

TDA Juniors Newsletter

July 2019

What a busy summer term it has been here in TDA Juniors. I can't believe this is our final newsletter this year. We still have many things planned for our final week.

Kingswood Residential - Year 6

Year 6 travelled to Kingswood for their residential for three days in June. The children took part in a range of challenges that pushed them outside of their comfort zone. Lots of fun was had by all the children. Thank you to all our staff who took part in the residential.

Wicksteed Park Trip – Year 6

Year 6 visited Wicksteed Park last week to celebrate the end of their primary phase. The weather was perfect and our children were very excited and by the time they reached the park they were full of energy, giggles and squeals as they took to the rollercoaster, bumper cars, umbrellas and log flume. It was a joy to see the children having so much fun together and to end a perfect trip the day was rounded off with some very big ice-creams!

Flag Fen Trip – Year 3

Year 3 visited Flag Fen to explore the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages in a day of fun activities. The children spent time exploring historical artefacts that they sorted into a timeline. They explored the way that Bronze age people lived, travelled and survived and made traditional Bronze age jewellery out of clay. The day finished in the Roundhouse where the children sat around the fire to hear the mysterious story of a young boy who saved his village.

It was a fun-filled day for the children, who demonstrated their prior and ongoing learning of pre-historic ages.

Children's University Graduation

Some of our children who are members of Children's University attended a graduation event at Peterborough Cathedral last month along with other children from across the city. Twenty six children from TDA Juniors received awards ranging from Bronze Undergraduate award to the Gold Undergraduate degree. The children looked amazing in their gowns and mortar boards and were bursting with pride as they were handed their awards. Well done to all our children who graduated.

Move Up Days

All of the children had two lovely days recently on their move up days, including our new Year 3 children who will be joining us in September. The children spent the two days with their new teachers. They were all very well behaved and really enjoyed meeting the TDA Juniors teaching team.

Year 6 Transition Days

Year 6 transition days took place last week over in the secondary phase for all of our Year 6 children moving to TDA in September. The children enjoyed their time taking part in a variety of taster lessons with a variety of teachers.

Staff Changes 2019

We are delighted to welcome Sean Noyes who will be joining our teaching team in September and Beatrice Zaluska, Shamila Naeed and Tooba Aziz who will be joining our team of Teaching Assistants. Mr. Noyes has already been in school to meet his new class on the move up days. Ms. Joiner will be taking up a new role at TDA Juniors in September. She will be our Family Liaison Officer and will be there to support our children and families.

At the end of this school year we will be saying goodbye to Mrs. Smitheringale and Miss Richards who are moving to new schools. We wish them all the very best for the future and would like to thank them all for all they have done here at TDA Juniors. They will be missed by all of us.

Exam Invigilator Vacancies

Would you like to work around your children or other commitments? We have vacancies to join our invigilating team to support delivering paper and computer based exams in the Senior Academy. Exams take place during term time at various times throughout the academic year, start times are generally 8.15/8.30 am for morning exams and afternoon finish times around 3.30 pm although allowances could be made on start/finish times. For more information and to apply an advert will be on the vacancies page of the TDA website during the summer with a closing date of 30th August.

Breakfast Club

We have joined The National School Breakfast Programme, the scheme offers a healthy breakfast to school children. The programme is funded by the sugar tax which the government has placed on sugary drinks. The breakfast is free and any child in our school is welcome to attend.

Breakfast begins at 8.25 am and finishes at 8.50 am when the children go straight to class for registration. The children can choose from a selection of cereals, toasted bagels and porridge sachets.

If you would like your child to attend, please see Ms. Joiner for a letter.

Lost Jumpers

We have a large number of unnamed jumpers and cardigans which we can't return to the children. If you would like to offer a new home to an abandoned jumper or cardigan, please complete the slip attached to this newsletter and return it to your child's class teacher.

A jumper or cardigan will be sent home with your child. Thank you.

Term Dates 2019/2020

Autumn Term 2019	
Term 1	Starts for students – Wednesday 4th September
	Ends for staff and students – Friday 18th October 2019
Term 2	Starts for staff and students – Monday 28th October 2019
	Ends for staff and students – Thursday 19th December 2019

Spring Term 2020	
Term 3	Starts for students – Tuesday 7th January 2020
	Ends for staff and students – Friday 14th February 2020
Term 4	Starts for staff and students – Monday 24th February 2020
	Ends for staff and students – Friday 3rd April 2020
Summer Term 2020	
Term 5	Starts for staff and students – Monday 20th April 2020
	Monday 4th May 2020 – Bank Holiday
	Ends for staff and students – Friday 22nd May 2020
Term 6	Starts for staff and students – Monday 1st June 2020
	Ends for students – Friday 17th July 2020

End of Term

Please note TDA Juniors closes for the summer break on Friday 19th July and we re-open on Wednesday 4th September at 8.40 am.

From everyone here at TDA Juniors, we would like to wish you all a lovely Summer break and thank you for your continued support throughout the school year. We look forward to seeing you all in September.

Kind regards



Lucy Burks
Head of Juniors

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Jumper Request

Child's Name: Class:

Cardigan:

Jumper:

Age 7 – 8

Age 9-10

Age 11-12

Signed Parent/Carer: