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Christmas at King's School



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SCHOOL TRIPS



YEAR 2 BUCKFAST ABBEY

On Monday 24th September Year 2 ventured to Buckfast Abbey to take the Brother Bear tour. They explored the Abbey, carrying out different activities related to the life of a monk with their mini teddy monk. They admired the stained glass windows, particularly the large one in the chapel. After lunch they met up with the 'Couch Potatoes' in the garden and discussed what changes Edward, Edwina and young Spud could make to their lifestyle and diet to help them to be more 'Fit for Life'. It was a beautiful day which all in Year 2 enjoyed.

TERRIBLE TUDORS

On Thursday the 27th of September, the whole of Year 5 went to watch the show **Terrible Tudors** in Exeter. The show was very funny and you learnt a lot about the Tudors and their lifestyle. The actors engaged with the audience and for half of the show, it was 3D which the year group really enjoyed, it also

helped us to interact with what was going on (such as fireworks, rocks, skulls and ancient paintings). The Year 5 children learnt lots more about the Tudors and had an amazing time, the next Year 5 children HAVE to go as it is such a fun day out!

By Isobella Year 5



AWFUL EGYPTIANS

Year 3 enjoyed a trip to see **Horrible Histories: Awful Egyptians** at the Northcott Theatre in Exeter.

It was very exciting and scary because it was in 3D! The songs were fun and we enjoyed joining in. We now know lots about the Egyptians and are looking forward to learning more about them in the summer.

SCHOOL TRIPS

YEAR 6 AWFUL AUNTIE REVIEW



On 6th December 2018, Year 6 went to see the Awful Auntie play at the Theatre Royal.

Awful Auntie is a children's book written by Britain's Got Talent sensation David Walliams. The book is about a girl named Stella, who eventually wakes up after a terrible accident. She finds out that her Awful Aunt is responsible for the accident that put her in this state. It is up to Stella to make sure that her Aunt doesn't continue her malicious schemes. Awful Auntie was an instant hit, when the book was realised in 2017. It has just spawned an incredible play. Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed watching it, for its clever humour and very well thought out storyline.

By Alex Year 6



YEAR 6 TRIP TO THE SYNAGOGUE

Did you know Plymouth has its very own Synagogue tucked away behind the Guildhall? Year 6 visited it this term as part of their Judaism topic. We learnt so much about the Synagogue and the roles of the synagogue leaders. During our visit, we had the opportunity to dress up and look at the sacred scrolls known as the Torah. We learnt lots of fascinating facts. These include the fact that men and women sit separately during worship with men and married women needing to wear skull caps, known as Kippahs, people aren't allowed to touch the Torahs with their hands, all synagogues face east towards Jerusalem and the Jewish calendar is now celebrating the year 5779, instead of 2018.

APPLE STORE TRIP



At the Apple store, year six programmed spheros, which you can program to do various activities such as: move around, change colour, speak and make sounds of your choice. The Apple Store teacher taught us what to do and how to program the spheros in the session. Year six had a great time and learnt a lot!

By Erin Year 6

HARTLEY CARE HOME

On Monday 10th December Year One and Two, along with some Reception children, walked up to Hartley Care Home to share their Nativity songs with the residents. The home was very welcoming and the staff and residents were happy to see us. The children performed very well again and entertained their older audience who were very appreciative. After the Infants sang through their songs the Reception children came up and sang three of theirs. Even though there were only a few of them, they sang clearly and with animation. We were then treated to refreshments and given a gift of a homemade Rudolph treat. A great way to share across the generations and continue our link with the wider local community.

EVENTS

BOAT RACE

In the summer term the current year 5 took part in a workshop to build a cardboard boat for The Institution of Mechanical Engineers Cardboard Boat Race. After building a sturdy boat and with magnificent navigating and rowing King's finished 3rd overall in the primary section. It was a truly exciting event. Mrs Daykin said, "The children were absolutely fantastic on the day, their team work was great and their enthusiasm was endless. They were a real credit to themselves and the school. Thank you to all of Year 5, without them all working together and contributing their ideas, the team on Saturday would not have been able to perform as well as they did."

Working as a team really gets results!!



