

Parent Update
Week
beginning
Monday 13th
the February
to Friday 3rd
March 2023!

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Update from our Well Being Warriors

To support children's mental health and well-being in school, we have carefully selected a range of pupils (from Years 2 – 6), who have come together to form a strong, empathetic and dedicated team called the Well-being Warriors. The children have participated in several training sessions with the school's Mental Health Lead, based on how they can support their peers. The Well-being Warriors launched their roles to all the pupils during a whole school assembly. They led some activities, which they thought could help KAPSH pupils to look after their mental health e.g. posting thoughts inside happiness bags.

During this half-term, the Well-being Warriors will be working together to produce an informative well-being newsletter, focusing on the exciting activities KAPSH pupils took part in during Children's Mental Health Week and tips for pupils and parents. Watch this space



Update from our Art Ambassadors

The Arts Ambassadors have been very busy working on a couple of art projects which is helping them to develop their leadership skills.

During our fortnight meetings, we planned an interschool art competition with Whitchurch Primary School, around the coronation of King Charles III. The chairperson, Kiara and the vice chair, Shria, introduced the competition to the whole school during Achievements Assembly and then ran an Art Surgery with the support of all our Arts councillors for further guidance on the project. They invited pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 to create an illustration for the specially designed coronation benches to usher in the new era. Through these steps, the councillors challenged themselves as leaders of the school and felt that this experience was unique.

In addition to this, the Arts councillors have also worked on the Fourth Plinth competition and in collaboration with artists from Artist in Residence. They have their notebooks where they organise the minutes of every meeting and used these to introduce the events above to their classes. Pupils are not only aware of every event around the arts, but also contribute with valuable ideas on how to better organise them at the school level.

A sad farewell

It is with an incredibly heavy heart that I am informing you that Miss Gregona Samuel, our Office Administrator will be leaving us at the end of this half term.

Miss Samuel has served our school community for the last seven years and she now feels that a change is needed. Miss Samuel is not sure of her next steps, but will be taking some time to focus on her family.

From the whole school community, we wish Miss Samuel much luck as she begins this next chapter in her life.



Forest School Development

We are very excited to announce that we are in the process of finalising our plans to begin to deliver Forest School to our children.

We have our very own Mrs Smita Parmar who has almost completed her Forest School accreditation and will be our Forest School teacher, she will be supported by Mrs Jyotsana Jain, who will be our Forest School Assistant, she too has come to the end of her course work.

We have planned the site and will be working with our school gardner to ensure the area is safe for children and adults. Our risk assessments and policies/procedures are all in place, even much of the equipment has been purchased. Read on to find out what next!



Forest School Development cont...

Your School Needs You!

To ensure the area is ready for the delivery of Forest School, we need around £5000. This is a community project that will benefit all our children, the skills gained via Forest School supports independence and team work, boosts confidence, develops vocabulary, provides purposeful outdoor learning experiences and much more.



Forest School Development cont...

If you are someone or know of someone in the following profession, or just wish to get involved, please email me on shriti.Bellare@avanti.org.uk. Alternatively, if you wish to make a voluntary monetary contribution, this can be made via parent pay.

- Build raised flower beds
- Build a fence
- Help make our pond useable
- Develop a compost bin
- Make a water butt
- Raise funds for an all weather proof shelter
- Build a seating area

Leaving items outside of the school gates

Over the last few weeks we have seen that our parent community has been leaving items outside the school gates, we have found deities, gift boxes, material and even a bottle of alcohol (we disposed of this straight away)

This is a message to all, please do not leave your unwanted items outside our gates, it leaves the school in a difficult situation when thinking about what to do with them.

Please donate your unwanted items to the local charity shop.

Thank you.



Outcomes from Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to those parents who took some time to complete the recent parent questionnaire, this gives the school an understanding of what you think and which aspects of school provision we need to focus on.

Please see the outcomes attached.

In response to the questionnaire, I will hold a Townhall in the summer term, so that you, the parent community can address these concerns with the Leadership Team and together we can look at plausible solutions.



Highlights from KS1

KS1 have had an engaging and productive term, here are some of the highlights from Spring term

Year 1 have had a big push on reading this half term and developing a love for reading. They have had a visit from an author that writes non-fiction texts. Year 1 had the opportunity to vote for their favourite book and share their opinion with the author, their chosen book was a picture book focusing on constellations.

In year 2 they have been developing our gymnastics skills and building their confidence by creating their own sequence using a range of equipment, balances and forward rolls.

In English Y2's focus this half term has been looking at poetry. They have been getting imaginative with their use of vocabulary by incorporating onomatopoeias and descriptive stanzas into their poems all about Krishna.

All of KS1 had a fantastic day taking part in our Laughology workshops last half term, thinking about the importance of laughter, how we can laugh more and developing our mental health inside and outside of school.

