

Spring 2020

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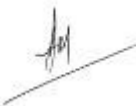


Dear Parents

In the light of daily conjecture by the media about the likely implications of the coronavirus where schools are concerned, I should like to reassure you that Kingswood House plans to remain open unless government advice explicitly dictates otherwise. Having this week attended a conference for headteachers at which this topic of discussion was high on the agenda, the general consensus is that our schools have a responsibility to try and support the rest of the economy by applying sensible precautions and having contingency measures in place. We are working hard to plan accordingly.

The natural caveat to this is that there may be a need for us to make compromises to classes and logistics on a day to day basis – as such, it will be helpful for parents to be flexible and supportive should this be necessary. Please continue to reinforce the importance of basic hygiene and hand-washing at home as we are doing in school. In the meantime, we will monitor government advice carefully and keep you informed of any significant changes to the school routine.

Yours sincerely



Duncan Murphy

Headmaster



'Space to think...'



Society of Heads Conference

It was a privilege to attend this excellent meeting for independent senior school leaders in the prestigious surroundings of Carden Park, Chester. Lots of topical debate ensued and it was a pleasure as always to liaise with colleagues from other schools.

Jersey Trip 2020

I am looking forward to a great few days with boys from Year 7 & 8 on the legendary Jersey Trip. Photos to follow!



KEEP
CALM
AND
WASH
HANDS

Please find below the lunch menu for next week, the calendar dates and any current notices:

LUNCH MENU w/c 09 March 2020

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Bacon, Tomato & Penne Pasta	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	Homemade Beef & Onion Pie with Fresh Broccoli	Fresh Fruit; Peaches with Choc Sauce	Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes and Fresh Green Cabbage	Fresh Fruit; Cheese & Biscuits	Homemade Assorted Pizza	Fresh Fruit; Jelly	BBQ Chicken in a Wrap	Fresh Fruit; Rice Pudding

DIARY DATES MARCH 2020; week 2

Monday	09	1530	U16 vs The Hall (A)
Tuesday	10	1100 1530	<i>Jersey Trip departs until Saturday</i> U14 vs The Hall (A)
Wednesday	11	0845 0930 1430 1430	Form 5S Assembly Lower Prep Forest School U11A & B vs Willington (H) Colts A & B vs Homefield (H) - Hockey
Thursday	12	1600-1700	Lower & Upper Prep Drop In Event
Friday	13	0900-1245	Year 6 Junior Citizenship at Epsom Downs Racecourse
Saturday	14	1600	<i>Jersey Trip Returns—pick up at Gatwick Airport</i>

ADVICE TO ALL STAFF, PUPILS & PARENTS...

We are closely monitoring all Government advice with regard to the Coronavirus. At present we are advised to carry on as normal but to actively promote regular, and thorough, hand washing and basic hygiene practices.



The most important preventative measures against Coronavirus are constant handwashing, covering the mouth and nose when sneezing and discarding tissues into a bin immediately afterwards.

Government advice states that such precautions really do make a difference in restricting the spreading of germs and we will do our utmost to ensure that pupils are doing this.

We will ensure **all pupils wash their hands constantly throughout the day**, and will be supervised by staff until this becomes a regular habit; there will be time given for this in the morning at 0830, before and after break, before Lunch, after lunch break and at any other time when they leave the classroom and return, i.e. rest or movement breaks.

This short BBC video shows how effective hand washing is: click [here](#)

Extra hand sanitisers have been supplied in key areas for boys and staff to use and each room has a separate bin for disposal of tissues. Thank you for your support.

COMMENDATIONS

Frankie Larter	Arun Arulchandran (2)	Nathan John	Alexander Wang	Jack Guiney
Kieran Schmitt	Hannarah Choi	Joshua Draper	Alexander Haworth	Izyan Siddiqui
Dylan Newman	Max Dunn	Elliot Nicolaou	Kobi Wood	Joel Mukarati
Zac Howes (2)	Arlo Saywell	Otis Edwards	Henry Sweetman	Ben Holmes
Jack Leonard (2)	Jack Fernandes	Jamil Hashemi	Joseph Huang	

Alphabet Quiz

Storm Ciara and Storm Dennis have played havoc with our 'Questions of the Week' recently.