SKIPPING WORKSHOPS



On Friday 14th September, King's School had an exciting visitor! Lizzie, from 'Skipping Workshops' came to run an active skipping session for every year group. During the sessions we learnt how to skip in a range of ways including backwards, hopping, double unders, hopping, crossovers and a strange move called 'Pretzel'. Lizzie also taught some 'Double Dutch' where we had to run into the middle of two ropes to show our skills. Children from Reception to Year 6 then showed off their tricks and new skills in our assembly to finish the day. Lots of us have bought skipping ropes and are keen to improve our skipping skills now, we hope to teach others some tricks on the playground too.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christmas Fair was well attended with lots of activity throughout the afternoon. Santa came to visit and enjoyed meeting our lovely children.

His fireplace kept him all warm out in the Cube. There were many stalls selling beautiful gifts and pictures. There was much decorating and eating of biscuits, along with marshmallow kebabs. The raffle did very well, hampers were sold out, chocolate tombola was a hit and mince pies were devoured aplenty; so thank you again for your generous contributions to these stalls. The Friends of King's and staff worked hard to produce another memorable fair, but we would love even more new members to join us.

Quiz night is next so come on board. Altogether we raised a fabulous £1,900 which will go towards many extras for your children throughout the year. Make sure you take a look in the garden at our new garden house which the Friends contributed towards. We hope to further develop the garden to aid our Learning outside the Classroom over the year, helped by these funds.

PS We will be having a special visitor after Christmas, partly funded by Friends, more details will arrive next term.

CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday the 16th of November we held a fundraising day for Children in Need and people came in silly socks to raise money.



Foundation and nursery also took part. Foundation did a sponsored walk and nursery dressed in a different colour each day.

We also raised money by:

- Having a cake sale which the children and staff made and brought in for other children and adults to buy.
- Having a raffle with great prizes all with a Pudsey theme.
- We also had a name the bear competition with a gigantic Pudsey bear as the prize.

Thank you all for your support and your donations and thank you parents and carers for helping make cakes and join in with fundraising for such an important cause.

We raised an impressive £1200.88.

YEAR 5 FIRE FIGHTER VISIT

On Tuesday 30th of October, Year 5 had a visit from Greenbank fire service. They taught us about the dangers of hoax calls, how to stop fire spreading if we catch alight using 'Stop, drop and roll' and how having an Escape plan that could save your life. We also had a race (5S vs 5P) on getting into their special kit they wear when going into a building which is on fire. 5P won! Our task was to give our parents homework on checking the smoke alarm regularly!



WE ARE VLOGGERS!

On Wednesday 7th and 14th November, Plymouth University came to King's. Children were given boxes to unpack. They had to look at the items to decide what they were and what they could be used for. Videos were made detailing the steps that the children made.

Children created buggies which they programmed to navigate a maze and draw amazing patterns.

Thank you to Plymouth University teachers for a fascinating morning.

PENALTY SHOOT OUT

On Friday 2nd November, children from the Junior department took part in a sponsored penalty shootout against Pilgrim Pete from Plymouth Argyle Football Club. The children all tried their very best and lots of goals were scored. Overall, the children raised £220 which will be split between the school and Plymouth Argyle Community Trust.



INFANT HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Harvest Festival was a great success! We were thrilled to be able to share this event with all of you. The children did an amazing job and we felt it really showed off the talent across the Key Stage. The Year Twos rose to the occasion with their narrating and are now excited to press on with Christmas. With our theme, we really wanted

to celebrate 'Harvest around the World' and appreciate the different festivals that take place. The importance of unity and working together were at the heart of our message. We want to thank you for all of your generous donations. The Plymouth Food Bank were very grateful and were amazed at the amount we collected. A big thank you from all of us at King's.

EVENTS

BIKEABILITY

Year 5 children undertook their Bikeability in the first week of October. Children, bikes and helmets arrived in school eager for the sessions and the sun was shining! The first stage at Level 1 was for the riders to learn to control and master their bikes in a space away from traffic in our playground. After this, they were testing their skills on the local streets learning how to deal with traffic on short journeys. Well done to all who took part, you all learnt some valuable life skills.



