

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term

13 November 2020

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Dear Parents

I read with interest this week that the Collins Dictionary Word of the Year for 2020 is...“lockdown” – how very topical! Along with words such as “furloughing” and “social distancing”, our vocabulary has certainly evolved in recent months. I was also amused to see that “Megxit” has been officially recognised as some sort of a Royal parody of Brexit.

Whatever next?

Of course, this week has seen some positive developments with the announcement of Joe Biden’s election win (still disputed by Donald Trump) and a potential Covid vaccine in the offing. The couple who pioneered this medication have been so devoted to the job in hand that they even spent the morning of their wedding day in the laboratory – still, they should be able to afford a lovely honeymoon once travel restrictions are lifted since their net worth is estimated to exceed £3,000 000 000 when all is said and done! However, whilst it is a much-needed morale boost to think that there may be some light at the end of the tunnel, we should still mentally prepare for the ‘new normal’ to carry on for the next few months.

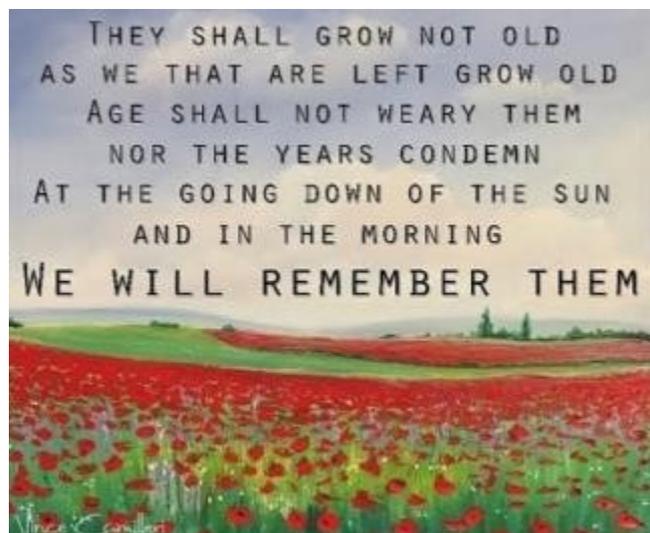
I was very proud of the way our KHS community commemorated Armistice Day on Wednesday; it is so important for us to cherish this symbolic occasion and ensure that mistakes of the past are not repeated in the future.

A big thank you to Mrs Beckman for speaking to boys and staff in an engaging online Senior Lecture last night entitled “Lights, Camera, Action!” and providing a fascinating insight into a career on stage and screen.

Finally, it is the Hindu festival of Diwali (New Year) this weekend and I wish all of our families well who are looking forward to celebrating this joyful occasion.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy
Headmaster



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

NOVEMBER WEEK 1			
Monday	16		Divisional Heads' Weekly Update
Tuesday	17	1800	6R Online Parents' Evening
Wednesday	18	0815 0845 1700	Whole School Assembly Lower Prep Forest School IPQ Online Meeting
Thursday	19	1800	6S Online Parents' Evening
Friday	20		Headmaster's Weekly Blog

LUNCH MENU week commencing 16th. November 2020

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Bacon & Tomato; Tomato (V) Sauce with Penne Pasta	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	Red Thai Chicken; Ted Thai Vegetable (V) Curry with Brown & White Rice	Fresh Fruit; Apple Sponge	Roast Pork & Crackling; Maccaroni Cheese (V) with Roast Potatoes, Steamed Fresh	Fresh Fruit Salad	Meat Bolognaise; Red Lentil Bolognaise (V) with Spaghetti	Fresh Fruit; Jelly	Fish Fingers, Smiley Faces and Baked Beans	Fresh Fruit; Rice Krispie Cake



Dear Parents, we apologies that there have been some delays with the class panorama pictures that were taken back in school in October. We are hoping that the images will be available for you to view and purchase, if you wish to do so, at the start of next week—we will inform you by Parentmail when they are ready.

