



King's Hall School
TAUNTON



Pelican News



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I have been impressed with the buzz of hard work humming through Pre-Prep this week as staff and children embrace all their learning with enthusiasm and a wonderful curiosity. This was commented on several times this week as I led tours for prospective families. The children really do make this aspect of my role easy from standing in Little Woods on a blue-sky November morning watching Nursery explore their activities so independently while the chickens roam around their feet to entering the Reception class where the room is 'alive' with the sound of children animatedly chatting about their tasks and eagerly wanting to share it with our visitors. We then move on to see what is happening in Years 1 and 2 where there is a marked change in how the children conduct themselves and highlights brilliantly the natural development as we move through the different ages from being an exuberant 2-year-old to reaching the giddy heights of being 7. The children demonstrate their focus in a more controlled way as they intently listen to their teacher or concentrate on their task and illustrate their developing understanding of respect as they (usually) remember to stand up as we enter the room. The biggest joy is that it all happens so naturally which indicates the children are growing just as we wish them to in an environment where the conditions are pitched perfectly for them to thrive.

Taunton Drama Festival

As mentioned in last week's Pelican News, a good number of children from Year 1 and Year 2 took part in the Taunton Drama Festival last Friday. For many, it was their first experience of performing at this level and we are all so proud of how well they conducted themselves and of the hard work they had all put in to their individual poems to be the best they could be on the day. It was lovely to see some children return with medals and trophies but even more lovely to see those who returned with smiles and comments of having enjoyed the experience. Well done to Mr Kirby for his passion during Speech and Drama lessons; he had commented earlier last week that Pre-Prep had 'brought the sunshine' in the lessons leading up to the festival due to their enthusiasm and efforts. A very big 'Well Done' to all involved (parents included!)

Curriculum Information

Following on from the recent curriculum presentations for both the Early Years Foundation Stage and KS1 English and Maths, you should now find all information shared on My School Portal. I hope you find it useful and should you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Reception Vision Screening

A reminder that the School Vision Screening team will be in school on Thursday afternoon next week to complete the vision screening for Reception. Please remember that if you **do not** wish your child to have their vision screened you need to have sent back the opt-out reply slip sent to you earlier in the term.

Cold Weather Accessories

All children should now have a named warm hat and pair of gloves in school for playtimes please.

Water Bottles

Please remember to send your child to school with a filled water bottle each day.

Early Morning Club

Thank you to everyone who has sent in a colouring book for their child to use at Early Morning Club; it has saved at least a couple of trees in photocopying so far!

Nursery

Please can all Nursery children bring in a named hat and gloves (mittens if possible) and a toilet/kitchen roll tube for Forest school on Monday.

Lunch Menu

Week 2

Merits and Achievements

Reception K: Archie and Isabella

Year 1L: Arthur, Christopher, Luther and Thanos

Year 2G: Fergal and Vincent

Pre-Prep Ambassador: Pixie

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Claire Luckhurst

Pelican Gallery









