

A Message from Head of Key Stage One

I would like to welcome everyone back after our Christmas Break, hoping everyone managed to keep well and safe! I know that we had to revert to online learning at the beginning of our second week and that is what delayed the publishing of this newsletter. However, I did not want to skip this newsletter as I really do want to share with you what happened during our last couple of weeks of Term I.



Despite reverting to online, I want to start off Term 2 with lots of positive energy, with a reflection on all the amazing things that happened in December 2021 and what we have been up to in KSI since our last Newsletter, which was in November. I am looking forward to the rest of the academic year, we have many plans in place for the upcoming Term and I would like to wish everyone a very fruitful term ahead.



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We have sent our events calendar for Term 2 on the portal, please hang it to keep track of what is coming up. We have lots of wonderful events planned for the children during Term 2, and I hope with all my heart that we will be able to implement our events calendar at school.

On another note, I would like to thank all KSI community, all children, parents & teachers, for a very smooth transition from school to virtual learning. The transition actually took place within less than 24 hours! You have all been absolutely amazing.

Now please everyone stay safe, so we can all return to school safely!



SUPER HERO DAY

Super Fun: KSI's Superhero Day returns with anti-bullying message







In recognition of Anti-Bullying week and to celebrate the end of our SEAL 'Say NO to Bullying' theme, we had a Superhero Day with the message: "Be a Super Hero and not a Bully". It was a very successful day, and would like to thank all parents for the amazing costumes! The children enjoyed the day thoroughly. They had to think about what characteristics their character would have and what superpowers would help them to save themselves from being bullied or anyone else in Key Stage I.



At the end of the day, the children sang all the Say No to Bullying songs they had learnt including the 'Roar' song, which they sang beautifully in their classes during our virtual assembly time.





All children in KSI recited an oath to never bully others and to always be a super hero and save anyone they see being bullied. They also signed on the oath that will be created and displayed in their playground. We did this activity in the aim for the children to always see and remember all that they learnt about Say No to Bullying. The oath says:



I will not bully others.

I will not stand by while others are bullied.

I will report and deal with bullying whenever I see it
....because I have

The POWER of ONE

GANACHE WORKSHOP





Year One Children attended a workshop at school about making chocolate. The children found it very exciting and interesting to taste a selection of chocolate and find out how it was made. Also they experimented with different chocolates and explored their texture to make their own ganache. During the first part of the workshop, there was chocolate tasting; there were only three types of chocolate dark, milk and white. The children were asked which their favourite was, while giving their feedback they had modelled trays in front of them so they can decide which flavours to use and start making their own mini chocolate sculptures. Once they finished they chose one chocolate flavour to coat the entire tray and spread it across and then put into the freezer. While the ganache was getting colder the children had a presentation about the history of chocolate and the roasted and ground cacao pods that make it. The children learnt the two main ingredients for making ganache chocolate which is coco butter and sugar. Once the chocolate was ready the children emptied it in a nice display box, ready to take home. They had a really joyful time and they leant to be co-operative with each other and work as a team to design their own Ganache chocolate







CHRISTMAS PJ DAY





The final day of Term One was our "Christmas PJ' theme day". What a comfy way to end the term and begin the Christmas break! Key Stage One children and their teachers thoroughly enjoyed a relaxing day in their pyjamas to watch a Christmas movie. Year One Children watched 'The Grinch' and Year Two Children watched 'Klause'. The children settled down to watch their movie, and enjoyed their snacks and drinks. Many thanks to all parents for sending in movie snacks!



The children also enjoyed making some Christmas crafts on this day. Then our exciting Christmas PJ day was made all the more special by a visit from Santa, who gave all our children a delicious Christmas cookie!





The children and their teachers and all staff truly enjoyed a lovely festive day!

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY

We had a special assembly on the last day of Term I, which was a KSI Virtual Christmas Concert. All the classes sang a Christmas song that they had learnt with their teachers and their audience was all the children and teachers in KSI. It was a lovely ending for Term I.

- IA Dragon's Class performed 'Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer'
- IB Wizard's Class performed 'I Am Nice Not Naughty'
- IC Unicorn's Class performed 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas'
- ID Wand's Class performed 'Rockin' around the Christmas Tree'
- IE Goblet's Dragon's Class performed 'Santa Clause is Coming to Town'
- 2A Armour's Class performed 'Christmas Spirit'
- 2B Trumpet's Class performed 'Jingle Bell Rock'
- 2C Owl's Class performed 'Oh Christmas Tree'
- 2D Jester's Class performed 'Jingle Bells'
- 2E Crown's Class performed 'Deck the Halls'

GOOD TO BE GREEN DAY

We celebrated our second Good to be Green day at the end of our Term One. This day is an awareness day, to remind children to try their very best to stay on green and avoid yellow and red. Key Stage I's overall behaviour; below you will find our statistics for the second half term.

Unfortunately the statists are not as good as our first Good to be Green Day, and we are looking forward to better statistics for our third Good to be Green Day.

- * 87% of children received a good to be green certificate. That means that 87% of the children had no behaviour incidents.
- * 5% of children received yellow flags (minor incidents)
- st 8% of children received red flags (major incidents or repetitive minor incidents).

TEAM WORK

THE CLEANEST CLASSES



In Key Stage I the children get a weekly reminder that keeping their classrooms tidy and clean is important. CCC our 'Cleanest Class Champ' character only visits classrooms that are clean and tidy. The winning classes since our last newsletter are:

25.11.21 - The Crown's - Class 2E

02.12.21 - The Unicorns - Class IC

09.12.21 - The Goblets - Class IE

16.12.2021 - The Owls - Class 2C



TEAM WORK WINNING CLASSES SPEAKING ENGLISH

In Key Stage I the children get a weekly reminder that they come to a British school and the importance of speaking English all the time (except in their Arabic & Religion lessons). Their award is a bucket of English Pops to share. The winning classes since our last announcement in our last newsletter are:

25.11.21 - Wizards & Armours - IB & 2A

02.12.21 - Dragons & Owls - 1A & 2C

09.12.21 - Unicorns & Crowns - IC & 2E

16.12.2021 - Goblets & Jesters - IE & 2D

YEAM WORK WINNING CLASSES

ASSEMBLY MANNERS



In Key Stage I, during our weekly remote assembly, the children are requested to sit beautifully and practice good listening skills. The classes that manage to sit best during our assembly time are rewarded Champ to visit their classroom for a whole week. The winning classes since our last announcement in our last newsletter are:

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