Policy Updates and Face Masks

Parents, please be aware of the updated policies relating to the school's daily operation during this second lockdown phase. The Risk Assessment can be found [here](#) and the Plans and Procedures can be found [here](#). Thank you for your time in reading them; any questions can be directed to [Mrs Sally Witts](#), Bursar. Also, all adults and pupils in Year 7 and over **MUST wear a face mask in corridors and communal areas**—thank you.

LOST PROPERTY:

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

Please note the following UN-NAMED items are waiting to be claimed...

Nike Mercurials size 7 football boots

KHS tracksuit bottoms size 28/30 inches

A green and black water bottle, approx. 700ml

Pink and silver water bottle approx. 600ml

Silver and clear water bottle approx. 300ml

Please keep an eye out for Zac D (4S) football boots; they are named and in a named bag but are not at home or in the lost property at school; has someone accidentally picked them up? Any information to [Miss Smith](#), thank you.

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 [blog here](#)**

LOWER PREP

1 & 2 L

Maye B for his hard work in Maths. Mrs Lambert

Years 1 and 2 for their enthusiasm in all topics in French. Mme Swift

3M

William N-B for getting all his spelling right in the spelling test. Mrs Marskell

4S

The class have been working with great care using ink and bamboo pens; they have produced some beautifully-executed drawings. Mrs Wraith

Luis L for excellent effort at school and at home, on improving his handwriting. Great perseverance! Miss Smith

UPPER PREP

5F

Benji A has produced some lovely English work this week. Miss Forbes

5S

Oscar E for his fabulous Celtic weaving. He worked patiently and showed attention to detail producing a beautiful Celtic weave. Mrs Seiver

6S

Ben S who shows great maturity in settling down to work and always being ready at the start of the lesson. Mme Swift

6R

Well done to Daniel G who has been selected for the school council.

Also, a huge shout out to 6R with their continued efforts to improve behaviour. It has been music to my ears to hear back from the Geography and Science teachers. You clearly have a lot of talent among yourselves. Keep on working at your thinking skills and continue to be kind to one another. Ms Roets

7BA

Theo W gave a stand out performance on Wednesday afternoon when all of the boys in Year 7 and 8 were at Parsons Mead playing football; Theo scored a great free kick from 25 yards out. Mr Clarke

Josh Mc C for the effort he has shown in French, with excellent contributions in class and a good standard of prep. Mme Swift

Avaneesh G for his excellent effort and inspiring presentation on his chosen mathematician - Gottfried Leibniz. Mr Sukhdeo

Beau C for concentration and quality of work in class. Mr Barratt

7BI

Joshua I & Zac M both continue to show a positive attitude and enjoy engaging with all form time activities. Well done to both of you! Miss Black

Kobi W for increased focus and achievement in Maths. Mr Barratt

Disputes

UPPER PREP continued...

7P

Noah S has been singled out for his contribution on Wednesday afternoon when all of our Year 7 and 8 boys were off-site at Parsons Mead playing football; Noah made some fabulous saves in one of the games. Mr Clarke

Krishan I for his consistent hard work in lessons. Miss Patel

Also all of 7P group for giving thoughtful and mature contributions for discussion in PHSE this week. Miss Patel

8L

Ivan T for increased performance in lessons. Mr Barratt

Dan P for showing exceptional effort in football He has made a significant improvement over the past week. Mr Laudy

8T

Owen C for always settling immediately to quiet reading first thing in the mornings. Mme Taylor

Archie S & Tobias v-H for diligence with their learning in maths. Mr Barratt

Jack C- congratulations for receiving a distinction in Grade 2 Guitar - to pass with 95% is incredibly impressive and is a true testament to his hardwork. Miss Foster

Lukas C was fabulous on Wednesday afternoon. He has not always been keen to travel off site but not only did he overcome that hurdle, he performed on the football field with a big smile on his face all afternoon. Mr Clarke

Mr Clarke has commented that having all Years 7 and 8 at Parsons Mead, playing football on Wednesday afternoon, was one of the highlights of his term so far; they all behaved superbly and the atmosphere and quality of football was great throughout the afternoon – long may it continue! Mr Clarke

SENIORS

9H

Ted R for his full focus in lessons and increased achievement. Well done. Mr Barratt

Jack B-A for his contributions to discussion in English lessons. Mr March

Enan A has been very consistent in producing excellent work and shows a great attitude in every lesson. Mr Hendry

9T

Folu A & Nick H for their focus in lessons and increased achievement. Well done, boys. Mr Barratt

Ali A-R for consistent effort and good work ethic. Mr Twinley

10H

Oliver S was really helpful and kind sorting out a locker issue for another student. Mrs Haunstetter

10W

Jack B & Ed B have both shown a great interest in the current Science topic and are working extremely hard. Keep up the good work! Miss Black

Ali D for showing excellent discipline and preparation in form time at the start of each day. Mrs Weston

11B

Eddie M for his contributions to discussion in English lessons. Mr March

Oliver P has showed quiet, purposeful industry with his studies since half term. Mr Bailey

11W

Jack L for assisting in collating the form photographs to be used during examinations. Mrs Wraith

Jack L & Michael C for both their contributions to discussion in English lessons. Mr March

Solving the 'Housing Problem', one build at a time...!

Years 3 and 4 have been learning all about being a settler and settlements. They were tasked with building their own house, and the results are amazing. They all had to discuss ideas, debate pros and cons and 'think outside the box' to find a suitable solution—George Clarke would be very proud of their efforts! *Mrs Marskell & Miss Smith*



Year 6 Poppies

In Friday's Teams lesson, Year 6 were challenged with making their own poppies for Remembrance Day.

Before starting the activity, we looked at the history behind poppies and explained that there not only the traditional red poppies but also black poppies which represent remembrance for all victims of war and a commitment to peace.

There are purple poppies to remember animals that served during the war; this was created in

2006. Finally there are black poppies remembering African, black and Caribbean

communities' contribution to the war. The boys did a great job and were proud to show off their creations. *Madame Swift & Ms Roets*





Remembrance Day

Remembrance, or Armistice Day, was recognised in school on Wednesday with an Assembly online given by Mr Mitchell followed by observation of the two-minute silence at 11am. when the school gathered, socially distanced, on the astroturf as Mr Murphy and our Senior Head Boy laid wreaths. At break time, the Years 7s and 8s played in a commemorative football match which was live-streamed on the school's Instagram account—another first for the school! Year 8 won 3-0, for the record, but Year 7 played with great tenacity and showcased huge potential for the future.

The boys in Years 3 and 4 explored the theme of Remembrance in class and created poppies using red and pink and pastels, they arranged them in a wreath shape and displayed them for all, *Lest We Forget...*



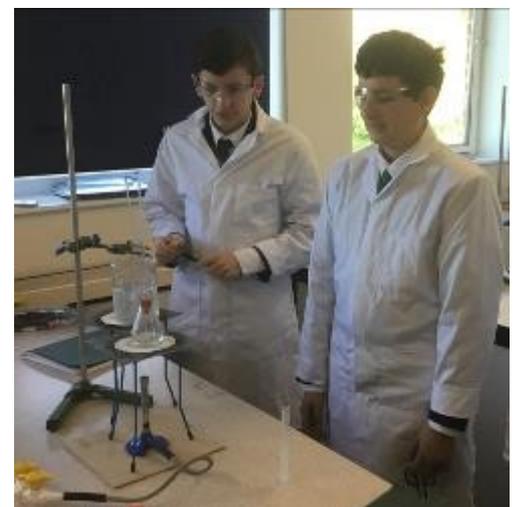
Year 3 mapping the world...well, their own village at least!

