

# KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term  
20 November 2020

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Dear Parents

I was inspired this week by an article I read in The Times about a gentleman called Mr Laurence Brophy, a retired teacher and formerly a keen runner.

In summary, last year at the ripe old age of 87, Mr Brophy decided to set himself the challenge of cycling from Land's End to John O' Groats. He duly completed this gruelling feat, a total of 874 miles across 25 days, and felt exhilarated. However, his joy was short-lived when he learned soon afterwards that another pensioner, aged 88, held the record for being the oldest individual to cycle the same route.



Not to be deterred, Mr Brophy casually waited a year before undertaking the journey all over again - and he is now officially the oldest person to have cycled from Land's End to John O' Groats. There is so much to admire about this story - achievement, ambition, challenge, confidence, determination, growth-mindset, grit, resilience, resolution, stamina...the list is endless. Brilliant - what a great role model!

In assembly this week, we have reinforced our core value of Respect with particular reference to the national anti-bullying week. Today, we are wearing odd socks as a colourful reminder that we are an inclusive community who celebrate diversity.

Congratulations to Nathaniel J (5S) who has won the prestigious "Design a Christmas Card" competition hosted by Rt Hon Chris Grayling, MP for Epsom and Ewell. Nathaniel beat off entries from schools across the district to secure first place in the 8-11 age category and will receive an award from Chris Grayling in due course, lockdown notwithstanding.

Well done to NELSON pupils who organised a successful House Day; thank you to Miss Smith for her work in organising the event with such prohibitive restrictions in place! Details and photographs to follow in next week's edition...

I wish you a relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy

Headmaster

**Grit** | *Noun*

COURAGE, bravery, pluck, mettle, backbone, spirit, strength of character, strength of will, moral fiber, steel, nerve, fortitude, toughness, hardiness, resolve, resolution, determination, tenacity, perseverance, endurance; informal: guts, spunk.

## The Kingswood House Way



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

NOVEMBER WEEK 2			
Monday	23		Divisional Heads' Weekly Update Start of Upper Prep Assessment Week Online Study Centre Parents' Evening (taking place all week by appointment)
Tuesday	24	0900	Nasal Flu Immunisations for Years 1—7
Wednesday	25	0930	Lower Prep Forest School
Thursday	26		
Friday	27		Headmaster's Weekly Blog

**LUNCH MENU week commencing 23rd.November 2020**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meatballs; Tomato Sauce (V) with Spaghetti	Chicken & Leek Pie; Leek & Potato Pie (V) with Fresh Steamed Broccoli	Roast Chicken; Winter Vegetable Casserole (V) with Roast Potatoes & Fresh Steamed Cabbage	Chilli con Carne; Three Bean Carne (V) with Brown & White Rice	Homemade Fish Pie with Peas
Fresh Fruit; Peach Cobbler	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	Fresh Fruit; Choc Chip Sponge with Choc Sauce	Fresh Fruit; Jelly	Fresh Fruit; Ice Cream

**Advance Notice Road Closure**

A two week road closure of West Street under the bridge—where it has flooded previously—will be in place from 23rd November. Please bear this in mind on your school run. Thank you.



We were delighted to hear that one of our pupils, Nathaniel in 5S, has been chosen as the winner in his age group of entries for MP Chris Grayling's *Design a Christmas Card Competition*, look right...

Nathaniel was also recognised as an overall runner-up and his design was praised for, "reflecting the pandemic and is very relevant".

We believe Mr Grayling will be presenting him with a small trophy, probably in the new year, dependent upon current restrictions being released.

