

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term
06 November 2020

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Dear Parents

I trust you enjoyed a relaxing half term with your families.

Now that we are once again invoking the Blitz Spirit in the face of a second lockdown, I feel it is important for the school to maintain a platform of continuity and security. We shall try and provide a normal, upbeat environment as much as possible whilst taking into account the necessary safeguards to keep our school community safe. I regret, for the time being, that all appointments - including Parent Evenings - will be conducted online. Boys in Year 7 upwards, as well as staff, will wear a face covering when moving around the school indoors.

This term will see the majority of pupils undertake assessments or examinations and we need to work together in order that they are in the right mind-set to give of their best. Please do try and ensure that the boys get plenty of fresh air, have lots of sleep and maintain a healthy diet; these are the pillars upon which a successful second half of term will be rooted.

We are having a focus on behaviour and emotional regulation this half of term; one idea we have already used successfully is a 'circuit-break' for any individual who is seen to be struggling emotionally or making consistently poor choices; this is designed to be a protective measure, not a formal sanction, in order to prevent the escalation of a bad day, or difficult week, into a potentially serious situation. In this eventuality, Form Teachers and Divisional Heads will liaise and may ask that you pick up your child for them to have some 'time out' at home. This in turn provides home and school with the opportunity to work together and reinforce key messages before the child returns. I do not envisage this being a particularly regular occurrence but it is an additional, precautionary measure that may be useful at a time when emotions are running high due to anxiety.

Finally, I am pleased that we have started a whole school 'live stream' assembly each week so from now on the weekly HM Video Blog will be very much directed to you, the parents, with any updates or thoughts, as well as the popular "Mentions in Dispatches".

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy
Headmaster

The Kingswood House Way



YOUR HOROSCOPE THIS WEEK

ARIES You'll be spending time in your home	LIBRA You'll be spending time in your home
TAURUS You'll be spending time in your home	SCORPIO You'll be spending time in your home
GEMINI You'll be spending time in your home	SAGITTARIUS You'll be spending time in your home
CANCER You'll be spending time in your home	CAPRICORN You'll be spending time in your home
LEO You'll be spending time in your home	AQUARIUS You'll be spending time in your home
VIRGO You'll be spending time in your home	PISCES You'll be spending time in your home

new normal

Some days I'm happy.
Some days I'm scared.
Some days I'm calm.
Some days I'm anxious.
Some days I'm positive & hopeful.
And usually all of this is on the same day!

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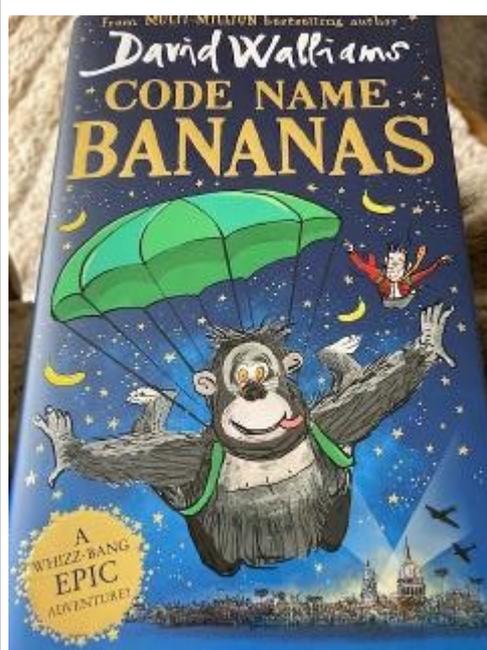
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Please find below the calendar dates for next week and any current notices:

NOVEMBER WEEK 2			
Monday	09		Divisional Heads Weekly Update Onatti French Play— POSTPONED TO 16.03.2021 for Years 9-11 taking French GCSE
Tuesday	10		UK Primary Maths Challenge—classroom based event—for Year 5 pupils
Wednesday	11	0845 0930-1030 1100-1102	Virtual Remembrance Assembly Lower Prep Forest School <i>Two Minutes Silence</i> UK Primary Maths Challenge—classroom based event—for Year 6 pupils
Thursday	12	1800	Senior Lecture: Mrs Beckman ' <i>Lights, Camera, Action!</i> ' online; a link will be sent!
Friday	13		Headmaster's Weekly Blog for Parents N.B. Town leave for Seniors will not happen during the current period of lockdown.

