

Tiny Travellers



24 Hours in Tokyo - My Ultimate Guide!

By Mia - 4 Pine

Tokyo is my favourite city ever...robots, sushi, Disney, you'll want to do it all, but here is my ultimate guide for an awesome 24 hours!

1. Start with breakfast at a robot cafe where clever robots bring your food to your table and entertain you by singing songs and telling jokes.
2. Then head over to a Gacha shop - huge, noisy, brightly lit shops full of vending machines filled with kawaii (cute) toys, but choose carefully, no one wants a sushi cat key ring!
3. Time to check out the view at the top of Tokyo Sky Tree, the second tallest building in the world, and if you're lucky you may see the top of Mount Fuji from 100km away
4. Now it's time for lunch, time is tight today so eat while you watch a sumo show - huge men fighting whilst wearing nappies - hope it doesn't put you off your food!
5. We need a little chill out time, so head over to a pig cafe to cuddle some gorgeous micro piglets - small enough to fit in your backpack?
6. Hungry again? Time for sushi, best eaten from a conveyor belt so you can see all the yummy options go past before you choose. My favourites? Salmon or avocado rolls!
7. You can't do Tokyo without karaoke! So head across the Shibuya Crossing (the busiest road crossing in the world) to find a karaoke booth so we can sing all night.
8. Before bed head to one of the city's hundreds of 7/11 stores for a classic egg sando or some crazy mystery sweets!

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Snuggles the Puppy

By Thea - 4 Pine

Two twin girls called Jo and Beatrice were taking a walk.

They started to play hide and seek: Jo was the hider and Beatrice was the seeker. Jo hid behind a tree - and suddenly a small puppy jumped onto her lap from out of nowhere! She just managed to stop herself from screaming.

"Beatrice!" she called. "Pause the game. Come here because I have a puppy on my lap!"

"No, you don't," replied Beatrice, disbelieving, but she came anyway.

"Oh my, what a cute puppy! Let's call him Snuggles!"

"Yes! Let's take him home," said Jo.

They walked home, completely forgetting they were meant to be meeting Tilly, their friend. As they burst in, Snuggles ran ahead and leapt straight onto their mother.

"Well, I guess Tilly gave you a pup then," Mum said, smiling down at Snuggles.

"Yes!" chorused the girls, looking at each other shadily.

"I suppose I can't say no to keeping him," said Mum.

"No, you *can't* say no," said Jo firmly.

"Yes, we're keeping him," added Beatrice.

"Okay, we'll keep the puppy," came a familiar voice from behind them.

"DADDD!" screamed the twins.

After a week or so, Snuggles settled into his new home. The family took him to the vet to make sure he was healthy. Snuggles had been fussed over and cuddled, and he felt much happier than he had been when they first found him.

THIS TERM IN PICTURES...



Mindful Moment

By Piper - 3 Elm

For this week's Mindful Moment, why not try making a pipe-cleaner garland? It's really simple and surprisingly calming. All you need are some pipe cleaners - the metallic ones look especially cool! Cut them into smaller pieces, loop each piece through the next, and twist the ends to secure them. As you keep adding links, you'll see your garland slowly grow, which feels super satisfying. Give it a go when you want a quiet, creative break - you might be surprised by how relaxing it is!



By Roman - 3 Ash

COMIC CORNER



By Leah - 4 Beech

Quick Quiz

How many bones are in a turtle?

What is a jaguar's lifespan?

How do you measure an earthquake?

What is the biggest animal in the world?

How tall is a howler monkey?

Answers: 50 bones, 12 years, a seismograph, the blue whale, 50-70 cm

Vocab Vault

By Luke - 4 Beech

Codswallop (noun)

Something that is nonsense or rubbish.

Example: "That excuse is total codswallop," laughed the teacher.

Bumbershoot (noun)

Another word for an umbrella.

Example: "I grabbed my bumbershoot before heading out into the rain."

Hocus-pocus (noun)

Words used to describe trickery or deception, often linked to magic.

Example: "The magician's hocus-pocus amazed the audience."

Joke Junction

By Miron - 4 Beech

What do bananas wear?

Slippers 🍌

What do you call a fake noodle?