**MANY CONGRATULATIONS!**



**LOST PROPERTY:**

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

Ebrahim B for working hard in Maths. Mrs Lambert

**3M**

Zach B for being so organised in the morning, emptying his school bag and writing his prep in his school diary all independently. Mrs Marskell

**4S**

Ryan L for super poppy making last week! Miss Smith

**UPPER PREP**

**5F**

Harrison W for working hard with his Maths. Miss Forbes

**5S**

Nathaniel J for winning the 8-11 age group category of local MP Chris Grayling's "Design a Christmas Card" competition for schools in Epsom and Ewell – well done! Mr Murphy

Frankie L for writing a wonderful story and entertaining us all with his fabulous Scottish accent. Mrs Seiver

Year 5 all boys showed a determination to learn their French greetings pieces to recite in front of the class; even those who were nervous did a great job. Mme Swift

**6R**

William B who currently has the most commendations in 6R and who celebrated his birthday in self-isolation at home this week – many happy returns and we hope to see you back in school soon! Ms Roets

**6S**

Kieran S who remembered and brought another student to detention to ensure that they attended and did not get into more trouble! Mrs Haunstetter

Alex W for working exceptionally hard in English and French and gaining a commendation in both subjects. Mme Swift

**7BA**

Theo W for his hard work in Maths. Mr Barratt

**7BI**

Tommy W for his conscientious, proactive attitude in English. Mr Twinley

Dylan B always demonstrates the Kingswood House Way values. He is both polite and well behaved. Miss Black

Joel M has engaged in all form time activities and takes an active role in form time discussion. Miss Black

**7P**

Will H for his excellent attitude towards learning this half term! Miss Patel

Edward C pulled off some great saves whilst playing in goal. One thunderbolt heading for the top corner was tipped wide with a strong left hand. Mr Clarke

Edward C and Krishan I for building a great Beam Bridge during last week's Maths Enrichment – most impressive! Mr Sukhdeo

*Dispatches*

Continued...

**UPPER PREP**

**8L**

Matthew M for offering interesting and well thought out ideas for discussion in PSHE each week. Mr Laudy

Daniel P who has completely turned around his performance in History and is working so well and contributing with excellent comments each lesson. Mrs Haunstetter

Ruari F for being very helpful in the English classroom and helping out with various odd jobs. Mr Twinley

**8T**

Archie S who is quietly helpful to me, and kind to his class-mates, without drawing attention to it. Mme Taylor

All of 8T continue to show a good work ethic in Classics and RS. Mrs Weston

Zachary F has volunteered to read in the online Carol Concert. Mrs Weston

**SENIORS**

**9H**

Jack B-A for consistently showing a good attitude in class. Mr Hendry

Joseph S for his superb effort with his Algebra tasks last week - expanding and factorising expressions. Mr Sukhdeo

Will M for excellent contextual art homework. Mrs Wraith

**9T**

James G for his conscientious, proactive attitude in English. Mr Twinley

Theo V-P and Alex H for being very helpful in the classroom and helping teachers with various odd jobs. Mr Twinley

Y9s are to be congratulated for their excellent trench projects and for completing some challenging prep on the interpretations of Douglas Haig. Mrs Haunstetter

**10H**

Sam S for making some huge improvements with his Computer Science studies. Mrs Haunstetter

Sam S for his excellent effort in Computer Science. Mrs Webb

**10W**

Angelo C for his positive and upbeat attitude every morning in registration. Mrs Weston

Jack B for stepping up to read in the online Carol Concert. Mrs Weston

Max M-N produced an outstanding composition based on a picture of an empty stage - a very well deserved Head's Commendation awarded; well done, Max. Miss Foster

**11B**

Eddie M for his continuing enthusiasm in DT project work. Mr Bailey

James T, Arad R, Eddie M and Oliver P all for their excellent preparation work in English. Mr March

Oliver T has worked well in Geography since half term and achieved some excellent test scores. Mr Mitchell

**11W**

Michael C and Seojun L Computer Science – excellent prep. Mrs Webb

Hasan J for his concerted effort in Maths. Mr Sukhdeo

The whole class 11W for participating in a meditation session during PHSE. Mrs Wraith



### *Kingswood House Way 'Respect' Badges*

Mrs Wraith spoke to the school during Wednesday's Assembly about the term's character value of Respect which also covered dignity, acknowledging others' strengths, recognition, consideration and courtesy being shown daily in school. Examples of respect around the school were interactively discussed and pupils also added their interpretations of the word 'respect' in society.

