

# KEA NEWS | October 2021

## A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN AND MAKE FRIENDS

#### Message from Mrs Hunkin

The first few weeks have passed like a flash and here we are already in October. New children in Foundation Class have settled in really well and I'm enjoying getting to know them. They have started to learn to read and have already learned quite a lot of letters.

Children in Year 5 went swimming every day for two weeks and the progress they made in this time was phenomenal. Mrs D and Mr Cotterill were delighted that by their 10<sup>th</sup> day, every child could swim a whole length (some had been incredibly nervous before the sessions started). More confident swimmers all had the opportunity to learn and practice survival skills which they enjoyed. This week Year 4 have started their sessions and progress is already evident.

Every year pupils in Years 5 and 6 write letters to apply for jobs which they will carry out throughout the year. These include visitor ambassadors, playtime buddies, recyclers, gardeners, wake and shake leaders, journalists, librarians and groundsmen. Every single letter was beautifully written, with a great deal of care and thought. Training for these jobs have started. More information about these jobs will be shared with you throughout the year. Years I and 2 had a great time at Flambards this week – pictures and info to follow.

Thanks for all your support with our changes to routines because of Covid-19. We are continuing to follow guidance from the local authority and from Public Health England and will notify you of any changes. Please remember that windows are open in every classroom all day, so please remember to ensure that your child has suitable clothing to keep them warm. Please also ensure that they bring a coat every day now that the weather is cooler.

Year 3

In Science we have been investigating forces. We have learned about pushes, pulls and fraction in a hands on way. First we designed and made

some marble runs. Next. we used soap oil and jelly to explore how we could make jelly slide down a hill faster by reducing the friction.



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#### Year 4

Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed the visit 'Blast from the past' made to all of Key Stage 2 last week. They took part in a Viking themed workshop, and as well as learning lots of interesting facts about the Viking invasion of Britain. They also tried their hand at being part of a Viking army! They were tasked with marching in unison, as well as protecting themselves with shields against an onslaught of spears (small plastic balls) hurled upon them by a vicious Anglo Saxon warrior (Mr Barritt). In the afternoon we also played the traditional Saxon game, 9 men's morris. The children loved the whole experience and learnt so much!





### <u>Year 5</u>



Y5 have had a very busy week learning about Invaders & Settlers including our Viking workshop where they became a Viking ship and learned about Viking battles, creating our warriors through collage and our fantastic houses homework. Well done Y5!









#### <u>Year 6</u>

This week Year 6 have been working hard securing their understanding of place value and factors. We've been really impressed with how they're transferred their understanding of a poem into a police report.

#### Well Done Jude

Well done to Jude from Yearr 5, he was awarded managers player of the season for the Saints Southwest Cornwall Regional Squad last week.





The business will be closed from Thursday 7th, Friday 8th and Saturday 9th October. Opening again as normal on Monday 11th. We have advertised this on our Facebook page and also in the shop. Any parent who still has an outstanding order to collect will be told personally of these dates.

#### Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancies

We are looking for 2 Lunchtime Supervisors (Monday to Friday for 6.25 hours per week - 12.00 - 1.15pm) to assist with the supervision of pupils at lunchtime. The role will be to encourage pupils to play responsibly and safely. Kea School is an exciting, ambitious and forward thinking primary school in Truro, Cornwall. Our friendly school has 201 children on roll.

Training and support will be given to the successful candidate.

These positions are fixed term until July 2022 in the first instance.

If you are unable to do 5 days a week please consider applying, as there is likely to be flexibility on days/hours.

For further information please go onto the link below:

Lunchtime Supervisor - Cornwall Council Careers (selectminds.com)

#### Kea School Friends Update from Leanne

We have had our AGM and we are very much looking forward to the year ahead.

Our core team will remain the same :

Tracy - Vice Chair Janine - Secretary Tracey - Treasurer Leanne - PR & Communications Lead

I have formally handed over to the capable hands of Jodie who is now officially Chair of KSF. She has all our support and will make a wonderful Chair.