

KINGSWOOD NEWS

Autumn 2018

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NEWS & NOTICES

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Dear Parents

I am grateful to my super team of teaching and support staff for their hard work in creating such a fitting seasonal finale. It has been a wonderful term, packed with many opportunities for the boys to grow in confidence and character, and I am hugely proud of them all.

I am sorry to see Mr Cowie, Mr Russell and Mrs Roberts move on and thank them for their contribution to the school. I also congratulate Mr Sanderson who has now completed his iPGE and secured a post at Carew Academy in Wallington from April. Next term, Mr Laudy, Mrs Lindley, Ms Forbes and Miss Hylands will join the staff team; please note that Mrs Lindley will be the new form teacher for 6L and Mr Bailey will be the new form teacher for 10B.

In the light of a volatile political climate, one which is unlikely to be diminished by the veneer that Christmas lends to the trials and tribulations of mankind, I have reflected on one of my favourite topical quotations:

What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a wish that every path will lead to peace. (Agnes M Pahro)

These words convey an inspiring, universal message; we should remember the importance of our core values and look forward to the New Year with optimism. On behalf of the Kingswood House community, I wish you a very merry Christmas as well as a prosperous year ahead in 2019. The spring term will commence on Tuesday 8th January at 8.30am.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy
Headmaster



The staff football team were well-dressed for the traditional Christmas game against three different pupil teams across the age ranges.

The Kingswood House Way



In **maths**, **Year 4** have been using their measuring skills. They were measuring accurately to the nearest mm using a ruler. Some boys challenged themselves and estimated the length first and then measured to see how accurate they were!

Miss Smith



Festive Fun

6C had great fun making Christmas cards for their nearest and dearest. Well done, boys - they look fantastic!

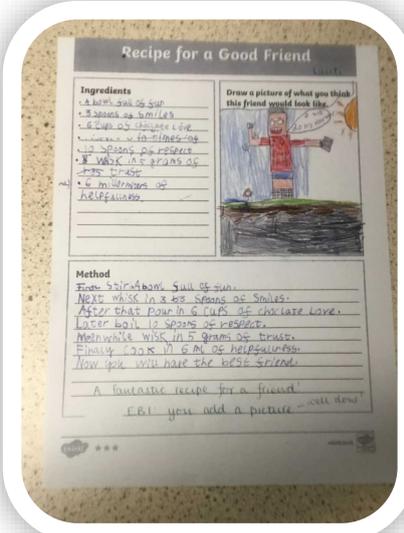
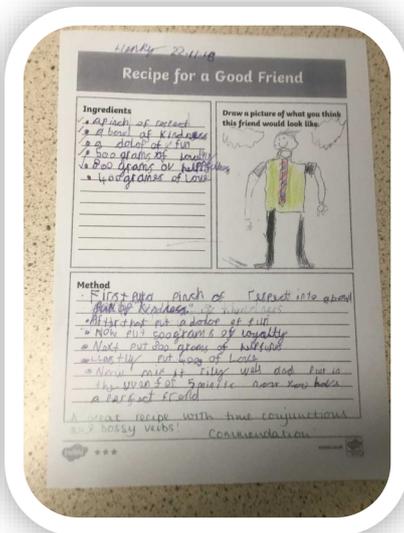
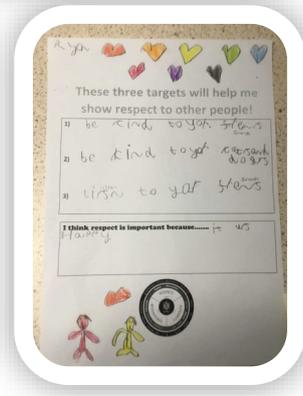
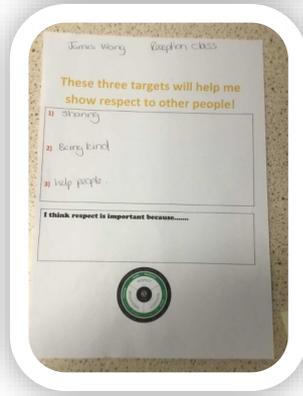
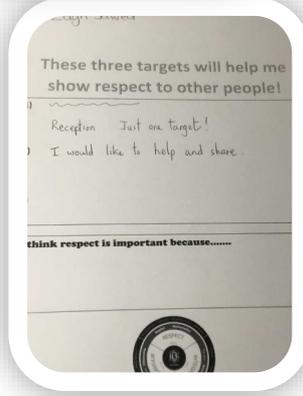
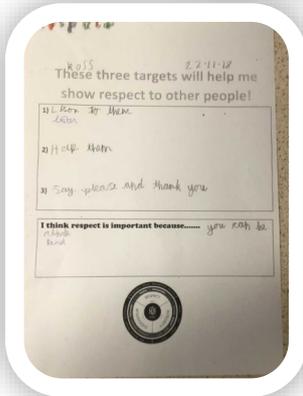
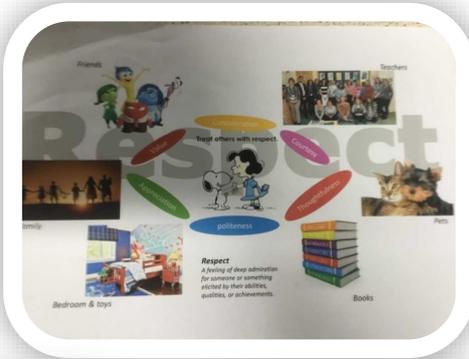
Mrs Celentano



