

The Key News

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Goodbye, Mrs Alavi

Dear all,

This is the last time that I will write a note to everyone as I am retiring at Easter. I have been head of the Centre since it started 18 years ago. It feels very odd indeed to be leaving as The Key (formerly Quayside) has been such a huge part of my life for so many years. However, I am very happy that my Deputy, Mrs Thomas, will be the interim Headteacher and I know that the Centre will be very safe in her capable hands. All of the staff will also work together to continue to ensure the absolute best for all of our pupils, as they have always done. The pupils at The Key

are very lucky to be supported by an amazing team of staff who all work extremely hard for the pupils all of the time. I would like to thank all of the parents and carers who have given me and the Centre so much support over the years. It has been a wonderful experience working with you all.

Please accept my best wishes for a very happy Easter.

Mrs L Alavi

Headteacher

Keystone racers too good for rivals

The Driving Futures, Hampshire Police Cop Car project was a 10 week challenge, which saw 6 KS4 pupils work with the police and the Royal Navy at HMS Sultan in order to build a F24 Kit Car.

On 21 February our 6 pupils, along with almost the entire staff, took Goodwood by storm for Race Day.

A total of 11 cars entered the races, all having the same batteries and motor to power the vehicle. They all had to pass tests before the race.

The Keystone team swept the board, picking up first

place in both races, the overall fastest lap, and the winning team trophy.

It was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils and we are all so proud of their achievements. We need to go shopping for a trophy cabinet!



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This term in Science

For Key Stage 4 pupils this term we have been focusing on completing their course-work tasks. For this, pupils have to design an investigation, carry it out safely and responsibly to collect data and fully analyse their result to draw scientific conclusions. All pupils have done exceptionally well on this and I am very proud to take their course-work to my moderation meeting to show off their achievements.

KS3 pupils have focused on several projects. Yellow group

have completed 'Greetings from Space' where they have gone beyond the Earth's atmosphere to investigate what is out there in our universe. Red group have completed the Human Body topic of the National Curriculum, investigating the workings of our insides from the top of our heads to the tips of our toes.

As we begin the summer term we are on countdown to the GCSE exams. Year 10 and 11 need to be maximizing their chances of success by carrying out independent learning at home; plenty of revision re-

sources are available to them!

*"When you talk,
you are only
repeating what you
know, but when
you listen, you may
learn something
new"*

This term in Religious Education

This term we have been looking into both the cause and effect of prejudice and discrimination in society today. The students have considered the beliefs of a variety of religions and what their reaction to different types of prejudices may be. We have also studied the impact of a number of different iconic

figures who have made a difference within our society including Gandhi and Martin Luther King.



This term in Maths

In maths this term we have been celebrating the Year 11 early entry GCSE results. 83% of pupils who sat the paper achieved a pass. This now gives them the rest of the year to revise for their upcoming exams in May and June. We wish them the best of luck.

sites to use for this are BBC Bitesize, Mr Barton's Maths and KESH maths. Revision classes will be available for all after school after the Easter holidays.

The Year 10's and 11's now need to be revising for their upcoming exams. Good web-

This term in Design and Technology

This term has been a very busy term in design and technology. Some pupils have been making indoor and outdoor furniture with each piece being adapted to suit individual needs and requirements. The addition of padded upholstery on two dining chairs, which gave them a very professional appearance, was a pleasing development. A new piece of equipment that has helped with the woodworking has been the "biscuit" machine that ensures seamless joins between planks. Tables, benches and stools have also been produced.

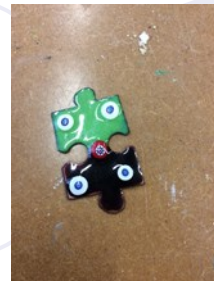
Pupils have been using the laser cutter to create models of their projects, to help them analyse its function, appearance and ease of manufacture using a 3D model.

Most pupils have used the enamelling equipment and made some very artistic pendants and other items. Some have developed their skills by experimenting with the different types of enamel and using them to gain new effects.

We have also begun to use some recently purchased metalworking tools and made tentative steps into the world

of metalworking. Two steel ice hockey boot lace tighten-ers have already been made and are in use.

We recently have taken possession of a container in which to store our materials and chemicals. This has allowed us greater space to store projects and larger amounts of materials in a safer way. We are also having a barrier placed between some machines and the workshop area to make their operation even safer.