An impasta 🍝

Seasonal Sparkle

By Jeremy – 4 Pine

Kew Gardens is always busy at this time of year, especially with its spectacular seasonal lights. Kew Village also shines brightly with its beautiful decorations and impressive Christmas tree. This festive spirit has spread into the community, where many residents have decorated their homes for everyone to enjoy.



Two local homeowners, Dara McGarry and James Pargeter, kindly gave *The King's Khronicle* an exclusive interview about their eye-catching display on Kew Road. Dara explained that she loves adding decorations that make people smile – whether it's spooky ghosts and pumpkins at Halloween or twinkling lights at Christmas.

Although Dara has only been decorating her home for the past three years, she has already become well-known in the community for her creative displays.

Her favourite celebration to decorate for is Halloween because “there are so many decorations and lots of pumpkins.” She also loves when neighbours stop by to say how much they enjoy the display or leave kind notes of appreciation.

This year, Dara hopes to add a snowman to her festive scene. Next year, she is already planning even more spooky gardening skeletons for Halloween. We thought our readers would love a sneak peek - here is a picture of their fantastic decorations!

Fun Facts

By Noah M – 3 Elm

Did you know that around 1.76 billion candy canes are made every single year?

That's enough to stretch around the world - many times over!

Did you know the tallest Christmas tree ever recorded was 221 feet tall?

That's taller than most buildings!

Did you know the largest gingerbread house ever made used over 3,000 pounds of sugar?

A real-life sugary mansion!

Teacher Feature

By Mousa – 3 Ash

We caught up with Ms Kinder to learn a few fun facts about her!

Her favourite colour is red, and she loves both playing and watching sports. Tennis is her top choice, and her favourite player is the legendary Rafael Nadal.

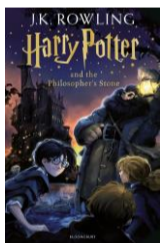
When it comes to food, Ms Kinder didn't hesitate - her favourite is a curry... “Mmm, delicious!”

A big thank you to Ms Kinder for sharing a little bit about herself with the King's Khronicle!



STAR READER REVIEWS

By Helena – 3 Elm



I really enjoyed the first Harry Potter book. It's exciting all the way through, and the ending gets a little bit scary, which made me want to read on.

My favourite part is when Harry discovers he's a wizard and becomes friends with Ron and Hermione. I also loved the Christmas scene where Harry receives a special gift from his past - an invisibility cloak that once belonged to his father. It adds mystery and makes the story even more magical.

I would definitely recommend this book to other readers.

FAITH FOCUS

By Dev and Milly – 4 Pine

This month at The King's School, our travelling **Advent Prayer Bags** have been making their way home with two new pupils each day, helping families pause, reflect and prepare for Christmas together.

Inside each bag, children find a paper star, a candle, and a nativity ornament. Families are invited to place the candle somewhere safe, take a quiet moment to reflect, and then write a wish or prayer on the star. The nativity ornament can be held or displayed while children think about the Christmas story and what it means to them.

The following morning, the bag is returned to school, ready for the next two children to take home. By the end of Advent, our community will have shared dozens of thoughtful wishes, each one bringing a little extra light and hope to the season.

Kid's Kitchen

By Beatrix – 3 Ash

★ Easy Fruit Smoothie ★

Ingredients:

- 1 banana
- A handful of blueberries
- A handful of strawberries (take the green tops off!)
- 1 cup of milk
- 2 big spoonfuls of yoghurt

Method:

1. **Chop** the banana and strawberries into small pieces (with an adult helping!).
2. **Pop** the banana, strawberries and blueberries into a blender.
3. **Pour** in the milk.
4. **Add** the yoghurt on top.
5. **Blend** until it's smooth and swirly.
6. **Taste** it and add a little more fruit if you want it sweeter.

Enjoy your fruity, creamy smoothie!



Ask Miss C

Q: My best friend says pineapple on pizza is wrong. I love it. What do I do?

A: Friends don't need the same toppings to stay close. Differences can be fun! Laugh about it, enjoy your pizza, and let them enjoy theirs. Respect tastes, don't take it personally, and never swap slices without warning!

Q: I get really worried before tests, even when I work hard. Help?

A: Nerves mean you care. Breathe slowly, remind yourself “I've tried my best,” and focus on effort, not perfection. Tests help us learn what to revisit, not who you are. Even teachers get butterflies - we just hide them behind sensible shoes. You've got this!