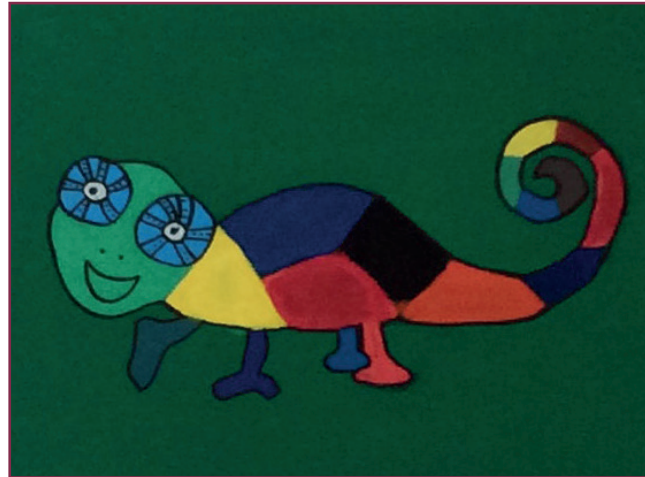


SPECIAL EVENTS

ASSORTED AFRICAN ART

by King's School Art Club (Years 3-6) (front cover)



This term our Art Club have been using a range of art techniques to create a piece of artwork that will be exhibited in the SATIPS Art Exhibition at Bromsgrove Preparatory School in Worcester. From 23rd April until 4th May a range of artwork from across the country will be displayed at this school.

We researched bright African colours to reconstruct Tingatinga pictures in our own style. We also explored Zen-tangle patterns in nature and then used African Fabrics to create a collage effect on three African animals.

Thank you to Mia, Charlotte, Grace, Alex, Aniyah, Sonny, Jasmine, Amelie, Sophie, Ellie, Shayla, Hope and Imogen.

A NOTE FROM MRS LEE

This has been a short but very busy term and we had to close for two days for snow which was a first in the 28 years of King's.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Robinson back from her maternity leave and Miss Botterell to the FS team. We wish Mrs Phillips a full recovery from her recent operation and hope she will take time to rest and recuperate.

Each class has delighted us with an assembly based on a Psalm. At this season of new life we would join with the Psalmist in praising and thanking for all that is good.

Have a wonderful Easter, enjoy time with family and friends and I look forward to seeing you all on 16th April for another exciting and busy term at King's.



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SCHOOL TRIPS

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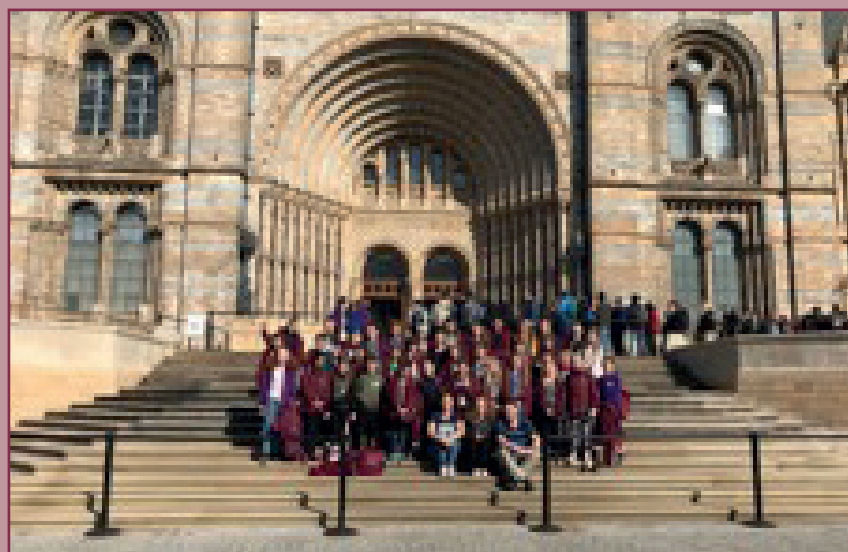
Reception visited Morrisons on Outland Road.