LUNCH MENU week commencing 9th.November 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday					
Pesto Pasta with Home-made Garlic Bread	Fresh Fruit; Peaches with Chocolate Sauce	Sweet & Sour Chicken; Sweet & Sour Chunky Vegetables (V) with noodles	Fresh Fruit; Lemon Sponge with Lemon Icing	Pulled Pork; Halloumi (V) in a bun with Lettuce and Slaw	Fresh Fruit; Flapjack	Sausage Casserole; Veggie Sausage Casserole (V) with Mashed Potato	Fresh Fruit; Rice Pudding	Assorted Vegetarian Pizza with Home-made Cole-slaw	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts



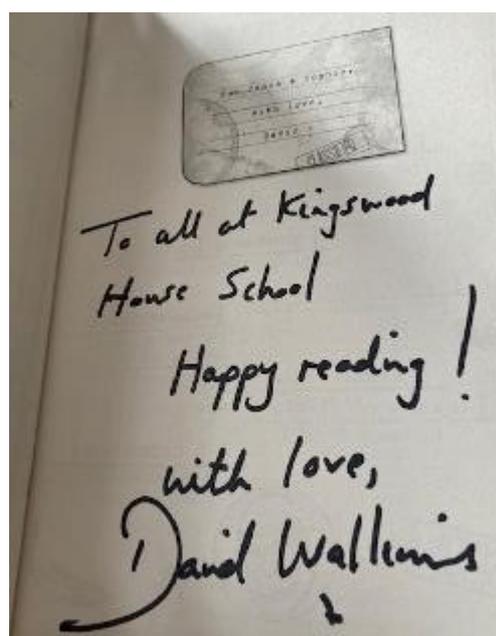
Thank You, David Walliams!

Christmas has come early...

Eric the gorilla has dropped into our Library this week; a gift for the school from David Walliams.

Has anyone already read it? What did you think of it?

How about submitting a review and letting others know what they have got to look forward to...? Thank you to Mrs Larter for helping to expedite this opportunity—we are most grateful.



LOST PROPERTY:

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

Although we are back in school now, Mr Murphy intends to carry on with his weekly Headmaster's video blog to share some of his thoughts with you regarding the past week or topical, news worthy items. He has asked staff to send him names of those boys that they feel deserve a special mention in his 'dispatches'. **You can read the detail below and see his video blog: [here](#)**

LOWER PREP

1 & 2 L

Johnny D for making a great start at Kingswood House School! Mrs Lambert

3M

Jamie C for the most amazing homework he did over half term. Mrs Marskell

4S

Ryan B for super half term homework! He created his own ancient Egyptian god, with an amazing picture and description. Well done! Miss Smith

UPPER PREP

5F

All of 5F for all the work they completed over the half term break. Mrs Forbes

5S

Mrs Seiver's Maths group for working so enthusiastically on their shape translations. They are such an industrious little group!

6S

Digby H has made a great start to life at KHS since joining this week.

Adam G he succeeded in being chosen for the Prep Schools' Lions Development Squad (Football). A great achievement, as he was selected from over 300 children. Mrs Swift

6R

Tristan B for his excellent public speaking performance in the final. Ms Roets

7BA

An honourable maths mention for Zach H. Mr Barratt

7BI

An honourable maths mention for Max L. Mr Barratt

Max L and Elliot N both boys actively participate in form time PSHE discussions and show great enthusiasm. Miss Black

7P

Joseph H for showing real maturity in his approach to exams. Miss Patel

An honourable maths mention for William H. Mr Barratt

8L

Tedd B-Aran a super Top Trumps tournament in the Classics lesson just before half term. Mrs Weston

8T

Max H secured a "man of the match" performance over half term for his club football team. Mr Murphy

Dispatches

Continued...

SENIORS:

9H

Max G for making a steady start to life at KHS since joining after half term. Mr Hendry

9T

Yejun L in 9T for his excellent performance in his cell biology assessment on the very first lesson back from half term! Miss Patel

10H

Eddie F for qualifying for the European Junior Open Golf Championships, to be held, hopefully, in Spain next Spring; he posted an impressive round of 74. Mr Hendry

10W

Milo R, Jestico S and Ewan W for their exceptional work in English. Mr March

Rory G produced an excellent response to Henry Moore's natural form drawings over half term; well done. Mrs Wraith

11B

Matty H for making mature decisions regarding study skills sessions and free time. Mr Bailey

11W

Guy N and Seojun L have prepared well for their Sixth Form interviews this week. Mrs Wraith

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20th October 2020

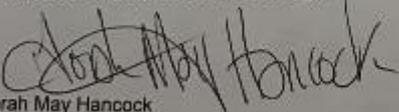
Dear all at Kingswood House

Thank you so very much for your very generous harvest festival donation of £426 which we recently received, we were absolutely thrilled!

As you know we are not going to be delivering Christmas Hampers this year due to the pandemic - but we are going to send out 100 Christmas stockings to our most vulnerable clients who are shielding and have been stuck indoors for many months. So your donation will be spent on goodies to fill those stockings which will definitely bring a smile to many lonely and isolated older people in the borough.

It has been a difficult year for all of us hasn't it? We were absolutely rushed off our feet at the beginning of the pandemic helping to arrange shopping and prescription collections; services which we don't usually offer but which people were desperate for. It was a challenging time but strangely very rewarding as well – helping people in their hour of need was really satisfying. I know that it has been a very trying time for schools too so I hope that you have been managing to cope and that all of the staff and pupils are as happy and healthy as they can be.

Thanks once again and warmest regards


Dorah May Hancock
Chief Officer

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A note of appreciation for the school's Harvest Festival donations; thank you to all who generously contributed. Mrs Lambert

Hymn Practice and Musical Appreciation

The boys are continuing to explore different aspects of music during their timetabled 'Hymn Practice' as we are still not allowed to gather *en masse* for signing.

Miss Foster has put together a varied programme of learning which the boys enjoy in their classes and year group bubbles. Last half term was an introduction to female composers, this half term they will be looking at unusual musical instruments!

One of the suggestions is **The Vegetable Orchestra**; this may sound funny, but these musicians are serious about playing with their food. The group was founded in 1998 in Vienna, Austria. They play a wide range of music on fresh vegetables using everything from bass drum pumpkins to carrot flutes. Some vegetables are used in their natural state, others require some sculpting.

Here are some of the performers, during lockdown, in their own kitchens working on their chosen vegetable and then playing and recording a new piece. Have a listen [here](#)





Golfing Success!

Mr Hendry was delighted to hear about Eddie F (10H) who has qualified for the finals in the European Junior Open shooting 74 on a par 71. This means he has secured a place to play in Spain, scheduled for January 2021. The round at Lingfield golf course during half term was in near Biblical ,torrential weather conditions but here he is pictured in far more favourable conditions for play! Well done, Eddie.



Year 3 & 4 Geography

This term in Geography, the boys in Year 3 and 4 are learning about early settlements.

Their task was to see if the area they had chosen would be a good place to settle.



They enjoyed the task as it was a very practical way to grasp the concept. *Mrs Marskell*



Question Time with Mr Murphy!

Year 1 & 2 had a special visitor this week; they have been learning to use question marks in their writing and wrote some interesting questions for Mr Murphy! The most popular question was:

“What is your favourite television programme?” - and the boys heard that ‘Question Time’ was the very apt answer.

The boys also enjoyed asking, *“What do you like to cook at home?”*

Apparently, Mr Murphy is perfecting his spicy stir fry recipe this weekend so we are looking forward to finding out how the dish turned out...



Well done to all the boys for their excellent grammar work. *Mrs Lambert*

'15 Minutes With'... Mr Jeremy Westcott

- Favourite car: Bentley continental GT
- Favourite place: Alderney
- Favourite food: Roast Ham
- Favourite band or singer: Linkin Park—I have listened to them for almost 20 years
- Favourite film: Pink Panther (2006) and The Marvel franchise
- Favourite smell: Freshly baked bread
- Favourite sport / team or player: Newcastle Falcons Rugby, and Roger Federer
- Who in the world would you like to be? Roger Federer - he has been all over the world playing tennis
- What were you like at school? Sporty!
- What is an interesting fact about yourself? I played county level Hockey and Tennis



and your 12 choices 'either / or':

Dog / Cat

Facebook / Twitter

Skiing / Surfing

City / Countryside

Netflix / Instagram

Swimming / Sunbathing

Passenger / Driver

Paperback book / Kindle

Phone Call / Text

Take away / Fine dining out

Pen / Pencil

Colourful / Single colour block

Instructive Year 3!

