



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,

Easter is almost upon us! This academic year seems to be galloping towards its end in a scarily fast way. Next term we have lots of exciting things to look forward to, including residential trips for Y4 and Y6, Sports Day, Drama Club's performances of School of Rock, our Summer fair and much more.

Hopefully the weather will be kinder to us once we are well into spring.

Have a great Easter break- we look forward to seeing everyone bright-eyed and bushy-tailed on Monday 15th April.

Kind regards,
Rachel Miller

Headteacher

ACHIEVEMENTS

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

Our Accelerated Reader Millionaires this academic school year.

Iona P, Noola P, Briony R, Harry M



- Sophia B – Swim certificate level 2
- Sophie S – Torbay Festival Music Section certificates
- Finley N – Paignton Swimming Club Gala certificate 3rd place, Learn to swim level 5 certificate
- Poppy OJ – Paignton Swimming Club Gala x3 certificates for 1st place
- Lucas C – Cubs, Chief Scouts Silver Award
- Macy Z – National Qualifier Swimming age 9/10 6x Gold medals and 1x Silver medal
- Amyah R – 3 x Taekwondo medals
- Gracie S – Dance Festival Medal
- Millie B – Premier Education Certificate for gymnastics
- Hollie PC – Premier Education Certificate for gymnastics
- Olivia T – Hip Hop and Street Dance certificate and medal
- Peaches OJ – Preliminary 2 Ballet commended
- William M – Orange belt in Karate, Student of the Week award
- Eden H – Learn to swim level 3
- Rosalie C – Learn to swim level 2
- Noola P and Hollie PC – Torbay Festival Certificate – commended
- Noola P – Torbay Festival Certificate x3 – commended, Merit and Honours, Torbay Festival medals x3 and The Gillies Wright cup
- Iona P – Torbay and SW Festival music section – The MOBBSCUP trophy, The Dolman Duet Salvors Plate, Torbay Festival certificates x 5 – commended, Honours, commended, merit and progressing

SIAMS INSPECTION

We are incredibly proud to share the outcomes of our recent SIAMS inspection. We have been judged as living up to our foundation as a Church school; we service the needs of our community through our vision and practice, enabling our pupils and adults to flourish.

Thank you to everyone in our school community for supporting us throughout this process.

[Please click here to read the report.](#)

FOREST SCHOOL



WHAT HAVE FOREST SCHOOL BEEN UP TO THIS MONTH?



Reception children have been learning about the life cycle of butterflies, talked about how butterflies have symmetrical wings, and made their own butterflies.



Year 1 and 2 have been learning about birds and how they build their nests. In pairs, children pretended to be birds and made their nests using natural materials. They then had to protect their eggs from predators and collect worms to feed their young.



Year 3 and 4 have been learning about the identification of birds. They then helped the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) by recording the different species and number of birds spotted in the Forest School.



Years 5 and 6 have been split into two groups - one group completed the RSPB Birdwatch around Forest School, while the other group used sheath knives. The knife work group recapped and developed skills which they had learnt in previous lessons. They carefully tapered one end of their willow stick into a sharp point and then used their intricate 'thumb cut' technique to carve out the notch.



CLUBS

RECURRING CLUBS

Monday 3.30-4.30pm
KS2 Drama Club

Wednesday 12.30-1.00pm
Chill & Chat

Wednesday 3.30-4.30pm
Homework Club

Friday 12.30-1.15pm
Reading for Pleasure,
Library

Information about next term's clubs will be sent out on the school app.



Wishing all a blessed Easter.

All the strength during this time of Ramadan.



HOUSE POINTS

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Babbacombe - 2,554,916
Hollicombe - 1,684,047
Meadfoot - 1,667,999
Goodrington - 1,114,559



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Hollicombe - 793,270
Meadfoot - 647,893
Babbacombe - 610,554
Goodrington - 169,571





SPOTLIGHT ON



Winners from World Book Day with Miss Williams (aka Violet Beauregarde).

Pupils and staff get into the mood and deliver a FABULOUS World Book Day!





