



Kingskerswell

Church of England Primary School

Achieve, Believe and Create Together

Jeremiah 29:11.

For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

MESSAGE FROM MRS MILLER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the year draws to a close, we would like to take the opportunity to thank you for all of your support during what has been an extremely successful year for our school family- it is much appreciated.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2024. See you all on 2nd January 2024!

Kind regards,
Rachel Miller

Headteacher

School Uniform

We would like to give everyone the gentle reminder that trainers are not part of our school uniform- children should wear black shoes, please.

ACHIEVEMENTS

We love celebrating the children's achievements, both in and out of school.

Millionaire Reader – Iona P



Finley B – South West BMX series 2023 medal and trophy

Sophia B – Level 2 Swim certificate

Lucas C – Level 4 Swim certificate

Lucas C – Cubs trophy – Most hard working

Rosalie C – Gymnastics level 5 certificate and badge

Delores D – Well done Award from the dentist

Ollie G J – Football parents player – medal

Ava W – Top 8 in aptitude test for performing arts

Jude B – Top 8 in aptitude test for performing arts

Ellie D – Level 1 Swim certificate

Ellie D – Orange award gymnastics certificate

Paul A – Swimmer of the month certificate and medal

Evie F – Gymnastics competition medal

Ralphie S – Manager's player of the match trophy

Boniver C – Level 1 Swim certificate

Major M – Level 4 swim certificate

Lily-Ana K – Level 5 Swim certificate

Oliver M – Medal from Teddy's party for football

Percy E – Football certificate

Oliver D – Football Medal

Macy Z – 2 x Gold medals for gymnastics

Kole N – Football Medal – parents' player

George LS – Football Medal – parents player

Ollie GJ – Football Medal – Managers player

Major M – Swimming certificate

Esmee M – Silver award in modern dance

Leo H – Purple belt martial arts

Macy Z – Gold in under 9's team gymnastics

championship, swimming club championships- swam

14 races- broke 8 club records in under 9 girls

category

Harrison W- Awarded 'Excellence in Karate'



WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please email us to let us know your thoughts about our new newsletter. What do you like about it? What would you like more of? Please email admin@kingskerswell.devon.sch.uk



FOREST SCHOOL



Reception: The children demonstrated imaginative role play and problem solving skills to help Stick Man and his stick friends in the forest.



Year 1: Using loppers and peelers Year 1 children made very jolly looking Stick Santas.



Year 2, 3 and 4: Made decorative wooden cookies (inedible sadly) to add to their Christmas trees at home.



Year 5 and 6: With fantastic teamwork, the children worked together to make festive Christmas trees from a variety of different types of wood found in Forest School.

CLUBS

Monday

3.30-4.30pm

KS2 Drama Club *

KS2 Lego Club

Thursday

3.30-4.30pm

KS2 Netball Club*

KS2 Reading Club

Tuesday

3.30-4.30pm

Yr 5 & 6 Football Club*

KS1 Papercraft Club

LKS2 Coding Club

Friday 12.30-1.15pm

Reading for Pleasure, Library*

*= Recurring clubs

Wednesday

3.30-4.30pm

Homework Club*

KS2 Girls Football Club



CHOIR

A HUGE thanks to all the children in Drama Club who took part in the choir. You were all amazing and sounded like angels at the Christingle, the Christmas Jumper Concert and at the Carol Service.



HOUSE POINTS

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BABBACOMBE - 2,963,154

HOLLICOMBE - 2,064,418

MEADFOOT - 1,813,326

GOODRINGTON - 1,093,934



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BABBACOMBE - 967,524

HOLLICOMBE - 445,422

MEADFOOT - 382,548

GOODRINGTON - 349,568





VALUES IN ACTION

Our Values for Autumn 2 term –
Love & Friendship and Joy



Theme: From Darkness Came Light

1 John 4:26. God is love, and anyone who lives in love
is living with God and God is living in him.

Proverbs. 27:17. As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend



Open the Book

Sandra and Heather, our Open the Book leaders, visited the
Reception children where they acted out The First Christmas.



Kingskerswell Christmas Tree Festival

Look at the beautiful Christmas tree that we
decorated for the festival.



Advent & Christmas

It has been a really busy term with Christingle, Christmas
performances, the Crib service and our Carol Service. We hope
you were able to share it with us!



Advent Prayer

God of Love,
Your son, Jesus, is Your
greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of Your love.
Help us walk in that love
during the weeks of Advent,
as we wait and prepare
for His coming.
We pray in the name of
Jesus, our Saviour.
Amen.





NEWS FROM OUR PTFA



A big thank you to everyone who attended this year's Christmas Fayre; it was fantastic to see the event so well supported. There were table top games, preloved items and stocking fillers for sale – not to forget the beautiful handmade hampers put together by the PTFA. We were thrilled to have Santa visit again in his Grotto and the Rodeo Reindeer was great fun in the playground. We also had our own Christmas Market, with some lovely items from local sellers available to purchase.