This week the boys in form 3M were learning about how to follow and write down instructions. They were all given an instruction to follow relating to finding or doing something; the boys worked well and were successful in achieving their instructed goal! *Mrs Marskell*





Creativity in Year 6

In our Teams lesson at the end of last term, the boys in Year 6 were given a variety of items, and asked to create something.

They showed excellent teamwork skills by discussing their ideas and contributing to the design.



Some finished products were more elaborate than others but it was undeniable that each of the three teams put a lot of effort into their work and were proud of their results.

A big thank you to Ms Roets who provided some lovely jewellery items for the activity, all of which she made herself. *Madame Swift & Mrs Roets*

Maths Enrichment



Mr Sukhdeo kicked off our half term's subject focus on Maths by giving an immersive and interesting live Assembly on Teams, watched by the school on Wednesday morning, which saw him demonstrate the magic of maths concepts!



Year 7 PSHE—what is normal?!

In PSHE this week we were looking at our perception of what is 'normal'.

The boys had some great ideas, which contributed to excellent discussions. It was interesting to see them understand that what they perceive as normal may not be the same for children in other parts of the country or world.

7BA produced some lovely illustrations of their ideas.

Madame Swift & Mr Barratt

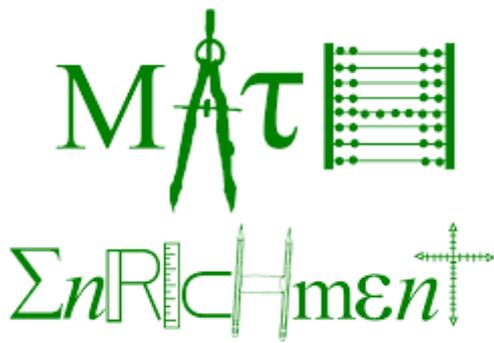




First World War Modelling

Year 9 have been learning about the First World War over the last few weeks and have made some amazing models of trenches, showing great understanding of the key features of a trench. They have been so imaginative in the use of materials to construct their projects. We had some real fun peer assessing the models and looking at what had been achieved. Here are some of the boys with their models. *Mrs Haunstetter*

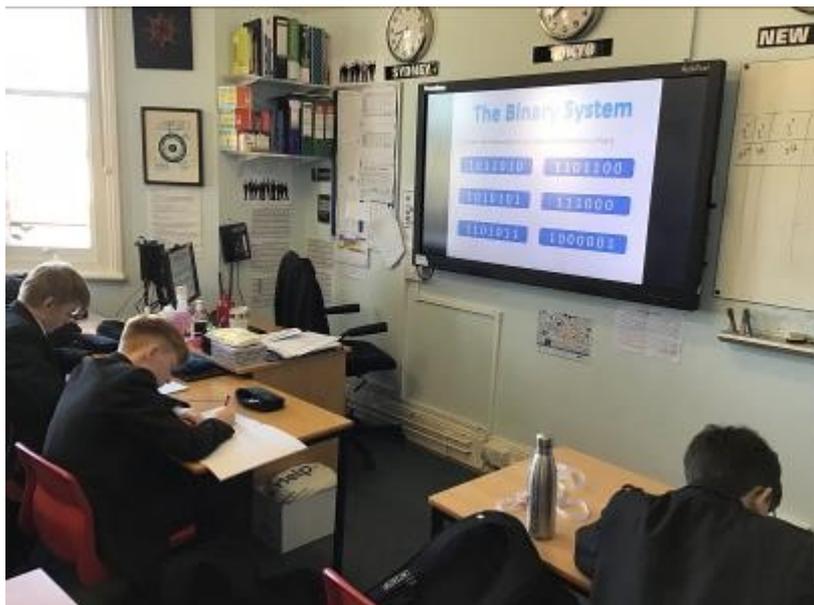




This half term our subject enrichment is Mathematics and Mr Sukhdeo has put together a varied programme of activities and challenges, that will stretch the boys' understanding and deepen their knowledge around the subject from Years 1 and 2 right through to our Senior boys. Each week will see a famous Mathematician highlighted, *see below*, and different topics explored.