Many congratulations to the following boys throughout the school who have been nominated by their class teachers to receive a 'Respect' badge which indicates their unfailing attitude and demeanour of 'respect' to all adults and their peers alike throughout this term. Very well done for setting such a good example and consistently maintaining standards around school.



#### Lower Prep:

1L **Raphael M**

2L **Matvilly H**

3M **William N-B; Toby H**

4S **Torin A-I; Cameron E**

#### Upper Prep:

5F **Bryon M; Rhys B**

5S **Arun A; Alex F**

6R **Lauti Y; Derin U**

6S **Arun A; Alex F**

7P **Ed C; Sam C**

7BL **Dylan B; Joshua I**

7BA **Ibrahim M; Zachary H**

8T **Lukas C; Archie S**

8L **Rory S; Jack R**

#### Seniors:

9T **Ted R; Ali Al-R**

9H **Jack B-A; Oliver K**

10W **Jack B; Ewan W; Theo S**

10H **Eddie F; Sam S**

11W **Hassan J; Theo B**

11B **Oliver P; Edward M**



### *Anti-Bullying Week in School*

This week is National Anti-Bullying Week—there have been class discussions around the issues and significance of what this means, and how we all have a part to play in making our peers feel good about themselves by thinking carefully about our choice of actions and words.

Our 'odd sock' choice on Friday was to symbolise our school commitment of treating one another with tolerance and understanding, despite our unique differences. This was a very colourful, visual reminder to everyone of our wish to celebrate diversity and work towards a fully inclusive environment. *See the photographs further overleaf...*



### *NHS Video Promotion featuring former KHS pupil...*

Well done to former KHS pupil Olly P who is starring in this NHS safety awareness video; good to see our ex-pupils involved in current society and pursuing their interests after school. You can see the video: [here](#)





### *Year 4 Mapping the Right Way!*

Year 4 have been learning about OS map symbols. After matching symbols up with their names, the boys were able to look at real maps and find all the symbols they have been learning about! Great work, boys—you will never be lost again with a map in your hand—a super life skill!

*Miss Smith*



### *Year 3 Getting in the Correct Place*

Today in maths, the boys have been learning about Place Value; they used a dice and resources to help them understand.



They all enjoyed rolling the dice and then writing down the numbers. Well done boys, great work. *Mrs Marskell*



## '15 Minutes With'... Mrs Emma Ibbitson, Assistant SENCo

- Favourite car – A classic Fiat 500F (from 1965-1973)
- Favourite place - Bali
- Favourite food - Italian
- Favourite band or singer - Maroon 5
- Favourite film – Avengers Endgame
- Favourite smell – Fresh laundry
- Favourite sport / team or player – The Ireland Rugby team (specifically the ex-Irish rugby player Brian O’Driscoll)
- Who in the world would you like to be – Mary Berry for her baking skills.
- What were you like at school – Quiet and studious.
- What is an interesting fact about yourself – I am a qualified Electronic Engineer and I love Lego!
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### ...And your 12 choices 'either / or':

**Dog / Cat**

**Netflix / Instagram**

**Phone Call / Text**

**Facebook / Twitter**

**Swimming / Sunbathing**

**Take away / Fine dining out**

**Skiing / Surfing**

**Passenger / Driver**

**Pen / Pencil**

**City / Countryside - both!**

**Paperback book / Kindle**

**Colourful / Single colour block**



### Getting Crafty in Science!

A very big “Well Done!” to Emir for this fantastic cell model produced for his Science Prep. He spent time at home turning recyclable materials into a detailed animal cell. Form 7P have been studying cells in the past few lessons and are looking forward to observing them down the microscope next week.

Miss Patel



# MAT

## ΣnRICHmEn

Here are Year 3 & 4 boys trying one of Mr Sukhdeo's legendary Maths Enrichment activities this week. The challenge for the boys was to build a bridge that would lay on two chairs that were placed 40cm apart.

The boys laid small weighted discs on their bridge to see how much weight could hold...

