KITE RIDGE SCHOOL
CHANGING MINDS

LATEST NEWS

December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have welcomed three new students to the school since September, who have settled well, and have used the opportunity to reorganise the delivery of the curriculum into three separate groups focusing on formal, semi-formal or informal curriculum, based on the Equals model. Students access the core lessons in their groups, but join together in the afternoons for whole school sessions such as assemblies, Street Dance, science and games.

This seems to be working well, allowing opportunities for group activities, increased engagement and more specific work on individual targets. It has been great to see how the groups are developing with students able to work together and share the classrooms. The formal group work in a more structured traditional classroom set up, while the semi-formal generally access the same work but in a more flexible way to better meet their particular learning styles. The informal group access more play based, exploratory sessions, which are learner led, and promote independence, communication and problem-solving skills.

Next term we will be increasing the art, music and food tech sessions to give an even broader curriculum, now that we have settled into the new style of lessons.

More recently we have enjoyed a range of festive activities in school. All students have helped to dress our tree and have made decorative hoops to hang in the hall. Students had a Christmas party last week with party food and games which was a lovely way to finish off the week. This week the whole school, plus some of our Governors, came together to eat a delicious Christmas dinner in the hall – this was all freshly cooked in school by our Chef, Ian. Santa paid us a visit afterwards, which the children greatly enjoyed, and each student received a gift.

Yesterday was the showing of our pre-recorded Christmas performance. While lots of work (and time spent practicing) went into its creation, it was a great experience and lots of fun was had! Thank you to those of you that were able to join us, it was great to welcome parents into school to enjoy this with us. For those of you that weren't able to join us, the link to our performance will be emailed to you separately.

Dates for your diary
School closes to students for the Christmas break on Friday 19th December. We will welcome students back to school on Monday 5th January. Whilst we will liaise with taxis regarding dates, we ask that families do the same to mitigate the chance of confusion.

A reminder that our term dates next two academic year can be found on our website.

I hope you all have a break and enjoy the festivities.

With best wishes,

Steven Sneesby

Headteacher