Despite this, the letters **K** and **L** were well answered by the 8T amigos – Ismail, Enan, Jack and Will - good effort gentlemen!

Keep your answers coming....

Mr Barratt



Mathematicians at large...

Some excellent 'peer-assisted learning' taking place here with some of our Senior mathematicians in Year 10 popping in to see Years 1 and 2 whilst they tackle Venn diagrams, sorting and ordering numbers.



Our older boys are continually striving to develop their ability, to share knowledge of a subject with others as well as share a passion for a subject. They reinforce their own learning as they tackle ways to communicate the understanding of a topic with younger students. There was a lot of mutual appreciation alongside deepening inter-personal skills. Wonderful to see this in class! *Mr Sukhdeo*



Year 10: What is Under the Hood?

Senior IT Enrichment last week saw a group of inquisitive and practically-minded students take a screwdriver in hand and, under supervised guidance, open up a computer hard drive to see what lays inside this magic box of tricks!



Well done, boys, for your perseverance in putting it all back together again at the end!

Mrs Webb



Lego Club!

Just a few pictures of Lego Club fun and exploration... The boys of all ages, love coming every Friday lunchtime and being creative and working to a brief of trying to solve a 3D build challenge.

We are extremely grateful for the Lego donations from home —please do keep us in mind if you are having a clear out!

Miss Hylands



Blinded by Mythology?!

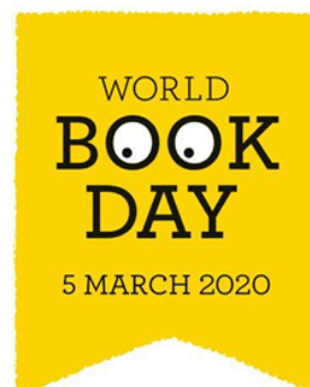
Form 4L have been creating their own versions of the Theseus and the Minotaur Greek myth! In order to help them experience how Theseus would have felt as he entered the dark and confusing labyrinth to fight Minotaur, the boys were blindfolded and helped each other to navigate around the passageways around the Lower Prep block. Not quite as terrifying as the maze at Knossos - but nevertheless, the boys used their experience to brainstorm some exciting and creative ideas for their story settings! *Mrs Lambert*



CRIME SCENE! DO NOT ENTER...!

The hunt is on to solve the mystery of what has happened to the Headmaster's tie...?!

All will be revealed later in the week...



Year 8 IT Enrichment

The Year 8 boys have been learning to code in Python with Code Combat. 'Code Combat' is a game-based computer science program where students type real code and see their characters react in real time. The pupils have to write the correct coding script to pick up the gems and avoid the spikes. The programme builds on their coding skills and as they progress they learn how to make their code more efficient. *Mrs Webb*

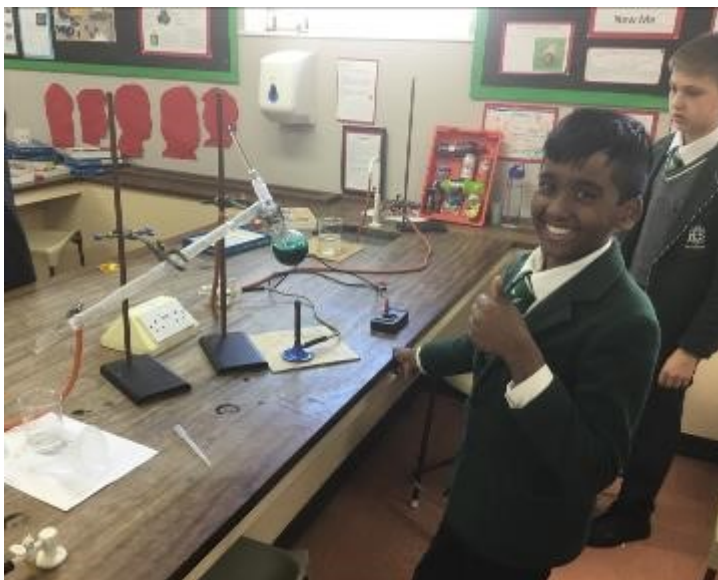


Open Morning Science Activities

Miss Black was delighted with all the keen boys who helped her showcase the best of the Science Department at our Open Morning on Saturday. She was thrilled to see their enthusiasm working on a number of exciting displays of Chemistry, Physics and Biology which even included heart dissections! Well done, boys.



