

# Early Years Newsletter



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## NURSERY NEWS

We have had a very busy and hot week in Nursery! The sun has been shining which has been very appropriate for our current topic of 'Summer and Holidays'.

### Sun Safety

During this hot weather please could parents apply sun cream to their child before arriving at Nursery, if children require another application throughout the day please provide a bottle of named sun cream which can be kept at Nursery. Children will also require a named sun hat and a bottle of water to drink throughout the day. The children's safety is paramount and these are all very important items for keeping them safe during the current hot weather.



### Gingerbread Men

As the children put on an amazing production and end of year production last week, 'From Baking Tray to Summer Bay' we have been busy making gingerbread men. The children have weighed ingredients, mixed them, rolled the dough and finally cut out some perfect gingerbread men before decorating them with raisins. The Nursery kitchen has had a lovely aroma of ginger all week. Thankfully, our gingerbread men did not run



away from us and the children were able to take them home to eat!

### 'Under the Sea'

As the children have been talking about holidays, this week we have made a fantastic large sea collage in the outdoor area. The children worked together to make an amazing collage of the sea using paint, rollers, brushes, glitter, and a range of different media. It was lovely to see them working together to create this large collage and also creating sea animals to swim in the sea.



Water play this week has been an especially big part of daily activities and has helped the children to keep cool in the hot weather. The children have been playing with underwater animals and enjoyed splashing in the water!



Next week will be our final newsletter of this year and we have some further fantastic experiences planned for the children as this Nursery year draws to a close!

## RECEPTION NEWS

### Father's Day- Challenge Day!

Reception enjoyed the most wonderful 'Challenge Afternoon' with many of our Fathers and Grandfathers last Friday. In teams we worked outside to create large castles for our Fairytale topic, constructed from junk modeling and boxes from home. We are so excited to share with you our creations!

### [Father's Day Challenge Afternoon](#)

#### Rules

- 1- You must work as a **team**, adults and children together.
- 2- You must all contribute to the building, sticking and painting of **your castle**.
- 3- All castles must stand up and be sturdy- we don't want the wolf blowing them down!
- 4- Each castle must be taller than every child in **your team** (judged by age, not maturity!)
- 5- Your castle must have turrets and a working draw bridge... yes, a 'working' draw bridge!
- 6- Each castle must be fully painted on the outside as well as having 'brick' sponge prints on to give it a 3D effect.
- 7- Each adult and child must colour a prince or a princess, sign their name and stick it to the inside of the castle as the wallpaper... we will check.
- 8- The completed castle must then have a flag.
- 9- Finally and most important of all, all members of each team must be smiling!



Do you think they stuck to the rules?  
**THANK YOU SO MUCH** to all who joined us and helped to make every single child's afternoon fun!

## Spencer Park

Our final topic in Reception this year is Fairytales. To celebrate the beautiful stories we have been reading, Reception walked to Spencer Park on Thursday afternoon. We may have spent all morning crossing our fingers and toes to make sure it didn't rain, but we were also grateful for the heat wave to have passed. All children and adults had a magical time. Once again, thank you to our supportive volunteers. Without you, we couldn't do these fantastic activities and outings!



## Fidget Spinners

Although we don't encourage too many toys in school, the ever popular 'fidget spinners' are a huge hit. One young man in Reception brought some in earlier this week. Hoping he was being kind and sharing, he gave them away. He's now very sad and would like them back. If your child has brought home a fidget spinner recently which you know isn't theirs, please feel free to leave it with Miss Cook who shall pass any on to Mrs Lidder. Thank you.

## Nursery/Reception Coffee Morning

Just a little reminder about our Coffee Morning coming up on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017** in the Swallows Hall. You can drop in at any time between **9.00am and 10:30am** to have a friendly chat about Reception life at King Henry VIII Preparatory School with our 'soon to be' Reception parents.

The morning gives our new parents a chance to ask our lovely current parents any questions which they may have. **At the moment, we have quite a few new parents joining us, so more attendees from our current parents would be warmly welcome!**



Please do join us if you can and show your support. If possible, please email [brands@khps.co.uk](mailto:brands@khps.co.uk) to confirm your attendance so that we can prepare for numbers.