Featured Mathematician of the Week

Here are some photos of Year 9s exploring Binary number systems in their lesson.



Name: Hypatia

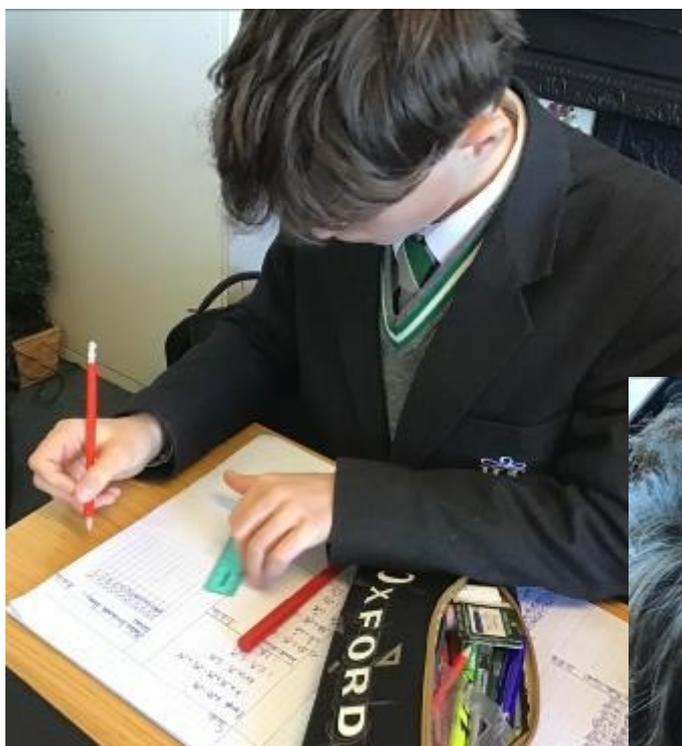
Area of expertise: Arithmetic, geometry and astronomy

Best known for:

- Being one of the first recognised female mathematicians
- Teaching astronomy and philosophy at school in Egypt

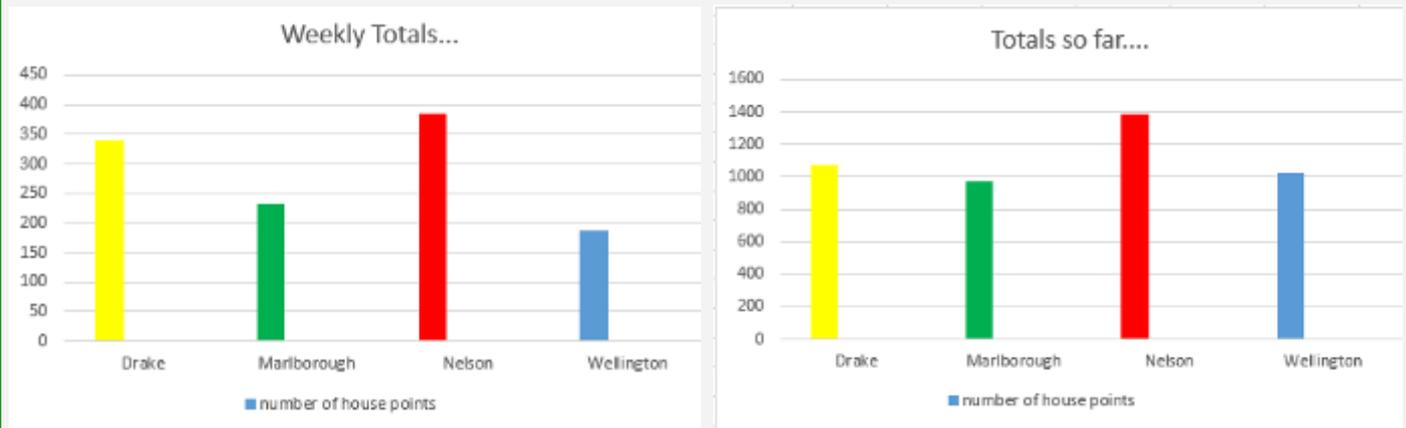
Famous quote:

"Reserve your right to think, for even to think wrongly is better than not to think at all"



There are only 10 types of people in the world: Those who understand binary and those who don't.

HOUSE POINTS



For the first week back in school after our half term holiday break, the house points are high indeed! Great to see so many boys being awarded points for good work or behaviour around school—keep it up!