RESPECT

This term, all pupils at Kingswood House School have been focussing on the value of 'Respect'. The whole school has been looking at this value in form time, lessons and in assembly. Here are some of the pieces of work produced by the boys to show their understanding of respect. Work can be seen from pupils in Reception, Years 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 7. Next term we will be focussing on the value of **Integrity**.

Miss Black



MATHS ENRICHMENT

Maths was the subject focus in the second half of the Autumn Term as part of The Kingswood House Way initiative.

You can view a video with a short summary of activities across the school during this time on our website, click [here](#).

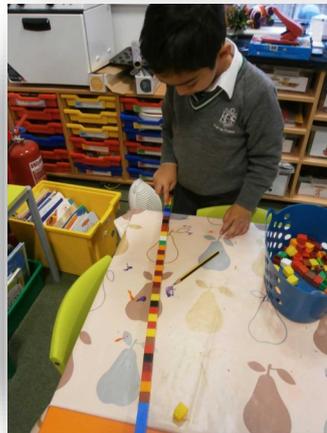
Mr Sukhdeo



This week the boys learnt about the **Nativity** story. They all had to bring in shoe box for the barn (thank you to all the Mums for searching out the boxes). The boxes were all painted brown by Mrs Mostyn. The boys had to cut out the figures from the nativity sheet and carefully stick them onto the barn. They all really enjoyed this activity. Merry Christmas!
Mrs Marskell

This week in French, Reception boys were learning to count. They used cubes and counted all the way to 40 in French. Madame Swift gave a helping hand to the boys who needed help. Well done, Reception!

