



KITTS GREEN ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term 1 2025

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WELCOME BACK!!

We hope all our pupils and families had a restful and enjoyable summer break. It's been wonderful to welcome the boys back to school – full of energy and ready for another exciting term of learning and progress.

This September marks a new chapter for us as we officially joined Thrive Education Partnership, following our move from Forward Education Trust. Alongside this change, our school has also taken on a new name – Kitts Green Academy – reflecting a fresh start and our continued commitment to providing the very best education and care for our young people.

The staff team have already been busy during our training days, focusing on how we can further strengthen our curriculum, support systems, and therapeutic provision. We're confident that joining Thrive will bring new opportunities to collaborate with other excellent schools and enhance the high-quality support we offer every student.

While our new website is under construction, you can still find essential information such as term dates, safeguarding contacts, and key updates by searching for Kitts Green Academy online. We'll share more details once the site is fully live later this term.

Here's to a fantastic start to the year and an inspiring Autumn Term ahead at Kitts Green Academy!

Mr Garside - Headteacher

DATES FOR THE DIARY



Teacher training week - Monday 3rd - Friday 7th November

School is closed the following week after the half term for training and essential repairs to the school building.



Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 11th December

An annual fundraising campaign by Save the Children that encourages people to wear a festive jumper and donate money to help children around the world.



Judo Competition - Wednesday 17th December

A termly competition held between Kitts Green Academy students and Our Lady and St Chad Catholic Academy. Wayne, the judo teacher, will select the boys to take to the competition.



Christmas Fayre - Monday 15th December

Join us for Kitts Green Academy's annual Christmas celebration — open to all family and friends! This year, we're exploring the joy of "Christmas Around the World."

PHSE & CAREERS

In PSHE this half term, the whole school has been looking at 'Being Me in My World' where they have thought about their identify and influences.



As part of our careers provision, all our Year 9 boys have been offered 1:1 careers meetings with a professional careers advisor from the Birmingham Careers Service. They have looked at their option Post-16 and have produced really useful career plans which will be sent home soon!

Looking forward with careers, we have construction company Wilmott Dixon coming to work with our KS3 boys on a variety of projects during the coming months, starting with 'Introduction to Construction' for Year 8 and Year 9 in December.

Additionally, on December 1st, we will be holding our first 'Preparation for Adulthood' morning for KS3, where we will be able to forward to Post-16 options and investigate what support is out there for our students and their families as they move on. More information to follow.

Miss Yates - PHSE & Careers Lead

CLASS UPDATES

Class 2 - Pyramids

Pyramids Class have been learning all about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Our pupils have explored the importance of children's rights and how these help to keep every child safe, respected, and able to reach their full potential.

It's been wonderful to see how thoughtfully they've discussed what these rights mean in their own lives and in the wider world.

Mrs Panesar - Teacher



Class 3 - Liberty

As we wrap up the first term, Liberty has had a fantastic start to the school year, filled with learning, creativity, and teamwork!

We have explored a range of exciting fiction and non fiction texts, Pupils developed their writing skills by creating their own imaginative narratives and learning how to use descriptive language effectively. We also focused on grammar, punctuation, and expanding vocabulary. This term, we have also covered place value, and addition and subtraction, Pupils have been building confidence in using different strategies to solve problems and applying their skills in real-life contexts. Pupils have been enjoying joining in with science experiments related to Forces and Friction, and DT projects, where they created their own robots and parrots. In P.E pupils have worked on coordination, balance, and teamwork through fun and engaging activities this first term.

The boys have also shown so much creativity, engagement and resilience this term in programmes such as Judo, Commander Joe and JASS, where we planted some potatoes, made slime, created forts and explored different musical instruments.



Tayyibah - Teaching Assistant



Class 4 - Taj

Taj Class have been making a real splash this term! Everyone has worked incredibly hard in swimming, and we're so proud to share that all the boys have achieved their end-of-Year 6 targets. They've shown great determination while mastering a range of new strokes – fantastic effort all round!

In the classroom, creativity has been flowing just as freely. Our autumn art projects have been full of colour and imagination, from painting cheerful pumpkins to designing their own puppets and experimenting with leaf printing and rubbings. It's been a wonderful mix of learning, creativity, and fun – what a great term so far for Taj!