The totals are in for the Autumn Term so far....it's a close one between Wellington and Drake, however Nelson are pulling away into the lead. Marlborough have some hard work ahead to see if they can catch them up in the ensuing weeks; it may even be a late surge by Wellington or Drake that will make the competition really interesting!

Miss Smith

Duke of Edinburgh News

Congratulations, and very well done to Ed B and Ewan W, both in Form 10W, who have been giving up their time and effort to complete the volunteering section of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award, along with participating in other activities for their skills and physical sections.

Ed has been busy over the past few months volunteering at his church, playing golf and doing more cooking at home in order to complete his Bronze Award, ahead of the final expedition planned for next year. His assessor contacted the school to tell us,

DUKE OF EDINBURGH @ CHILDREN'S CHURCH – SUMMER 2020



Ewan W has also completed all of his sections for his Bronze Award by volunteering at his local library, developing his karate and learning how to cook.



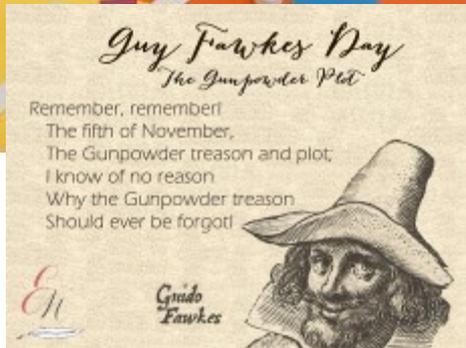
Thank you so much to Ed who has decided to serve out his *D of E* admin time in helping us out at Children's Church! This week Ed helped us to get our mirrors ready (to remind us that we are made in God's image) and as you can see it was a real labour of love, but he persevered! It was very, very useful to have extra hands for this week's fiddly crafts.

Both boys are showing excellent endeavour in all that they have done and are fantastic role models for the newest Bronze Duke of Edinburgh candidates we have in school. Well done! *Miss Patel*

Remember, Remember the Fifth of November

Miss Hyland reveals what some of our youngest pupils have been up to this week to mark an important date on the calendar...

“Years 1 and 2 spent their Thursday afternoon learning all about Guy Fawkes and why we celebrate Bonfire Night. We had a fun packed afternoon with a range of different Bonfire Night activities! We learnt some amazing fireworks adjectives, created our own firework rockets, used our hand prints to make a bonfire collage and we even made our own chocolate covered apples—just like those that are served at traditional Bonfire displays. At the end of the day we watched the Magical Disney Firework display, where we saw all the different types of fireworks in all their glory—we may not be enjoying and participating the school’s firework display this year, but we most certainly have not missed out on this popular calendar event and all its associated celebrations”!



SCHOOL UNIFORM UPDATE

YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM IS STILL AVAILABLE ONLINE.

Whilst our stores are closed with immediate effect we are still dispatching your orders.

If there is anything you require over this lockdown period, then please order online:

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As soon as we have an update on our branches reopening, in line with Government advice, we will be back in touch

Please keep safe

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SCHOOL UNIFORM OUTFITTERS

Staff Endeavour

We are very proud of our very own Mrs Lindley who, whilst still on her maternity leave, has taken on her (next?!) great challenge to go 'Free for Fifty days'.

That's no fizzy drinks, sugary cereals, sauces, no sugary snacks, no alcohol, no chocolate, no sweets until 21st December...

Naturally occurring sugars in fruit, veg and milk are permitted along with exercise to maintain a healthy diet. The good cause benefitting from Mrs Lindley's monumental efforts will be The Tussell Trust who provide a network of food banks across the UK.

Please feel free to follow her progress on the following link [here](#)



New Book Published by KHS Staff

You may be interested to learn about our Occupational Therapist, Mrs Aneisa Blore, and her recent publication; the first book was published at the end of October '[Parenting the Conundrum Child](#)'

She draws upon a wealth of experience in the text to guide parents through helping a child with additional needs. Use the **CAN** approach to help your child **Connect**, **Achieve** and **Navigate** their way to independence. This book gives you the strategies you need to connect with yourself and your child; un-hinge the parent guilt; help your child achieve goals and cope with new situations; understand how to get what you need from healthcare professionals and help your child develop the skills they need to enjoy life to the full.

