

FROM THE HEAD

We are five weeks into a busy term, and, as the days seem to be getting a little longer and there are some tentative signs of spring, there is a lot going on and a lot to celebrate. As many of you know, I am on my own personal 'growth mindset' journey as Digby, our Labradoodle puppy, is now very much part of the family. The children love to see him as he is taken out for walks. In the spirit of *risk-taking* (I was scared of dogs as a child so this is quite a big thing for me!) and *flexibility* (it is like having a baby again!), Digby's arrival has been quite an adventure for me and my family. Whilst he is very much a puppy, he has managed to behave himself during the school day since he famously barked through my first assembly of the term in the Chapel. Until this morning! Deep in my preparation for today's Celebration Assembly, I was completely oblivious to the fact that he escaped from my house (I'm blaming my youngest!) and was seen by many very excited children haring across the quad! I don't think he could believe his luck and I am grateful to the calm and agile Mrs Atkinson for his rescue and repatriation! I am sure you will see a lot of Digby over the coming years at King's St Alban's!

Many of you follow us on Twitter and I do think our feed gives a regular and visual account of what your children get up to. We have tweeted over twenty times this week; do give us a follow! We are also keen to give fuller reports of some of our 'big events' without (hopefully) bombarding you with too much information. Please click [here](#) if you would like to read more about Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, our visit to the Worcester Royal Porcelain Museum, 6DB's assembly, our sporting successes, the Orchestral Workshop and a wonderful Informal Concert.

Communication is very much on my mind at the moment as we reflect on how we share information, dates and news with busy parents. I am keen to know your thoughts on this Newsletter, our social media use, our letters and communication in general. We will shortly send you a brief survey on this area and your thoughts will be very useful in our future planning. Failing that, please do let me know your thoughts on communication (or share dog stories!) at the curry night next Thursday. See [here](#) for more details and I look forward to seeing many of you for a relaxing and informal evening.

Monday 10th

Tuesday 11th

U8 Football Tournament at Winterfold House

U9 Football v The Elms (H)

Wednesday 12th

Reception Assembly—People Who Help Us

U10/11 Football v RGS Springfield (A)

U10 and U11 Netball v Winterfold House (A)

Thursday 13th

Lunchtime Concert in the Cathedral
PSG Curry and Drinks Evening

Friday 14th

Year 4 visit to Chedworth Roman Villa

Half Term Ends



THIS WEEK IN NURSERY AND PRE-PREP

This week in our Newsletter we are focusing on Year One who have been thoroughly enjoying their topic, 'Rumble in the Jungle'. The children have loved reading different jungle themed texts during their English lessons and learning more about rainforests and the animals that live there during their science, art and IT lessons.

The children chose their favourite story this term, 'Giraffes Can't Dance' to retell in their class assembly. They delighted an audience of family and friends with their confident acting skills and super singing. The children all performed with a smile and made us very proud. The theme of the story, of having the courage to dance to your own tune, linked well to the Mental Health Week activities we have carried out this week on 'finding your brave'.

There were many mesmerized faces this week when Animal Mania paid a visit to our classroom. We were very impressed with the children's listening skills and the interesting questions they asked. It was great to hear them using the scientific vocabulary we have learned this year. Everyone definitely 'found their brave' when they were allowed to hold creatures such as Sid the Giant Hissing Cockroach, Tango the Snake and Freddo the Tree Frog. We all thought that Rocky the Sugar Glider was fantastic! Well done, Year One!



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Pre-Prep have been busy this week! Nell and Theo received certificates for perseverance, Ariya for concentration, Rosie for her positive attitude, Lily G for super progress in her reading and James for independence. Shreya and Henry each received a Superstar award. Well done all of you!

James received a second round of applause for his excellent maths work, as did Shreya for her English. Anna, Sienna, Phoebe and Monty were all congratulated on super work in art.

Times Tables certificates were presented to Taym, Anna, Seb, Melissa, Emily A, Maheen and Stephanie, and Handwriting Certificates went to Lucia, Anna, Amelia, Emily A, Yousrey, Oscar and Jack.

In history, Year 6 have been learning about the events leading to the outbreak of World War II and Oliver Y, George G, Tobias, George F and Martha showed us their excellent work. In science, Lily, Arabella T, Tom, Freddie B and Max did some super scatter graphs and Rory showed us the beautiful pastel work he did in art.

Wednesday's Orchestral Workshop was a huge success, with 15 children from KSA invited to take part. James D conducted his own excellent composition, 'Renaissance Fanfare,' and Tobias was congratulated on his solo performance. Thank you to Larissa, for this morning's performance of the trumpet piece, 'Prelude' by Charpentier, which she also played in the informal concert on Monday.

Well done to U9 girls, Taylor-Mae, Ivy, Anoop, Eleanor, Lucia, Immie, Mia, Florence, Isabella, Lily-May, Scarlett, Mihika, Arabella and Sidney, on an excellent result in the netball tournament at Kings Hawford, and also to Mia, Isabella W, Zara, Florence V, Henri, and Heidi on their Worcester Swimming Club Championships successes.

Congratulations to Tigo and Alice who both passed their music exams yesterday, Tigo with Merit and Alice with Distinction.

Finally, well done to Danny, who did very well explaining a difficult concept to his class in maths. Danny also raised £25 busking in Worcester and donated the money to 'Inside Our Day.' What a wonderfully thoughtful gesture. Thank you, Danny!

NOTICES

Recent letters: Please visit www.ksw.org.uk/letters-to-parents for details of all letters issued this week.

Team Sheets: Please visit www.ksw.org.uk/team-sheets to view team sheets for the week ahead.

Latest News: [6DB Form Assembly](#)

[Junior School Informal Concert](#)

[Year 3 Inspired by visit to Worcester Porcelain](#)

[Children's Mental Health Week](#)

[King's Foundation Orchestral Workshop](#)

[Sports Roundup](#)

Let's Get Talking: This free local event for family mental health awareness takes place on Sunday 9th February. Please see [here](#) for more information.

Cocktail Party Saturday 14th March: If you are interested in going to the cocktail party being organised by the Parents' Social Group, please see the letter [here](#) for booking information.

Happy Birthday: Many happy returns for next week to Xander and Henry S.

This Week's Prayer: Thank you, God in Heaven,
For a day begun,
Thank you for the breezes,
Thank you for the sun,
For this time of gladness,
For our work and play,
Thank you, God in Heaven,
For another day. Amen.