INFANT NATIVITY

What an amazing show the Year one and two put on on Friday 7th December. They performed 'The Inn-spectors' who come to a very busy Bethlehem to check out the standards in the inns. They have very exacting requirements. Mary and Joseph and their talking donkey arrive and are shown to the stable along with various guests who visit. The inn-spectors find out and are alarmed that a baby should be born in such circumstances. The wise men then turn up with a diva style star, which impresses them. They realise that Jesus is a special baby and give the inn a top star rating. The children turned in excellent performances even when little mishaps occurred around them, they continued like professionals. Their teachers were very proud of them.

HEALTHY EATING

On Friday the 28th of September, Year 5 were visited by Peryn's Mum, who is a hotel services team leader. We learnt that children need 1800 calories per day, women need 2000 and men need 2500! Sweets/white bread and processed food etc. give you an instant hit of energy called a sugar CRASH. Wholemeal bread, rice and pasta give you a long source of energy. She told us (with much description) the role of each nutrient and how carbohydrates are split into slow and fast release carbs. Saturated fats come from animals and unsaturated come from plants. It was extremely interesting and really helped us with our science topic: Healthy Eating.

SPORT AT KINGS

TAG RUGBY

On the 17th October, the Tag Rugby team travelled to Staverton to take part in the ISA Tournament hosted by St. Christopher's where we competed against 6 other schools.

The was the first competitive event for King's as a new team and as each game went by our skills and confidence improved and more and more 'tries' were scored. Despite the fact we did not win any of our games, we showed determination and effort right until the end. Luckily, the rain held off until the last game and we were given hot sausage rolls and a drink which was a great unexpected surprise to end the day!

Mr Simpson and Mrs Seymour said, "Great play from all who took part and some excellent team work displayed and sportsmanship displayed over the day." **By Chloe and Flo Year 6**



THEMED DAYS

YEAR 6 WORLD WAR TWO DAY

The year sixes went back in time to 1940. We started off the day by reciting the National Anthem whilst standing at the long rows of tables.



This is what we did throughout the day:

- We solved simple maths equations set out for us by Mrs Robinson
- Then, the air raid siren went off forcing us to complete our lesson under the tables.
- We then recited the Lord's Prayer.
- Finally, we could get out from under the tables and took a lesson on capital cities (a really hard lesson on capital cities).
- After that, we heard the news that we were to be evacuated from the city to the countryside.
- We then had break time outside.
- When we came back inside Mrs Bruce was pretending to be the Billeting Officer; she told us all about the host families that we would be staying with in the countryside.
- We enjoyed eating our own ration packed lunch style food

We looked at all sorts of artefacts from WWII and Maddie and Jonah even brought some in of their own to share with us. We really enjoyed our WWII experience and were able to put ourselves into the shoes of an evacuee and really try to imagine how they felt.

By Ollie and Izzy, Year 6

YEAR 5 BUCKLAND ABBEY

On Monday 12th November, year 5 went to Buckland Abbey, to learn more about the Tudors. During their time there, they dressed up like the Tudors, and learned about how the Abbey was bought off Grenville, by Sir Francis Drake. Did you know that they washed their clothes with urine to bleach their Shift (under coat) whiter, to make themselves look more rich.

By Kitty Year 5



OTHER NEWS

SOLAR BUDDY UPDATE

Thank you to King's School children for their kind thoughts and support! We gave a solar lamp to each of the 12 nursery children at Heshima, and some for the families of the textile ladies. The rest will be given to older children when the "education centre" opens in January, providing support for homework etc.



CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

Congratulations to those pupils from King's for their incredible achievement who received their Gold Awards at the Children's University Award Ceremony at the University of Plymouth. We are so proud, not only of how hard you all work at King's, but also how hard you work on your interests outside of school!

CHRISTMAS 2018 !



This year Mrs Lee set an exciting family project for families to make angels for our Christmas tree, we have received a number of angels and we were impressed with them all, thank you for your time and effort.

We are delighted to announce we were one of 4 winners in the Cognita Christmas Tree competition out of over 70 entries, well done everyone.



As usual we have enjoyed amazing Christmas productions from FS1 to year 6. All of these events were truly enjoyed by everyone. In the final week the school has enjoyed Christmas lunch and parties to end the year.

We are also delighted to announce that King's School has been named Plymouth's top independent school in the 2019 Sunday Times School Guide. Based on King's SATs results in 2017, this ranks us 53rd nationally out of the top 2,000 schools in the UK. We are delighted with these results. King's continues to be an outstanding school.



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