On Tuesday 30th January the Reception class visited Morrisons to learn about healthy eating and where food comes from. This was the second year of running this particular trip and once again it was a great success. The children visited the butchery, fishmongers and the produce department. Upon reflection, it was nearly a majority vote that the fishmongers was the most popular area to visit.'

YEAR 5 AND 6 LONDON TRIP

Year 5 and 6 had a magical mystery tour when they visited London this term.

Children and parents were unaware of what was instore. Visits included, Warner Brothers Studio Harry Potter, Shakespeare's Globe, Hard Rock Café, National History Museum, Pineapple Studios, theatre production of Lion King and LEGOLAND. By the end of the week the children were exhausted but they had a super time.



OTHER NEWS

QUIZ NIGHT

On Friday 16th March, King's School went back to the 1920's for the annual quiz night. Much fun was had by all and everyone who took part went to such a fabulous effort to dress up in Gatsby attire.

A huge well done to the winning team 'The Fitzgeralds' who came first place. Moreover, a big 'thank you' to the staff who arranged the evening, Mr Davari for creating an amazing spread and Mr Simpson for his superb effort as the Quiz Master.



MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

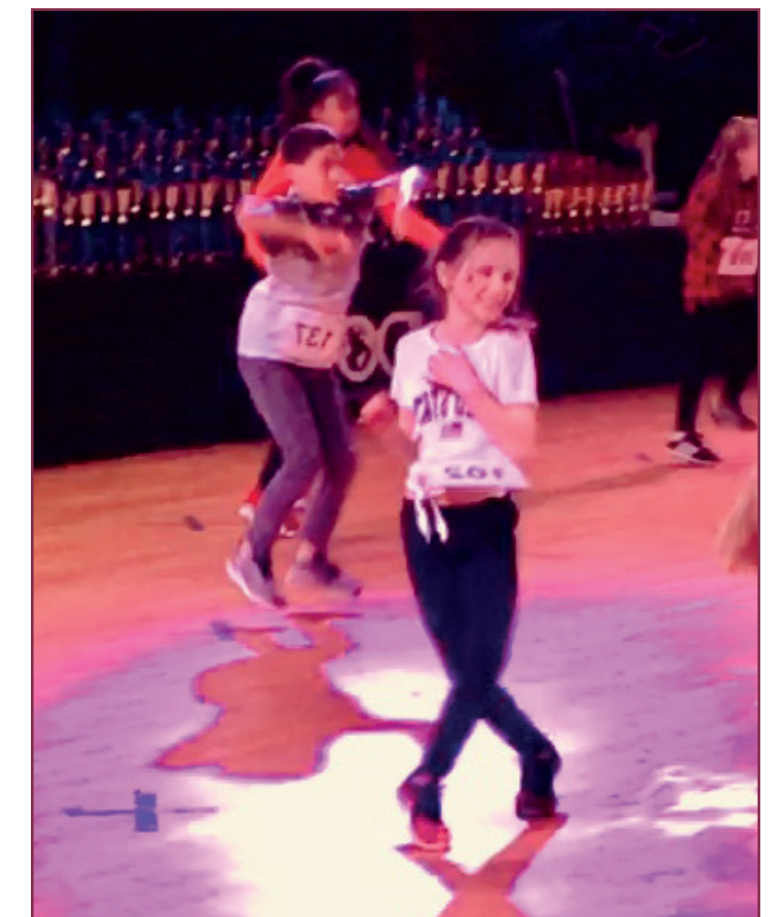
Once again this was a well-attended event with families taking home a beautiful potted plant. Thank you for your support, monies raised from this termly event is used to purchase items for the school. In the past we have purchased plants and vegetables for the garden.



UDO BRITISH DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Esmée entered the UDO British Dance Championship 2018 for the first time. She competed in Under 12 solos, under 12's team dance, Under 14 duo & Under 14 quad. Although unlucky not to be placed this year she was competing against hundreds of children.

She had an amazing time & will hopefully be able to compete next year.



