

# KINGSWOOD NEWS



Autumn 2019

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## The Kingswood House Way



Dear Parents

I commend the boys for their stellar performance in the Christmas Carol Service earlier this week and I congratulate Louie Swift and the staff team 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.



The end of term sees Sam McSweeney move on to a new position at Eagle House, Bramley, and I am sure you will join me in thanking her for her energy and expertise and wishing her well for the future. On a related note, it is a great pleasure to welcome back Julie Marskell who will teach Form 3M for the rest of the academic year. It was also lovely to have Barney Cowie back for half a term before his impending move to The Harrodian, Barnes, where I am sure he will settle in quickly.

Many thanks to those of you who wrote in with your thoughts about the potential for KHS to become co-educational in the future; your comments will be considered carefully and I shall keep you updated in due course.

Please note that the spring term commences on Wednesday 8th January at 8.30am. In the meantime, the teaching and support staff join me in wishing you a very happy Christmas and a prosperous year ahead in 2020.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy  
Headmaster



**The richest man is not he who has the most, but he who needs the least**

A Christmas Wish - Myra Scovel

*God give you blessings at Christmas time;  
Stars for your darkness, sun for your day,  
Light on the path as you search for the Way.  
God grant you courage this coming year,  
Fruit for your striving, friends if you roam,  
Joy in your labour and love in your home.*

Please find below the calendar dates for the start of term. The lunch menu will be published on the website before the start of term and resume inclusion here the first week we are back.

### DIARY DATES January 2020; week 1

Monday	06	0900-1500	<b>MOCK GCSE EXAM WEEK—Year 11s</b> SLT Meeting
Tuesday	07	0900-1730	Staff INSET
Wednesday	08	<b>0830</b> 0845 0930	<b>SPRING TERM BEGINS</b> Headmaster's Assembly Lower Prep Forest School
Thursday	09		
Friday	10	All day 1400	Drama Production workshop House Families Afternoon

#### COMMENDATIONS

Joshua McCrosson	Tristan Bush
Rex Treadwell (2)	Jackson Worth (2)
Dylan Newman	Jeremy Blackman
Daniel Giles (3)	Hussein Khan
Milo Russell	Tristen Bush

*Very Well Done to all our boys who have received Commendations this term.... Here's to many more to come in the Spring Term! Please see further on in the Newsletter to appreciate all the boys who have had certificates awarded at our end of term Assembly for various wins and achievements.*

*"Continuous effort  
- not strength or  
intelligence - is the  
key to unlocking our  
potential"*

Winston Churchill



### Lower Prep Christmas Production



The start of the Christmas season was officially declared 'open' with our Lower Prep Christmas Production last week. All the boys had a part and took to the stage in Langlands Hall with great enthusiasm. Mrs Henery Head of Lower Prep commented, "The boys put on an outstanding performance in their show, Tinsel and Tea Towels! I am so proud of how hard the children have worked and how they have helped each other in learning lines, dance moves and how to tie a tea towel! In the wise words of Elf, Will Ferrell -*The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear!* which the boys certainly did!

I wish the children, parents and staff of Lower Prep many thanks for their hard work this term and a well-deserved, peaceful Christmastide." Mrs Henery

### Year 4 About Town...

To finish off our Geography topic of 'Our Town', we took a trip down to Epsom town centre. We were looking to see how land is used in Epsom for retail, residential, recreation and service areas. We discovered some of the things we had researched for prep, for example the clock tower and that it was built in 1847. We were also lucky enough to spot some of the Christmas Nutcrackers that are dotted around Epsom! Miss Smith & Mrs Lambert



## Christmas Carol Service

Wednesday night saw a packed Christ Church, with standing room only, as boys, staff, parents and governors came together to celebrate the spirit of Christmas in a number of carols, songs, poems and readings. The boys spoke with aplomb, sang with gusto and contributed hugely to our joy of the occasion. A big, festive sparkly 'Thank You!' to Mr Swift who had organised and rehearsed our musicians very well and Mrs Lambert who chose the narrative content for the readings. Overall, it was a lovely, community way to mark the Yuletide season for the whole school.



The Spirit of Christmas





### *Christmas Jumper Day at KHS!*

Although the national celebration of fabulous festive knits is officially Friday 13th December this year, with it being the end of term and lots going on, we decided in school to celebrate and fundraise on Thursday 12th instead—no one seemed to mind and everyone joined in whole-heartedly with a super display of colourful, flashing, jingly woollen wear. Thank you for supporting this great cause: [Save the Children](#)



### Lower Prep Panto: Oh No They Didn't...

"Oh yes, they did"—eat lunch in McDonalds and enjoy the panto at Woking theatre! The Lower Prep boys were enthralled at all the exotic goings on in "Aladdin" and had a super afternoon at this traditional seasonal treat. They were brilliant ambassadors for the school and did themselves, and their teachers, proud. Well done, boys!