This week, in Geography, the boys had to draw a map of their named village and use the keys plan to show their friend where all the different shops were in the village. They did an amazing job and chose some interesting names for the villages eg. Pickle town! *Mrs Marskell*



Senior Science

In Science, the Senior boys have been investigating how to test the purity of different samples of water by finding the pH and the mass of dissolved solids. They have been carrying out distillation and working hard to follow the Scientific method.



This week, 10W have also been investigating how the rate of photosynthesis is affected by light intensity! This has involved measuring the volume of gas produced as the distance between the light and the pondweed changes. Well done for all of your hard work. *Miss Black*





Happy Diwali!

Miss Patel delivered an informative and interesting talk during Monday's Senior pupil briefing on the Hindu festival of Diwali—the Hindu New Year—which takes place this weekend. We would like to take this opportunity to wish those boys and their families who are due to mark the occasion a very prosperous and 'Happy 'New Year'!



Christmas Bowls in Year 1 and 2...

Looking ahead to another cultural celebration on the calendar, here are Years 1 and 2 making Christmas bowls; more will be revealed over the coming weeks although we would not want to spoil any surprise gifts in the making!

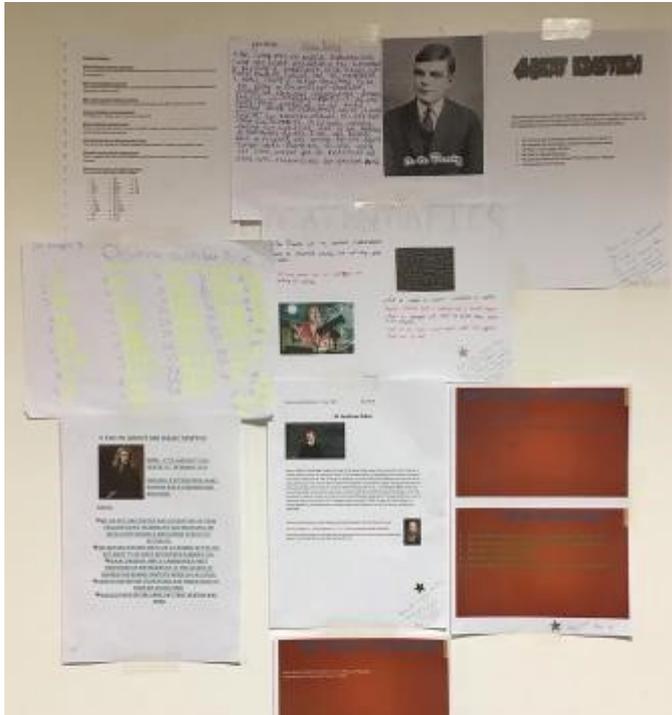
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A note about Kingswood Active from Mr Clarke...

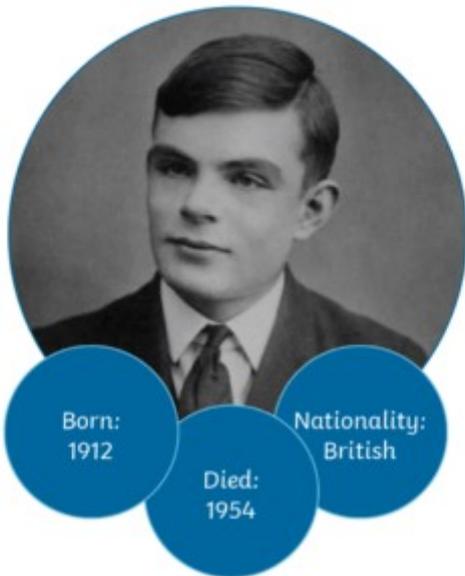
Kingswood Active will run on Thursday 17, Friday 18, Monday 21, Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 December. We await guidance that should be released on the 2nd December but at present we are able to operate under the same conditions that we did during October half term. Although we had no off site visits it was a great week and we managed a variety of activities that appealed to boys and girls of all ages. A thorough risk assessment will ensure everything is in place to make sure it is a safe and secure environment for all. If you would like your child to attend, please find the booking form and details on the [website](#).