The PTFA have been busy during the festive season. Not only did they host the Christmas Fayre, they have bought and wrapped gifts for each child to receive during their Christmas Party. Every class also receives a 'Party Pack' including games, activities, napkins, plates and cups, all to ensure children have a fantastic time which is an added extra provided by the PTFA.

If you would like to volunteer to assist the PTFA, help is always greatly appreciated. If you do not want to commit, but would like to assist as and when, on an ad-hock basis, please join [PTFA Lite](#). We have set-up a Whatsapp group with like-minded people. Help where you can – no pressure if you can't.

Please email ptfa@kingskerswell.devon.sch.uk for more information.

Lego Club

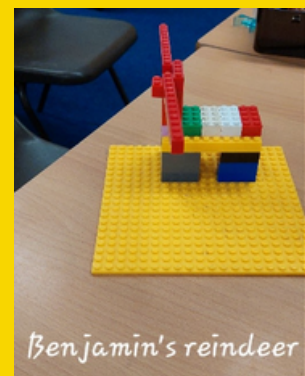
Photos of some of the Christmas-themed Lego models built by the children.



Isaac's reindeer



Leo's reindeer



Benjamin's reindeer

SPOTLIGHT ON

Experience Religion & Worldviews Week 2023

During Experience Religion & Worldviews Week, a range of faith speakers were invited in to share their faith of Islam, Sikhism, Christianity, Hindu Dharma, Buddhism and Humanis

PUPIL VOICE

Reflections by the children about their experiences

Henry: I like it because it's interesting and we get to learn about other people and their beliefs. I was surprised that the two churches did very different things – I didn't know some churches had areas under their stage where you could be baptised.

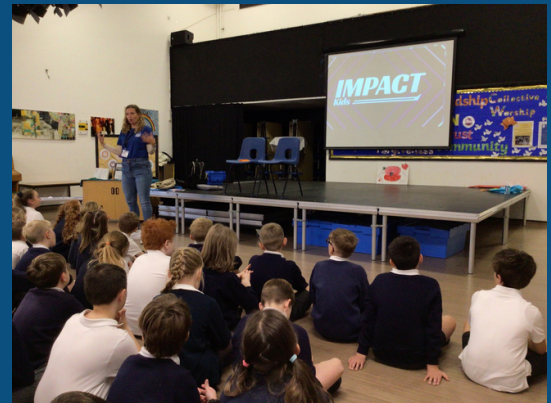
Bella: It's very educational, we learnt things we never knew in the first place.

Stanley: I was very interested and I already knew the facts we had studied – it's more powerful when the people come and talk to us about their faith. It makes it real when people come in and talk to us. LT? How did it make it more real for you? Well, the person (Imam) came in and showed us how he does the call to prayer.

Scarlet: It was really cool. You never really think about other religions until they tell you things about their religion.

Maisie: My aunt passed away last year and whenever I get goose bumps, I believe my aunt is watching over me. We should always treat things with respect – like the Bible and other religions' sacred books.

Amber: My family is spiritual – my mum helps others to find what they believe in.



In Reception, we have been learning about the festival of Diwali. We read the story of Rama and Sita, before our dance workshop. We then made salt dough Diwas and Rangoli patterns.

THE ROWCROFT RUDOLPH RUN



Thank you for all your support! With your help, we raised just over £2,000 for Rowcroft!



Odd Socks Day

This year's Anti-Bullying week began with 'Odd Socks Day' to positively celebrate how we are all unique and different. It was good fun wearing odd socks and sharing them with each other.



ARMISTICE DAY

Children in Key Stage 2 made poppies to adorn the village War Memorial.
Children presented the school wreath on Armistice Day.



RECEPTION



ARMISTICE DAY

Children in Reception learned about Armistice Day. We painted our own poppy stones, including some purple ones in recognition of the service animals that have died in wars. We visited the memorial in Kingskerswell to take our poppies and pay our respect.



GUY FAWKES

In Reception, we have been learning about bonfire night. We learned about the story of Guy Fawkes, and how to keep safe on bonfire night. We used straw to do blow painting pictures of fireworks and wrote onomatopoeic words to go with them.



POETRY CORNER

'Owls' by Noola Palmer

Nocturnal animals are about,
For now it is night time,
And foxes and hedgehogs are coming out,
But there's something else...

High up in a tree,
Away from the prying eye,
Lives a mother and her babies,
Readying themselves to fly.

Bright, glaring, orange eyes,
One sharp, hooked beak,
Slightly ruffled feathers,
All very sleek.

What could they be?
Why owls of course!
Beautiful feathered things,
Let's pause,

And watch...

Off they go,
Soaring smoothly into the air,
All of them watching,
Taking immense care.

A little mouse scurries,
Far down below,
Then... Snatch!
Fast as a bow and arrow.

