



KINGSTONE CHRONICLE

Summer 1



A WELCOME MESSAGE FROM MRS PREECE



As we reach the end of another busy and successful half term, it has been a real pleasure to reflect on all that our children have achieved. The sunny weather has been a particular highlight, and it has been wonderful to see the children making the most of our outdoor spaces at lunchtimes—climbing trees, building dens, and running off their energy on the field. These moments of play are such an important part of school life at KTPS.

I would like to say how incredibly proud I am of our Year 6 pupils, who approached their SATs with maturity, determination, and a positive attitude. They have been a real credit to themselves and the school. They now look ahead to their end of year production and many other exciting events.

This half term has also provided some fantastic opportunities beyond the classroom. Our Year 3 and Year 4 children have enjoyed brilliant residential experiences, creating lasting memories and developing their independence. Years 5 and 6 will be heading off soon to the Isle of Wight—an exciting adventure ahead!

Our recent Mini Marathon was a huge success, not only in terms of participation and enthusiasm, but also in raising an impressive £1300 for the Children's Ward at Hereford Hospital. Thank you to everyone who supported this fantastic cause.

It has also been encouraging to see such strong engagement during Walk to School Week, this week. Not only have more children been active and enjoyed time with friends before the school day begins, but it has also helped to ease congestion at drop-off and pick-up times—something we greatly appreciate as a community.

As we look ahead to the final half term of the academic year, there is still much to look forward to, including trips, events, and opportunities to celebrate all that has been achieved this year. In the meantime, I would like to wish you all a happy and restful half term break. I look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the final stretch of the school year on 1st June.

Mrs Preece

RECEPTION NEWS



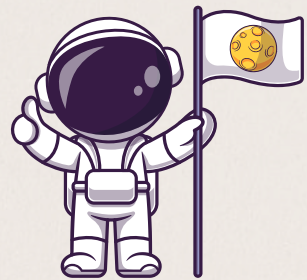
Our half-term at a glance



The Skies Above my Eyes



Reception 'launched' their space topic with a surprising visit from Dash the astronaut after his rocket crash-landed in their playground. To power the rocket, the children needed to learn about space and complete lots of space-themed activities, as knowledge is power! They made fruit kebab rockets, created posters, made 'shooting stars', and learned about the solar system.



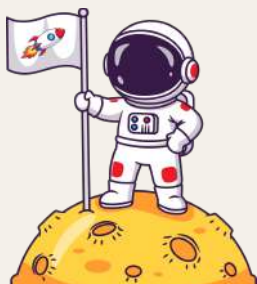
A message from Mrs Perrin

It has been wonderful to see Reception so excited and enthusiastic about our space topic. We have learned so much and worked incredibly hard. I look forward to our final topic of the year, Rumble in the Jungle!



Creating Craters

Dash the astronaut gave Reception the challenge of finding out how craters are made. He sent the children a bit of the moon's surface, so they could experiment by dropping rocks into it. The children were fascinated to see the dents appear and learned how asteroids hitting the moon creates craters.



Protect our Planet!



We went litter picking to look after our planet Earth.

If You Blast Off Into Space Today
(Sing to the tune of 'Teddy Bears' Picnic')

If you blast off into space today,
You're sure of a big surprise.
If you blast off into space today,
You'll never believe your eyes.
There's Mercury, Venus, Earth
and Mars,
Jupiter and Saturn amongst the stars.
Today's the day you'll fly past Uranus
and Neptune.

We enjoyed performing the Solar System song for our showcase!



YEAR 1 NEWS



Our half term at a glance



Happily Ever After



This half-term, our topic has been Happily Ever After! We have enjoyed reading and comparing traditional fairy tales and thinking about what makes a story ending happy. The children have been writing simple story sequences and using lots of imaginative language in their work. In DT, we designed and created castles inspired by the stories we have read.

A message from Miss Smith and Ms Wilson

What a brilliant half-term! We have welcomed the warmer weather and loved spending more time in our outdoor areas. The children have been so engaged in our topic, and it has been wonderful to see them so eager to get involved in all areas of learning. We have also transitioned to more whole-class learning in preparation for Year 2, and the children have taken it all in their stride. Well done, Year 1!

