



Kenton Primary School

Autumn 2 Newsletter



Autumn 2 at Kenton

Dear Parents/ Carers,

This has been an exciting half-term at Kenton Primary School, and we are hugely proud of the way the community has pulled together to support the school in the move to Hope Church. Work has been ongoing at the Kenton School building, and we are currently in the drying out phase. The children have settled in brilliantly to Hope Church and are enjoying the new computers, library and play equipment. As a school team, we are working hard to develop the school even further; next term we will be using Cockwood Village Hall to increase space during indoor PE sessions, work will also begin to create a permanent outdoor provision for our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children at the back of the building.

Next term we will be welcoming Mrs Laguna to the team in Willow. Mrs Laguna will be teaching Willow Class at the start of the week and Miss Paviour will be teaching at the end of the week. Mrs Laguna has already begun working with the children and is looking forward to meeting all the Willow Class families in the new year.

During the past months we have had several visitors who have hugely enhanced the children's learning and allowed opportunities to question experts. John Townsend (a local author) visited the children to share stories and talk about the joy of reading, the children responded brilliantly and asked lots of questions about what it takes to be an author. John kindly donated a number of books to the school, which we have enjoyed reading throughout December. Both Adam from ROC and Reverend Julia from Kenton Church shared assemblies with the children exploring the themes of advent and the Christmas story. Willow Class were joined by Marie from Animals2U South West, who brought four exciting friends with her. The children were lucky to meet: Slips the Giant African land snail, Prince the Royal Python snake, Harvey the Hamster and Faye the Polecat. For each animal, the children learnt some very interesting facts about them, including how old they were, where they live in the wild and what they have to eat! Chestnut Class visited Paignton Zoo as part of their learning about evolution. They learnt all about the different kinds of animals at the zoo, where they came from, what their habitats are and what endangered and critically endangered means. Chestnut Class even got the opportunity to talk with one of the zookeepers. She spoke to them all about Giraffes and their adaptations that help them to survive in the African savannah. These included a long, prehensile tongue that was purple to stop it from getting sunburnt!

The Kenton pupils dazzled us all at our performances during December; we were incredibly proud of the courage and talent shown. The Kenton Choir have worked hard to improve their singing skills and have thoroughly enjoyed their weekly choir sessions with Mrs Lunn; it was a pleasure to celebrate their achievements at the Hope Church Carol Service and their performance to The Hope Friends. Willow Class amazed us with their marvellous Wiggly Nativity, the singing, dancing and acting was joyful and gave all that watched a real sense of Christmas. Both Oak and Chestnut Class performed impressive dance routines and sung beautifully at their Carol Concert; we particularly enjoyed the debut performance from our Kenton Band, The Electric Stars, as well as the soloists and duet acts who were truly amazing.

I would like to thank all of our Kenton Primary School families for their support for the School this term, it has been a joy to share in your children's learning journey with you! We wish you a very Merry Christmas and look forward to welcoming you back to school in the new year.

Best Wishes,

Gemma Pattison



Key Dates

☒ 17/01 - Oak Class trip to Exeter museum RAMM

☒ 23/01 - Chestnut Class Ancient Greek Workshop and Willow Class Explorer Workshop

☒ 31/01 - Oak Class Music Trust Workshop

☒ 02/02 - NSPCC Maths Numbers Day

☒ 05/02 - Children's Mental Health Week

Class News

Willow Class

Willow Class have had a wonderful half term learning all about animals in their topic 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers'. They explored the key text 'Pig the Pug' and used it to write their own letters and stories from pets. In Design and Technology they have developed their cookery skills by designing and baking their own dog biscuits, we are looking forward to hearing the results of the taste test with some of your pets at home. In Geography the children have been learning about weather and climates and have been comparing climates in the UK to those around the world. The children used this knowledge alongside their oracy skills to produce and deliver weather reports. In Maths, Willow Class have explored addition and subtraction and shape and have worked hard to develop their problem solving skills.

Oak Class

This term, Oak Class have taken part in Forest School. They have explored the Forest School site, made cookies on a fire, explored the snow and ice and created Christmas crafts and decorations. They spent a few weeks working hard to make their own purses/ wallets with our Forest School teacher, Gin. This half term, in Oak Class, we have been learning all about sound. We have learnt how sounds are produced and how they travel. We explored pitch and volume and created our own pan pipes. We investigated ways to absorb sound and decided what materials we would use for our own headphones. In our Geography, we have been learning all about Brazil. We used atlases to identify where Brazil is, what countries and oceans surround it and what continent Brazil is in. We identified the human and physical features in Kenton and compared these to those in Rio De Janeiro. We have then researched Rio De Janeiro and created a holiday brochure for a person in Kenton who would like to go on holiday there.



