KEA NEWS

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A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN AND MAKE FRIENDS

Message from Mrs Hunkin

I hope you all had a good Easter break and that you were able to enjoy the weather and get out a bit. The children have all returned well rested and there is a positive working atmosphere in each class.

Year 6 are really looking forward to going to PGL Barton Hall in May and Year 4 are looking forward to going to BF Adventure. Unfortunately not all residential centres are in the position to be able to run Covid safe overnight visits for schools, so Year 5 will be taking part in two day visits to Porthpean Outdoor Centre rather than staying overnight.

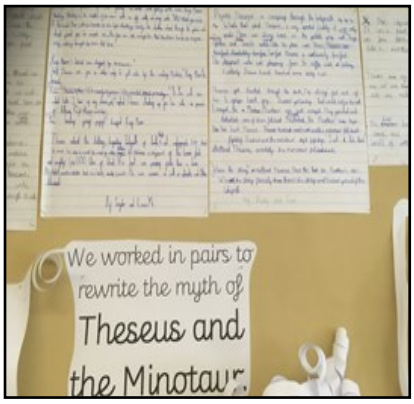
It is likely we will offer some outdoor after school clubs later this term ensuring they are run in accordance with Covid guidelines. More information will be published in the next month. Although the weather has been sunny, most classrooms are still not very warm and children need to remember to bring warm clothes every day.

Year 3

Year 3 this week launched themselves into our Ancient Greek topic with a day of Ancient Greek arts and crafts. Here we are building a catapult. In Greek, the word catapult means "to throw into." The first historical evidence of the use of catapults in war comes from 400 B.C. in the Greek city of Syracuse.



Year 4



Year 4 have made a fantastic start to the Ancient Greece topic by learning and retelling the story of Theseus and the Minotaur and by designing labyrinths at home. On our topic launch day we thoroughly enjoyed making catapults, theatre masks and temples - "Firing the catapults was the best bit," Lola. "Building the catapults was my favourite part," Scarlett. "I enjoyed doing a competition with the catapults," Bea.



Farewell to Mrs Walker

Mrs Walker will not be returning to Kea School after her maternity leave has finished, having worked at Kea school for ten years. She has given lots of children in the school a great start to their education journey and will be greatly missed by pupils, staff, governors and parents.



If you would like to contribute to her collection, please bring your donation to school in a sealed envelope with any message. Many thanks

Year 5

On Monday, Year 5 had the chance to handle some authentic Ancient Greek artefacts. We had a lamp, a jug used to freshen up athletes and some intricate pottery which would have been part of a very detailed wine jug. The children were shocked to hear that some were as old as 500BC! A huge thank you to Royal the Cornwall Museum for loaning us these precious objects.



Year 6

Year 6 are very excited to have completed their Bikeability training. Some of us knew how to ride a bike already but the Bikeability course teaches children how to ride safely and considerately, some road skills and traffic awareness as well as some basic maintenance to keep your bikes in tip top condition.

As you can see, we are all wearing our helmets and getting ready for our playground session first before venturing out onto the road for some fun.





We are delighted to share with you the wonderful news that Kea School have won this year'sYouth Speaks competition, for the second year in a row!

Our team this year are Fenella, Ivy and Xavier. Their entertaining and thought-provoking speech was centered around learning from our mistakes and was titled From Failing to Success.

In a virtual competition this year, the children sent in a video of their speech and impressed the judges with their confidence and clarity. Well done children, we are all immensely proud of you!!

Message from year 4

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 4,

Thank you so much for all the donations, this will help so many people in poverty. We will take the food to our local foodbank. There are loads of tins, cereals, jams, milk and apple juice.



Thank you for the donations. Dearest respect- Lola and Year 4



Message from St Kea Church

Hey there! We're Steve and Hannah, and we have an invitation for you:

On a Friday afternoon, St Kea Church provides an after-school club for all children from Yr3 up to Yr6, and we'd love to offer your children the chance to come along! SKY Riders meets from 3.45-5pm at St Kea Church Hall (TR3 6AE) and offers a wide range of fun theme-nights, games and activities. Here's just a taste of what's coming up this term:

30th April – Who Am I? Mystery Night
7th May – Treasure Map Adventure Night
14th May – Wacky Wardrobe Night
21st May – Transformation Night – With Glitter!

Each night includes a creative activity, themed games and a short interactive biblical story talk, led by friendly and encouraging staff and leaders. For more information and a digital term card, please contact Steve Murray (stevem@stkea.org.uk).

Fortnite / Roblox

There have been a number of concerns around the safety of online gaming that have been brought to our attention, specifically relating to Roblox and Fortnight. Local cases have been reported of grooming taking place through the use of Roblox to interact and communicate once friend requests have been accepted.

Although Roblox, when the chat function is enabled, has an age restriction of 13, we are aware that some children in our school are playing it. I urge you to check the settings in your child's account. I have included some information about Roblox that I strongly recommend you read. Here is a link to a short, useful video made by a parent with some extra security tips for Roblox:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pWzhE8fUi7E

I have also attached some facts and advice about Fortnite, which is another popular game amongst our children, although the age recommendation is 12+.

We will be reminding the children about using online games safely and fairly and about the dangers that the online world can pose.. We would be grateful if you could do the same at home.

The Safer Internet Centre has a very helpful section for parents with some guides and resources to help keep your child safe online:

https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers

Separate parental guidance for Roblox and Fortnite have been uploaded to the website

Deputy Head Vacancy

We are looking to recruit a deputy headteacher who is a strong leader and an experienced and inspirational teacher. It is likely that the successful candidate will be given a KS2 class in the first instance. This position is a full time permanent post to commence on 1 September 202.

To find out more about this post please e-mail the school office to request an application pack. Completed applications to be posted to the school office by Tuesday 18 May 2021. Interviews will be held Monday 24 May 2021.

EYFS Teacher Vacancy

We are looking to recruit an experienced EYFS teacher to work part time (0.5) in a job share with our existing teacher. You will be required to work Wednesday, Thursday and Friday one week and Thursday and Friday the following week. This is a permanent post commencing 1 September 2021.

To find out more about this post please e-mail the school office to request an application pack. Completed applications to be posted to the school office by Wednesday 12 May 2021. Interviews will be held on Monday 17 May 2021.