

OTHER NEWS



Year 5 and 6 sent a special invite to someone who is important to them to the King's School Bake Off.

Year 5 and 6 were divided into groups. They had to design a theme for their table and decide what food would be produced. There were some fantastic, colourful tables with fabulous food cooked by the pupils.



The tables and food were judged with awards going to Harrison, Layla, Ameer, Nathan, Megan, Rocco and Martha. It was a special event and we hope to repeat it next year.



YEAR 3 SLEEPOVER

The Year 3 sleepover went very well. Plenty of food was consumed and children and staff managed to get quite a bit of sleep. The children played a few games before having jacket potato for tea. They then settled down to watch a film with a hot chocolate before bed time.

The following morning, after several laps of the playground and more food, the children enjoyed a variety of crafts and some science, maths and creative experiments in and out of the FS2 playground.

IN MEMORY OF GRANDAD BOB

King's school held a tree planting ceremony in memory of Grandad Bob who sadly passed away in 2016. Grandad Bob is part of the Atkinson family who sadly will be leaving us at the end of term.



He loved rugby and helped Mr Simpson to coach the tag rugby team for many years.

The Friends of King's School donated a tree and plaque in

his memory, thanking him for his many contributions to King's.

YEAR 1 WEDDING

Friday 7th July was a big day in the Year 1 calendar. A wedding took place at Emmanuel church as part of our Christian Rites of Passage R.E unit.

The children walked down to the church dressed in their best clothes excited to be part of the big event. Reverend Marlow spoke to the children about weddings: he spoke about what people would wear, their roles and why the father gives the bride away. We followed an order of service and the children were allocated roles. They were excellent at reading out their parts and listening carefully to one another. We had a fantastic afternoon, thank you Reverend Marlow.



A MESSAGE FROM MRS LEE

At the end of another busy year it is good to reflect on the many interesting events and diverse experiences that the children have encountered. Looking forward I am delighted that we are now part of the Independent Schools Association and also the Plymouth Sports Partnership and know this will open up many new opportunities next academic year.

The builders have arrived on site to carry out the changes to nursery and give us a brand new ICT suite and Art/DT room and we are already in possession of 22 new laptops.

I would like to thank all parents for the support you have given us over the year and I am especially delighted with the parent survey which made us the top Cognita School. There were so many positive comments but maybe these two sums up King's School perfectly,

"We love the family feeling of the school. The children all seem to know and care about one another. Such a supportive and caring environment in which they can flourish."

"High quality, creative, personalised teaching. Warm, nurturing respectful atmosphere. Variety of sports and extra curricular activities."

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you in September ready for another exciting year.

SUMMER 2017

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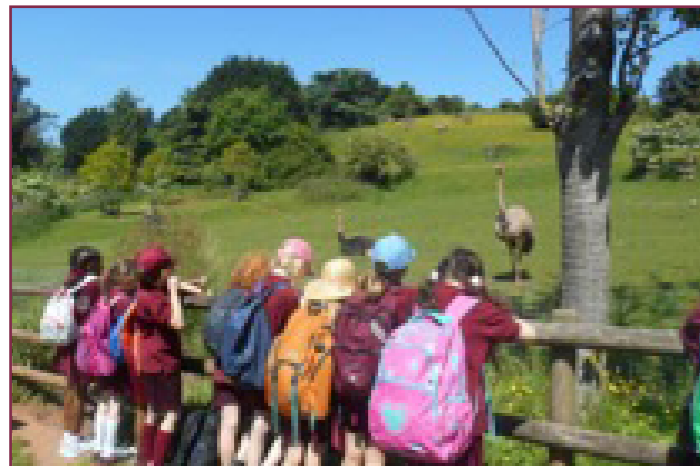
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SCHOOL TRIPS



PAIGNTON ZOO

On Friday 26th May 2017, Year 3 and 4 went to Paignton Zoo.

It was a fun day and there were lots of different animals to see including a baby giraffe! Imogen R thought, "It was fascinating to watch all the animals". The children attended a talk explaining about the different habitats that animals and plants live in and how they were adapted to live there. Misia said,

"It was a good opportunity to see what the animals need to live". They were then able to explore the zoo and meet all the different animals. It was a lovely, sunny day and so a lot of the animals were out sunbathing. James stated, "It was nice to see all the wild animals."

BUCKFASTLEIGH

Year 1 trip to Buckfastleigh Steam Train, Butterflies and Otter Sanctuary



Friday 9th of June saw Year 1 depart for an exciting day at Buckfastleigh. We began with a tour of the butterfly house, where we built upon our already extensive knowledge of the life cycle of a butterfly. We then listened to a very informative talk about the otters who live at the sanctuary. The children had prepared a list of questions and David, our guide, was very

impressed with the children's enthusiasm and listening skills. We then saw the otters being fed and even viewed them from under the water!