This term in Food and Nutrition

During the term, we have travelled the world in cooking lessons, making dishes best representing a range of different cultures. From Cornish pasties to Mexican Fajitas and Italian Pizzas, we have ensured that all the food prepared has been homemade from scratch ensuring it is al-

ways authentic and tasty. As well as producing these amazing recipes, pupils have also learnt key skills for the kitchen, such as the importance of marinating meat to maximise flavours and to be patient when mixing pastry ingredients to ensure the right texture.



*"Experience is
simply the name
we give our
mistakes"*

This term in Art



Local artist Rachel Russell was invited to The Key to design a main entrance display. Working closely with pupils she listened to their ideas and everybody collaborated to make a multimedia artwork which included The Key logo. Pupils used their handprints and silhouette photography. They also asked Miss Walker to craft

letters and miniature keys. Pupils of all abilities took part and as you can see this amazing artwork reflects the colourful and innovative personalities of all those involved.

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This term in PSHE

The Spring term has seen the pupils focusing on different issues depending on which group they are in.

Blue, Green, Orange, Purple.

The pupils have been focusing on two main themes. The first theme relates to work skills and has included looking at the pupils' own skills and qualities and how they match different jobs and careers. The pupils also looked into the availability of jobs in different sectors and where they might find information useful in job searching.

The second theme relates to safety, particularly with

regard to relationships. This has included looking at pressure, exploitation and what healthy relationships are like. This work is ongoing.

Red and Yellow.

The pupils have been focusing on two main themes. The first theme relates to alcohol where the pupils looked into the laws surrounding alcohol, short and long term effects, relative strengths of alcoholic drinks and how to work out units of alcohol, including guidelines for safer drinking among adults.

Pink.

The pupils have been working on a Level 2 Award in PSE. This has involved conducting research into their chosen topics and the writing up of evidence. Completing the award takes a lot of time and individual effort to meet the required standard.

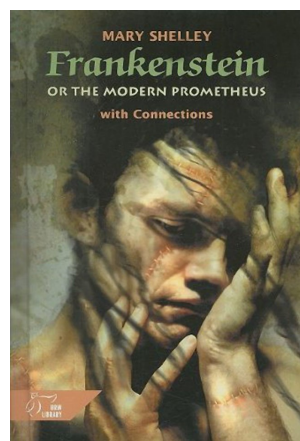


*"In order to
succeed we must
first believe that we
can!"*



This term in English

Key Stage 3 pupils have been studying The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. They have completed literacy tasks and learnt about newspapers, article writing and non-fiction texts. SR, JG and QF have worked particularly hard on improving their vocabulary.

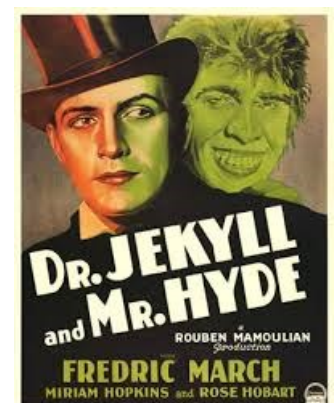


Year 11 Key Stage 4 pupils have been working on Jekyll and Hyde and Frankenstein in preparation for their GCSE English Literature exam.

They have been learning about Gothic fiction and the Victorian period. I am very impressed with how much hard work the year 11 pupils have put into studying these two texts; particularly CR, LY and GH.

Year 10 pupils have been focusing on creative writing, so that they are prepared for their upcoming GCSE in English Language.

NB has been very motivated and produced some fantastic work.



EV trip to Manor Farm, Hamble

On a chilly February morning, the Yellow Group set off to Manor Farm in the rolling Hampshire countryside to be transported back to a time before Xboxes and PS4's. Yellow group have been studying WW2 in English, and so be able to see a WW2 house and air raid shelter and to partaking in chores expected of an evacuee, helped each student to understand what life might have been like during this time. The students started off with a tour of the farm and had the opportunity to feed some of the animals and even milk a cow! The students were then given a

tour of the WW2 house where they really had to think about life during WW2. They learnt about rationing, chores around the farm for the evacuees and about the important work of the Women's Land Army. All of the students had a fun and informative day and were able to share everything they had learnt with the EV Unit when they returned.