### Christmas Lunch & Quiz!



Whilst the Lower Prep boys were enjoying themselves at the panto - *oh yes they did*—the remainder of the school were treated to a truly delicious, traditional turkey lunch, with all the trimmings and a table-side magic show—much to the boys' amusement and delight. Jane Chandler and her hard working kitchen team pulled out all the stops so the boys could enjoy turkey, 'pigs in blankets', cranberry sauce, gravy and some expertly cooked seasonal vegetables—even the humble Brussel sprouts were gobbled up greedily. The tables were groaning with crackers, mince pies and sweet treats and everyone was very thankful.



After lunch, there was no lull in proceedings as it was straight into the Christmas Quiz!



The Upper Prep boys demonstrated great team work to decode Mr Mitchell's dastardly, fearsome questions and conundrums with a very special quiz-master in the room... Well done to **NELSON** House who were victorious! The Seniors were put through their paces by Mr Rudkin.

Who is on the 'Good List'?!



Lower Prep visited Father Christmas at Hatchlands Park. Despite the rain and the wind, we hiked through the trails, avoided the bulls in the fields and discovered two donkeys in the courtyard! The Victorian style grotto presented a very traditional and jolly Santa sat next to the fire-place surrounded by a selection of toys.



The boys were delighted at the occasion and it was heart-warming to see their eyes light up in awe... #ibelieve

Mrs Henery

Walliams well under way!



Following on from David Walliams' super visit to the Lower Prep boys last week, certain members of Form 3M have been devouring his latest novel *The Beast of Buckingham Palace*...perhaps they will be able to give us their considered opinion sometime soon when they have finished the book?

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awards

Huge Congratulations to the following boys who have achieved their Bronze D of E award after a lot of hard work!

- Theo B.
- Harri G.
- Freddie H.
- Ben I.
- James T.
- Oliver P.



### *Festive Cooking in Years 1, 2 and 3!*

Years 1, 2 and 3 thoroughly enjoyed themselves making gingerbread dough—which smelt divine! - and then choosing which Christmas themed cookie cutter to use. The results looked fabulous; very doubtful if any of the cookies made it home! *Mrs Henery*



### *Form 6C Festive Wreaths*

The boys have thoroughly enjoyed getting into the festive spirit and were focussed and on task when set the challenge of making their 3D wreaths.



They were particularly fiddly but the boys didn't give up! Well done. *Mrs Celentano*

### *A Christmas Murder Mystery...*

In Team on Friday, Year 6 incorporated the Maths Enrichment theme into their task. They decided which groups they would like to work in and were challenged with a Christmas Murder Mystery. Using their maths skills, they had to solve the problems to discover who had committed the crime; was it the elves, the snowman or even Santa himself?! The boys worked really well together and their tenacity for answering what proved to be some very tricky questions, was to be admired. Well done, boys, and a Very Merry Christmas! *Madame Swift & Miss Forbes*



*No dampened spirits here!*

Lower Prep's matches last Friday were a fantastic way to finish this term's fixtures —they won 8-1 against Surbiton Prep and did not bat an eyelid about the damp, wet playing conditions. Special mention to Frankie L for scoring how many goals?!!! *Clue: take a look at the picture carefully!* Super spirit shown, boys; well done all of you.

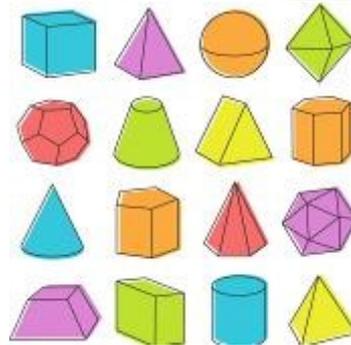
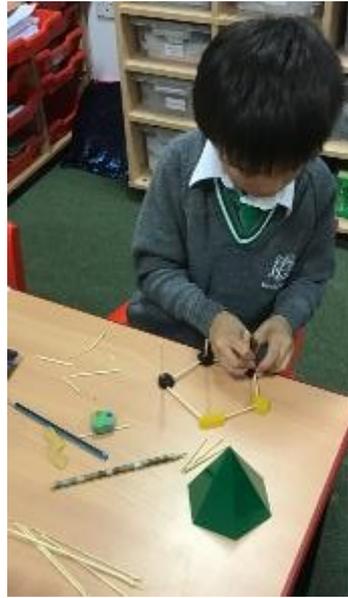
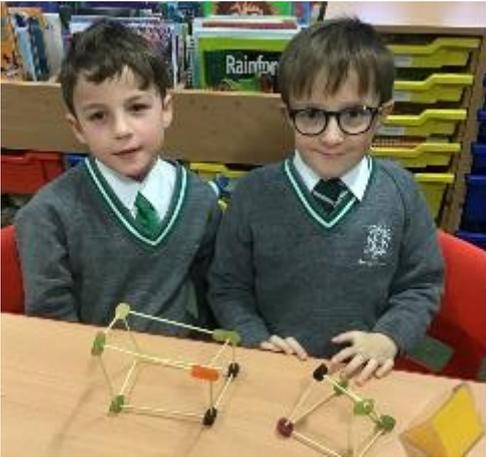
*Miss Smith*



*Fabulously festive art work on display...*

Boys, young and old, have had great fun creating these festive pieces, some of which were printed as Christmas cards—thank you to all parents who supported this project—we hope you enjoy sending the cards!