I would like to wish all of Year 1 the very best of luck for their final half-term before summer. It has been such a joy to teach you, and I can't wait to hear about all of your successes when I return - Miss Smith.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Egan Savage in a few weeks.



Science

We have been learning about materials and their properties. We have conducted a variety of experiments to investigate the properties of different materials, including:

- Will thicker paper stop my ice cube from melting?
- Which materials are waterproof?

We made thoughtful predictions and then put them to the test through our investigations.



This Half-Term in Pictures



Programming the Beebots in Computing.



We have been doing Athletics in PE this half-term.



We have loved being in Forest School!



Maths



We have been learning to add and subtract numbers to 20. We used our addition and subtraction facts to 10 and applied them to larger numbers.

We have also been measuring in centimetres and estimating the lengths of different objects.

Writing

In English, we focused on understanding narratives and giving instructions. We particularly enjoyed writing an ingredients list and a set of instructions for making porridge, which we then followed in Forest School! It was yummy!



Home Reading Heroes:

A special shoutout to our top three children who have logged the most reading on Boom Reader this half term!



Hugo
Noah S
Rupert



YEAR 2 NEWS



Our half term at a glance



We're still going!

Year 2 have been incredibly impressive with their home learning throughout the year, and Summer 1 was no exception. Not only did we maintain our excellent engagement on Numbots and win the class award, but we also won the TTRS and BoomReader class awards as well. I am so proud of how hard this class works at home!



Teamwork makes the dream work!

We have really enjoyed this last half-term and have made excellent progress in a number of areas. A large part of our learning has involved teamwork, and it has been wonderful to see these skills - along with many leadership skills - develop over the past six weeks. Our PE focus has been athletics - look above to see our relay skills!

A message from Mr Bull

Year 2 have worked really hard this half-term and have continued to make excellent progress. One more half-term to go in Year 2 before you'll all be ready to move to Key Stage Two!





Fun with Textiles!

Year 2 have been working with textiles and have been focusing on using dyes to change colours. They have used the Hapa Zome technique to crush natural resources onto their fabrics. They've also experimented with dye resistant mixtures to create their own designs.

We're getting musical!

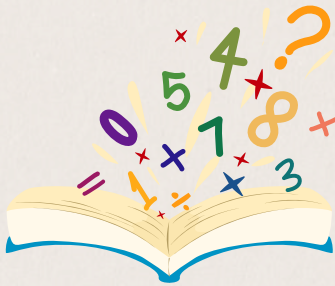
A highlight of our half-term has been the start of our recorder lessons with our specialist teacher. The progress the class has made in both their musical ability and their focus and concentration has been fantastic. All of the adults involved with Year 2 have commented on how well they have taken to their music lessons.



YEAR 3 NEWS



Our half term at a glance



Home Learning

Reading and times tables continue to be a priority in Year 3, particularly as we start to look ahead to next year. Well done to our top 3 readers of the half term.

1st Poppy

2nd Lexi

3rd Isla

so proud
of
You



Trips and terrific learning!

Year 3 had a fantastic time this half-term. They have certainly been busy, with our trip to Oaker Wood being a particular highlight. Back in the classroom, lots of exciting learning has taken place, including instruction writing, telling the time, and finding out more about World War II. As part of World Mental Health Day, we roasted marshmallows over the campfire.



A message from Miss Donald

What a wonderful half term we've had in Year 3. I am so proud of each child - they have all developed their independence, shown lots of resilience and had a great time getting stuck into all of our learning opportunities. Have a wonderful half term break!



Outstanding Oaker Wood !

We had such a fantastic time on our first-ever residential trip. At Oaker Wood, we enjoyed lots of exciting activities, including the zip wire, gladiator climb, and solving puzzles in the woodlands. We ended our busy day by singing songs around the campfire and toasting marshmallows, which were delicious!

As well as having fun, staying away from home also provided a fantastic opportunity to develop our independence skills. It was definitely one of the highlights of the year!



