

# KINGSWOOD NEWS



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Dear Parents

Spring is the season of new growth and the signs of change are all around us: flowers are blossoming, days are lighter and temperatures are warmer. The symbolism of spring as a time of renaissance is culturally significant across the world and in the Christian calendar, the icon of the Easter egg is a metaphor for vitality and optimism. These two precepts are important in the development of a positive mind-set, something that we work on collectively with all of the pupils, in order to try and help them achieve their potential. As a busy term draws to its conclusion, I am able to reflect with great pride upon the many and varied achievements of our boys over the last few weeks. A debt of gratitude is owed to my fantastic team of teaching and support staff who so often go the extra mile to make a difference – thank you for all that you do. I wish the Kingswood House community a peaceful and relaxing Easter holiday - I look forward to seeing you all return in the summer with renewed vigour and zest!

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy  
Headmaster



It was wonderful to welcome Jason Robinson to KHS on Monday. He spoke inspirationally about his journey from a council house in Leeds to World Cup glory with the England rugby team in 2003. The boys loved listening to him and he was a super role model – he articulated a powerful message that with hard work, perseverance and self-belief – most things are possible by most people! It was a privilege to have him at the school. Thank you to Mr Cowie, and Fuzion100, for organising such a special event.

## The Kingswood House Way





**A fantastic day  
spent with Jason Robinson!**



Today in Year 1,2 and Reception the boys have been learning about Easter and Spring. One of the activities the boys did was to make chocolate Easter eggs. They were able to tell me how I would get a solid piece of chocolate to liquid. Well done! They had a lot of fun stirring the cornflakes into the melted chocolate and gave wonderful descriptive words relating to the chocolate, 'slimy', 'mud', 'shiny'. They all spooned some of the chocolate mixture into a cake case and decorated their own egg.



In Forest School this week the boys were making mud pies, brooms out of sticks and fern branches. Some of the boys enjoyed playing with the mini-beasts and hiding them in the under growth. They all had a lot of fun and finished the morning with a hot chocolate.



Lower Prep boys spent an afternoon experiencing a board games. The boys were asked to bring in their favourite game and share it with a friend. They have really enjoyed the different games that were brought in.



Boys in 4S have been using team work skills. They were given a section of an Easter egg to colour in and then had to put it back together again. The boys have used the Kingswood House Way and values to complete the task. It was lovely to see them working and supporting one another to try and recreate the image! Great way to end the term, boys!

**Miss Smith**



4L have been writing legend stories based on 'The Mousehole Cat' by Antonia Fraser. They are very proud of their amazing stories and have had their books printed! This week, they shared their stories with Year 1 and 2; the children and Mrs Henery loved hearing their exciting tales!

**Mrs Lambert**

6L and 6C have worked extremely hard on their models of a Motte and Bailey castle. The Motte and Bailey castle was introduced to England when William the Conqueror invaded England. I was so impressed by their efforts and the finished work which they presented to their class today. The boys all had lots of fun making them, and, most importantly, have learned about each of the features of the castle.

Mrs Celentano





More examples:  
Motte and Bailey  
Castles  
From 6C





A busy time in the History department last week saw Year 7 visit The Old Operating Theatre London and HMS Belfast. The visit took place in support of their topic of Medicine through Time and we witnessed a mock operation about to be performed on Barnaby Hill. On Thursday, Year 10 and 11 visited Kenilworth Castle as part of their GCSE studies on Castles. We had an excellent tour of the remains, with links made to possible exam questions, and a tour of the Elizabethan gardens. A busy, but enjoyable week!

Mr Rudkin





On Tuesday, Form 10B enjoyed a formal luncheon hosted by Mr Murphy. It was an excellent meal and a great opportunity to reward Year 10 for another fine term. **Mr Rudkin**





### Year 4 Trip to Painshill Park

'Kingsley bear went on a fantastic trip to Painshill Park last Friday and he took Year 4 with him!