SPORTS NEWS

PLYMOUTH RAIDERS BASKETBALL COACHING CLINIC

On Sunday 11th February, King's were invited to attend a Plymouth Raiders Basketball coaching clinic, meet the players and watch a game. Unfortunately, during the introductions there was a power cut and all the children and coaches had to sit in the cafe for two hours until power resumed. Luckily it came back in time for the game and the children enjoyed watching the fast paced, skilful game against the Glasgow Rocks. Much to the excitement of the group we had an unexpected visit from Foxy the mascot (Harshil nearly got squashed!) during the game! Good news from Danny the coach, we will be attending another coaching clinic and game in the near future where hopefully we will not have a repeat of the power cut!

Well done for all the children who showed excellent manners and patience during the day!



DEVONPORT SCHOOLS SWIMMING GALA



On Monday 6th March 2018, King's School took part in the Devonport Schools Swimming Gala. The girls and boys were up against tough competition and over 30 schools took part (over 3 different heats). Unfortunately, we did not qualify for the finals but everyone did their best.

King's School Team:

Oliver H, Oliver E, Thomas, Sam W, Amelie M, Bethany, Chloe and Trinity.

- **"It was great fun and we gave a lot of encouragement to each other"** (Ollie E).
- **"We were good sportsmen and women and supported every team who was taking part"** (Amelie).
- **"Thank you for all the supporters and parents who cheered us on especially as it ended so late"** (Trinity).

TAG RUGBY

On Thursday 15th March, King's went to a tag rugby festival at Lipson Community College. Despite the awful weather, the team played well and applied the skills they had learnt during the term. **Well done to all who took part!**

SWIMMING GALA

The end of the first Spring half term ended with a fantastic swimming gala at Marjons, involving years 4, 5 and 6. It was wonderful to see so many parents supporting the children and the atmosphere at the pool was electric. The children showed immense support and encouragement to those in their house teams and opposing houses and it was fabulous to showcase some truly talented swimmers. This year, Emmaus were victorious, winning the house cup. **Congratulations Emmaus!**

NETBALL TOURNAMENT



On Thursday 18th January, King's took part in the PSSP High Five Tournament held at Marjons University. The team played well against tough competition in the High 5 tournament and developed in skill and confidence in playing in each of the 5 positions dictated by the High 5 rules. King's tried their best and played as a team showing true sportsmanship. **Well done!**

THEMED DAYS

YEAR 5 TUDOR DAY



On Tuesday 13th March year 5 had Tudor day, run by our trainees and teachers. First of all we made masquerade masks, and made a coat of arms for our family in style of Sir Francis Drake. Then, we made Tudor acrostics using Tudor related words, such as Mary Rose, Tudors and Henry. After break, we did a Tudor dance with our masks we made. Then after lunch, we had our delicious Tudor feast, with King Lucas and Queen Florence and lots of amazing entertainment. We had foods like: bread, ham, iced biscuits and chicken. We all had an amazing time and we think that the current year 4's should do it next year. Alex said, "I loved the banquet." Rhiannon said, "It was amazing, I loved seeing everybody's costumes." Maddie said, "It was fun and I learnt a lot." Sam W said, "It was fun and very educational." **By Rhiannon 5S.**

FS2 CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR

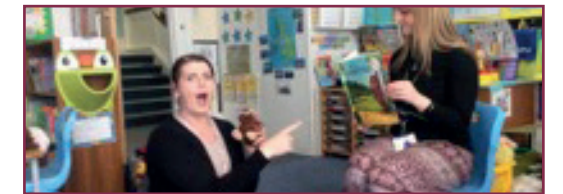
The children made Chinese drums. They used lots of glitters and sequins to decorate the drums. The children enjoyed playing with them once they had dried. We have also enjoyed the Chinese Restaurant that opened in our role play area. The children each had a menu where they wrote their name. They then had to choose the two items that they wanted and had to pay Mrs Douglas using the Numicon. The children made Chinese lanterns to help celebrate Chinese New Year. We used red card as red is the lucky colour. The children drew pictures on their lanterns; lots of dogs were drawn as it is the year of the dog and had lots of fun.



WORLD BOOK DAY



After a delay due to the snow World Book Day was celebrated. Pupils and staff came to school in their pyjamas and enjoyed reading throughout the day.