RED NOSE DAY 2024

On Friday 15th March 2024, all children and staff celebrated and fundraised for Comic Relief – Red Nose Day by coming into school wearing something red. The children completed a range of Red Nose Day activities, as well as donating cakes for a bake sale at the end of the day.



The day was a huge success and we are delighted to announce that we raised £438! Thank you for your kind donations and support for such a worthy cause.



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 2024

This year the theme for CMHW was



Children across the school thought about what matters to them. They communicated their thoughts by creating spirals. In the centre they began with the things closest to them and their everyday lives and as the spiral grew so their thoughts grew out from their lives to larger matters in the wider world. There were many recurring things such as their families, pets and hobbies; the oceans and forests of the world and wildlife. You can see a selection of our spirals on our Mental Health and Wellbeing Display just along from the Main Reception desk.

We also asked the children what matters to them at school and they said feeling safe, trusting adults, being happy, friends and peace and quiet.

OTHER MENTAL HEALTH NEWS

For Children – Chill and Chat

In school, this half-term, we have introduced 'Chill and Chat' sessions. These are available every lunch time from 12.30-1pm and children can opt in themselves or be guided to them by an adult. They aim to support children by offering a quieter space where they have easier access to conversation with an adult from school, should they wish to talk about anything that may be affecting their wellbeing – whether that is the busyness of the playground or difficulties with a friend.



For Parents

If you are looking for practical advice to support your child's wellbeing and behaviour, then Place2Be have a new Parenting Smart section with lots of free reads and videos on a whole host of topics from 'Raising a Resilient Child' to 'My Child doesn't want to go to School'. You can find it here: <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>



SAFER INTERNET DAY 2024

On Tuesday 6th February, we celebrated Safer Internet Day throughout the school. This special celebration, which takes place in February each year, aims to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all, especially for children and young people. The theme this year was 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'.

If you would like to support your child in conversations around keeping safe online please use the following link; - <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers>. This page includes answers to key questions you may have about keeping your child safe online.

Year 2 had a look at a story called 'Hatch Me!' it told us all about how some online games could be played unfairly and make us feel upset, angry or frightened. We talked about how to stay safe and happy online and how to keep our information private. Then, we created some rules for how to play games safely. Our grown ups are always able to help us!

REFLECTIONS FROM KS2

- Today has helped me because I know that if something unusual happens when I'm gaming, then I know to tell an adult or someone I can trust.
- I know more about how the different icons try to make me do different things.
- Notification alerts and daily streaks are designed to make me want to stay on the game or on the internet for longer, or to spend money.
- "Get this today – only lasts for one day!" – makes you feel you have to buy it right now.
- I used to push every notification and now I know to be more careful and just push the 'x'. It's made me more aware of what to stay away from.



After discussing how we can access the internet and the many things we can do on it from day to day, Year 1 listened to the story of 'Mo and Jaz'.

In this interactive story, we meet Mo and Jaz, two children who love playing games online. When something happens in their game that makes them feel worried, they realise they need to let an adult know. We talked to one another about how changes online like this can make you feel and that if we have that 'funny, uneasy feeling' in our stomachs, it is time to tell a responsible adult. We then recorded which trusted adults we would tell at home or in school should we need to.

To celebrate Internet Safety Day, the children in Reception watched a video about Mo and Jax who were watching something online when the video suddenly changed and something a little bit scary came on.

We then talked about what we might do.

Who would we talk to?
What can we learn from this?



SCIENCE WEEK ANIMALS2U WORKSHOPS

During Science week, each class was visited by Marie from Animals2U South West. She taught us about groups of vertebrates and invertebrates, discussed the features of different animal groups and how they have adapted to their habitats. Firstly, we were introduced to giant millipedes which are adapted to living in the rainforest as their brown colour camouflages them. We then saw how a white tree frog can climb because of its sticky feet pads. Next, we learnt how a bearded dragon defends itself from predators in the desert by puffing out its spikes and finally we observed some mice, discussing the features that all mammals have in common.