Ms Roets' maths groups, from Years 6—Year 8, researched and put together mini projects on number systems and famous mathematicians. It was very interesting to find out a bit more about the history of our maths masters. Well done to everyone who contributed. *Ms Roets*



Featured Mathematician of the Week



Born: 1912

Died: 1954

Nationality: British

Name: Alan Turing

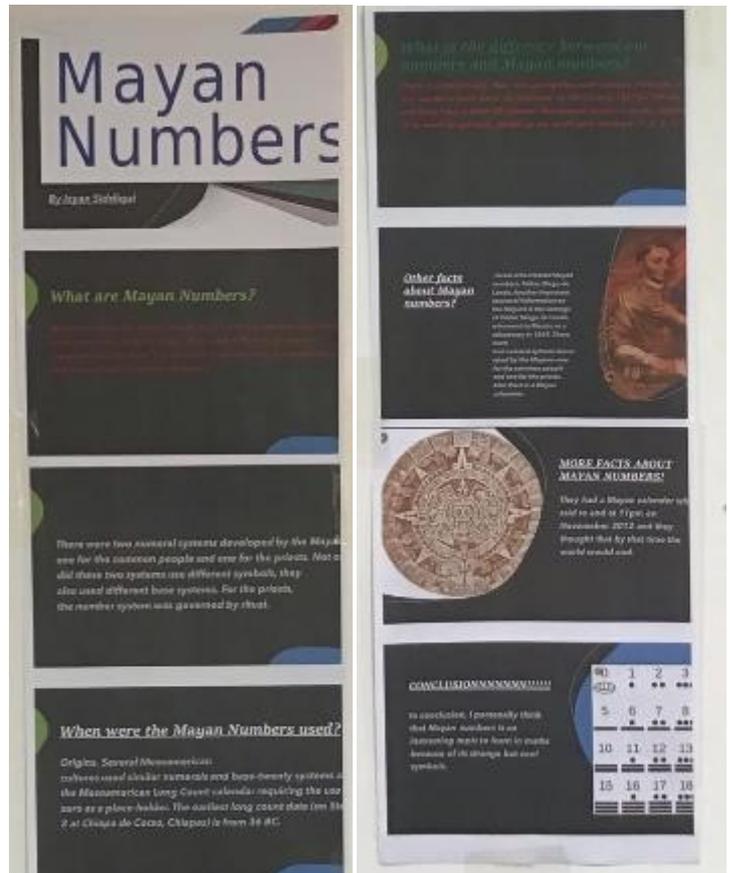
Area of expertise: Codebreaking and early computer theory

Best known for:

- Inventing a test called the Turing Test used to determine a machine's level of intelligence.
- Inventing Turing machines- theoretical computers.
- His work at Bletchley Park during the World War [Two](#); the team that cracked the German Enigma Code.

Famous quote:

"Machines take me by surprise with great frequency"



Christmas Creativity

Reverend Rosemary Donovan from Christ Church Epsom would like KHS pupils to create Christmas decorated pebbles to be displayed along the path in the churchyard.

Please could each boy from Year 1-6 bring a pebble/ stone large enough to paint a Christmas themed motif week beginning 23rd November. A box will be placed in the Art Room for your son to drop off a pebble/stone.