Mrs Marskell



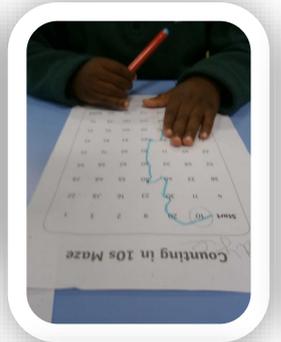
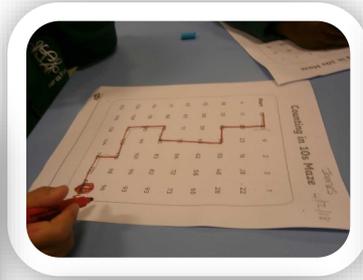
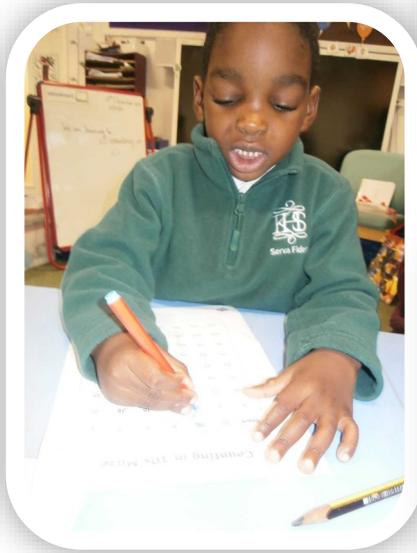
A wonderful achievement to share:

“Dear Mr Mitchell
I thought you would like to hear a little good news from Freddie.
On his own insistence he sat exams for an academic Scholarship in Chemistry and Maths for the Sixth form at Epsom College and was successful.
As you can imagine we are proud beyond measure of him and can not believe that we now have two boys with awards at Epsom.
Not a small amount of credit for these achievements should go to you all at Kingswood House, who picked my boys up from what had been a pretty awful experience at their previous school, and helped to make them into the wonderful young men that they are showing real signs of becoming.
Thank you so very much for all that you have done for both Freddie and Bertie.
Yours,
Lisa Gathercole”

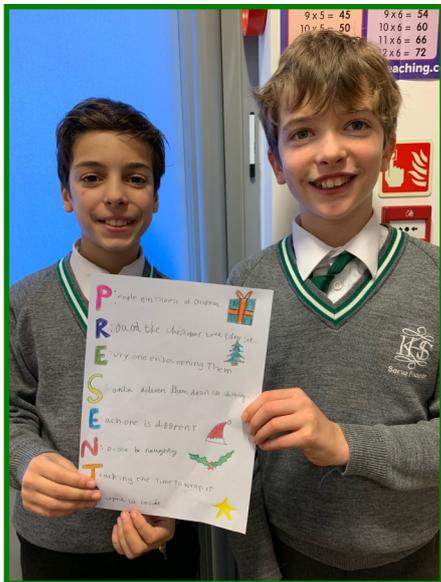
Congratulations to Freddie and Bertie from everyone at Kingswood House School.

In a recent maths activity, Reception boys had to count in 10's to 100; they then had a go at counting in 10's to 100 maze work sheet. They all did really well. Well done, Reception.

Mrs Marskell



Festive Poetry



6C English group enjoyed created some festive poetry and sharing them with their peers.

Here are James and Oscar who wrote an excellent acrostic poem.

Well done, boys!

Mrs Celentano

Kingswood News Autumn Term 2018

We are printing a compilation magazine of our weekly newsletter for this term.

You will be able to view the magazine on-line in January and order a printed copy, if you so wish.

Further details in our first Kingswood News of next term!

In Mr Cowie's Year 6 maths set, the boys created their own maths board game to complete in their final lesson of the term.

The main aim of their games were to answer maths based questions to work around the board to win against their partner!

There were some fantastic board games!

Mr Cowie

COMING SOON!

'144 Club' – an exclusive members only club to encourage boys' to learn their times tables. Have you got what it takes?

Staff vs Boys Annual Christmas Football Match

Playing to a large crowd, the KHS staff played competitive matches against teams from Senior pupils and Upper Prep pupils.

There was a fabulous display of costumes and Christmas jumpers.

Mr Murphy refereed to ensure fair play and the results were two wins and a narrow loss to the staff team—better luck next year, boys!



Mr Mitchell (and yes, that is Mr March in the snowman costume) led the Christmas House Quiz this morning.

The boys looked really colourful as they all wore Christmas jumpers having made a contribution to Save the Children.

We all enjoyed a wonderful traditional Christmas lunch.