In our Science lessons, we have been exploring forces and magnets. We have learned about lots of different forces that we see in everyday life. As part of our practical investigations, we tested a toy car on different surfaces to find out how friction works.



We have also learned how to sew. Year 3 showed lots of resilience and creativity while making some fabulous pin cushions. We can't wait to share them with you at the end of the half-term. Have a look at some of our finished products!

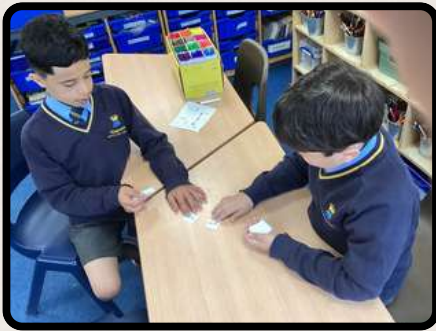


YEAR 4 NEWS

Our half term at a glance



Quick reactions were needed during this card game designed to help the children with their understanding of money.



English - The Princess and The Pea

Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed reading *The Princess and the Pea* and creating their own imaginative versions of the classic tale. Their writing has been full of creativity, using features such as metaphors, similes, alliteration, and many other exciting techniques to bring their stories to life.

The children's ideas have been incredibly entertaining to read, and we have been so impressed by their enthusiasm and imagination.

Bringing Learning to Life

The final trip with Mrs Gemmell to Raglan Castle was the perfect way to kick-start this term's History topic, exploring life since 1066. The moated Great Tower, built in 1435, still dominates this mighty fortress-palace. The children saw the gatehouse with its flared 'machicolations'. These stone arches allowed missiles to be rained down on attackers.

The children also saw evidence of the grand library, ornate window frames, and impressive staircases – all built to impress and entertain royalty. However, loyalty to the Crown proved to be its undoing. Despite a garrison of 800 men and enduring one of the longest sieges of the Civil War, the castle fell to Parliamentary forces and was deliberately destroyed.



A message from Mrs Smith

Year 4 have had a lovely, busy half term! I have enjoyed getting to know the children over the last few weeks and I'm excited for the term ahead. I'm sure they'll continue to impress me with their enthusiasm and hard work!



The Water Cycle



We have been learning all about the water cycle. We created our own mini water cycles using plastic bags and placed them in the window so the sun could help us observe the process in action. We learned that evaporation happens when the sun heats water and turns it into water vapour, condensation occurs when the vapour cools and forms droplets, precipitation is when water falls as rain, sleet, or snow, and collection is when water gathers in rivers, lakes, and oceans, ready for the cycle to begin again.

It was a fun and exciting experiment that helped us understand how the water cycle works!



Gymnastics

Year 4 have really enjoyed their PE lessons, focusing on gymnastics using a range of equipment. The children have been developing their balancing, climbing and jumping skills while creating sequences with increasing control and coordination. It has been fantastic to see their confidence grow throughout the unit.



What is a solid and liquid at the same time?

In Science, Year 4 have been exploring changing states of matter and carrying out some exciting investigations.

When making Oobleck (a mixture of cornflour and water), they discovered that it has the properties of a solid when pressure is applied, but becomes a liquid again when the pressure is released.

The children also discovered that ice pops can alternate between solid and liquid states - and that they make a refreshing snack on a warm day!



YEAR 5 NEWS

Our half term at a glance

Kensukes Kingdom



Year 5 have loved reading about Michael's adventure in Kensuke's Kingdom. We have used the text for reading comprehensions and as the inspiration for our diary recount writing.

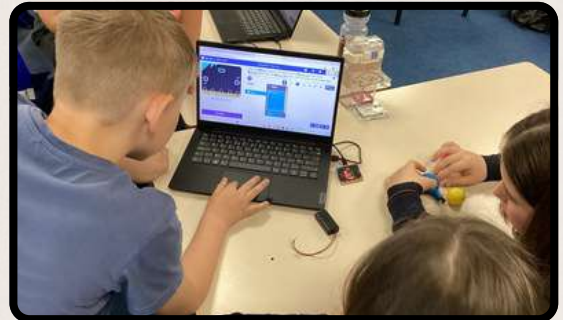
Weaving

Year 5 have pushed themselves out of their comfort zones with weaving this half-term. They have worked hard, shown great perseverance, and produced some fantastic plate weaves.



