

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## SALTASH FESTIVAL

On Thursday 29th January, King's School Music Makers travelled to Saltash to take part in the Saltash Music Festival.

We performed two songs accompanied by Mrs Davies on the piano, and two more songs accompanied by the King's Ukelele group. Our first song was Fire! by Jonathan Dove which was a song we had learned at an A Capella workshop day at Mount Kelly. 'Fire!' was written as part of the Friday Afternoon's Project and we all really enjoyed singing powerfully and in a round. Our second song was 'Seagull song' by Sarah Watts which we added harmonies to.

To follow, we sang 'Mama Paquita', accompanied by drums, ukulele and shakers; this song was used at the opening ceremony for the Rio 2016 Olympics! Our final song was a traditional Australian folk song, 'Waltzing Matilda' which was very fitting as the festival took place on Australia Day. Unfortunately we did not win but we did come second in our first class – 'we practised really hard and the result was very pleasing!', said Ella in year 6. The Saltash festival was a great success and everybody got home safely.

By Ella, Music Ambassador

## WW2 DAY

Thank you Mrs Love for our BRILLIANT World War 2 day.

We have all looked through the artefacts you gave us and we really enjoyed it.

"I found it really fun and interesting." Rocco  
"It helped us learn in a fun way." Eddie  
"It was amazing and it was like we were actually there."  
Ella

"I was a LOT of fun!" Charlotte

Thank you very much  
From Year 6



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# NEWSLETTER



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# SCHOOL TRIPS

## MORRISONS



To support this learning the children visited Morrisons on Outland Road.

While at the supermarket the children visited the fishmongers, the butchers and the produce department. At each place the children were met by a member of staff who explained to them where the food came from and how it contributes to a balanced diet. The trip concluded by doing a bit of

shopping, kindly funded with a gift voucher supplied by Morrisons. The children especially enjoyed purchasing a dragon fruit which we later used in a cookery task at school.

## YEAR 3 AND 4 SCIENCE AFTERNOON

On 31st January, all of the children in years 3 and 4 went to All Saints Academy for a science afternoon.

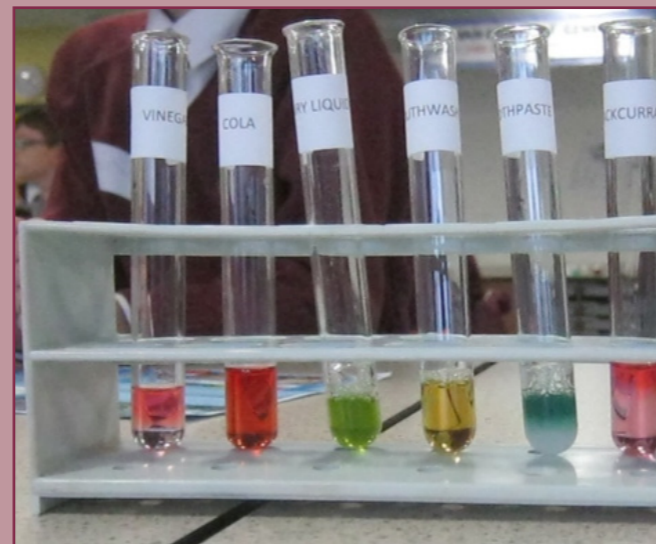


When we arrived, we were given a tour of the academy and then went to the science labs to begin the afternoon. James said, "I enjoyed the tour around the school". During the afternoon, we learnt all

about testing different materials for their pH value and tested a variety of liquids to see how acidic or alkali they were. Imogen R said, "It was fun to learn how to use the equipment." Imogen B thought, "I enjoyed watching how to test the pH of different things". We then took part in a science investigation to find out why fish were dying in one river. We tested the pH of the water and the soil using samples that were collected in three different areas along the river. In the end, we discovered that a soap factory had been causing

pollution which was why the fish were dying. It was a really exciting afternoon and we all enjoyed it very much. Gabby said, "I enjoyed

learning how to make a rainbow potion". Kitty commented that, "The day was well organised".



# CLASS ASSEMBLIES

## RECEPTION



This year Reception chose the theme 'Everyone is special to God' for their class assembly. They considered the young, old and poorly and each child had an acting and speaking opportunity. The children worked incredibly hard to learn their lines and perform confidently on stage. The Reception staff and their parents were all extremely proud of all of their efforts.

## YEAR 6

On the 17th of March Yr.6 did their assembly which was all about St. Patrick. We did a play all about his life. All the children's parents were invited to be in the audience. We sang an Irish song about his life, when he got captured by the pirates, to when he came back to Ireland and taught Christianity to the Irish citizens.

*"It was great to be part of it and it was an enjoyable experience"* - George Yr6

*"From doing this play I have learnt a lot more about St Patrick and his life story"* - Harrison Yr6

*"It was really fun to learn the script and perform it"* - Mary Yr6

**By Rocco, Yr 6**

## YEAR 1

Year One's class assembly was about The Good Samaritan. The children read the Bible story and then acted out modern day situations where people need to be a Good Samaritans. The children spoke about the St John's Ambulance Service and the RNLI and the fantastic work that they do on a voluntary basis. The children performed the songs 'When you needed a neighbour' and 'You've got a friend' to teach the importance of being there for people when they are in need.

