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NEWSLETTER

TERM 2- DECEMBER 2023



Dear Families,

MESSAGE FROM MRS WALKER

Christmas is always such a special and busy time in school as we enjoy performances, sing-a-longs, Christmas lunch and the daily delivery of Christmas cards. Year 3 held a fabulous Christmas event which everyone who attended agreed that it certainly made us all feel very festive, 'The 12 Days of KPJA' was a fabulously entertaining highlight.

The Friends of PARK did us proud with this year's Winter Wonderland, which not only was fabulous fun, but raised funds for the school. The members of Friends intend to use the funds to purchase the 'nice to have' items which the school would not normally be able to provide. They will meet with staff and children to discuss what these might be. It's all very exciting!

On top of our extensive roof works we can also advise parents that we have received significant investment from our Trust to upgrade all the gates around the school. The installation of these has started with the car park gates and will be ongoing for a few weeks. We are also intending to refurbish the lower boys' toilets at Easter subject to the contractor's availability, the lower girls have been completed.

In our commitment to keep parents informed about their child's progress you will have received your child's one-page report on Friday 15th December, if you have not, please inform the office. One-page reports are sent out at the end of term 2 and term 4 with a full report in the summer.

Finally, it just remains for me to thank all the staff at KPJA for their tireless commitment to school development and the future of our children and to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all on the 8th January 2024!

Ann Walker
Head Teacher

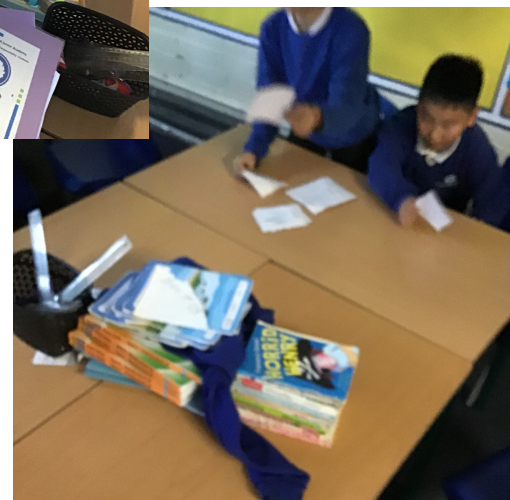


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YEAR 3

This term in history, year 3 have been learning all about the Stone Age. We have found out there are three periods in the stone age, the Mesolithic, the Neolithic and the Paleolithic. In the stone age, people were hunter-gatherers. Next, came the Bronze Age and they learnt to make copper, tin, metal and bronze, in this age tools were better and finding food was easier. After, was the Iron Age, where they traded goods by bartering. We have been practicing our bartering skills with each other. We have traded items for other goods that people needed. We thought carefully about what items were worth more. We have enjoyed learning about the Stone Age.

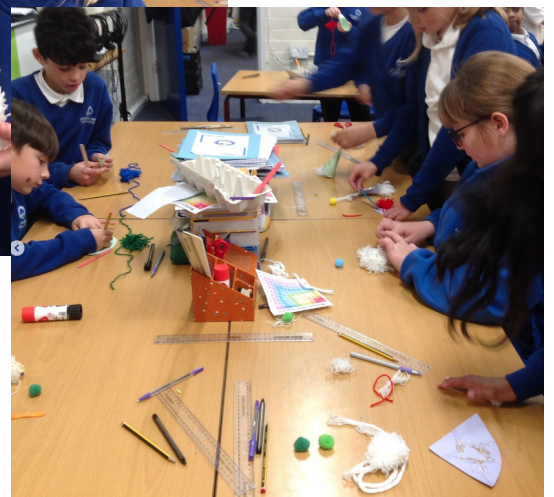


YEAR 4

The residential was so fun! There was lots of activities to do. Ziplining was my favourite. There was also leap of faith, parkor and rock climbing. It was so fun that I didn't want to leave. The shop was amazing, I wanted to buy everything
Lily Hickford-Milne.

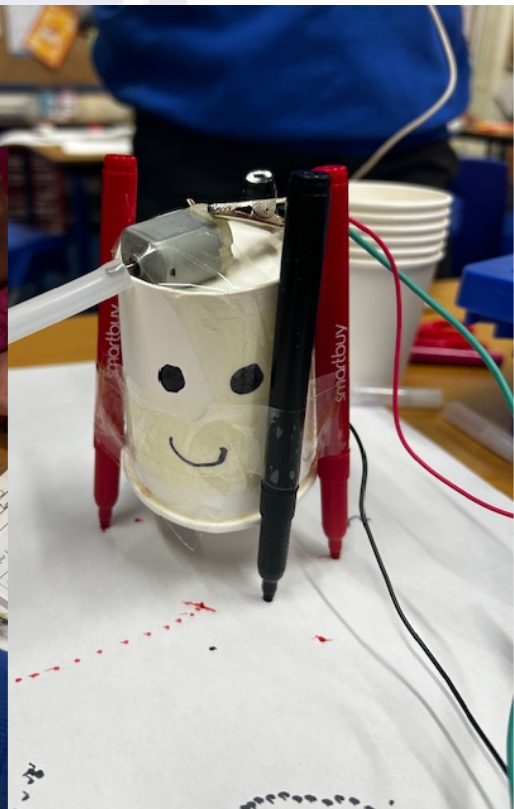
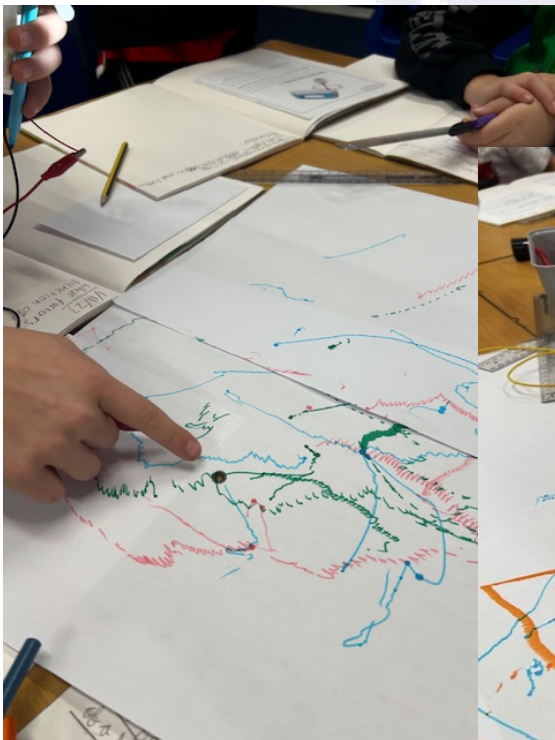
Ziplining was so fun! It was scary before you jump but when you did it was really fun! There was also a shop - it was great! You can bouncing playground and lots more!
Luca Ellicott- Hearse.