Kingsley and the boys had a great morning learning about Greek myths and legends. They were blindfolded and had to find their way through around a ropes course between the trees to escape from the Minotaur in the labyrinth and they then ventured into the underworld through the beautiful Crystal Grotto. In the afternoon, the boys and Kingsley built their own shelters in the woods and bravely sat in their dens while water was poured over the roof to test their construction skills! Kingsley was absolutely exhausted but had a great time and luckily managed to stay clean and dry, unlike most of Year 4!' Mrs Lambert and Miss Smith



### Year 4 Science Enrichment

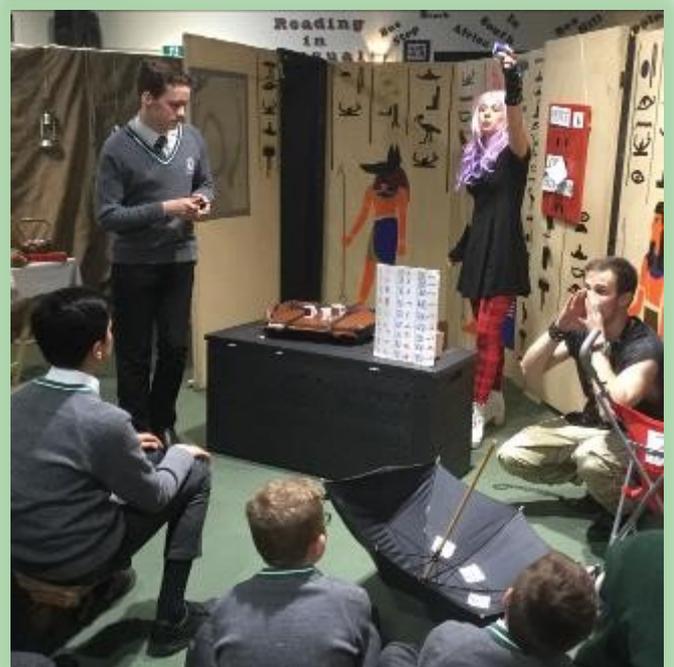
'Year 4 have been taking part in Science Enrichment this half term by growing their own beans and keeping a diary of their plant's growth. Jeremy and Harry have very green fingers as their beans have grown at a fantastic rate.....all the boys are continuing to grow and monitor their beans over the Easter holidays - we are hoping to have some giant beanstalks to climb!' Mrs Lambert



## Onatti French Theatre

On Friday 22nd March, Onatti, a travelling French theatre company, visited the school and performed a short play for Years 5 and 6. The theme was 'Ticket pour l'espace' which appealed to all the boys. We read part of the script in class prior to the visit in order that the boys would recognise and understand new vocabulary. The actors performed in both French and English and the boys were given the opportunity to participate and demonstrate their knowledge of French. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the story of a young boy and girl winning a competition to travel to space and the adventures they had on the way, including the spaceship veering off course and an encounter with an alien. Well done to Johnathan Ward and Beau Clark (Year 5) who were challenged with completing a science puzzle and Zachary Fitzgibbon (Year 6) who played a big part in helping the 'space travellers' get back to earth. Well done once again to Onatti; it was a fun morning enjoyed by both staff and pupils. **Madame Swift**

In the afternoon, Onatti then performed to Years 7 to 9 and the GCSE French boys were treated to a play, all in French. Their brief was Jérémy and Marie in an Escape Room. An escape room is a fully-immersive real-life game in which small groups of players are locked inside a room and given a series of riddles, puzzles and clues which they must solve to eventually unlock the door and escape the room. They usually have just one hour in which to complete all the puzzles. All escape rooms are different and are styled with a particular theme. The themes for this Escape room were Tutankhamun's tomb and Howard Carter's Tent. It was a very funny and entertaining performance and some of our boys had starring roles! Many thanks to Onatti for another fantastic play! **Madame Taylor**





Years 1 and 2 played a great game against Shrewsbury Lodge.

The boys felt very supported by parents and staff and played fantastically in their second ever match! Well done, boys.

Mrs Henery



The boys have been very busy with Easter activities. They have all had a go at sewing a Easter Chick, Bunny or egg. It was very tricky for them but they did persevere. Well done, Reception.

