bit of shimmer to it. We hoped you noticed them in our junior Christmas play.

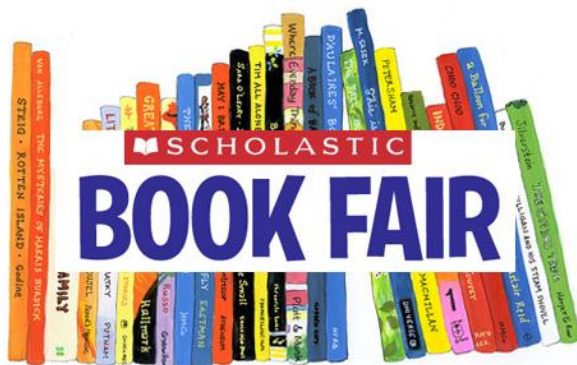
Infant Pennywell Farm Trip



One child said it was 'exciting because you could pet the animals' (Kathy Year 2) and another 'Pennywell was really fun because I was able to brush a pony' (Evie Year 1)

Fund Raising Events

School Book Fair



The book fair was extremely well attended and the children were able to select lots of fantastic books. We should like to thank you all very much. The book fair raised £764.15. This meant we were, able to choose £382 worth of books for the school, consequently each class received some new books which the children are enjoying very much.

Children in Need

Friday 18th November was Children in Need day at King's School. The school council members put their heads together to decide how we could support this charity this year. The result was slippers and dressing gowns! We've never been so toasty in school. Cakes were also gratefully received so we could hold a cake sale that was much enjoyed by all.

Throughout the 2 weeks running up to Children in Need, all children were given the opportunity to win different Children in Need goodies by entering a raffle or naming the bear. The winning name was 'Cloud' and was guessed by Daisy in Year 5.

Overall, we had a very enjoyable and successful day, raising an incredible £767. Thank you all for your generosity and support. Martha and Poppy



The Global Fund

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Children

raised £211.85 – Thank you.

A cake sale was arranged to raise money for The Global Fund. The Global Fund for Children finds and invests in small, locally led organisations that transform the lives of the world's most vulnerable children. Thanks to your generosity King's School

Plymouth Argyle

The children who took part in the penalty shootout raised £771.90. Half of the proceeds went to Plymouth Argyle and the remaining half will be invested back into sports at King's. Shayla was awarded the signed football for raising the most individual sponsorship. Thank you to everyone who donated.



Christmas Fair



The Christmas Fair was a great success with many activities and fun to be had. Special thanks to those parents who helped out both before and during the event and to those who sent in raffle and hamper items. The fair could not happen without this support. Santa's grotto was a hit and Santa had a wonderful time and thanks King's for sending him such polite and well-mannered children. He will see what he can do about any requests. The whole fair raised around £1800 which will go towards the garden projects currently being planned. Friends are always looking for more recruits to come to

meetings where decisions are made about future events and how money raised is spent. Please feel free to come along to one and find out for yourself.

Christmas Boxes

King's School continues to support the Plymouth Foodbank and we have collected 120 boxes. The family boxes with food items have been greatly appreciated and this year the boxes have been filled with love and care.





Many, many thanks for your kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity at this hectic time of year.

Sport at King's

Years 3 and 4 Tag rugby Match Against St. Christopher's School

On Thursday 17th November we hosted a small tag rugby tournament against a team of Year 4 pupils from St. Christopher's School. We played during a rather wet and blustery day on the school playground.

Our team was made up from the children who take part in Mr Simpson's Year 3 and 4 tag rugby club every Tuesday. These were: Alex, Jonah, Sam, Nuran, Flo, Olivia, Imogen, Freddie, Ollie, Ben, Talitha, Lilly, Lara and Theo.



St. Christopher's play tag rugby twice a week in the Autumn term and their greater experience showed through, winning 7:0 and 5:2 in the matches we played against them. However, our pupils gained tremendous experience playing against some fierce opposition and will, no doubt, be all the better in the future thanks to this opportunity.

Ollie: "It was hard because they train twice a week and knew how to play well. However, it was a good experience for us."

Years 5 and 6 Tag rugby Match Against St. Christopher's School

On Wednesday 5th October the Tag Rugby team travelled to Staverton to play against St. Christopher's School.

On team one were: Alex (captain), George, Martha, Tulah, Ella and Rocco. For their first result Alex's team lost 1-5 but won their second match 6-4.



On team two were: Matthew (captain), Nathan, Mary, Maddie, Charlotte, Finlay and Eddie. For their first match they narrowly lost 2-4, but their second match they won 6-0, with Matthew scoring a hat-trick.

After those matches the teams were combined, to create the team with the most experienced players. They narrowly lost 6-7. After lots of fun and hard work, we returned to

school feeling happy with the performance.

Eddie: "It was really fun and I found it better to play downhill."

Matthew: "It was fun; especially playing against a team that we have never played and the games were rather hard, as they had some quality players."

Written by Matthew year 6

Themed Days and Visitors to King's

Walk to School Week



Walk to School Week ran from Monday 10th October to Friday 14th October where the children were set the challenge of walking to school from two different starting points. This was particularly important for the children who don't normally walk to school. There were lots of children who took up the challenge and earned their certificates. We hope that this will encourage the children to make these healthy changes to their

daily routine and make the walk a regular thing. Well done to those who took up the challenge and to those who always walk.

Year 2 Firemen Visit

On Friday 18th November the fire fighters came to visit year 2 to teach them all about how to stay safe. They learned about the dangers of playing with matches, how to stay safe if there were a fire, about the importance of a smoke alarm and also how to call for help in the event of a fire. Miss Everitt was even able to dress up in all the firefighters' special clothing. It was an important lesson to learn.