## Wine Gum Geometrics!

The boys in Years 1, 2 & 3 had a very 'sweet' time constructing geometric 3D shapes using sticks and wine gums as part of their Maths Enrichment programme this week. Well done, boys—some super shapes were made and let's hope this activity has embedded your understanding on this vital mathematical concept. *Miss McSweeney*



*Who knew the humble wine gum had such mathematical prowess?!!*

In Year 4's French lesson this week, we thought about Maths Enrichment and set the boys a task that combined language and maths—the boys were eager to learn the French words for various shapes such as; *un triangle*, *une pentagone* and *un cerf-volant* (kite). They were also given a number of maths puzzles to solve using their knowledge of French numbers. A fun lesson in which the boys enthusiastically joined in and used linguistic and mathematical skills! Well done, Year 4 and *Joyeux Noel! Madame Swift*



## UK Primary Maths Challenge 2019—KHS WINNERS!

The Primary Mathematics Challenge is a National Challenge aimed at pupils in Years 5 and 6. The Primary Maths Challenge looks to encourage enthusiasm, boost confidence in mathematics, develop pupils reasoning and fluency, and shows the different way questions can be asked. The PMC paper has 25 questions. 20 of these are multiple choice. The questions are graded; starting with easy ones and graduating to harder questions. As part of the Gifted and Talented initiative in Maths, a selection of boys in Year 5 and 6 sat the 2019 Challenge. I am delighted to announce that there were a number of Bronze, Silver and Gold award winners! Fantastic effort, boys! *Mr Sukhdeo*



### Gold

Alex W

Josh D

Jayden E

Krishan

### Silver

Christos L

Tayyab S

Jonty W

Adam G

Josh M

Theo J

### Bronze

Ben S

Jasper W

Enzo R

Noah S

Alex H

Conor T

Emir O



*Some fine examples of origami from last week's Mathematical Enrichment!*

# MAT | ΣnRICHmen

This term's subject focus upon Maths has seen a wide range of activities take place across all year groups in school to explore, embed and enhance the boys' understanding and hopefully, enjoyment of the subject. Here is a final selection of activities this week. *Mrs Lindley*



A final flurry for the subject... if, as a family, the television has got repetitive and the board games cause too much squabbling in the holidays, why not try our Maths puzzle?!

### The 2020 Challenge

To be completed in the new year!

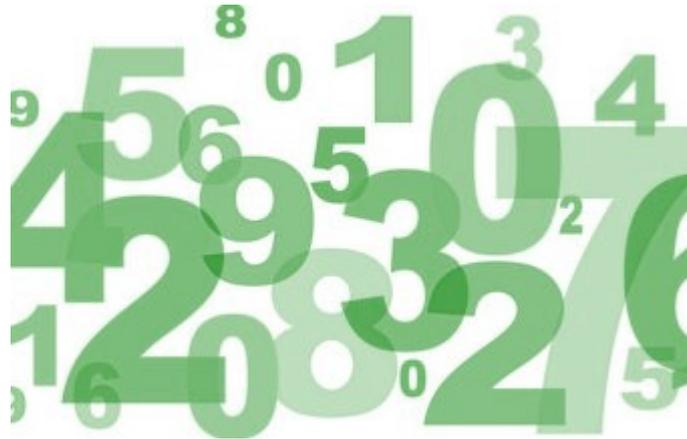
Every year mathematicians from across the globe use the numbers that make the year in a sum to try and make all numbers e.g for 2019 =  $(2 \times 0) + 19 = 1$  ,  $2 + (0 \times 1 \times 9) = 2$  and so on...

Now it's your turn to have a go

You can use factorials ! e.g.  $2! = 1 \times 2$ ,  $3! = 1 \times 2 \times 3$

You can use numbers in power form e.g.  $2^0 = 1$

But they MUST stay in the order 2020.



You may find some people have solutions online but as it is a new year, there are unlikely to be that many around as yet so you can try it fresh; see if you can be the first in the world to make the most numbers and let Mrs Lindley know how you got on.