Mrs Marskell



On Wednesday, 6C boys presented their assembly to the school and their parents. They all felt passionately about saving the oceans, after much classroom discussion, so decided this was a great topic to share with their peers. They presented the information using a PowerPoint and videos as well as sharing facts about the worldwide problem of plastic pollution. All the boys spoke clearly and with enthusiasm. During break-times, some of the boys had made sea life models using waste plastic and showed off their efforts during the assembly. I was so proud of the boys and thought they delivered a thought-provoking assembly, whilst sharing an element of fun with their rendition of '3 Rs' - Reduce, reuse, recycle! Well done.

[Mrs Celentano](#)





I have loved spending the week in Year 3! They made me feel so welcome and I enjoyed seeing how hard they have been working this term. The boys let me take part in their Bake Off on Monday. Each of the groups used the 'TASC wheel' to support them with designing, developing and making a unique Easter Cake product for the Teatime Concert. I was so impressed with the boys' creativity, teamwork and enthusiasm. Thank you, Year 3, for having me!

**By Kingsley Bear** (scribed by Miss McSweeney)



## Maths Family Fun Puzzle

The top five for this week:

Please email your answers to: [g.lindley@kingswoodhouse.org](mailto:g.lindley@kingswoodhouse.org)

Johns 11

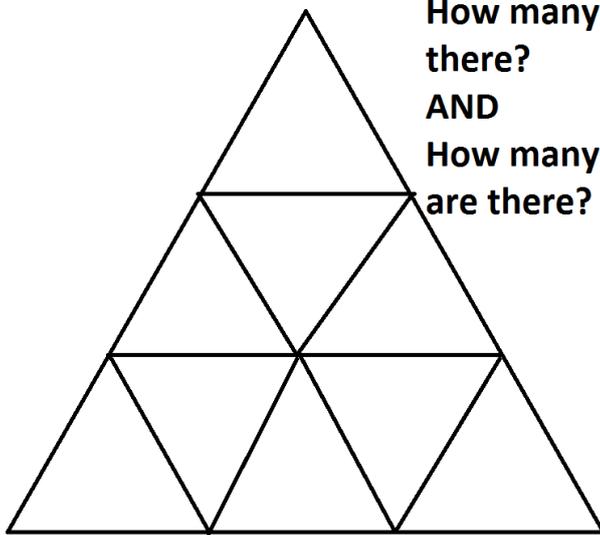
Lee 2018

Lunemanns

Mozzy Mostyn

Arulchandran family

Week 9



How many triangles are there?  
AND  
How many quadrilaterals are there?

### Solution week 8 Linear Sequence

Calculate the next fraction in the sequence. (It is linear!)

$$1\frac{1}{5} \quad 1\frac{1}{2} \quad 1\frac{7}{11} \quad 1\frac{5}{7}$$

$$1\frac{13}{17}$$

Hint: these have been cancelled down to their simplest form!

Bonus question: What comes next in this non linear sequence?

5 6 11 17 28 ..... **45**

## Spring Term in the Study Centre



It has been a busy term for us in the Study Centre! We have been focussing on multi-sensory learning across the school and reinforcing the use of technology to support learning and accessibility.



We all wish you a Happy Easter!

