

It is incredible to think that we are nearly at the end of another half term! It has been a busy couple of weeks here at King's Academy College Park which you can read about in this fortnight's newsletter!

Our PTA are working hard with fundraising for the school and are holding a second hand sale for World Book Day on the playgrounds next Thursday and Friday. This is a great way to reduce unnecessary costs associated with the event, which we are very excited about!

Our English Team are working hard on ensuring the day is fun and engaging for all our pupils, and with an extra few challenges along the way...



## Safeguarding Concern – Tik Tok



This week we revisited how to be safe online as part of Safer Internet Day on 8<sup>th</sup> February.

It has become apparent that pupils in the junior school are using apps, in particular Tik Tok, which are **not suitable for children under the age of 13** (age must be verified before using). Furthermore, their profiles are not private, which creates a significant safeguarding risk.

Please make sure that if you are allowing your child to access these apps that you ensure they do so safely. The Year 6 team have worked with individual pupils, however pupils in all year groups are using this app.

For more advice please visit the [UK Safer Internet Centre social media guides](#) or the [Tik Tok website](#). A parent guide has been sent along with this newsletter.



### Diary Dates

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February:** Year 5 Swimming

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February:** PTA World Book Day costume sale

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**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February:** LAST DAY OF HALF TERM – NORMAL SCHOOL TIMES

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February:** HALF TERM – School Closed

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March:** World Book Day

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March:** Parents Evening

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March:** Parents Evening

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March:** Bags for Schools collection

## Attendance Stars

Well done to Year 3 who have had the best attendance every week in the Junior School since the beginning of January!

Redgrave Class have had 100% attendance this week – only achieved once before by Akabusi Class earlier in the term!





# Number Day 2022





# TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS





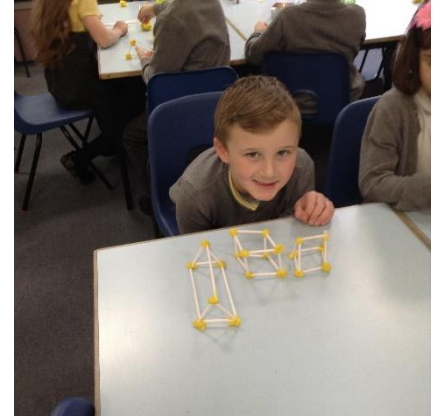
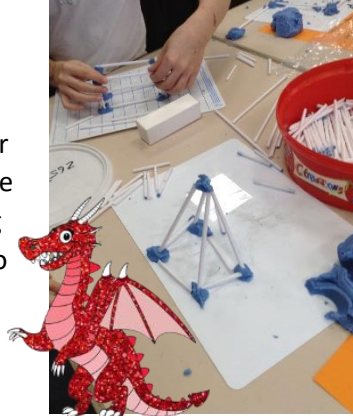
# DRAGON SPOTTING



We love to see how our pupils are demonstrating the school values both in and out the classroom! Here is a snapshot of the values in action!

## Year 2 Maths

Year 2 have been working hard on developing their understanding of 2D and 3D shapes. Here are some of the children creating models of 3D shapes using straws and play doh. They used lots of resilience to make sure the shapes were sturdy and showed excellent team work skills!



## Year 3 Art and Design

Year 3 created models of Stone Henge in Art this week – here are some pictures of them working! They were very creative and worked as teams in groups of two or three.



## Year 6 Homework

Year 6 children have been busy at home this half term working on their creative homework based on World War II. There have been some fantastic projects – here is a sneak peek of some of their work...





## Charles Dickens' Birthday

A selection of pupils were invited to sing for Charles Dickens' birthday celebrations on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February. You can read all about in in the [Portsmouth News](#).

**We are incredibly proud of how responsible our pupils are and the way they support the local community!**



## Reading Rewards



The school has been developing its approach to reading as part of our improvement plan for this academic year. This has involved developing a shared approach to reading in lessons to develop a love of reading and expose our pupils to a wider range of vocabulary and language.

In the Junior School we have launched Accelerated Reader, where pupils read texts and are quizzed on their understanding of texts. We have introduced a new reward system where pupils can earn a raffle tickets for passing a quiz which will then enter them into a prize draw each half term, giving them the opportunity to visit Waterstones and choose a brand new book of their choice!



It is incredible to think we are almost at the end of another half term – the time really is flying.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our families as our attendance in the school is improving, as I know this is difficult in the current situation.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Mrs Carlyle