"It was fun, exciting and interesting." Maisie

"The jumping frog was funny!" Alfie

"I was scared at the start but I touched them all!" Freddie

"I was shocked that she brought a white tree frog!" Tommy

"I was so excited!" Jackson





SPORTS SECTION

On Friday 8th March 2024, lots of girls joined a lunchtime football session up on our school field. This was part of national 'Let Girls Play Football' which coincides with International Women's Day. The girls really enjoyed having a kick about together and managed their own mini games. We have also been given a brand-new Girls Football kit from Premier League, attained through our partnership with Exeter City, to wear in friendly matches or tournaments. We think they are a great colour!



See the **COMMUNITY** page for local cricket activities.



KNIGHTS, DRAGONS AND CASTLES

Crocodile and Koala classes had a 'ball' celebrating their topic Fabulous Finish! During the half term we have been learning about famous castles and their design features, also about knights and the different roles played within the castle walls. We had fun exploring stories about dragons and drawing then improving our own pictures of Zog! To celebrate the end of our topic we designed our own crowns and decorated goblets and biscuits – we then sat together to share and enjoy our banquet afternoon!



CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS



Crocodile and Koala classes enjoyed learning all about Chinese New Year. We learned about the traditional celebrations and the importance of the colour red in Chinese culture. We listened to the story of Chinese New Year, how the Jade Emperor set a race to determine the order of the 12 animals. In class we had a go at writing 'Happy New Year' in Chinese on our own golden fans and making red lanterns too. We ended the week with a 'Dragon Dance!' In class we decorated our own dragons to use in our performance and practised leading the dragon dance and playing musical instruments! We then performed our dances to the whole school during their playtimes – we had a fantastic week celebrating and learning!

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SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS & DISABILITIES



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SCHOOL COMMUNITY GALLERY

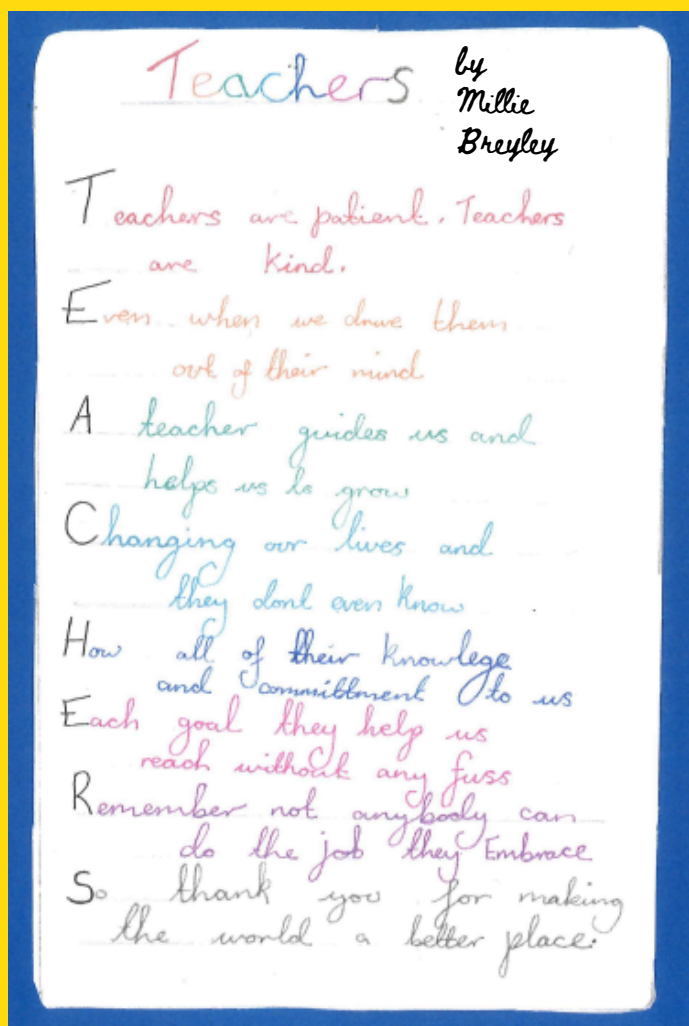


A huge THANK YOU to Mrs Perrott's mum for knitting not 1, 2 or 3 Professor Pip Parrots but 14. WOW! We love them so much and we promise to take good care of all our Professor Pips.