**WE LOVE
SCIENCE!**



Lower Prep Cooking up a Storm!



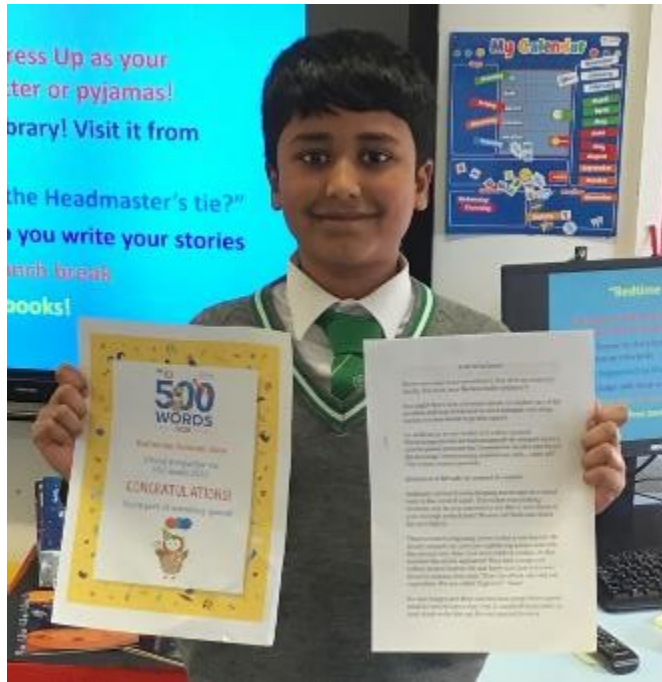
It was most definitely a team effort as Years 1, 2 and 3 made a class apple crumble! Sorting, weighing, measuring, timing and most importantly, tasting, were required! What a delicious way to spend a morning. *Mrs Henery*

Form 6S have been 'plagued' by History...

The boys in Form 6S have been learning about the Black Death which came to England in the 14th century. Here they are showing their fantastic 'Plague Doctors' which they have drawn and labelled. The plague doctors were rather scary looking, with full costume, including a beak filled with herbs and spices. Well done, boys! *Mrs Celentano*



'We love writing...and reading...and listening'



Nathaniel J wrote a 500 word story for the BBC national competition! He shared his story with Lower Prep during our pupil briefing time and they all enjoyed hearing from this budding author. Let us know how you get on! *Mrs Henery*

we love
writing

Form 3M have been busy writing adventure stories and shared them with the

younger boys ahead of World Book Day this week. They used lots of exciting and interesting vocabulary and created some fun characters. *Mrs Marskell*

A writer, I think, is someone who pays attention to the world.

