

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents/carers,

This week the word on all of our lips has been Progress! Last night we again made history hosting our first ever Pupil Progress Evening. It was great to see so many parents attend and to see the progress many pupils are making at TKA. We asked parents/carers to complete a short survey to seek your views on the TKA experience to date. Thank you to all who participated; we will be reporting the outcomes of this in the New Year, which are looking to be overwhelmingly positive. If you missed the opportunity to share your views, please contact Miss Wade cwade@thekingstonacademy.org.

The other area of our work this week where progress has been seen is in the distribution to pupils of the infamous Chrome books - at last! We hope pupils are making effective use of these. Next week we will spend some time with pupils looking at the Acceptable Use Policy, how to stay safe on line and reinforcing the message that our History Makers are very much custodians of these devices, so they must take great care to look after them and be responsible. Again I urge pupils to put the devices in their bags on the way to and from school. We are exploring the possibility of lockers being made available as we understand that pupils are carrying rather a lot, especially on days when they also have PE. If we are able to accommodate these lockers, we will need to charge for their use. I will update you on developments as we know more.

Today all pupils watched the Globe Players perform A Christmas Carol. With our Christmas tree glistening in the hall, pending Carol Concert (do come along!) and the delivery of this fine production, it is certainly beginning to feel rather festive at TKA.

Finally we are consulting on our Admissions arrangements for 2017. Please see the website: <http://www.thekingstonacademy.org/admissions>

Kind regards,
Sophie Cavanagh.



House Points
rankings

Berners-Lee: 894

Hawking: 893

Curie: 823

Lovelace: 752

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Road safety campaign

Our PSHE day last week featured an opportunity for our pupils to design a road safety campaign. Here are a few of the commended designs.

Jenna was the overall winner and earned 10 points for Lovelace House.



Balloon debate!

In debating club this week's topic was a 'Balloon Debate'.

The scene is that 5 randomly picked celebrities are on a hot air balloon and it's descending rapidly. So each Celebrity has 1 minute to think of a speech to convince the judge into letting them stay on the balloon - or being out of the game..

I enjoyed this debate because we had to imagine we were the celebrities which was fun!

By Ismail—7Pd



Bah humbug!

The Globe Players visited school on Friday 11th December to perform an entertaining adaptation of 'A Christmas Carol'.

The actors managed to get in and out of their costumes really quickly meaning that they could be many characters in one scene! They made us laugh and they made us feel sad, it was amazing!

Theo—7Re

I thought the acting was very funny

Oliver—7Cr

I liked the little effects like the curtains. I thought they did a good job at changing from each character as they only had four people.

Morgan—7Zn





Spotlight on... STEM

(Science, technology, Engineering and Maths)

A message from Mr Deveson:

Well done to our eager rockers - we are now the fastest school within a 10-mile radius with an average speed of 3.8 seconds per times table fact! 42% of our History Makers are now Rock Stars, meaning they can answer any fact up to 12 x 12 in less than 3 seconds. However, we want 100% of our pupils to be Rock Stars by the end of the Spring term! An ambitious yet achievable target with hard work and your support. It is fantastic to see so many pupils using their Chrome books to compete against themselves, their peers and indeed pupils from around the world! Keep on Rocking!



Important Dates for Term 1 (Autumn 2015)

Monday 14th December—Visit to Houses of Parliament with School Council & Debate Club. Young Carers' Christmas Wrap—after school in form rooms. No clubs tonight.

Thursday 17th December—Friends of TKA School Disco—7-9pm in School Hall. Tickets available from reception.

Friday 18th December—Last day of term. Wear a Christmas Jumper charity day.

Christmas Carol concert at 11am—parents welcome! School closes at 12 midday.

Monday 4th January 2016—Staff Training day. No pupils should attend school this day.

Tuesday 5th January 2016—Term begins for pupils. School starts at 8:40am. Whole school assembly with Kate Priestley (Library Service) to launch Lit Quiz.