### Art Department News

Miss Maciejewska has recently been promoting the subject and showcasing the boys' creative talents with a **Winter and Christmas Art Competition**. There were some fabulous entries and the prize winners received their certificates in the end of term assembly at Christ Church. Miss Maciejewska commented, *"It was very difficult to choose amongst so many super pieces of art work which the boys from the Lower Prep and Upper Prep produced; well done to all"*.

Please see below and continued over the page for their certificates!









### Autumn Term Prize Winners

We are delighted to share with you details below of all the boys who were awarded certificates or prizes at our end of term Assembly at Christ Church on Friday. Congratulations to all and very well done.

#### Chess

##### Lower School Prizes

**Gold** Arun A

**Silver** James W

##### Upper School Prizes

**Gold** Danial I

**Silver** Ewan W

**Bronze** Benjamin S

#### Fencing

The following boys all received their **Foil Grade 1**:

Nathan J      Ben S      Hannarah C      Frankie W      Barnaby A      Ryan L      Louis L  
Sebastian P      Harrison W      Cameron E

Congratulations to Folu A who achieved his **Foil Grade 2**.

## Maths

**Gold Award Certificates** to boys who took part in the Primary Mathematics Challenge:

Joshua D

Alex W

Jayden E

## Handwriting Prizes

Seniors James T

Upper Prep Christos L

Lower Prep Fraser B

## Duke of Edinburgh's Award: Bronze

Theo B

Harri G

Freddie H

Ben I

Oliver P

James T

## Mathematics—Winners of the Maths Enrichment Treasure Hunt!

Jackson W Ben S Dylan B Paul B Ben C Max H Olly W Hal F

Tommy C Ted R Cameron A Danial I Jack L Oliver P

**Commendation Certificates** were awarded to the following boys:

Maximillian K Theodore S Jamil H Jack G

**Sporting Prowess;** well done to the following boys who were awarded places on various sport programmes:

Eddie M— Surrey U15 Golf Academy

Sam S – London U14 Cricket Academy



## Football Awards

The following boys were recognised as either the *Most Improved* or *Player of the Year* for this term. Congratulations to all.

Team	Most Improved	Player of the Year
U9D	Seb P	Fraser B
U9C	Harrison W	Jamil H
U9B	Frankie L	Benjy A
U9A	Max K	Sam A
Colts E	Max D	Arlo S
Colts D	Tahil R	Archie B
Colts C	Daniel G	Ben S
Colts B	Dylan B	Michael S
Colts A	Kobi W	Tai B
U13C	Hal F	Will M
U13B	Nick H	Tommy C
U13A	James G	Chris H
U14	Matthew B	Ryan L
U16	Harry W	Jack F

**Football Colours** were awarded to the following players,

### Colts

Jayden E      Beau C      Noah S      Tai B      Kobi W      Theo M      Max R

### U13

Chris H      James G      Harvey W

### U16

Max M      Charlie F      Tom G      Harry W      Jack F



Congratulations to Thomas G in 11S who has received offers into the Sixth Form at Epsom College and St John's (where he was also invited back for an academic scholarship interview). We wish him and all the other boys in Year 11 continued success with their studies.

Completely  
Totally  
Proud of  
You

Please help Mrs Parker's son's band **Feet** get to No.1 with their festive single 'Vegetarian Christmas' – if not to number one, at least it will help to pay his rent! Please use the links below to [Spotify](#) and [YouTube](#) if you want to have a listen—even with the volume down! Thank you all for your support; wishing you a very Merry, Vegetarian Christmas!



Any last minute Christmas shopping needed? Or in advance for the January Sales?!

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

Please remember you and your relatives can use the [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) website or app, to give back to the school. It is easy to register yourselves and over 4000 retailers are on the list. In a nutshell, if you register with [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) whenever you shop from the list of retailers, a donation will be given to KHA. The donation varies from 1% to 15% which is an incredible way to raise money for the school.

PLEASE CONSIDER DOING THIS—AS ALL YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING COULD MAKE £££'s for the school.

What to do!

Step 1: register yourself on the website or the app. All you need is your name and in the 'Find Your Cause' box type in Kingswood House School, Epsom.

Step 2: Start shopping by typing the retailer's name in the search box eg. John Lewis. You will see that they donate 2.5% to our cause.

Step 3: The app/website takes you to the retailer's portal and you shop as usual. Once you pay for your shopping, the retailer will transfer the money to the KHS.

NEW HABITS are really worthwhile in this case. Once you get into the HABIT of shopping via the EASYFUNDINGRAISING app or website, our children will benefit. Please also consider sending this note to all your family members. The more of us who join in the scheme, the better. We will keep you updated on how much we raise for the school in this way; do see the [link](#) here for a running total. Thanks for your support,

The KHA TEAM

**LOST PROPERTY: New system!**

If a boy has lost an item of kit or clothing, parents should email: [lostproperty@kingswoodhouse.org](mailto:lostproperty@kingswoodhouse.org)



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