-Susan Sontag

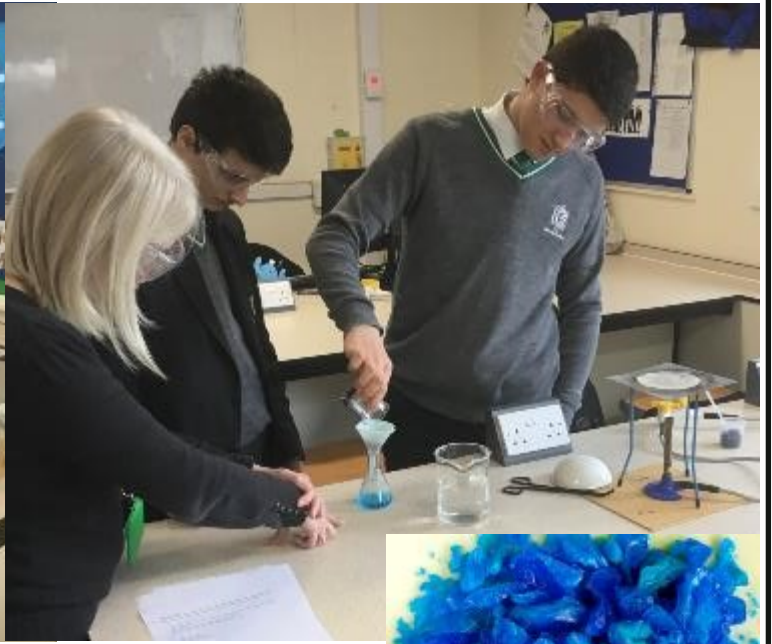


Bronze Awards in the Lower Prep

These boys achieved their Bronze Star badges for the Spring Term! Congratulations, boys. *Mrs Henery*

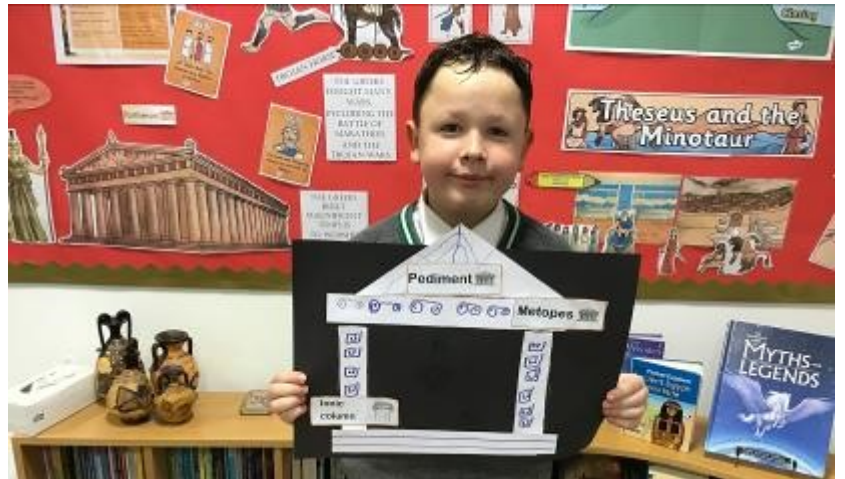
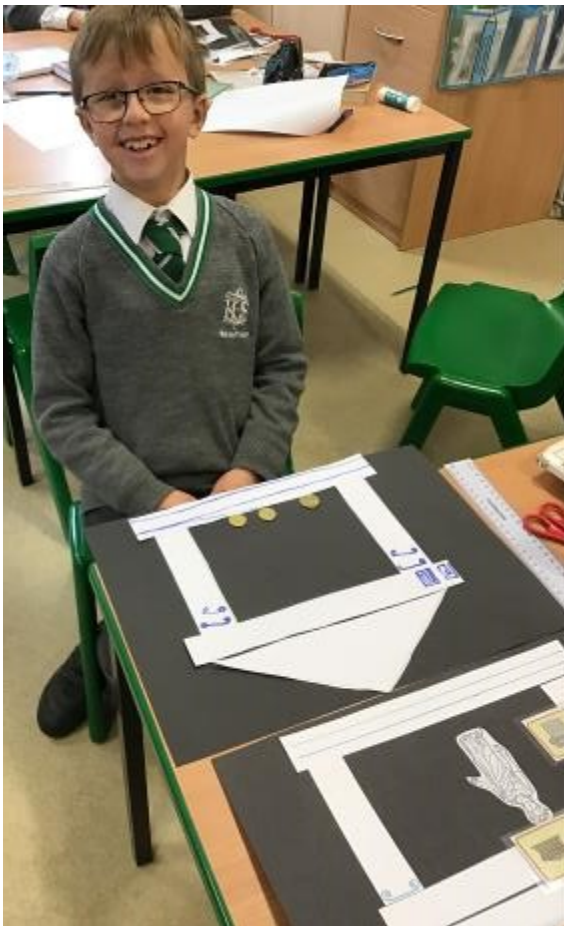


Chemistry in Colour!



This week, Year 11 boys have been making copper sulphate crystals in Science. The pupils used a number of their practical skills to make beautiful blue crystals! *Miss Black*

It's all Greek to Year 4!