Our day was rounded off with a ride on a steam train. A very enjoyable and informative day was had by all.

YEAR 3 EXPLORES PLYMOUTH

On Friday 23rd the Year 2s set off on a double decker bus down into town to begin their day of exploration in Plymouth. We walked across to the Barbican, investigating the different buildings as we looked at the various shops. We ate our snack overlooking the marina and aquarium before boarding the boat for our trip up the Tamar. We saw lots of police boats patrolling the waters. The children enjoyed seeing the lighthouse and Hoe from another perspective. After the voyage we strolled up to the

WEMBURY BEACH

On Friday 12th May, Year 3 travelled to Wembury Beach.

On the beach, children were given the opportunity to put their forest school skills to the test with a variety of activities.

First, they were challenged to build a shelter with their groups and this resulted in some fantastic creations that stayed up all day. Although it was a windy day, this did not stop the children's enthusiasm. The children then ate lunch in their shelters and designed a collection of mini rafts to race down the stream. Unfortunately, there was too much rain to go rock pooling so we visited the Marine Centre and ended the day with hot chocolate and biscuits.



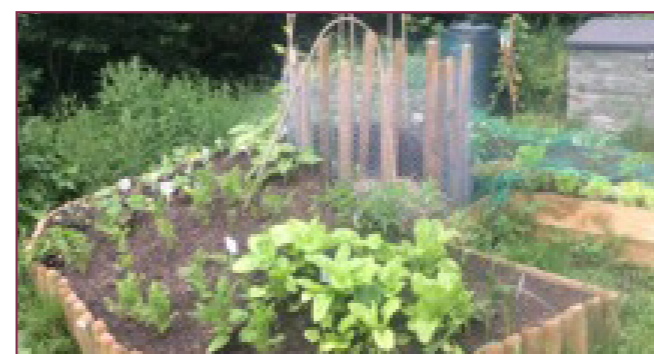
Hoe for lunch before ascending Smeaton's Tower to find out about life as a lighthouse keeper. Those on the ground played bowls, whilst keeping a sharp eye out for any enemy armadas. We saw all the preparations being made for Armed Forces Day and had a look round at the different vehicles they used including a huge helicopter. We had a mad dash for the bus home tired out but a fun day was enjoyed by all.

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GARDENING CLUB CAKE SALE

We were inspired by watching a video from the Sendacow.org website. It then encouraged us to raise money to help families in Africa to grow their own vegetables using their own keyhole garden.

Gardening Club held a cake sale using cakes donated by families and children from FS all the way to Y6. It was a great success and we raised £237.55! Gardening club would like to thank everyone for their delicious donations.



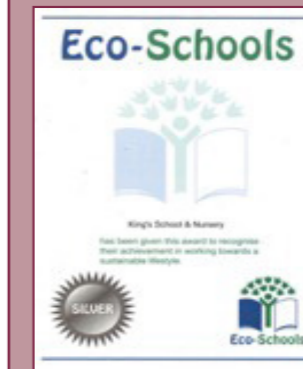
MAY FAYRE

The May Fayre on the 19th May was a great success with lots of exciting stalls from tuck shop, raffle and punch balloons to smoothies, fruit kebab making, tombola and plants. We enjoyed traversing the car park on the Segways, bouncing on the bouncy castle, hooking ducks aplenty, bobbing for apples, picking lollies and making sand ornaments to name but a few. We had lots of help which is vital for this kind of event and so we are grateful for all the willing volunteers. The weather didn't look encouraging at first but all turned out right in the end.

There was a lovely family feel to the fair with children, parents, teachers and various friends of families all being social together. Though we missed the ice cream van, the BBQ was delicious so thanks to the two chefs. We raised around £1,600 which will be added to the bank ready for the committee to decide where to spend it for the benefit of all the children.



ECO WARRIORS



The King's Eco Warriors have been working hard to get the Eco-Schools SILVER Award!

