



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is the end of another busy term and year at Kite Ridge. I am sure all the students will be ready for a break, and can be proud of what they have achieved. We have had a real mixture of weather this term so have done our best to adapt our outside learning; some days we have sat in the shade with ice-pops and water play, other days we have sheltered from the wind and rain!

School life

We have been looking at fables in English this term, introducing the students to a different type of genre of story, and discussions/writing around this. We have also continued working through the phonics and reading schemes on an individual basis.

In maths we have had one half term focusing on positional language, and this half term we have studied multiplication and division at various levels. All the students have worked very hard on making progress in both these subjects.

While these have been the main focus of the academic curriculum, students have also engaged in PSHE, art, music, P.E, food tech and community visits.

In the last few weeks we have taken some students to Windsor Great Park to see 'the change'. This is when members of the royal family change from their cars to carriages to go to Ascot. We were fortunate enough to be shown the perfect position to see them, and we saw the King and Queen, and other family members and dignitaries. The carriages themselves and the cars were also quite spectacular!

Other students have been on visits to Thomley Hall for a day of fun and activities, and others have been taken out for more local community visits (including a visit to the Bentley Showroom at Handy Cross Hub!) and trips to McDonald's! Something for everyone.

We are pleased to report that over the summer holidays we are having a room kitted out for sensory integration and OT therapies. This is a massive project which has involved a lot of work to design a room suitable for the needs of our students. This will include an indoor swing and cocoon, climbing apparatus, massage cushions, soft play equipment for gross motor and deep pressure input. There will be structured OT and Sensory sessions delivered for all students, as well as a room to aid de-escalation where needed. We are very excited about this, and we are having all staff training on how best to utilise the equipment. This should be a really beneficial resource to aid our students and help engagement in their academic sessions.

KiteFest

KiteFest 2023 was a bigger event than in previous years with a larger and different style marquee and a variety of different performances. Riton, Grammy Award winner, was our headline act on Day 1 and was a big hit. KiteFesters enjoyed listening to his set as well as having the opportunity to meet him and have some photos taken with him. Hugo Hamlett was also a new addition to the line up provided a great performance. The Deps returned to perform on Day 2 and, as always,

gave a fantastic performance. We had a drumming workshop, run by Andy our Music Therapist, a Bubbleologist, and a table providing magic tricks from one of our former students. Visiting schools performed, sang and danced. It really was a fantastic couple of days and an event of which we are very proud.

We have received some extremely complimentary feedback from schools, students and staff alike. The performing artists have thanked us for the opportunity to perform and said they found the experience very rewarding.

We are now considering our options for the future of KiteFest and exploring fund raising opportunities.

Staff news

Mrs Shiraz returned from maternity leave this week. However, she has (sadly for us) decided to leave Kite Ridge to pursue an alternative career path. We wish Mrs Shiraz lots of luck for the future.

Sophie has decided to leave Kite Ridge to pursue other avenues in another part of the country. Although Sophie has only been with us for a short time, she has been a huge asset and popular with both students and staff. We wish Sophie all the best.

Dates for your diary

School closes for the Summer break today, 21st July. We will welcome students back at the usual time of 10am on Tuesday 5th September.

Some photo highlights of the term are included overleaf, I hope you enjoy these.

I wish you all a lovely Summer break. I hope everyone can enjoy some down time in the sunshine in readiness for the new school year.

With very best wishes,

Steven Sneesby

Headteacher

KiteFest 2023



Magic tricks provided by ex-Kite Ridge student



Duncan from Road Farm with student



Princes Risborough School performing



Henry Riton dancing with the crowds



Hugo Hamlet performing



Soaking up the atmosphere



Pebble Brook School performing



Bubbleologist



Henry Riton with student

Visit to Great Windsor Park



Enjoying the grounds



Picnic time!



HRH King Charles III



Patiently waiting



The procession

Visit to Bentley Showroom