Marvellous Micro:bit

Year 5 have loved learning with Micro:bits this term. We began by coding a beating heart before creating games such as Rock, Paper, Scissors. The children then used their coding skills to design their own wearable technology. A real highlight was testing their pedometers with a race around the field, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed!



A message from Miss Wood

Year 5 have really impressed me with their attitude to learning this half term. They have shown great enthusiasm in lessons and have consistently challenged themselves to be the best they can be.



Superb Science

This half-term, Year 5 have enjoyed planning and conducting their own Science experiments. They have explored investigations involving viscosity, insulators and conductors, and solubility. We have loved getting stuck into practical activities and have grown in confidence when identifying and carrying out a fair test.



PE

In PE this half term, Year 5 have been working on their communication skills through different outdoor adventure activities



All about the Anglo - Saxons

In History, the children have enjoyed learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. They have explored where they came from and how they lived. We look forward to continuing this topic and learning even more in Summer



YEAR 6 NEWS



Our half term at a glance



Year 6 Show Resilience and Positivity Throughout Summer 1 SATs Week

Year 6 pupils have demonstrated remarkable determination and resilience during SATs Week this Summer 1 term. Throughout the week, the children worked extremely hard and consistently gave their best effort, showing maturity, respect, and a strong commitment to success. While SATs only provide a snapshot of what pupils can achieve, Year 6 approached them with a positive mindset from start to finish.

Importantly, the children also reflected on their learning journey, and many reported enjoying the experience, particularly the opportunity to use a range of effective revision techniques. Across the term, pupils have developed and applied strategies to help them revise key topics in engaging and memorable ways. Although formal tests are not always something children look forward to, a focus on mental wellbeing has remained central throughout. Emphasis has been placed on kindness, self-belief, and finding enjoyable ways to revise, all of which have played a vital role in supporting pupils' confidence and readiness. Year 6 have continued to support one another and maintain a positive learning environment throughout the term.

To celebrate their hard work and dedication, pupils were rewarded on Thursday with a well-deserved lunch treat of pizza and ice cream.



Pizza and Ice Cream



SATs actually wasn't too bad. The trick is to not over think it!

It's so important to believe in yourself.

Miss always says: It's not how you start, it's how you finish - SATs is a lot like that!

Breakfast club was fun - you got to hang with your friends which made us not stress.

Poetry Slam

The children ended the half term with a visit from SPOZ the poet, who challenged them to a fun-filled day of creating entertaining poetry pieces. He even modelled a rap about the children's selected chocolate bar, which sparked lots of laughter and inspiration. The children rose to the challenge brilliantly, creating some wonderful pieces and having great fun with words. Their enthusiasm, creativity and effort were fantastic to see.



Out of school ACHIEVEMENTS

As always our children have been busy outside of school during Summer 1. We always look forward to celebrating their achievements.



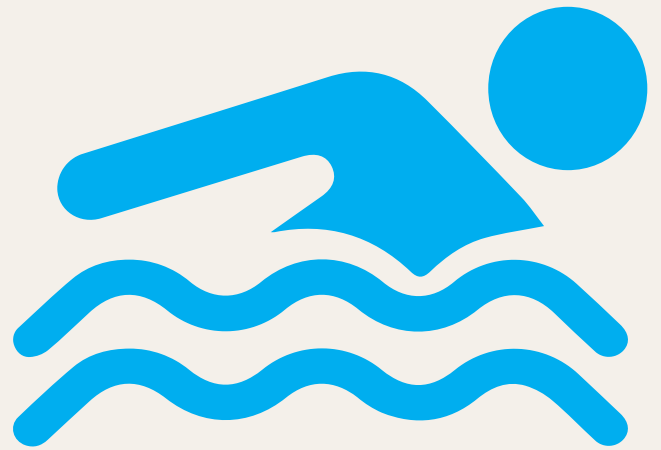
Harvey - Year 1 - Karate and stage show
 Ollie - Year 2 - Karate
 Florence - Year 2 - Karate
 Martha - Year 2 - Football and stage show
 Otis - Year 2 - Football
 Eleanor - Year 2 - Blue Peter Badge
 Ollie - Year 2 - Gang Show
 Figgy - Year 4 - Cubs
 Florence - Year 5 - Stage show





Year 2 - Otis
Year 3 - Lexi, Louie, Izzy, Flo, Poppy
Year 4 - Arlo, Rex, James, Oscar,
Arthur, Daisy, Isla, Mikayla, Bella
Year 5 - Theo
Year 6 - Ellis, Tommy





Super Swimmers!