Year 4 became Greek Architects recently! As a part of our Ancient Greek topic, we have been learning about the Greek Temples, such as the world famous Parthenon.



The boys had the opportunity to design a Greek temple online and then create their own version, using different patterns and using Doric, Ionic or Corinthian columns. Super creative work Year 4, and accurate too—maybe we have some future architects amongst us?! *Miss Smith*



World Book Day

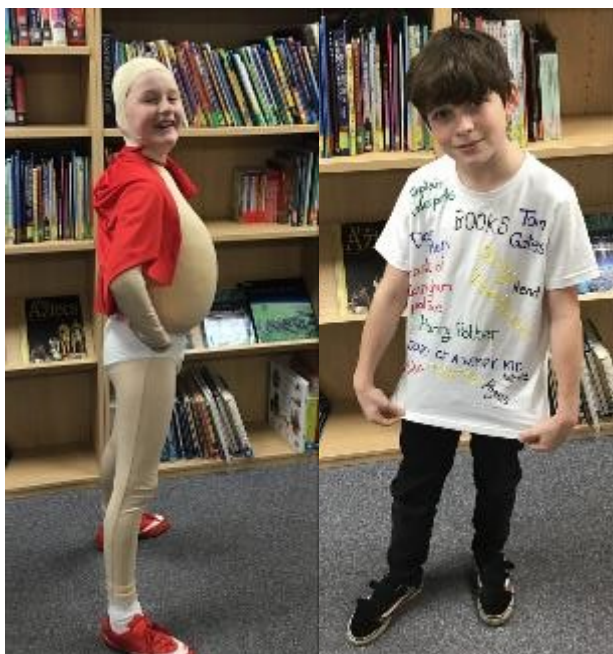
An assortment of characters and costumes were seen in school on Thursday for this popular event which aims to promote a love of reading and books at any age. Thank you to all boys who participated; there were some super bookish alternatives to uniform around our theme of 'Bedtime Stories'!

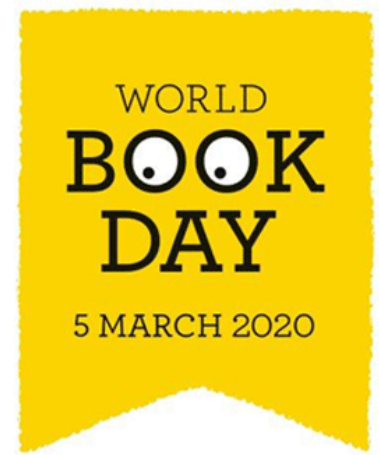




World Book Day

We were delighted to welcome the professional storyteller [Andy Copps](#) to Kingswood House in celebration of World Book Day 2020. He entertained and interacted with Years 1—8 and all enjoyed the experience tremendously. One boy commented that he was a 'really cool man who brought the story to life and that was amazing'!





World Book Day

Even before we welcomed professional storyteller [Andy Copps](#) into school, the boys in 6S and 6F had been putting pen to paper and were writing bedtime stories for Year 1 and 2, as part of our celebration of Book Week and World Book Day. The younger boys visited Year 6, who then asked them about the stories they enjoy having read to them. Year 6 then wrote their own stories, making them interesting and colourful and spent Thursday morning reading them to the boys in Year 1 and 2. The boys had lots of lively conversations about books and book characters based on the costumes they recognised on each other too! It was lovely to see this mentorship in action. *Madame Swift and Miss Forbes*



Sport in Action!



The Seniors played their first competitive Basketball matches and the U13 A Hockey team were also in action! Read on overleaf for match reports and results...



U13 vs Homefield 02/03/20, Belmont 04/03/20, Danes Hill 04/03/20 – Hockey**U13A : KHS 2-7 Homefield (L) U13 B: KHS 1-6 Homefield (L)**

The U13's played their first Hockey match of the year against a strong Homefield side. The U13 B's played well whilst beginning to string some lovely passing together. The final score was 6-1 to Homefield with Rory Slater scoring for Kingswood. The U13 A's played well and fought hard throughout the game losing 7-2. The first hockey game of the year looked promising, with signs of good things to come. *Mr Rudkin*

MOTM: Ben Hubber (A) Lucas Cressy (B)

U13A : KHS 1-1 Belmont (D) U13B : KHS 1-2 Belmont (L)

The U13 A's and B's travelled to Belmont School to play Indoor Hockey. The back to back matches were an exciting affair and closely contested. KHS A's drew 1-1 with Hadi Yousaf scoring and the B team lost 2-1 with Oliver Kennard scoring the goal just before half time.