When we made the gonks it was exciting! We used card and fluffy string to make them. Our favourite parts were decorating the hats and making the pom poms. It was a little tricky to cut the strings but we didn't give up! We enjoyed making them a lot!
Shashini and Evie



YEAR 5

This half term Year 5 have been exploring electronic design and engineering in design and technology. To begin, we first looked at the input and output of motion that an electron motor component requires and creates. Then, we applied this knowledge to our design brief which was to create a electronic doodler, a toy that will create random designs on paper. Through trial and error, we came to understand what the design required in order to not only move but also stay stable long enough to create the designs on paper. Finally, working in small groups we put all our knowledge and skills together to create our own toy and share them with the class. We were really impressed what we created and how entertaining they ended up being.



YEAR 6

In Year 6 this term, we have focussed our English around the wonderful book *Holes* by Louis Sachar. We have written some beautiful letters home from a lovely summer camp, as well as some worrying thoughts from the camp from Hell! The children enjoyed an experience day toasting marshmallows, singing songs and tying knots but were also put through their paces by completing physical labour and eating broth. In Science this term, we have looked at light and how it travels into our eyes. The children designed their own holiday swimming pool with the new-found knowledge of how shadows work to place sunbeds and umbrellas in the right place. To enrich their learning, children took part in a Dragon's Den style experience whereby they created and pitched their very own business idea to make profit at our annual Winter Wonderland. We had some amazing entries across the who year group and found it very difficult to narrow these down.



IMPORTANT DATES



Term 3

Thursday 4th Jan	Training Day
Friday 5th Jan	Training Day
Monday 8th Jan	Open to pupils
Tuesday 9th Jan	Class 5 Swimming starts
Tuesday 9th Jan	Individual/Siblings photo's
Wednesday 31st Jan	Y4 Class 4 Assembly 9.15-9.30am
Thursday 1st Feb	Y4 Class 5 Assembly 9.15-9.30am
Friday 2nd Feb	Y4 Class 6 Assembly 9.15-9.30am
Thursday 8th Feb	Year 5 Event 2pm
Friday 16th Feb	Term 3 Ends

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Safeguarding:

Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mrs Walker

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mrs Goodall, Mrs Peacock, Mrs Bright, Mrs Pearce and Miss James.

Free school meal vouchers:

You should have now received your free school meal holiday voucher, if you have not please contact the councils free school meal department.

School times:

The school gates open at 8:45am and collection is at 3:15pm. If your child is consistently collected late from school then we will be issuing fines.



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!

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Timetable of Crisis Cafes around Northamptonshire:

Crisis Café Timetable	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
The Mixing Bowl - Kettering Mind 49-51 Russell Street, Kettering, NN16 0EN Tel : 01536 523216		11am - 10pm	11am - 10pm	11am - 10pm			
The Sanctuary - Corby Mind 18 Argyll St, Corby, NN17 1RU Tel : 01536 267280				12-10pm	12-10pm		2-8pm
Wellingborough Mind 14 Havelock Street, Wellingborough, NN8 4QA Tel : 01933 223591				12-10pm	12-10pm	2-8pm	
Anchor House - Northampton Mind 6/7 Regent Square, Northampton NN1 2NQ Tel: 01604 634310 / 624951	12-10pm	12-10pm				2-10pm	
The Recovery Café - Rushden Mind Phoenix House, Skinner's Hill, Rushden, NN10 9YE Tel : 01933 312800	12-10pm	12-10pm	12-10pm				2-8pm
Daventry Mind - The Old Gasworks Car Park, Brook Street, Daventry, NN11 4GG Tel : 01327 879416			5-9pm				

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Crisis Café

Kettering Mind Mixing Bowl

Drop-in mental health support for any adult in need

Please click on the link for further details:
[Crisis-Cafe.pdf \(ketteringmind.org.uk\)](#)



If your child has applied for an afterschool club, we will be sending out emails on the first week back to confirm club attendance, clubs are due to start back up again on the 15th January.



School closes to pupils at 3:15pm on the 20th December and reopens at 8:45am on the 8th January.



If any of your children are due to start Year 3 in September 2024 the application deadline is the 15th January.