Year 5 Fireman visit.



Last month, Year 5 had a visit from Green Bank's White Watch Fire service. They learnt about testing smoke alarms, stop drop and roll and also how quickly a fire can spread. Did you know that a fire can fill a whole room in just 4 minutes? They also showed the children where the best places to put smoke alarms are.

Year 5 now know what hoax calls are, and never to do them or you can put people in real danger. Do you know what a hoax call is? A hoax call is where a person calls just so they can see a fire engine, without there being an emergency and puts someone who actually needs a fire engine in danger.

Years 5 had a great time, and saw that if there is a fire, leave it to the experts. But the main message was to keep calm, raise the alarm and leave it to the experts.

By Bethany and Brooke

Year 4 Saxon Day

On Friday the 7th October for year 4 it was Saxon day. We had a Saxon guide called Ursula and all had Saxon names. Ursula told us a lot about life in Saxon times.

During the day we made the inside of candles by stripping off the skin of reeds. You had to have long nails though! Ursula told us that you would then dip it in animal fat but it was too messy for us to do.

We also did wool spinning. It was hard to thin it and not to break it, though we most of us managed it. Saxons would have made a lot of their clothes from wool.

Then we used clay to make cups, as these were easy to do. Saxons would have had handmade ones too.

In the afternoon we had a fake trial by jury. It was about a man stealing a goat. Both times we judged the trial the man was found guilty. At the end of each trial the thane, who was the most important man in the village, picked a punishment.

We also made some illuminated letters in the style of the monks who wrote down the bible. This was different to the writing done by ordinary Saxons, who wrote in runes.



The monks also wrote in Latin, using the same alphabet that we have today, whereas runes were written with a very different alphabet.

Finally, after a long exhausting day, we went home having learnt a lot about Saxon life.

By Jonah in Year 4S

World War II Day



Yr 6 have been learning about World War Two, so we invited Mrs Love into our school and she gave us an amazing experience of being a child during WWII for the day. We all thought of a suitable wartime name to use for the day. We all considered what children wore at that time and dressed up for the day. We had fake air raids and had to hide under the tables. We, also, saw how to put on a gas mask so that it wouldn't stretch. We got to see one of the mini air-raid kits. We all decided to make the day even more authentic by bringing in a ration packed lunch; we all did a great job at making our own. Mrs Love told us that we were being evacuated and that families would foster us until the war was over. We each got given a name tag in which we had to write our

name, home address and school. We also had the privilege of looking at some of the really interesting artefacts that were actually used during World War two. We all really enjoyed this amazing experience.

Rocco, Tulah, Mary, Alex, Harrison- Year 6

Alex- I really enjoyed finding out who my host family was and had a really good day.

Ella- I loved it all because it was like we were in a real school learning about what we would do in World War Two and seeing all the different equipment.



Ameer- It felt like we were actually students in World War Two!

Gardening Club

After successfully choosing the correct seeds that went to space, gardening club have now taken on a new project. We are making a beautiful keyhole garden. Keyhole



gardens are used in Third World countries such as Africa to enable families to grow vegetables.

We have used old fashioned tools to draw a perfect circle (two pieces of wood and string) and have built a small wall using the template. In the New Year we hope to begin grow crops and getting the compost maker in the centre of the keyhole garden working. We have also been planting daffodils and tulips to brighten up the garden in the spring.



Gardening club would like to thank Mr Jones for all his hard work for helping us with our project.

By Tulah Rowe Gardening Ambassador

King's School Foundation Stage

Children in the Foundation Stage dressed up in pyjamas and wore Pudsey ears to help raise money for Children in Need.



Children from FS2 went on a Pudsey bear ramble to Blindman's Wood. They built fires and raced in the meadow and were tired and hungry when they came back from their long jaunt to Manadon.

Children from FS2 were the trainee angels in this year's production of Whoops-a-Daisy angel. They danced enthusiastically to 'Reach for the Stars' and wowed the audience with their smooth moves.





The Early Years Production of Whoops-a-Daisy angel went off without a hitch and the lead role played by Lucea in Reception was very accomplished. Each and every one of the children was a little star and the costumes were lovely. For more photos go to the

Evening Herald website.

FS1 hosted a Carol Service around the Christmas tree with parents and grandparents, which was followed with mince pies and cookies. The children wore their Christmas jumpers and signed 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas' which was very impressive.



Christmas Lunch – Fun for All



School Nativities

Year 1 and Year 2

The Year 1 and 2 Nativity play “Bethlehem’s Buzzin” on Wednesday 7th December was amazing. The children really rose to the occasion putting on quite a show. The singing was beautiful, the acting so professional and the whole effect was lovely. The children had worked so hard to bring it all together and often were heard singing or humming one of the songs in the corridors. They then took their songs to share with two local care homes, Hartley Park and Greenacres. The residents really appreciated the children’s visits and joined in with one or two carols at the end. A super way to round off the term.





Junior Department



Message from Mrs Lee

“Gimme, Gimme, Gimme” gave an opportunity for us all to reflect on what should be important at Christmas. It highlighted that we should remember those people for whom Christmas will not necessarily be a happy time, what is important is our family, friends and the message of Christmas, that God loves us all.

I would like to thank you all once again for being so supportive, encouraging and ensuring King’s retains its family atmosphere.

As we reflect on the Christmas story, may I wish you all a peaceful and joyful Christmas and look forward to seeing you all again on **Thursday 5th January 2017.**

With kind wishes,

Mrs Lee

P.S. I am sure you will join us with our Congratulations to Mrs Baron on the safe arrival of Evelyn Rose.