MOTM: Hadi Yousaf (A) Oscar D'Avino (B)

U13 C: KHS 1-2 Homefield (L) U13C : KHS - Danes Hill (3-3)

The C team faced a physically large Homefield side, which lead to an unfortunate loss of two goals to our one, but a game that was a close affair. The goal for Kingswood came from J.Carr with the assist being supplied by a superb long ball by I. Muhammad.

MOTM: E. Shih due to him making several outstanding saves with his feet to keep the game close throughout.

Against Danes Hill, the C team played out an excellent 3 - 3, with goals from I. Muhammad, W. Moffatt and O. Ward. The pick of the goals was O. Ward's who saved the match by scoring a late equaliser. Well done, boys. *Mr Cribb*

MOTM: Ismail Muhammad due to his goal and superb defensive work around the park.

Sportsmanship Award: Enlong Guo for continued work across the pitch.

U13 D: KHS - Homefield () U13D : KHS 0-2 Danes Hill (L)

Vs Homefield:

Our boys approached the game against Danes Hill with a positive attitude, got stuck in and were very supportive of each other. There was some great defence from Tobias and Ted Reece, and some great effort and tackling from Ali. Enan was outstanding in the defending of our goal as the keeper, as we had constant threats from the other opposition. A great team effort with great spirits and big smiles. *Mr Laudy & Mr Barratt*

MOTM: vs Homefield;; vs Danes Hill: Enan X2!!

U8/9 vs Belmont 05/03/20 — Hockey

The U9s took on Belmont in their first hockey fixture of season. For some of boys, it was their first competitive hockey fixture outside of school ever! It was clear to see that all the boys have been listening and training exceptionally hard throughout their games lessons which was really encouraging.

Some outstanding performances in terms of tackling included Cameron Edwards, Arun Arulchandran, Ben Scudamore and George Prichard. This was accompanied by some great passing and attacking play from Lucas Chirstie, Torin Anumeni-Ikhide, Hugo Hawksley, Alex Forbes and Frankie Wintle and Frankie Larter.

I was particularly impressed throughout the afternoon with the boys behaviour and sportsmanship which they demonstrated with their support for every game that was played.

MOTM: Luis L.



U13 KHS Rugby Festival 04/02/20

The boys took part in a great afternoon at the Kingswood House Rugby Sevens Festival which was great preparation for the Jersey Tour next week. Some great runs were made from a number of boys including Chris, Eddie, Ben Holmes and Alex Hone. This was backed up by some outstanding tackling from Harvey, Barnaby and Ted. The boys worked hard throughout the afternoon in very tough weather conditions. I wish them the best of luck in Jersey and hope the weather will be more kind to our game plan and playing tactics. *Mr Laudy*

Men of the tournament : Ben Holmes, Nick Hill and Ben Choy

U10/11 vs Belmont 04/03/20

U11 A: KHS 4-5 Belmont (L)

A great end to end game with some excellent attacking play from both teams. The game ended 5-4 to Belmont after they managed to get themselves in front in the last minute. A great game to watch and the boys should be proud of their performance. Well done!

MOTM: George Dyson & Arlo Saywell

U10/11 B: KHS 4-5 Belmont (L)

Another 9 goal thriller in the B's with some excellent goals and attacking play from both teams. Belmont had to fight off a great comeback in the last stages of the game, when KHS showed excellent endeavour to get back in to the game. Unfortunately, there wasn't enough time for the equaliser and Belmont finished 5-4 winners.