It would be wonderful to add lots of colour along the pathway to the church at such a special time. I look forward to some inventive creations; thank you! *Mrs Wraith*

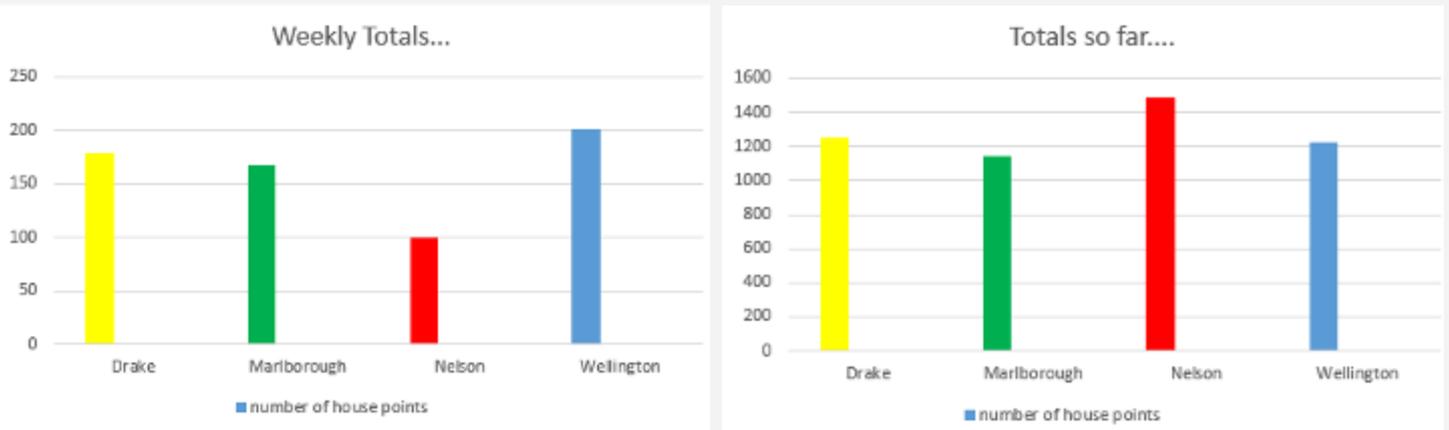


Lower Prep Forest School

All the boys from Years 1 up to Year 4 were able to make the most of the mild Autumn weather this week and put their waterproofs on and enjoy some learning outside the classroom in their Forest School. Despite using several 'grown up' tools (!) all fingers and toes were firmly in place at the end of the session and the boys had learnt key DIY skills and safe working practices. A fun and informative session.



HOUSE POINT TOTALS



This week sees the rankings mixed up! Great news for a healthy competition!

Nelson fall to 4th spot, earning 100 house points this week, followed by Marlborough with 168 and Drake with 179. Wellington storm to the top this week with 201. The total scores for Autumn have been counted. The scores are close....but who will be at the top in four and a half weeks' time? *Miss Smith*

Reminder from Miss Smith—Nelson's annual fund raising day is fast approaching!

It is **NELSON HOUSE DAY NEXT FRIDAY 20th.November** and Nelson boys can wear red that day.

Boys in Nelson house will be setting up stalls with prizes to be won. The remainder of our boys will be able to attend at set times to restrict bubbles mixing. Your son will be informed by his form tutor when their time slot is. This will be a cashless event; boys will be given vouchers from their form tutors to attend stalls. Your son will be charged £3 for the house day at the end of your school bill. If you choose to opt out of this, please contact [Mrs Witts](#)

We hope the weather will be kind to us and although it may look a little different to normal we hope to make our fund-raising event a successful one! Many thanks for your support!

Senior Lecture, Lights, Camera, Action! with Mrs Beckman

Our Senior boys and staff were presented with an entertaining and insightful Senior Lecture via Zoom thanks to one of our mum's @louisalawrenson. She spoke about her career on stage and screen in roles which has seen her on the set of Casualty, Inspector Morse, Just William to name but a few. Resilience and creativity as important life skills were highlighted along side the necessary academics. We are certain her words would have proved very inspirational to the budding actors amongst our boys. Thank you very much to Mrs Beckman for preparing and delivering the lecture remotely—which she described as her biggest presenting challenge to date!

The recording is available to view: [here](#)

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Mr Sukhdeo