Now dawn is breaking,
It is time for a rest,
Just as night comes to a close,
They reach their warm cosy nest.

SPORTS SECTION

Netball

Year 3 and 4 children ended their PE unit of Netball with an inter-house tournament.



PUPIL VOICE

Lily - I really enjoyed how we decided each of the games that ended up in a draw with a sudden death playoff.

Oscar - I loved being part of a team and working towards a common goal/trying to be successful.

Iona - I loved that we were successful because we worked hard to do our best.

All children - We highly enjoyed playing the netball tournament and loved testing our netball skills at the end of our unit.

New Netball Kit

A huge thAnk you to KITSON BOYCE who have sponsored the school's new Netball kit. The team look so smart and professional!



Y5/6 Football League Fixture

The Year 5/6 football team continued their league campaign with a positive home performance against Canada Hill Primary School. The two teams contested a highly competitive match, with Kingskerswell unfortunately being on the wrong end of a 4-3 loss.

Kingskerswell were able to confidently play out from the back via Stanley (GK) and utilise our defensive pairing of Charlie and Lewis, who were often able to find Callum in midfield.

However, we were often unable to break down the opposition's strong defence. Despite Kingskerswell having a higher percentage of possession, the first half belonged to the visitors who created more chances and led at the half time break through two well worked goals.

Early in the second half, fresh legs were brought on in order to find a breakthrough. This resulted in Kingskerswell fighting their way back into the game with excellent pressing from the front three (Owen, Dain and Oaklee), who were able to find Sonny in space at the back post, who fired it home to only be trailing by one. This increased our belief of a comeback, with Kingskerswell starting to push for an equaliser, however this left us too open at the back and resulted in the visitors finishing off another two goals. 4-1 Canada Hill.

This meant a long way back for Kingskerswell to get anything out of the game, however fantastic resilience was shown by all to leave everything out on the pitch. Jacob confidently regained possession in the attacking half and was able to link up well with Harrison who brought the deficit to two goals. A great piece of individual skill from Harrison resulted in him bagging a second half brace. However, it wasn't enough with the match ending 4-3 to Canada Hill.

Despite the result, the pupils showed fantastic determination to fight back into the game and were a credit to our school.



SEND

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS & DISABILITIES



Please see the Community page for details about the SEND Coffee Morning in Teignmouth.



GOVERNING BOARD NEWS

*Merry
Christmas*



*Wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas
and a prosperous New Year!*



Rachel Miller
Headteacher



Karen Strachan
Deputy Head



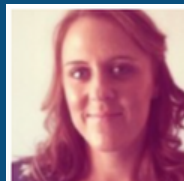
Sarah McDonald
Local Authority Governor -
Co-chair



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Parent Governor—Co-Chair



Rev. Michael Wilkie
Foundation Governor—
Ex Officio



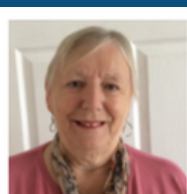
Amy Vine
Co-opted Governor



Laura Twamley
Teacher Governor



Sam Vine
Parent Governor



Susan Robinson
Co-opted Governor



Giles Watson
Parent Governor



Adam Devine
Co-opted Governor





ATTENDANCE UPDATE 4.9.23 – 8.12.23

Keep up the good attendance!

	KKPS Attendance	FFT National Attendance
Reception	93.5%	93.6%
Year 1	95.2%	94.4%
Year 2	97.0%	94.9%
Year 3	96.6%	95.1%
Year 4	97.3%	95.1%
Year 5	95.8%	94.9%
Year 6	95.6%	94.7%
Whole School	95.8%	94.7%



NUT FREE SCHOOL



THANK YOU

Please do not send your child(ren) to school with snacks that contain nuts. As a school promoting the health and wellbeing of all children, we would please ask that children bring in healthy snack choices, such as chopped up fruit or vegetables. Thank you for your support with this.



SAFEGUARDING

Worried about a child's safety?

If you are concerned about the safety of a child in Devon and want to speak to someone, or if you are a child worried about your own safety, contact our Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 01392 388428, 01803 208100 (if the child lives in Torbay) or email mashsecure@devon.gov.uk and give as much information as you can.

If a child is at immediate risk, contact the police on 999.

Contact Information

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COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD



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Teignmouth SEND Coffee Morning



Do you have a child with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities?
Or do you have experience of supporting a child with SEND through
your work or family?

Would you be interested in meeting others in similar circumstances to
support each other and share information?

Join us for tea, coffee and cake to find out about support available
through the Ambassador Volunteer Programme.

Free Wellbeing Packs for all who attend!

The meeting is for all parents, carers and SEND supporters of children
in the Teignmouth area, from early years to post-16. All are welcome!

Where: Alice Cross Centre, Bitton Park Road, Teignmouth

When: Thursday 18th Jan 2024 - 10.30am - 12pm