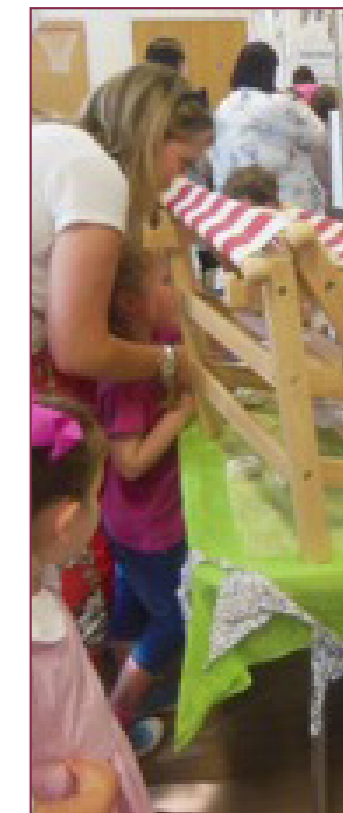
The Silver award criteria focuses on strengthening pupil leadership and whole school involvement while the school starts to work on at least one of the Eco-Schools topics in depth. We chose this focus to be our waste. Eco Warriors are very involved in collecting compost around the school – both during snack times and at lunch times. The amount of waste that is not compostable is collected and weighed and children are encouraged to think about the amount of unwanted food that they throw away at lunch time. We have weekly food waste challenges for the Junior lunchtimes, celebrating the table that had the least waste. It is exciting that our compostable waste is now being used in the school garden – we are now making our own compost! A big well done to all Eco Warriors, our next event will be to sell some African crafts made by a women's project in Tanzania, to help to support the charity 'Heshima', which means respect in Swahili.

FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST

Dads were treated to a special breakfast to celebrate Father's Day. The event proved to be as successful as the previous Family Breakfasts. Sausage Baps were on offer as an extra to the usual breakfast menu, with a screwdriver as a present from King's.

MARKET DAY

Market day last year was so successful we received a Gold Heathy Child Award. This year the children re-invested to produce more goods to sell on their stalls. It was a fabulous event and was supported well by parents. The children will decide how to spend the profits. It is an excellent way of teaching children about planning, dealing with money and customers. Thank you for your support.



THEMED DAYS

YEAR 5 VICTORIAN DAY

On Monday 19th June Year 5 experienced Victorian school life!

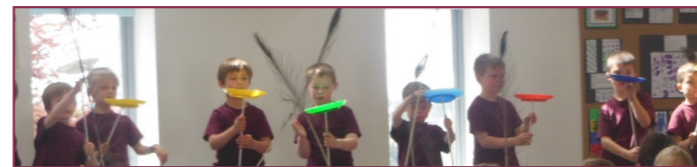
We started off the day with the 3R's (Reading, Arithmetic and Writing). Next we learnt about punishments, such as the Dunce hat or the cane!! Thankfully none of us received one as we were too good. After, we practised handwriting using their letter formations, on slate, with slate pencils. While people were packing up the equipment, others started map work and learnt about the British Empire. We also did a spelling test to experience Victorian wording.



After a lunch of bread and cheese, we studied various artefacts such as clothing, mystery items (where we had to guess their purpose) and the chamber pot, which stayed under your bed until you needed to go at night (it must have stunk). We learnt about 2 different types of iron, the flat iron and the slug iron. Did you know doctors were too expensive for the lower class so they used to get the local blacksmith to hold them down and a friend pull out their tooth?

We had a phenomenal day but we're very glad schooling has changed since the Victorian times!

CIRCUS SKILLS



Key Stage 1 were treated to a fun packed day of Circus Skills on Friday 5th of May. The children took part in a range of activities and were able to show off their new skills in an assembly at the end of the day. The children of Key Stage 2 marvelled at the amazing and sometimes daring feats achieved!

Reception wowed everyone with their ribbon twirling and coordinated scarf dance, Year 1 showed incredible balancing skills by balancing a peacock feather on their finger and some on their nose! They also plate span, hula hooped and balanced on a very narrow beam! Year 2 upped the anti by demonstrating their gymnastics skills with a very daring tumble display - this saw two teams diving through hoops and jumping or cartwheeling to finish. Everyone had a fantastic time and even the staff learnt some new skills!

RECEPTION CLASS AQUARIUM TRIP



This term the Reception children have been learning all about the sea. To conclude this topic, the children and their teachers all visited The National Marine Aquarium in search for a mermaid. As the children looked high and low in the aquarium they also learnt many new facts about the fascinating sea creatures that they saw. They also had the opportunity to ask the prewritten questions that they had thought about in class. Once the children found Marina the Mermaid she read a story about how she found herself living in Plymouth at the aquarium. The children were all excited to meet her and came away knowing the importance of looking after the sea. Throughout the day, the children were all very well behaved and well mannered, we were very proud of them.

YEAR 2 BERRY POMEROY CASTLE



Year 2 went to Berry Pomeroy Castle on 28th April and had a fantastic trip back in time to the medieval period. They explored the grounds and the buildings, finding out about the history and legends attached to this magnificent structure. They took part in role-playing a day in the life of the castle, gathering food, preparing feasts, eating banquets, dancing and entertaining. A full day of activities.

HEATREE ACTIVITY CENTRE WITH YEAR 4

First we went to Haytor where we learnt about a quarry and how workers used to get granite. We also found the remains of a bronze age hut. After that we arrived at Heatree activity centre and we went climbing and abseiling down a tower which was about 10 metres high.