## YEAR 2

On Friday 3rd February Year Two took to the stage to present the story of Joseph from the Old Testament. They taught us that we are all unique and have something special to contribute. Through drama, song, movement and dance they gave a polished performance, with some laughs along the way.



## YEAR 4

On Friday 10th of February 2017, Year 4 performed their class assembly which was called I Matter and based on the story of Zacchaeus from the Bible. Zacchaeus was a money thief and stole the townspeople's riches. He was lonely as he had no friends. Year 4 worked very hard to get this assembly perfect as did Miss Green, Mr Simpson and Miss Hester. We included props; we had a rather large tree in the corner of the stage to represent Zacchaeus climbing up the tree to see the saviour. The backdrop was a proverb that said 'Anyone can find the dirt in someone, be the one who finds the gold.' Everyone enjoyed acting (luckily, no one forgot their lines) and performing the dance. Well done Year 4!

**Written by Amelie and Florence**

## YEAR 3

Year 3 performed an assembly based on 1 Corinthians 12: 12-27, which tells us that God created one body with many parts. Year 3 explored the concept of working together in a group and how each part of the body has a specific and important job to do. Here at King's we all work together in order to make King's a wonderful place to be.

## YEAR 5

Year 5 wrote their class assembly based on the creation story. They recreated the story and looked at how important each and everyone of us to God. They showed up the importance of looking after God's creation so he is stronger for us.



## STOVER CROSS COUNTRY

On the 28th February, 13 children went to the Stover School's Annual Cross Country race.

It was a great day despite a few rain showers. The children had been preparing for the race for weeks at cross country club. It was a proper cross country race experience with lots of mud but luckily no shoes were lost. Some of the children had run the previous year, but for many this was their very first experience of a cross country race. Everyone did very well especially Martha who came 6th in her race, Ollie who came 18th and Alex who was 25th. They all particularly enjoyed the doughnuts and sausage rolls at the end.



## DRSA SWIMMING GALA



Our team was made up from the children who take On the 6th of March 2017, King's School's Swimming Team went to the Plymouth Life Centre. There were roughly 25 schools taking part. The Wilson Family kindly donated some hats with the King's School logo on, so we could be recognised in the pool. The girls team did incredibly well as they came 4th in the heats with a time of 1min 16.28 seconds. Coming 4th meant we were then able to race in the final. Unfortunately, in the final we narrowly lost being in a medal place with a time of 1min 17.60 seconds. Elburton Primary School marginally got the third place being 8 tenths of a second faster.

The boys came 12th in the heats with a time of 1min 34.92 seconds, although it wasn't quite fast enough to enable them to race in the final. The mixed team finished with an amazing time of 1min 25.26 seconds coming 14th, sadly it wasn't enough for the final. The whole of the team did terrifically well and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Written by Martha, Year 6.

## PLYMOUTH RAIDERS BASKETBALL COACHING CLINIC

On Sunday the 29th January, some children from the juniors went to watch Plymouth Raiders Basketball team at Plymouth Pavilions. The children also got to be coached by the staff of Plymouth Raiders.

The staff split the children into three groups depending on their age. They then had a chance to try different basketball skills, including trying to shoot into a fullsize basketball net! The children got to ask two of the Plymouth Raiders team some questions.

After all of the training, the children got to watch a game, their friends or family could join them watch the game. Plymouth Raiders played against London Lions and Plymouth Raiders won.

Everybody who went enjoyed themselves.

## JUNIOR DEPARTMENT SWIMMING GALA

On Friday 3rd March, the Junior department went to the University of St. Mark & St. John's pool for the King's School Annual Swimming Gala.

This was the running order: First there were two lengths freestyle races for years 4, 5 and 6. Then the float challenge; the float challenge is where people swim the width of the shallow end with a float. Next the one length backstroke races followed by house relay. Then the space invader challenge, which was similar to the float challenge but the contestants had to blow a little floating object the

width of the pool. After that were the one length freestyle races followed by the one length breaststroke races. Last but not least was the master challenge for boys and then girls; the competitors for this went on to represent the school in the inter-schools DRSA Swimming Gala.

The winning house was Antioch with 75 points, 2nd place was Emmaus with 60 points and 3rd was Damascus with 53 points.

By Rhiannon Year 4

## TAG RUGBY AT BURRATON SCHOOL

On Tuesday 7th February children in the Year 5&6 tag rugby club went to Burraton Primary school to play tag rugby. We had enough children for two teams.

The children who took part were: from year 6 - Matthew, Eddie, Alex, George, Martha, Tulah, Ella, Nathan, Rocco, Poppy, Markos and Finlay; from year 5 - Riya, Trinity and Sophie.