Year 1 - Harvey, Nancy
Year 2 - Ollie
Year 3 - Lilly, Parker, Lincoln, Caitlyn
Year 4 - Bella
Year 5 - Lily, Florence
Year 6 - Daisy



Great gymnasts and cheerleaders



Year 2 - Isobelle, Liana
Year 3 - Lexi
Year 5 - Darcie
Year 6 - Skye

Forest School Fun!

Year 1 have been linking their Forest School learning to their topic of traditional tales. They have explored The Three Little Pigs, The Snow Queen and The Magic Porridge Pot through lots of fantastic activities. The children made porridge, enjoyed cooking sausages over the fire and went on a hunt for the broken mirror pieces from The Snow Queen. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, teamwork and imagination throughout their outdoor learning adventures.

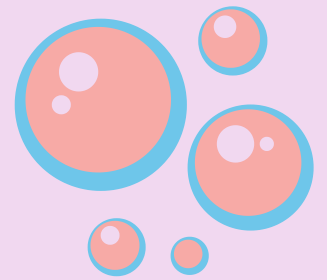


LEARNING THROUGH MOVEMENT

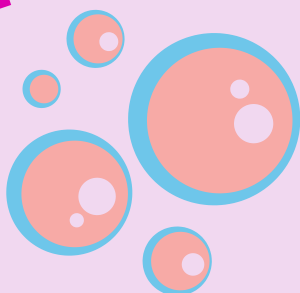
Reception have been enjoying working on their gross motor skills this half-term!

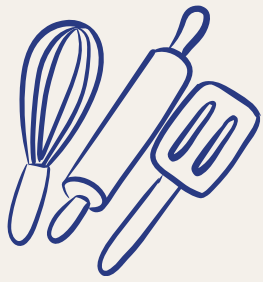


PARACHUTE PARTY

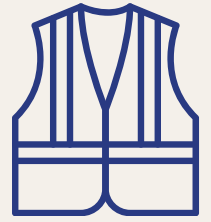


BUBBLE BONANZA





CURRICULUM FOR LIFE



This half term, our Curriculum for Life group have been learning all about road safety and measuring. They have taken their learning out and about, applying their skills in real-life situations.

The children practised the "look left and right" road safety procedure in the playground before taking their learning onto the streets around the village. They showed great focus and responsibility while learning how to cross roads safely and become more aware of their surroundings.

Alongside this, they explored measuring through baking, helping them to develop their mathematical understanding in engaging and meaningful ways.



YOUNG HOPEFULS



The Young Hopefuls have been working hard this half-term and have enjoyed a number of outings. They have been around the village delivering leaflets for the Parish Council, while still finding time to design and deliver a quiz for the Sunshine Club!

SPORT AT KTPS



Reception have been working hard in their multi-skills lessons, focusing on the athletics events they will be participating in during sports day.

Year 1 have showcased their athletics, impressively demonstrating their agility and running technique. They will most certainly be ready for the running races during sports day!

Year 2 have been hard at work in their swimming lessons. We are extremely proud of all the children's perseverance and courage during lessons.

Year 3 have been nothing short of amazing in their dance lessons. They have been busy choreographing their own routines.

Year 4 have been busy developing and showcasing netball and gymnastic skills. It's been a busy half term for them, but they have worked very hard on developing their knowledge and skills in both PE units.

Year 5 have had an outdoor adventure unit to focus on this half term. They worked in teams to navigate tricky obstacle courses and challenges.

It's definitely one of our favourite units.

