

Another busy and productive week at KHS as November draws to a chilly end.

This week, we have recognised how the Kingswode Hoe Shop develops employability and skills for the world of work. Thetford presented their assembly showing how much hard work goes into this important enterprise project every week. They shared video clips of Year 9 who help prepare stock, and how pupils are gaining confidence and communication through customer service opportunities.

Staff had training and workshops this week to gain greater understanding of Speech and Language and Communication Needs (SLCN), Art Therapy, Maths Mastery, Phonics, Reading Comprehension and Play.

Huge thanks again to all who donated to our Children in Need Day last week- we raised **£130** towards this worthwhile cause with non-uniform and activity contributions!

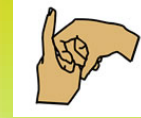
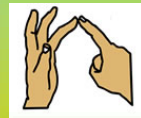
Visitors to school included the Travelling Librarian and Frontline History who brought imaginary a3nd real stories to life for pupils.

Please see our diary dates for December on page 10 and click on the link below to complete information for Christmas events coming up.

Mrs A Constantine



Word of the week:
Work



WORK

Both flat hands at right angles - one above the other. Bottom edge of dominant hand taps top edge of other hand.

Meaning: the use of energy or effort to achieve a result by doing or making something

Related words: action, effort, industry, service, activity, assignment, chore, commission, duty, endeavour, exercise, mission, office



ALL PARENTS & CARERS:
Please click and complete for
Christmas events

Employability opportunities at KHS

- ✓ Pupil leadership- clubs and credit time
- ✓ KHS Shop
- ✓ Duke of Edinburgh curriculum-supported work placements
- ✓ Food and cooking
- ✓ Café Hero
- ✓ Creative sessions- Business & Enterprise
- ✓ Roles and responsibilities- helping our staff
- ✓ Meeting new people- greeting visitors
- ✓ Welcoming new pupils

Just a few...

Thetford class shared videos and skills needed to run the KHS Shop and showed how much hard work goes into this every week!



- ✓ Be on time to lessons
- ✓ Be in correct uniform and kit
- ✓ Be prepared
- ✓ Be polite
- ✓ Be tolerant
- ✓ Be respectful

We are so different, but equal!



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Key skills to get a job: EMPLOYABILITY
What are key skills?

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EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS





Reading in The Nest

Basketball- Year 7 PE

Year 7 wrapped up their third and final week of basketball recapping lay ups and working on team tactics in a game. All pupils worked brilliantly as a team, and all showed a vast amount of sportsmanship.



PIC-COLLAGE



Oak class spent time in The Nest. The pupils each chose a book and listened to Millie-Mae and Mrs B read stories.

Shadow Puppetry- Year 8 Media



Pupils in Orchard class have been experimenting with shadow puppets in media. We have been learning about early animation and how it was used to tell stories and to teach people. We also looked at Lotte Reiniger who made the first ever colour animated feature film. Her ideas were actually taken by Walt Disney who claimed to have invented them! We also watched a shadow performance that past pupils in Thetford made for a Christmas production a few years ago. We were inspired by how well the pupils were able to tell their story.



ROYAL GUNPOWDER MILLS



Year 7 had a visitor from the Gunpowder Mills to tell us about life in WW2. They learnt about rations, uniforms, air raid shelters and what life was like for a child in the war. Sam asked a brilliant question about gas masks and Jacob had so much information about the war he wanted to share! It was brilliant.



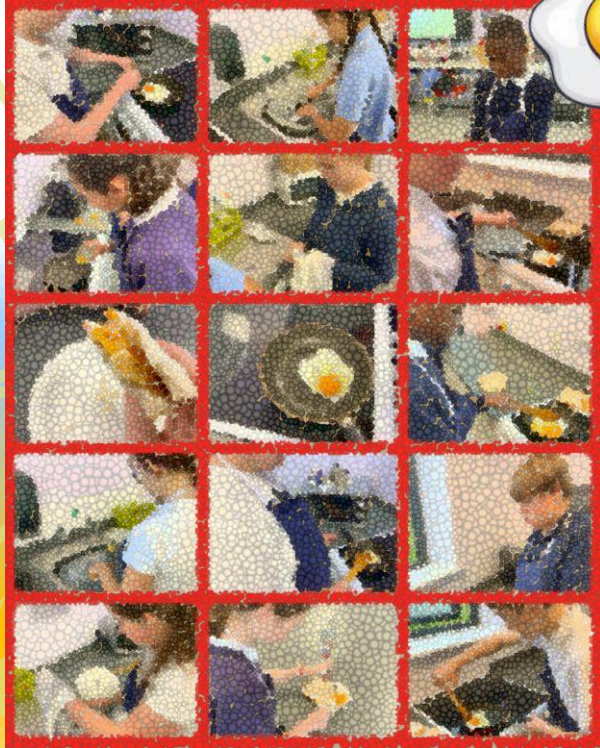
WW2 Workshop- Year 7 Culture & Community (CC)

FOOD AND COOKING



STAR BAKER

Star Baker is Ellie C for always being keen to share ideas, she works carefully and safely in the food room, and always tries her best in written and practical lessons.



Birch Class decorated the cupcakes they had made previously. They made up water icing, added colouring and sprinkles.



Copse pupils made themselves fried egg sandwiches, they cooked the eggs on the hob, each pupil cooked the egg to their liking, runny or hard yolk. The pupils all helped clear up and ensured the food room was ready for the next class to use.



Some of the Year 10 pupils made a batch of Rocky Road. They used white chocolate and popcorn instead of the usual dark chocolate and digestive biscuits.