The Study Centre Team

## COMMENDATIONS

Hadi Yousaf

Bailey Partridge

James Carr

Adam Gratton

Jamil Hashemi

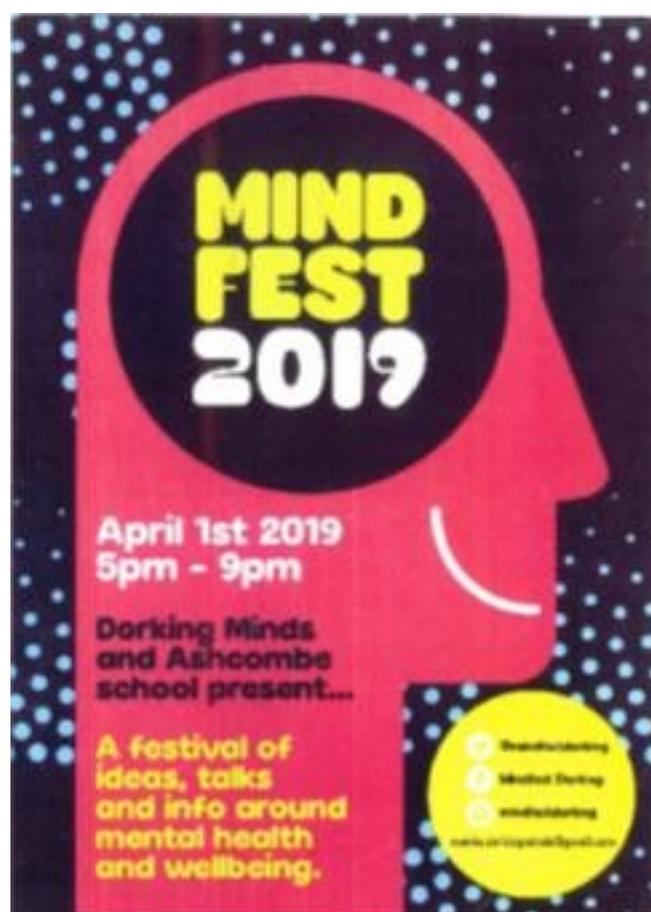
Reuben Tomb

Archie Blyth

Benjamin Schumacher

Jack Harvey

**Well done to 5C for their terrific effort in raising so much money for Comic Relief!**



### Lego Request

We are urgently looking for donations of Lego. If you have any spare Lego, we would be grateful if you could drop it off into the Office. Thank you!



# Informal Music Concert

What a fantastic concert from the boys in Years 3 and 4. It was fantastic to see so many different acts spanning such varying abilities and disciplines.

3M's cakes topped off what was a fabulous concert.

Mr Swift



Wow, look at those sticks!



[Piece of the week By Ben Inglis 10B](#)

**Mmm-bop (cover) by Postmodern Jukebox**

I think it's really awesome that this band can take songs and revamp them in a 'retro' style. Normally, you don't see such varying styles collide, so it's great to hear a band that can make multiple genres work together. I'm a big fan of the wind instruments in electro-swing, but this piece has a great vocal feature. I also really like the guitar. If you like Postmodern Jukebox, I think you'd also like authentic past artists like Frank Sinatra, Ray Charles and Dean Martin.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iEeifq1KhkU>



## DIARY DATES

APRIL		WEEK 1	
Tues	23	0830	SLT Day
Weds	24	0900	Staff INSET
Thurs	25	<b>0830</b> 0845	Start of Summer Term Assembly
Fri.	26	0900-1330 1230 1400	Year 7 Trip to the Poppy Factory, Richmond Duke of Edinburgh Review Meeting House Family Afternoon



## EWELL CRICKET CLUB



### • JUNIOR CRICKET STARTS 25 APRIL 2019

New Boy & Girl Members welcome (6-15 years)

Weekly Nets/Friendly & League Matches

27 Ruxley Lane, Ewell KT19 0JB

For more information please visit

[www.ewellcricketclub.com](http://www.ewellcricketclub.com) or email [info@ewellcricketclub.com](mailto:info@ewellcricketclub.com)

Junior Registration Day  
Thursday 25 April  
From 6.30pm

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## Two local youth Jazz Bands now open to new members!

The Epsom Youth Jazz Ensemble & Epsom Youth Big Band are now recruiting new members and are on the lookout for enthusiastic young musicians to join. Both bands run outside of school hours on a [Tuesday afternoon/evening](#) at Stamford Green School in Epsom and are run and directed by respected local musician & teacher, Ben Tompsett. Ben is primarily a Jazz Saxophonist & Pianist, with nearly 20 years of experience working as a musician, teacher and composer. The Junior Jazz Ensemble has no age or grade restrictions and is open to most instruments. The Big Band is more suitable for those approaching year 9 and above with a playing level of Grade 4-8. The bands are now entering their 10th year and continue to grow in strength and number, playing a variety of Jazz, Funk and Contemporary styles including vocal numbers and music from TV & Film. Please email Ben for more details. [bentompsett@me.com](mailto:bentompsett@me.com)



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