First of all King's A played Burraton A and drew with them 5-5. Then King's B played Burraton B and lost 4-2. King's A played Burraton A again and narrowly lost 6-5; King's B played Burraton B again and lost 4-1. Overall it was a brilliant day and, despite muddy conditions, everyone enjoyed it.

*"It was very entertaining and it was a lot of fun"* - George Yr6  
*"Although it was muddy, it was a lot of fun and I'm glad I did it"* - Tulah Yr6  
*"It was very fun and funny when Matthew slipped over in the mud"* - Eddie Yr6  
*"We all played well and we all enjoyed it"* - Trinity Yr5  
*"It was muddy and very fun"* - Riya Yr5  
*"We all did very well and tried to win"* - Sophie Yr5  
*"It was very enjoyable even though we didn't win I still had a great time"* - Markos Yr6  
*"We all played really well and everyone enjoyed it"* - Alex Yr6  
*"We had a very fun time playing against Burraton"* - Rocco Yr6

Written by Matthew Yr6.

## FUTSAL TOURNAMENTS

What is Futsal, I hear you ask?

It is a variation of indoor football with teams of 5-a-side.

We entered two futsal tournaments this term, one for boys and one for girls. Both tournaments took place at the Marjons Sports Centre and were organised by Marjon Students in conjunction with the Plymouth Schools FA.



The boys' tournament took place very soon after the start of term, on Monday 9th January. It was organised into three pools, with the winners and runners up of each pool going through to knockout games to decide an overall winner. We played Cathedral School of St. Mary, Woodfield Primary and Bickleigh Down School

Unfortunately we lost all our games but it was a valuable experience for our players, some of whom had not played football competitively before. The team consisted of: Yaseen from Year 5 and Lucas, Spike, Luca, George, Ollie, Jonah, Sam and Freddie from Year 4.



The girls' tournament was held on Friday 20th January. This was organised in the same way as the boys' tournament. They played against Woodfield Primary, Mary dean, Horrabridge and Bickleigh Down School. They lost the matches but their standards were improving as they went on and got used to the style of play. The last game was a narrow 1 nil defeat. The girls' team consisted of: Sophie, Layla and Niamh from Year 5 and Talitha, Lilly, Esmée, Amelie, Florence, Nuran, Chloe and Mia from Year 4.

# VISITORS

## SAFE - STRONG - FREE !

C.A.P was a really educational two weeks of workshops and enjoyable. We enjoyed learning more about safety online as well as safety with strangers.

We had three people that came in to teach us about this: Dan, Anne and Sam. They taught us about how to get away from strangers if they attack us. Safe- Strong- Free!

It was really nice to talk to them after the lesson. It was a great experience.



## SPACE ODYSSEY

The Space Odyssey / Planetarium was a large, inflated dome accompanied by a 360° projector and a man who operated it all.

He gave us a brief introduction to the dome and what we would see inside, and line by line, he let us in - younger ones in the front lines. He allowed many of us to lie down, facing upwards. Then, he turned on his projector, which was in the middle of the inflated dome, and it all began. His projector

projected all around the dome. He showed us many videos with audio, and at the same time, he taught us about space. He covered many subjects, including: space stations, astronauts, stars and constellations, and much more. It was a very educational experience and was enjoyed by everyone.

*"We enjoyed learning about space" - Imogen Y3*

*"It was interesting, educational and fun!" - Lucas Y4*

*"It was amazing to see all the planets" - Layla Y5*

*"It was educational and extraordinary how space is enormous" - Matthew Y6*

## SNOW QUEEN

The Snow Queen was performed to the whole school.

There were three people acting out all of the characters, they were all very talented and funny. The performance was an entertaining journey, telling the story of the Snow Queen.

*"I think that the Snow Queen was an amazing performance and everyone enjoyed it" - Mary, Yr 6.*

*"I think all of the actors were very skilled and funny" - Finlay, Yr 6.*

*"It was incredible how three people could put on a performance as amazing as that" - Alex, Yr 6.*

*"It was so much like the Snow Queen movie" - Rocco, Yr 6.*

**Thank you to Friends for paying for the performance. All of the children really enjoyed it.**



## APPLE STORE VISIT



Firstly, Year 3 and 4 arrived at the Apple Store and played with their most recent iPad. A member of staff taught us how to code and we coded Moana. After that, we coded this little robot called Sphero, we made it roll in a square. We all enjoyed coding Moana and Maui and we were sad to leave!

**Written by Lucas and Sonny (Year 4)**

## YEAR 5 AND 6 LANGAGE ENERGY CENTRE TRIP

On Wednesday 8th of February Year 5 and 6 went to Language Energy Centre.

We had a tour of the entire place and we had lots of fun.

During the tour we put on protective goggles, a hard hat, a high vis. vest and earplugs, for the turbine room. We went to the discovery centre and did some really fun activities, such as a quiz and making an electronic circuit.

Overall it was an exciting day and everyone enjoyed it.

*"It was fun seeing all the mechanisms" - Alex, Y6*

*"It was interesting to find out how they make a megawatt" - Martha, Y6*

*"I liked doing the activities" - Yaseen, Y5.*

**By George and Mary, Y6**