Thank you to Mrs Chandler and her kitchen team for lunch today, and every day.



Lower Prep were very excited to visit the pantomime in Woking (oh no they weren't!)



A HUGE THANK YOU to the KHA



The KHA has funded much of the boys' Christmas parties this year, including the magician who entertained them so well. The transport to the pantomime for Lower Prep was funded by the KHA. The wonderful Christmas tree in the Lower Prep playground was also donated by the KHA—our thanks to you all for your continued support. It is very much appreciated.

Young Minds

Miss Timothy has prepared some information from Young Minds to help families over the festive period.

It will accompany this newsletter.

If your child tells you they are struggling, here are a few steps you can take:

If your child tells you they're struggling:

1. Thank them for sharing and acknowledge how they're feeling
2. Ask them how they would like you to help and explain any next steps
3. Visit youngminds.org.uk/parents for our help and advice including our Survival Guide
4. If you're really worried about your child, call our Parents Helpline on **0808 802 5544**
5. Talk to your GP as they are the route in to mental health support services (you can go with or without your child.)

#Take20

You can also look at YoungMinds online: <https://youngminds.org.uk/take20/what-to-do-next/>

If you want to call someone, the YoungMinds helpline number for parent is:

0808 0802 5544

15 minutes with ... Mr Duncan Murphy, Headmaster

Favourite car	Jaguar E Type
Favourite place	Isle of Wight
Favourite food	Indian
Favourite band or singer	Pink Floyd
Favourite film	Where Eagles Dare
Favourite smell	Citrus
Favourite sport / team or player	Leeds United, Harlequins, Surrey CCC
Who in the world would you like to be ?	Donald Tusk – just to sort a few things out!
What were you like at school ?	Quite annoying, I suspect.
What would you do if you were not a teacher?	Test Match Special commentator - or more realistically, a lawyer.
What is your interesting fact?	I once sang in front of royalty.

And 12 either / or :

Dog or Cat?

Netflix or YouTube? Neither

Phone Call or Text?

Facebook or Twitter?

Swimming or Sunbathing?

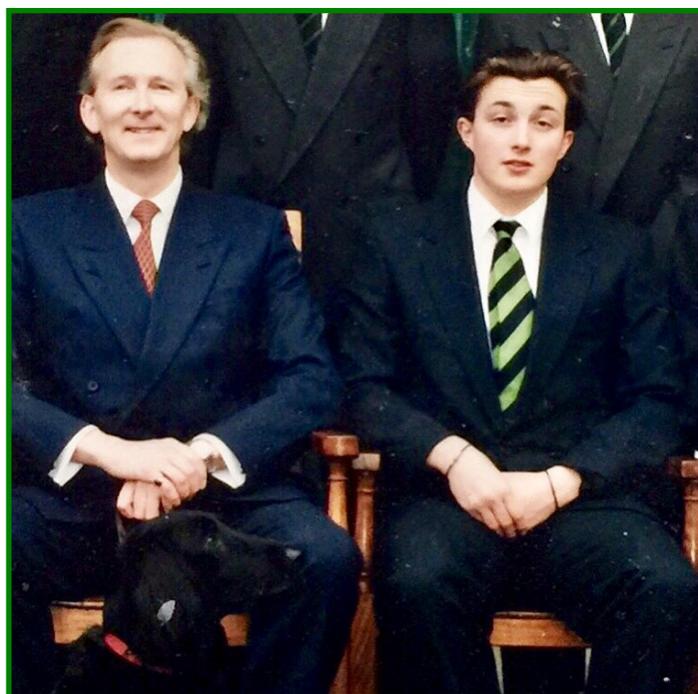
Beer or Wine?

Big Party or Small Gathering? Football or Rugby? Cricket

Passenger or Driver?

Pen or Pencil? Fountain Pen City or countryside?

Glass half full or half empty?