MOTM: Christos Louka & Dylan Bishop

U10/11 C: KHS 2-5 Belmont (L)

Everyone played really well and we missed two goal mouth scraps which could have made the score very close. Good team effort from all in solid match play. *Mr Bailey*

MOTM: George Harvey

Sportsmanship Award: Jason Shih

U10/11 D: KHS 1-3 Belmont (L)

Another good game narrowly lost which could have gone either way many times over during the match. The Belmont coach generously commented that our boys played better than the final score revealed and I tend to agree with him! Better luck next time, boys. *Mr Bailey*

MOTM: Henry Ruscoe

Sportsmanship Award: Archie Blyth



Senior Lecture

On Thursday evening, the spring term KHS Senior Lecture was delivered by the renowned arctic explorer, [Alex Hibbert](#). He shared photographs and stories from his expeditions in Greenland and beyond which combined a variety of experiences, some challenging and others humorous, as well as excellent practical advice for the future.

He encouraged the boys to 'think out of the box' and be unafraid of breaking convention in respect of their future careers. Alex then spent a generous amount of time signing copies of his books, "The Long Haul" and "Polar Eskimo", for boys, parents and staff. We are grateful to Alex for visiting us and wish him well for his next expedition - which is coming up imminently.



Soccer Success!

We are all delighted to hear that Ben Holmes has been offered a place at the Tadworth Pro Football Academy via his Epsom and Ewell Colts team who spotted his potential. After his trial, the family received the good news along with some excellent feedback on his performance on the pitch as a sportsman who showed integrity, a fantastic attitude and strong work ethic.

Well done, Ben - we are proud of you displaying Kingswood House values outside of school.





*Staff were transformed
on World Book Day...*

*Any guesses to the chil-
dren's classic novel that
boasts this wonderful
array of characters?!*

*Answers on a postcard
please...*

*Sometimes
I've believed
as many as
six impossible
things before
breakfast.
-Lewis Carroll*

Note on how Kingswood House Parents and relatives can raise money for the School, easily!

www.easyfundraising.org.uk



Please take a few moments to read this note on how you and your relatives can use the 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 this link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kingswoodhouseschoolepsom/?invite=fuqjks&referral-campaign=s2s> whenever you shop from the list of retailers, a donation will be given to KHA. The donation varies from 1% to 15%, such as Microsoft purchases, which is an incredible way to raise money for the School. PLEASE DO THIS AS ALL YOUR SHOPPING IN THE COMING MONTHS COULD MAKE £££'s for the School. WEEKLY GROCERY SHOP, INSURANCE (Aviva), and EBAY are examples of how to feel good shopping for the School!

What to do

Step 1: register yourself on the website or the App. All you need is to click on this link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kingswoodhouseschoolepsom/?invite=fuqjks&referral-campaign=s2s> and click on support this cause and create your account. It will ask you to add the donation reminder - The Donation Reminder helps you remember to use easyfundraising.

Step 2: Start shopping by typing the retailer's name in the search box e.g. 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 using this method.

It's 100% free to use.

You can raise money for KHA every time you shop online.

Donations are available through 3,800+ online brands and retailers.

Thank you for your support in this!

Parents may be interested in these local Epsom events happening over the next couple of weekends...



Come and see a range of arts, crafts, activities, fun and games from:



Blitzed Britain

March 14

1pm to 2.30



At 4:56pm on 7 September 1940, the air raid sirens wailed as the German Air Force launched a massive raid on London. Over 350 bombers flew across the Channel from airfields in France and dropped 300 tons of bombs on the docks and streets of the East End of London.

The Blitz had begun — a constant rain of death that fell heaviest on London and hammered other cities. Month after month, German bombers attacked British cities, ports and industry. London was bombed every day and night, bar one, for 11 weeks. During the Blitz 32,000 civilians were killed and 87,000 were seriously injured. How did people live with this death from the air? What could you do to help you survive?

Meet an Air Raid Warden and discover how to stay alive

£5 per child. Contact: David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey KT17 1UF Tel 020 8394 1734.

Email dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

Boys, and dads, take note...!



Please try and support this KHA venture and show your appreciation of family members at home by visiting our 'Secret Mother's Day Shop' on

Tuesday 17 March at short break and lunch time.

Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY: New system!

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



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