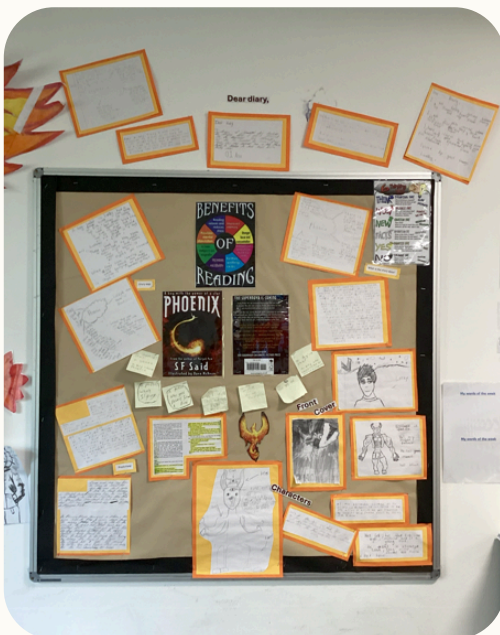
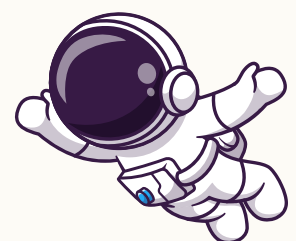
Miss Stirley - Teacher

Class 5 - Colosseum

In Colosseum Class, students have been exploring creative writing through the lens of imagination and perspective. They've journeyed across galaxies in their stories – writing from the viewpoint of a boy racing through space during a galactic war, searching for answers amid the stars.

Along the way, they've practiced rich description, bringing to life characters like the mythical Phoenix and others through their own eyes. This project has encouraged students to think deeply about character voice, vivid imagery, and how perspective shapes storytelling, resulting in powerful, imaginative pieces that soar beyond the ordinary.

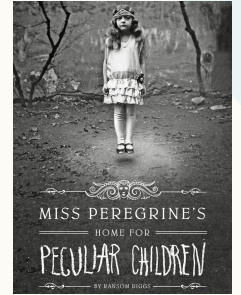
Dawn - Teaching Assistant



Class 6 - Babylon

It has been a super productive and positive start to Year 8 for the boys of Babylon. They have worked so hard in all areas but especially in English lessons!

We have been studying the novel - Miss Peregrine's home for Peculiar Children - and the recall, engagement and work produced has been fantastic! I'm very proud of the boy's resilience and I hope they feel proud for finishing such a large and complex novel.



There are sequels out there too if anyone is looking for their next read!

Miss Yates - Teacher



Class 8 - Artemis

Artemis class have had a fantastic half term filled with have also really enjoyed reading Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children, exploring its characters and themes with great interest. PE has been full of energy, with enthusiastic participation and teamwork in football, dodgeball, and badminton. In Art, creativity shone through as the boys produced impressive drawings and explored origami, making paper boats and airplanes.

We also loved taking part in the Diwali celebration, learning about the Festival of Lights, sharing food, and enjoying music—some of our talented boys even play some instruments beautifully!

Toyin - Teaching Assistant

Class 9 - Parthenon

Parthenon Class have had a fantastic time this term exploring a wide range of musical styles. From upbeat rhythms to calming melodies, we've discovered how different types of music can inspire our imaginations, influence our moods, and change the way we think and feel about the world around us!

Mahmuda - Teaching Assistant



FAMILY SUPPORT

I wanted to take a moment to tell you about our new Parent Support Group, which meets once a month online.



These sessions are a friendly and relaxed space for parents and carers to share ideas, ask questions, and tell us what areas you'd like more help or information about.

Based on your feedback, we invite relevant professionals to our next meeting to offer advice and guidance tailored to your needs.

Please keep an eye on Class Dojo for regular updates and details about upcoming sessions. Recently, I've also shared posts about:

- The Empowering Parents & Empowering Communities parent group
- Free bus travel available during the October half term
- An Understanding Childhood Trauma workshop

If you haven't yet joined our parent support group, we'd love to see you there. It's a great opportunity to connect, learn, and support one another.

Heena - Family Support Worker

HELPFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

See below a list of helpful numbers:



Travel Assist - 0121 303 4955

AFJ - 0121 689 1000

Green destinations - 0121 553 3363

School Nurses - 0121 466 4344

Alans Croft Surgery (Dr Garstang) - 0121 466 4722

SENAR Birmingham - 0121 303 8461

SEN department Solihull - 0121 704 6690

SEN department Sandwell - 0121 569 8240

DIWALI TALENT SHOWCASE

Our school came together to celebrate Diwali — a festival of light, happiness, and togetherness — with our very first ‘KGA’s Got Talent!’ event!

The dining hall was filled with joy and creativity as pupils and staff showcased their many talents, from music and dance to art, photography, and more. The atmosphere reflected the true spirit of Diwali: sharing joy, celebrating one another, and shining a light on the unique gifts that make our community so special.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part, supported, and joined in the celebrations. Your enthusiasm and creativity made this event a wonderful success and a beautiful reminder of the power of shared joy.

Happy Diwali from all of us at KGA!