Finally, Year 6 have been developing their athletics skills. We have been focusing on events such as, standing long jump, vertical jump and speed bounce. Each week we have been evaluating our scores and tracking our progress.



WALK TO SCHOOL VIDEO

Through promoting active travel, we aim to encourage healthy lifestyles, improve physical and mental wellbeing, and support pupils in developing positive habits that benefit their overall health and readiness to learn.

We have been busy creating a video for Stride Active and Herefordshire Council to highlight the work we do to promote active travel and why it is so important.

Keep an eye out for our video, which will soon be released on Herefordshire Council social media.



WALK TO SCHOOL CHALLENGE

We are setting a whole-school challenge! From Monday 18th to Friday 22nd May, pupils will be encouraged to travel to and from school as actively as possible, without relying on a car.

Each child will receive a stamp card to track their progress throughout the week. Members of staff, wearing high-visibility jackets, will be positioned at a designated area at the top of the school drive each morning and afternoon to stamp cards for those who have travelled actively. Please remind your child to have their card stamped each day.

We appreciate that not all families are able to walk the full journey to school. If this applies to you, you can still take part by 'parking and striding'—parking a short distance away and completing the final part of the journey on foot. This will count towards your child's total and they will still receive a stamp.

WALK TO SCHOOL CHALLENGE

STRIDE ACTIVE NETBALL

Well done to our Year 6 netball team for competing in the Stride Active netball finals!

Your dedication, hard work and commitment to training has been truly amazing. You should all be extremely proud of yourselves!



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

What a busy half term it has been in our after school clubs. We have enjoyed rounders and cricket. It has been fantastic to see the progress everyone has made and our older pupils supporting our younger children to learn new rules and skills.



LOOKING AHEAD...

We have lots of fixtures coming up, including cricket, rounders and sports afternoons. Watch this space!

Well done to all our children, who continue to impress me in their PE lessons and to those children who have represented the school in recent sports events. There will be lots more opportunities for more children to participate in events next half term. Miss Exley 😊



The Star Writer Tea Party

At the end of each half term, I hold a tea party. At the tea party I am joined by one child from each class. Children are chosen to attend by their teacher for impressing everyone with their writing throughout the half term.

I enjoyed a wonderful tea party this week with children from across the school.

YOU'RE
A
STAR



This half term we are saying well done to: Joshua (Reception), Mabel (Y1), Martha (Y2), Rauri (Y3), Paisley (Y4), Teds (Y5), Grayce (Y6).

Well done to all our Star Writers; I am so proud of all you have achieved so far this year. Keep up the great work next half term.

Mrs Preece 😊



MINI MARATHON



Wow, what a fantastic mini marathon event it was this year! It was truly amazing to see our school community come together to raise funds for the Children's Ward at Hereford Hospital. Every child gave their all, demonstrating incredible effort and dedication, and we are immensely thankful for the generous donations from everyone involved. We are thrilled to announce that the school community successfully raised £1300. We visited the Children's Ward to present them with a cheque. The nurses spoke to us about the difference the significant amount of money would make to the poorly children in their care.

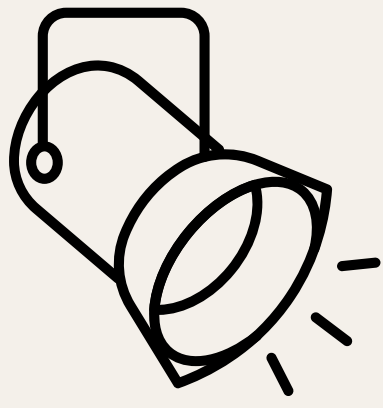


PHOTOGRAPHER VISIT

This month we welcomed a photographer to school to take photos of all the things we get up to. We will share these on our website and Facebook page in the coming weeks but we thought we would give you a sneak peek in this edition of the Chronicle!



Smile 😊



STAFF SPOTLIGHT!

Mrs Smith

What is your favourite animal? A giraffe or cat!
If you have a superpower, what would it be? Time travel because I would like to see what life was like in the past.

What is your favourite subject? English or Science.

What is the book you are reading at the moment?
In Year 4 we are reading The Highland Falcon Thief. It's really good!