Chestnut Class

What a wonderful term for Chestnut Class. We have studied a wide range of subjects and explored lots of South and Central America. We learnt about the interesting history of the Mayans and wrote about the Mexican festival; Dia De Los Muertos or Day of the Dead. We enjoyed a South American inspired drumming workshop, designed our own Mayan treasure maps and made our very own Mayan ceremony masks. After half term, we looked at South America and more specifically Peru to become travel agents; looking at the key climate zones of Peru and comparing them to the UK. In Science, we explored Evolution and natural selection. We got to have a trip to Paignton Zoo and got up close with some of the animals. This helped give us a better insight into how each creature had changed to suite its environment. In particular, we looked at the Giraffes and their adaptations such as: their tall necks, long tongues and large hearts to pump the blood all the way up to their heads. In class, we have designed our own creatures, sewn together our own stuffed animals and written biographies about Charles Darwin.



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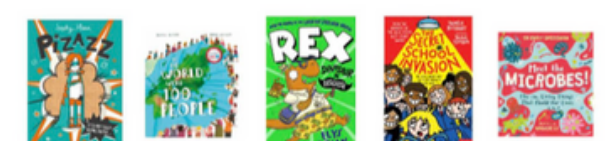
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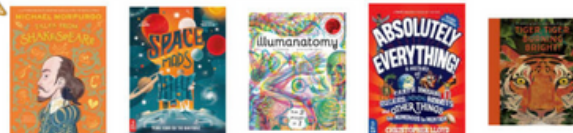
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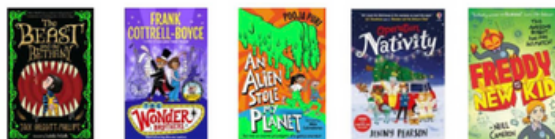
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You can apply online at
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from 15th November 2023 to the 15th January 2024

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admissions website you can get
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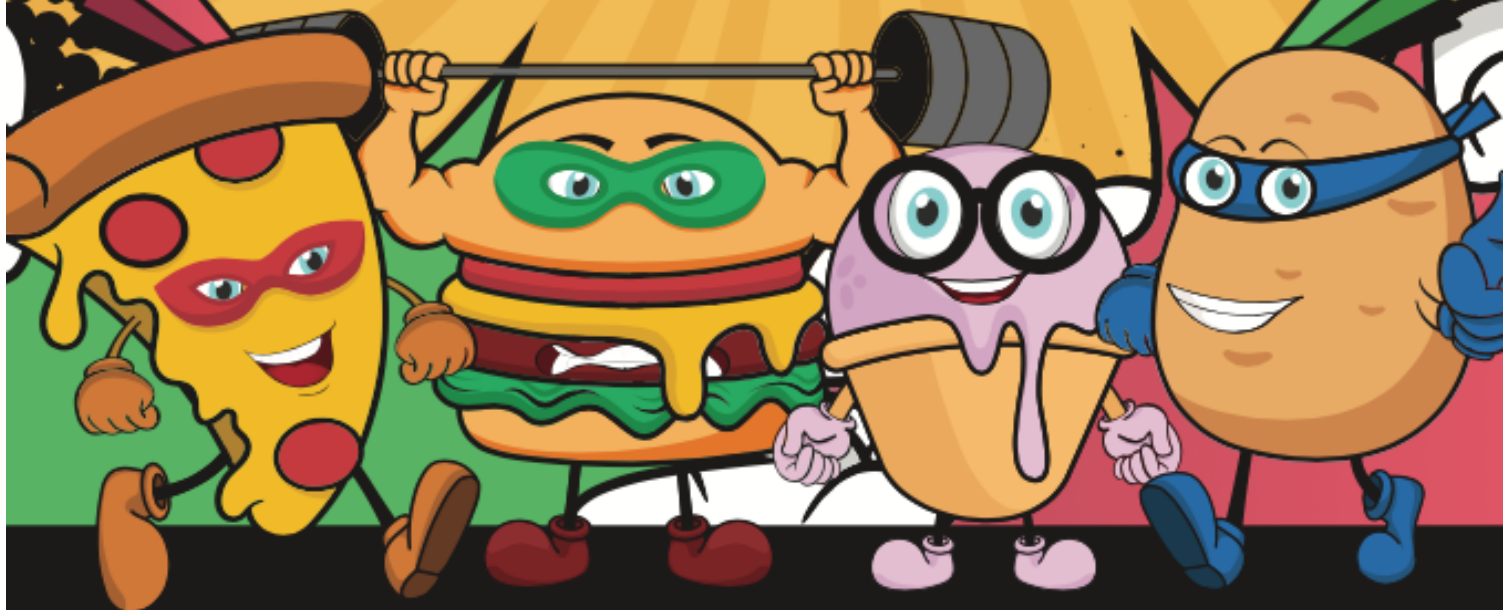
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