FOREST SCHOOL FUN

Birch enjoyed their first chilly morning. They took time to listen to the birds singing as they wandered down to the Spinney. They were entertained with musical instruments, and they kept warm playing ball games. They chilled in the hammocks and made some lovely colourful pom-poms.



Acorn pupils were having lots of fun in the chilly air. They engaged in all the activities, especially the egg hunt and the musical instruments with some singing the background. They chatted with their friends in the hammocks and enjoyed their snack time.

Oak had a wonderful morning with lots of fun and laughter. They engaged in all the activities on offer including pom-pom making, playing musical instruments together, making happy leaf faces and challenging themselves with an egg hunt.



OUTDOOR LEARNING

Maple class enjoyed this week's Forest School on site. As a team, they used trowels to dig up different insects and rocks. Some pupils had fun finding the best stick to whittle. Others used the binoculars to see what birds they could spot in the sky and other wildlife they could see in the trees.



Year 10 pupils went for a four and a half mile walk around Lexden and Hillyfields for their Duke of Edinburgh. They were very well behaved and were dressed well for the challenge.



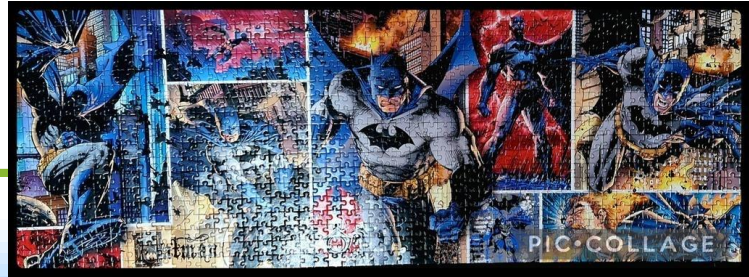
The sun shone for us at the farm this week and everyone worked hard to provide clean enclosures for animals both great and small. Some pupils found the doves to be extremely friendly!



E4L At Home



Charlie did an amazing puzzle of Batman 🦇



Harry B went to see Wicked film and he thought it was an 8 out of 10.



Chloe went to the North Pole on the Polar Express. She had hot chocolate and a cookie and a visit from Santa who gave her a bell.



Zeynep completed another karate grading. She is now an orange and red belt. Well done Zeynep



Lewie has been cooking at home. He was very chatty on the video, letting us know that he was cooking enchiladas for dinner.



KINGSWODE HOE

LUNCH MENU Week 2

* 11.11.24* *2.12.24* *6.01.25* *3.02.25*
* Week Beginning

Key to allergens

Milk M
Fish F
Soya SO
Gluten G
Sulphites S
Celery C
Egg E
Mustard MU

Monday
Pizza GM
Coleslaw M
Baked Beans
Salad
Fruit Delight M

Tuesday
Minced Beef Tacos G
Cheese and Bean Slice GM
Sweetcorn
Peas
Salad
Jam sponge and Custard GEM

Wednesday
Sweet and Sour Chicken
Southern Fried Veggie Nuggets G
Egg Rice E
Green Beans
Salad
Jelly and Fruit

Thursday
Roast Gammon
Veggie Sausages GM
Yorkshire Pudding GEM
Roast Potatoes
Cabbage
Carrots
Ice-Cream Pot M

Friday
Battered Fish GF
Veggie Fingers G
Baked Beans
Peas
Chips
Oaty Cookie G



Fruit & Yogurt available daily
Baguettes available Tuesday & Wednesday

Coming up...

Themes this half term:

Week beginning	Theme- linked to six outcomes/world events
4.11.24	Community & Wider World: Bonfire Night & Divali
11.11.24	Community & Wider World: Remembrance
18.11.24	Health, Lifestyle & Wellbeing: Anti-Bullying Week
25.11.24	Employability: KHS Shop
2.12.24	Resilience & Independence: Road Safety
9.12.24	Christmas Traditions & Carols
16.12.24	The Nativity

Kingswode Hoe School
What we plant today, we grow tomorrow





Café Hero - parents and carers invited
Thursday 1.45-2.15pm

Christmas timetable starts
Wednesday 11 December

Christmas show
Thursday 12 December 1.15-2.30pm
& Friday 13 December 11am-12.15pm

Christmas dinner
Tuesday 17 December



ALL PARENTS & CARERS: Please click and complete for Christmas events



Upper School cinema trip
Monday 16 December

Lower School panto trip
Wednesday 18 December

Christmas Carol Service*
Thursday 19 December 2024
10.30-11.30am St Leonards Church, Lexden



Christmas Break:

Friday 20 December - Friday 3 January 2025 inclusive
Pupils return to school on Monday 6 January 2025

Firstsite Holiday Fun

December Holidays

Fri 27 - Sat 28 Dec

Fri 03 - Sat 04 Jan

Colchester

Activities take place at:
Firstsite
Lewis Gardens, High St
Colchester, Essex
CO1 1JH

FREE

Make

Free creative
art activities
10:00am -
2:30pm

Move

Free fun sports
activities
10:45am -11:45am
& 12:00pm -1:00pm

Canteen

Free freshly made
hot meals for
all the family

11:45am &
1:00pm

Our Holiday Fun activities are for families facing economic challenges or who require additional support during the school holidays, including those that qualify for benefit-based free school meals.

- Advanced booking is essential
- Activities most suitable for 4-11 years, but all ages welcome
- Caregivers are required to stay on site throughout the activities
- Menus and lists of activities available at www.firstsite.uk

Delivered in partnership with:



How to book

Early bird tickets will be available from 9am Tue 10 Dec.

More tickets will be released three days in advance of each session.

Limited spaces available, offered on a first come first served basis.

If you can no longer attend your booking, please let us know as soon as possible by calling 01206 713700. If you contact us 24 hours before the event your space can be made available for another family.

Thank you!

Book online at
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