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## Information Station

- **Christmas break**—School Closed Wednesday 21st December 2022 to Wednesday 4th January 2023. We will re-open to pupils on Thursday 5th January.
- **Term dates** for 2022/23 and 2023/24 are available here: <https://thekeystoneacademy.org/school-holiday-dates/>
- **Uniform** either contact the school office by email or phone for more information, or orders can be made online at: [www.schoolshopdirect.co.uk](http://www.schoolshopdirect.co.uk)
- **School Meals**—Did you know that you can pay your child's dinner money by bank transfer? Please let us know if you would like our bank details to make a payment.



# THE KEYSTONE ACADEMY

## NEWSLETTER ISSUE 5

December 2022

### HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Welcome to the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of our newsletter.

We have enjoyed another wonderful half term, with a variety of learning opportunities and activities across the school. With the introduction of after school clubs, several pupils have enjoyed participating in cooking, manga, gardening, and football with pupils from across the school. I know that pupils and staff alike have enjoyed these additions to the week. If anyone would like to attend any of these clubs in the new year, or indeed if you have an ideas for clubs your child(ren) would like to see on offer, please do get in touch.

It was a pleasure to welcome so many parents and carers to our first consultation event in November and I'd like to thank those of you who have responded to our parent / carer survey. Your comments have been gratefully received.

Our preparations for Christmas in school are going well, with a trip to the panto planned on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December and an invitation for parents and carers to join us for class parties on our last day of term: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 12.45pm. Please let us know if you'd like to come along – you are all most welcome!

School will close at 2.40pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December (although those attending the Christmas party are welcome to take their children home a little earlier, straight after the party).

Finally, I'd like to wish you all a wonderful, peaceful and safe Christmas and new year. We will all look forward to seeing our pupils again on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Best wishes

Ali Bellaby



## Introducing the Tajiri Class!



This half term we have introduced a new class to Keystone Academy—the Tajiris.

Satoshi Tajiri is best known as the creator of Pokemon. Tajiri was diagnosed with autism as a child. The pupils in the Tajiri class are inspired by the creativity of Tajiri as well as identifying with his neurodivergent characteristics and of course, they are huge fans of Pokemon!

“WHY FIT IN WHEN YOU WERE  
BORN TO STAND OUT?”

DR SUESS

### REMINDER—NEW TIMETABLE FROM 21ST NOVEMBER

#### Outdoor Studies / Health and Fitness Days

Darwin Class— Outdoor studies Mondays and Wednesdays / Health and Fitness Tuesdays

Tajiri Class— Outdoor Studies Mondays and Fridays / Health and Fitness Thursdays

Turing Class— Outdoor Studies Tuesdays and Wednesdays / Health and Fitness Thursdays

Einstein Class— Outdoor studies Monday and Tuesdays / Health and Fitness Thursdays

Tesla Class— Outdoor studies Thursdays and Fridays / Health and Fitness Wednesdays

Burton Class— Outdoor studies Mondays and Fridays / Health and Fitness Thursdays





We supported Children in Need on 18th November this year with an afternoon of fun.

Activities included cake decorating, fancy dress and soak the teacher!

A selection of photographs from the day are below.

Thanks to your donations, we raised a fantastic £62.50. All money raised will support charities across the UK that help and support children.



“Great things are done by a series of small things brought together”



**REACH  
OUT**

→ **BY BEING  
THE CHANGE** ↙  
↘ **YOU WANT  
TO SEE** →



We supported Anti-Bullying week from 14th November—18th November. We kicked off the week with Odd Socks Day on 14th November.



Pupils also brought old socks into school to make sock puppets—these were then used to make short films about bullying.





# OUTDOOR LEARNING

The Extended Classroom

During outdoor studies lessons this half term, activities have included making crosses for remembrance day, by learning and practising knot making skills.



## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Our first half term of after school clubs has been a huge success— football, cooking, gardening and Manga have been attended and enjoyed by many pupils.



Photographs of some of the activities are below:



## Gardening Club

This half term, Gardening club have been focusing on developing the school grounds. We have spent time through all weathers cutting the grass, sweeping up the ever-present falling leaves and beginning to create a den inside the bushes out by our football pitch. The children have been magnificent showing true determination and Keystone spirit when working through the heavy rain one week and showing the patience required to cut the grass ensuring the school grounds look smart and tidy. A huge thank you to the children and staff for their efforts and we look forward to having you continue with us on Monday evenings. In addition, a special thank you to the parents/carers who have been donating equipment to support the school.



# It's Christmas!!

Christmas has arrived here at Keystone and everyone is excited for the big day (or for the school holidays!!)

Each class had the task of decorating their classroom door—results are pictured below—which one is your favourite?

We also have three Christmas trees that have been decorated by our children.



A big WELL DONE to Aiden on constructing and painting our school post box. We think you've done a fantastic job!



## BUILDING WORK

We are excited to let you know that building work has started on our permanent site at Squinter Pip Way!

Although there is not a building to see yet, there is still lots of work taking place to prepare for the next phase of exciting work. Please see some of the aerial photographs of the site below. If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

The expected completion date of the building has been pushed back to November 2023. This is as a result of delays during the planning stages. We will of course keep you updated on this.

In the meantime, Mrs Bellaby has been working with the architects and design team to choose our internal colour scheme.

We will be updating you with more photographs and information in each newsletter as the build progresses.