What are you looking forward to in half term?
Going back to Yorkshire to see my family!



Miss Donald

What is your favourite animal? A duck!
If you have a superpower, what would it be? I would pause time so I could get lots done or have a nap!

What is your favourite subject? English and Maths

What is the book you are reading at the moment? Year 3 are reading The Worlds Worst Children.

What are you looking forward to in half term? I am looking forward to going to watch a musical in Oxford.



Mrs Thompson

What is your favourite animal? Monkey's but I like bears too.

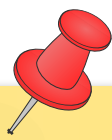
If you have a superpower, what would it be? It would have to be teleportation so I could visit places quickly without having to wait.

What is your favourite subject? Probably English because I find it really interesting.

What is the book you are reading at the moment?
I have just started reading the Twisted Tales.

What are you looking forward to in half term?
Going to a special event!





WHO WE WORK WITH...

We work with a number of fantastic agencies and professionals who provide additional support for a range of different needs. Please do contact me if you would like to discuss the additional support we can access and see if it is suitable for your child and family.

Below are some of the agencies we work alongside...



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

Mental Health Awareness Week at our school is a special time when everyone comes together to learn and think about the ways that we support each other at KTPS. This year, we had a fun 'Wear Green Day.' Everyone wore green to show that we care about mental health and want to help.

The theme was 'Take Action,' which reminded us to do things that help keep our minds healthy. In class, we talked about ways to feel good and help our friends feel good too. We learned some great tips on how to take care of ourselves and others.

We also had a chance to raise money for a local mental health charity. Thanks to everyone who gave a donation! Your kindness will help people in our community.



THRIVE CLASS SESSIONS

WHAT A BRILLIANT HALF TERM IT HAS BEEN IN OUR CLASS THRIVE SESSIONS. I HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH YEARS 5 AND 6 EACH WEEK, FOLLOWING OUR CLASS ACTION PLANS. WE ALSO CELEBRATED MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK, WITH THE THEME OF 'ACTION' AND DISCUSSED HOW WE CAN TAKE ACTION AND SUPPORT PRIORITISE OUR MENTAL HEALTH.

MISS EXLEY 😊

Worry Box

Decorate a small box.

Children can:

write worries

draw worries

place them in the box

Then choose a "worry time" together later in the day.

Confidence & Positive Thinking

"Three Good Things"

At bedtime, each person shares:

Something good today

Something kind they did

Something they're looking forward to

Builds gratitude and resilience.

SATS



The Year 6 Team did an excellent job in their SATs. They all worked incredibly hard and are excited to enjoy some well-deserved treats.

As a reward for all of their hard work, they also enjoyed a special lunch from Dominos! They definitely earned a well-deserved rest, too.

By Grayce, Aimee and Lily



BEACH CUPCAKES

We loved the beach theme of these cupckes! We hope you love making them!



WHAT YOU WILL NEED

INGREDIENTS

-  4oz butter
-  4oz caster sugar
-  2 medium eggs
-  4oz self-raising flour
-  1 tsp vanilla extract
-  Blue icing/frosting
-  Crushed digestive biscuits (for sand)
-  Teddy bear biscuits or sweets for decorations
-  Cocktail umbrellas (optional)

METHOD

-  Preheat the oven to 180°C (160°C fan). Line a cupcake tray with paper cases.
-  Cream together the butter and caster sugar until light and fluffy.
-  Add the eggs one at a time, mixing well after each egg.
-  Fold in the self-raising flour and vanilla extract until smooth.
-  Spoon the mixture evenly into the cupcake cases.
-  Bake for 10-12 minutes until golden and springy to touch. Leave to cool completely.
-  Spread blue icing on top of each cupcake to create the "sea".
-  Sprinkle crushed biscuits over part of the icing to make sandy beaches.
-  Decorate with teddy biscuits, sweets, or mini umbrellas for a fun beach scene!



TOP TIP!

Get creative with your decorations - you could add jelly sweets, chocolate seashells, or colourful sprinkles to make your cupcakes even more summery!





THANK YOU FOR READING THE CHRONICLE!

Have a lovely half term!