On Tuesday we did raft building which was very scary, because we could fall in the freezing, as cold as ice, stinky pond! Nonetheless it was great fun and only those that wanted to got wet.

Next we did archery which was very enjoyable. We played two games, one was 'Cutlery' where we had to shoot different places on the target in order to get our cutlery for the evening meal. The other game was 'Royalty'; this time we all had a balloon which was placed on the target for people to shoot. The last two balloons standing would make their owners become the queen and king, for one of the groups this was won by Lucas and Talitha.

On Wednesday morning, we learnt about the Bronze Age by dressing up and doing the daily routine of a Bronze Age child including: grinding flour, making clay, designing jewellery and making leaf crowns.



After that we did the low adventure where we had to complete lots of challenges as a team. The funniest thing this day was when a few of the people swam in a giant, stinky, muddy bog.

On Thursday we went to the start of the River Lemon to measure the width and the flow rate. Next we travelled to Goodrington beach to rock pool. We found lots of crabs, starfish and anemones. In the evening we sat around the campfire and sang songs.

Friday was our last day. In the morning, we completed the team quest and we were awarded our NOLA badges (National Outdoor Learning Award) which we worked really hard to achieve.

By Imogen and Nuran



FOUNDATION STAGE



A huge thankyou from the Infants as well as all of the children in the Foundation Stage for continuing to send in recycled resources for the Eco-Pod. It has proved to be a great opportunity for both co-operative and imaginative play at lunchtimes.



Maths Outdoors has been such a fun focus for FS2 and we have been enthused about thinking of different ways to incorporate the maths we do.



The Foundation Sports Day event gave many of our competitive children the chance to showcase their athletic skills. There was a lovely atmosphere to the afternoon with supportive parents and perfect weather

SPORTS NEWS

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY 2017

On Friday the 23rd of June we went to Brickfields for the junior sports day.

We arrived at 13:00 and had a picnic, then at 13:30 the races began. First we had the egg and spoon races, after that we had the flat races, which was a straightforward sprint. Third we had the Year 3 and 4 long distance races, which was over a distance of 200m.

Next was the sack races followed by the Year 5 and 6 long distance race, this was a distance of 400m, in other words the whole track. The penultimate race was the skipping race.

Sadly we did not have time to do the mums' and dads' races.

The final result was: Damascus in third place with 107 points, Emmaus in second place with 147 points and Antioch in first place with 153 points. A very close competition.

By Jonah and Jacob in Year 4



FOOTBALL COMPETITION AT EGGBUCKLAND C.C



On Tuesday 2nd May 2017, Alex, Matthew, Nathan, George, Markos, Oliver, Spike, Lucas and Finlay went to Eggbuckland Community Collage to play in a football tournament.

In our first match we narrowly lost 1-0 to Widey Court, then in our second match against Woodfield we lost 1-0. In our third match we lost 2-0 against Leigham City. We all tried our hardest and we came really close to scoring 3 times but it was still really fun.

Finlay, Year 6

PLYMOUTH SCHOOLS YEAR 4 TENNIS TOURNAMENT 2017



Team A won their four matches in their pool against Woodford, Ford, Prince Rock and Compton B. In the semi-final they played against Oreston and beat them. Next, they went through to the finals and sadly lost against Compton although both won 2 matches but Compton had a few more points which meant team A were 2nd in Plymouth. This qualified them for the Devon County Finals.

Team B were up against some stiff opposition and despite their great efforts they lost their pool matches against, Compton A, Oreston, Marine Academy and Old Priory. It was a great afternoon of fun and both teams enjoyed the experience.

By Talitha, Year 4

The Devon Finals took place at the Brickfields Sports Centre on Thursday 22nd June. The team of Talitha, Izzy, Sonny and Lucas won their first matches and went through to the quarter finals where they lost to Ermington, who were the eventual winners of the whole tournament.

TAG RUGBY



King's School tag rugby team went to Plymouth Albion and played on the astro next to the pitch. There were matches won and lost, everyone played really well and it was a very enjoyable day.

PLYMOUTH HALF-MARATHON SCHOOLS' CHALLENGE

On Sunday 23rd April, four children took part in the Plymouth Half-Marathon Schools' Challenge. The children had been working towards this all year and had run 12.1 miles during Cross Country Club. On the day, they completed their final mile, finishing at the finish line of the Plymouth Half Marathon. It was a lovely sunny day and the children all did their best and completed the challenge with the crowds cheering them on.



RECEPTION & YEAR 1 SPORTS WITH ST CHRISTOPHERS

On Monday 19th of June, Reception and Year 1 were joined by children from St Christopher's School.

The children were split into mixed teams and took part in a carousel of sporting activities. These included skittles, relay races, balancing and long jump; each activity requiring a different sporting skill.

Despite the hot temperatures, the children had a great afternoon and made some new friends.