NURSERY RHYME WEEK

We had fun playing the Incy Wincy Spider game. We had to land on the sun to move up the drainpipe but if we landed on the rain, our Incy got washed down.

Everyone in FS and Reception had a dress up day they dressed as different characters from their favourite nursery rhymes. There was Humpty Dumpty, Little Bo Peep, Incy Wincy, Old Macdonald, The Grand Old Duke of York and many more amazing costumes.



CLASS ASSEMBLIES



YEAR 2

Our Year 2 assembly took place on Friday 19th January. All of year 2 spoke on stage about why they were special and unique. Each child who spoke, held a card with a fingerprint. Each person's fingerprint is unique to them. They then turned over the cards to spell 'I'm special and unique to God'. Three groups then performed the three parts of Psalm 139 through words and actions. We sang a song called 'Indescribable' which we all enjoyed singing. Some of Year 2 used ribbons and pictures to act the song. Four people then read a prayer to finish the assembly. We spoke about not giving up and how important it is to help each other. **Rowan (Year 2)**

YEAR 1

Year 1's assembly focused on Psalm 23, looking at King David, who grew up and worked as a shepherd. It reminds us of what God does for us, how he looks after us and protects us, just as a shepherd watches over his sheep. The children learnt a series of actions which they performed as they recited the Psalm.

The children in Year 1 were learning about ways to cope with being angry and how to react by being calm. They acted out a series of actions and words related to this and talked about how our 'Worry Monsters' or 'Class Friends' can help to take our concerns away. They sang a song 'The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll not Want,' along with the guitar.

It was lovely to hear and see all the children in Year 1 saying their lines, singing this song and acting in front of friends, family and the rest of the school - **brilliantly done!**



RECEPTION



The Reception children performed two songs and acted out several bible stories for their class assembly. The theme for the assembly was about God's protection and based upon Psalm 17. All the children remembered their lines and parts on stage very well and their performance was enhanced further by some pre-recorded voice-overs produced by the children. It was a super-fast assembly for the Reception class and we were all very proud of them.

YEAR 4

Year 4's assembly was about David comparing himself to the stars in the night sky and how God still cares for him, even though he is small. Our play was inspired by Psalm 8. We acted out a show about Joe at a dancing competition and how he compares himself to other dancers. At the end of the assembly we showed the audience our own special talents.



HARTLEY CARE HOME



Music Makers
We were incredibly proud of the Y3-5 Music Makers Group and Mini Music Makers for performing at Hartley Park Care Home on March 15th. 6 children performed solos and everyone played and sang well. They were a real credit to King's. The residents and staff all enjoyed the performance.

APPLE STORE TRIPS

This term has seen many visits to the Apple Store.

Year 2 visited the store for the first time on 12th March. Apple ran a 'Book Club'. The children read through the story of The Three Little Pigs before using an app called 'Procreate' to draw a character from the story. Year 3A, 4T and 4G created pages from the story. Year 3W learned how to use Tynker, a visual programming language.

Year 6 spent 2 hours at the store, learning how to use Swift, a programming language. Wiggly, from the Apple Store, was impressed with the levels that the children reached. All of the children came back to school smiling. Thank you Apple Store.



YEAR 2 VISIT MORRISONS

On Friday 16th March year two had an exciting trip to Morrison's where they did some Chinese shopping.

As part of our 'mini topic' this half term we have been looking at China and all of their traditions. One of the areas within this was Chinese food so we decided to go and investigate which Chinese foods we can find in one of our local supermarkets. We went around in small groups with a clipboard finding various different items and discussing how we use them in our cooking. We used our navigational skills to help locate the different aisles and used our math's knowledge to compare prices. We even got to bring back some food items to taste in the afternoon!

YEAR 1 VISIT

Over the past term Year 1 have been visiting the residents in our local Care Home at Hartley Park.

It has been wonderful to see the children interacting with the men and women and sharing stories with them. We were very happy to have some of the residents come and watch our class assembly. After our Mother's Day Breakfast at school, Mrs Daykin and a few of the children in Year 1 took some flowers to the residents and spent time talking with them. We look forward to visiting again throughout the year and are really enjoying having this opportunity to develop our relationship with our neighbours.