Centre News

New Staff

All staff and pupils at The Key would like to welcome Mrs Elaine Gibson and Mr Luke Alderson to the team. Mrs Gibson has already joined the TA team and Mr Alderson joins us after Easter as our new PE teacher.

GCSE Exams

The GCSE exams are fast approaching and all Year 10 and 11 should be revising hard.

The dates are:

16 May (am) - RE GCSE

17 May (pm) - Biology

18 May (pm) - RE GCSE

19 May (am) - Chemistry

25 May (pm) - Physics

26 May (am) - Maths

26 May (am) - Maths linear

7 June (am) - English IGCSE

9 June (am) - Maths IGCSE

9 June (am) - Maths linear

10 June (pm) - English IGCSE

Parents/carers of KS3 pupils please note that the Centre will be closed during the morning or afternoon sessions on some of these days due to the exams taking place.

Lateness

If you are late for an exam the Centre will try to give you the full time allowance as long as an invigilator is available. If you are more than an hour late your exam paper may not be accepted by the Exam Board.

Bags and belongings

Only items you require for your exam are to be taken into the exam room. Bags and other materials, including mobile phones and electronic devices must be handed in to reception on arrival.

Any unauthorized material or equipment e.g iPods, MP3 players, mobile phones, pen drives, iWatches or any products with an electronic storage/communication device or digital facility must not be taken into the exam room. Possession of unauthorized material is breaking the rules and you will be subject to a penalty and possible disqualification.

Food and Drink

You are only allowed to take water into the exam room in an unlabelled, clear bottle. Chewing gum and other food and drink are not permitted. Please ensure you have enough water for the duration of the exam as you will not be allowed to refill the bottle during the exam period.

“Success is not

final, failure is not

fatal: it is the

courage to

continue that

counts”

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang—Mayflower Theatre

In February, we took 12 students to watch the most fantasmagorical musical at the Mayflower, Southampton. All the students on the trip had earned their ticket through hard work and good behaviour.

The colourful and high energy musical had us all flying high with the mixture of madness, intrigue and exuberance.

The story followed the loveable but whacky inventor, Potts, along with his two children and the gorgeous Truly Scrumptious outwit the bombastic Baron Bomburst who had decreed that all children be banished from his kingdom. We watched as the children were caught and imprisoned with the other youngsters by the evil Childcatcher, and we all breathed a sigh of relief when it all ended happily-ever-after.

All of the students behaved beautifully on the trip and were wonderful ambassadors of The Key. All the teachers were very proud. A fantastic day was had by all!



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The Key do their bit to Clean for the Queen

We were very pleased to have two Clean for the Queen teams out in the neighbourhood on Friday March 4th. Clean for the Queen is a nationwide initiative to get people cleaning up their communities ahead of the Queen's official birthday in June.

Our two teams came from Red and Yellow groups plus Mr Clark, Miss O'Toole, Ms Spice and Miss Sinclair. Armed with pickers, gloves and official Clean for the Queen rubbish sacks, the teams followed a route that included part of Tukes Avenue plus the cycle/foot path running from Tukes Avenue to Newgate Lane. The teams did a great job, collecting a number of bags full of litter discarded by members of the public. Many of the pupils expressed some shock at the amount of litter we found.



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Information for Parents/Carers

Mobile Phones and iPods Carers/Parents, please can you remind your children that mobile phones and iPods etc. must be given in to reception on arrival where they will be kept safe until the end of the day.

Reminder to Carers/Parents

If your child is not going to be attending The Key for any reason, please can you ensure you inform us by phoning: 02392 528653 before 8.15am.

Emergency Contact Details

In the case of an emergency, it is important that we have your most recent contact details. Please notify us of any changes of address and telephone numbers.

Useful Telephone Numbers

Parentline Plus

Tel: 0808 800 2222

www.parentlineplus.org.uk

Motiv8

Tel: 02392 834027

www.motiv8south.org.uk

Childline

Tel: 0800 1111

www.childline.org

Italk

Tel: 02380 383920

Term Dates for your diary

11 April 16 - INSET day; no lessons for Key pupils; One To One teachers will advise pupils if lessons are taking place.

12 April 16 - first day of term for Key pupils

30 May—3 June 16 - half-term break

20 July 16 - last day of term

All term dates can be found on our website. Please check this regularly as they can be subject to change.