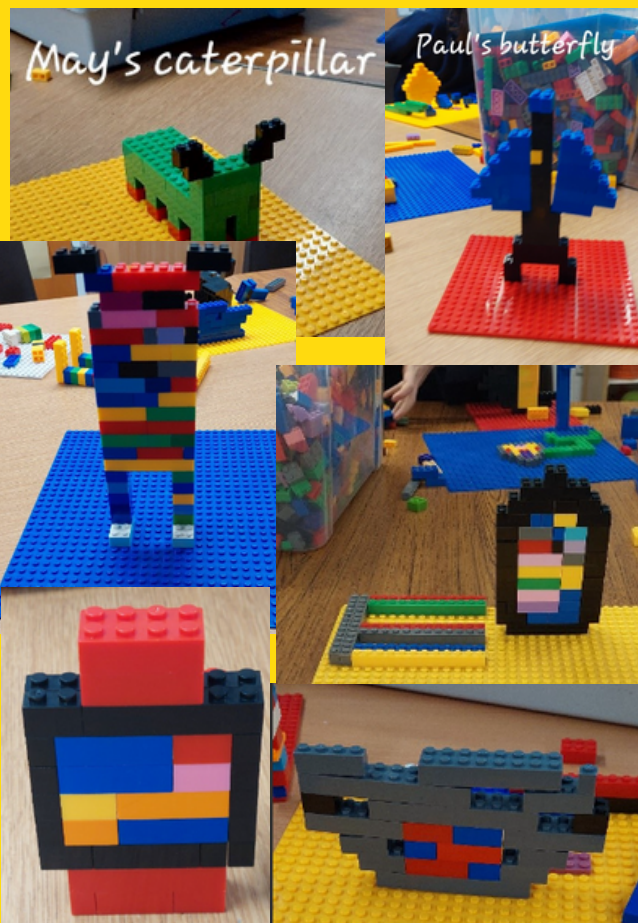


Mrs Perrott's mum with her colony of puffins and penguins.

POETRY CORNER



LEGO CLUB CREATIONS





GOVERNING BOARD NEWS



To all in our school community,

Thank you for all your hard work this term. We wish you and your families a blessed and relaxing Easter.

All our best wishes,
KKPS Governing Board



Rachel Miller
Headteacher



Karen Strachan
Deputy Head



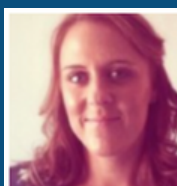
Sarah McDonald
Local Authority Governor -
Co-chair



Matthew Loosemore
Parent Governor—Co-Chair



Rev. Michael Wilkie
Foundation Governor—
Ex Officio



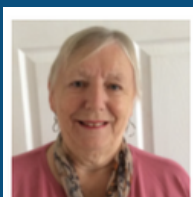
Amy Vine
Co-opted Governor



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 SEP 23 – 15 MAR 24

Keep up the good attendance!

| | KKPS Attendance | FFT National Attendance |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Reception | 93.8% | 93.2% |
| Year 1 | 94.9% | 94.1% |
| Year 2 | 95.7% | 94.5% |
| Year 3 | 96.2% | 94.7% |
| Year 4 | 96.1% | 94.7% |
| Year 5 | 95.7% | 94.5% |
| Year 6 | 96.2% | 94.3% |
| Whole School | 95.5% | 94.3% |



ATTENDANCE

Schools are being tasked with tightening attendance procedures. It will no longer be acceptable for schools to record a child's absence as being authorised when the reason is 'not feeling well' / 'under the weather'. Reasons will need to be specific in detail. This is coming from the Department for Education.
Thank you for your support.

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

St Mary's Kingskerswell



Kingskerswell Parish Church- St.Mary's
Part of The Three Wells Mission Community
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Website: www.ackchurch.org.uk/
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/The-Three-Wells-Mission-Community-106678921001432/>

It all starts with... **ALL STARS CRICKET**

We all play at:
Chelston & Kingskerswell CC (TQ12 5HB)

Session dates:
Friday 19th April - Friday 7th June

Session timings:
6pm - 7pm

Contact:
sam8stephens@gmail.com

Sign up today at
allstarscricket.co.uk

DYNAMOS CRICKET

This is our game.

dynamoscricket.co.uk

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