COMMENDATIONS

Emir Ozderici x3
 Thomas Mostyn
 Benjamin Adams
 Ali Al-Rabaie
 Ryan Lunemann
 Kobi Wood
 Theo Burn

PLANNING TO USE TO USE YOUR SCHOOL PHOTOS FOR

CHRISTMAS GIFTS?

GIFT IDEAS

NEW Phone cases from £36	DIGITAL FILES from £9.50 <i>To use as you wish as often as you like.</i>
PRINTS & PACKS from £9.50	CANVASES & ACRYLICS from £140 & £235
ACRYLIC BLOCK from £32	FRAMED PRINTS from £28

ORDER DEADLINES (UK)

Product Type(s)	Order Deadline	Shipping
JPEGS to download	21st December	Available to download by 23rd December
Unframed prints, JPEGS on USB	17th December	Latest posting day 20th December
Framed Prints & Phone Cases	10th December	Latest Courier for next day 20th December
Canvases & Acrylics	7th December	Latest Courier for next day 20th December

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DIARY DATES JANUARY 2019

JANUARY		MOCK GCSE EXAM WEEK	
Tues.	08	0830 1300 1400	TERM BEGINS Opro Mouthguard Fittings House Families Afternoon
Wed.	09	0845 1430 1430 1430	Whole School Assembly U13A v Box Hill (A) U11A and B v Chinthurst (A) U10A and B v Chinthurst (H)
Thur S.	10	1430 1430	U9A and B v Chinthurst (A) U8A v Chinthurst (H)
Fri.	11	1130-1600	Drama Workshop (Production Boys)

Our British Values

Democracy

Share ideas, value questions, make decisions together, and contribute ideas.

Rule of law

House rules, set clear boundaries and distinguish right from wrong.

Individual liberty

Develop awareness and positive sense of self, have confidence in own abilities and take on responsibility.

Mutual respect

Inclusivity and tolerance, learning about and valuing differences, sharing, respecting others and challenging stereotypes.



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LED/Lightsabre workshop



LED/Lightsabre workshop 6 with Nick Payne
Silver Sabres Academy Coach.

Sat 15 Dec 2018 at 2-3pm

7-16 years old (Cost £18 in advance £20 on the day)
Parents can join in too with their kids

Please bring gloves and your own toy lightsabres if you have one - Duelling lightsabres will be provided for the final battles.

VENUE: EPSOM COLLEGE SPORTS HALL

Please email nick.payne@swordfightinginternational.com to book your place.
Bank transfer preferred – details will be sent with receipt of email.

Booking/More details here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/led-sabre-workshop-6-12-years-old-adult-on-sat-15dec18-tickets-52883347516>

Or Booking/More details:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1183055268517488/>

Help UK Air Ambulance Services by recycling your Used Postage Stamps

The UK's Air Ambulance Services are charities which receive no government funding and rely entirely on charitable donations to continue flying and responding to life threatening medical emergencies.

We are now volunteering our time to help raise funds through the recycling of postage stamps.

All funds raised will be donated to the Association of Air Ambulances to be distributed equally to all UK Air Ambulance Services



Whether they're British or overseas, new or used, send them to us and we'll turn them into funds to keep the UK Air Ambulance Services responding to life threatening medical emergencies.

All you need to do is cut or carefully tear the stamped corner from any envelope or packet that you receive in the post and start a collection.

Once you have a large bundle, bag them up and send them to us at the below address:

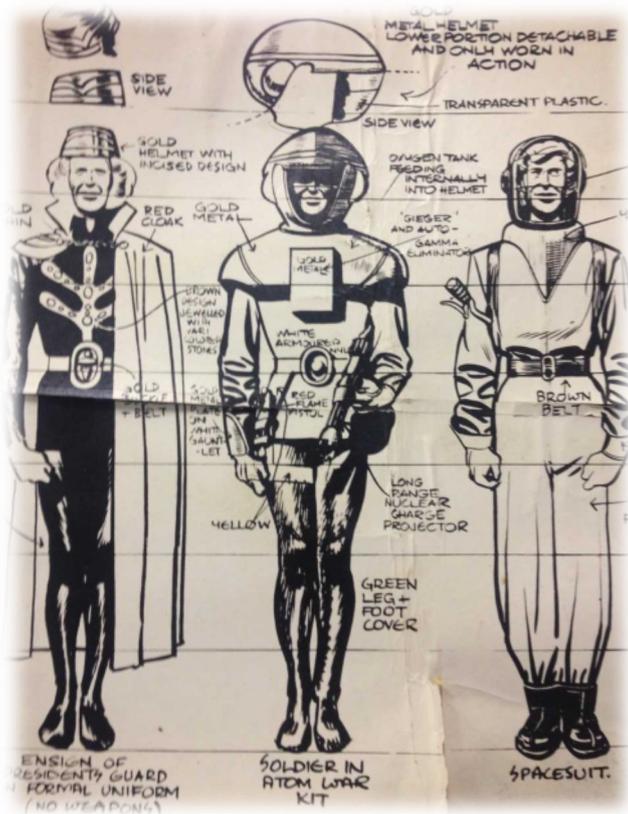
Stamps can be posted to:

**Air Ambulance - Stamp Appeal
59 Mitre Copse
Bishopstoke
Near Eastleigh
Hants
SO50 8QE**



The 100th anniversary of the birth of Frank Hampson is to be marked by an exhibition at Bourne Hall Museum.

Frank Hampson came to Epsom in the early 1950s and was soon established in Bayford Lodge, which served as his home and his studio. There, for a decade, he created the cartoon strips that held the nation's schoolboys (and others!) enthralled, as they waited eagerly each week for the latest edition of *Eagle* to learn whether Dan Dare, the intrepid space explorer, had survived his most recent mission. An exhibition about the life of the gifted illustrator will be put on display at Bourne Hall Museum from 4th December until 12 March 2019. The display will include original artwork which has been loaned by Peter Hampson, Frank's son, including a front page of the *Eagle* – drawings of Treens, Therons and other alien characters from the comic – and covers drawn by Frank for the popular Ladybird books. Also on display will be the annuals which were such eagerly awaited Christmas presents, and comics which will bring back memories of trips to the newsagents to get a new copy, running back home to read the latest adventure.



Museum curator, Jeremy Harte, said:

‘There will be many people locally who remember, for example, the staged fights with ray guns outside Bayford Lodge, as Frank Hampson gathered material for the next instalment to go up on his drawing board’.

David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, KT17 1UF.

Tel: 020 8394 1734 or email dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk.

Women's 100

It is 100 years since (some) women got the vote. Before 1918 no women were allowed to vote in parliamentary elections.

In the early 20th century there were two main groups active in the campaign for women's suffrage (the right to vote); the 'suffragists' who campaigned using peaceful methods and the 'suffragettes' who were determined to win the right to vote for women by any means, including unlawful and violent acts.

The outbreak of the First World War led to a suspension of political campaigning, including women's suffrage.

In February 1918, a coalition government passed the Representation of the People Act. This extended the right to vote to women of a certain age and economic status. Ten months later, 8.5 million women voted for the first time in the General Election on the 14 December 1918. Under the same act, all men over the age of 21 gained the right to vote. Women under 30, and who didn't meet the economic criteria, had to wait another 10 years for the privilege.



In November 1918, the Parliament (Qualification of Women) Act 1918 was passed, allowing women to be elected into the House of Commons as Members of Parliament.

We're marking the anniversary of these major steps in the fight for gaining women's equality in society with a special exhibition at the Town Hall, from December 10th to 21st.

Running to coincide with the anniversary of the 1918 general election and December's full borough council meeting, the exhibition includes details of women's suffrage with particular emphasis within the borough of Epsom and Ewell, including details of local historical women of note.