*Miss Smith & Mrs Marskell*



### 'Let's Celebrate!'

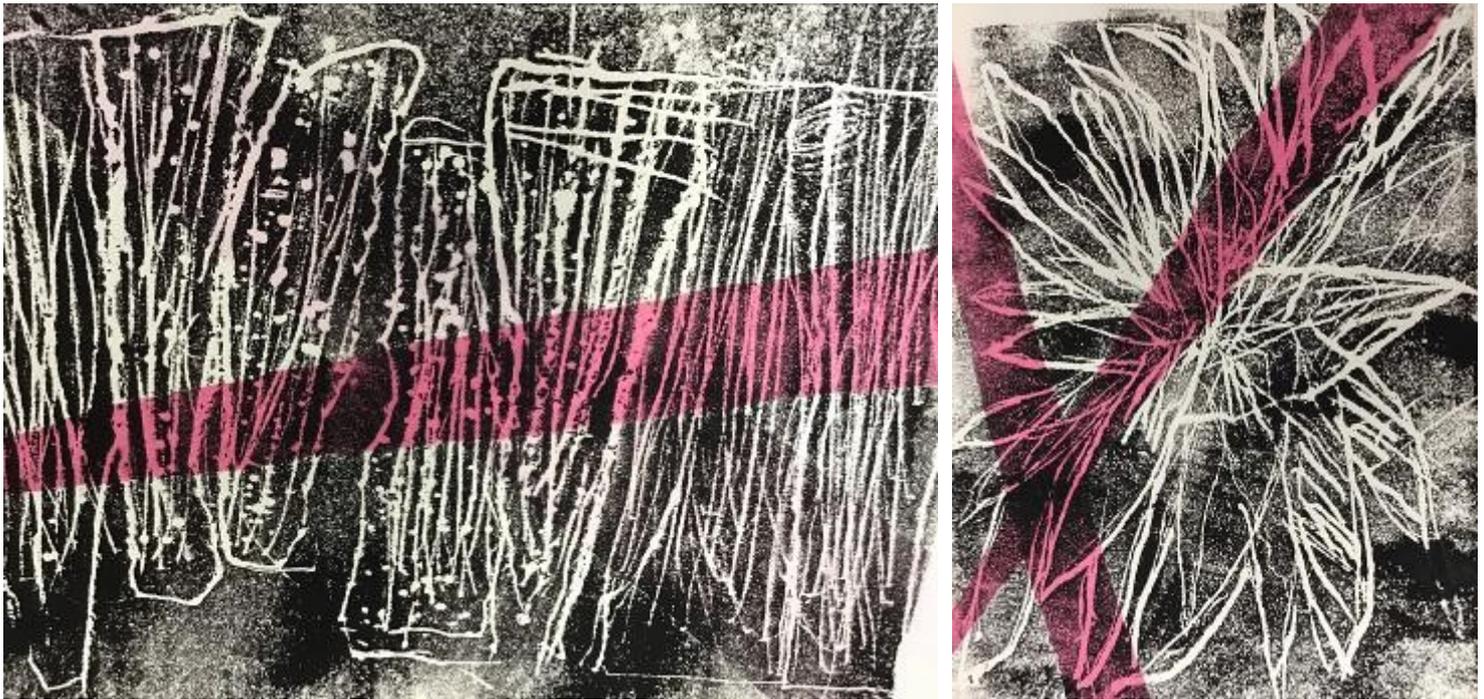
Years 1 & 2 had a lovely walk to Christ Church this week as part of their topic 'Let's Celebrate!'. They are learning about the special places belonging to the main world religions and they walked around the site of the church trying to find things that made the building so special. They spotted lots of stone gargoyles and intricate carvings, as well as sixteen crosses on the roofline! One of the highlights of the trip was seeing the newly re-gilded clocks and discovering that they had to be taken down from the bell tower by an abseiler. We even had an impromptu lesson on our return about Roman numerals because the boys were so fascinated by the strange numbers on the clock faces!

It was lovely to be out of the classroom and we are hoping to find similar opportunities for more trips soon. *Mrs Lambert*



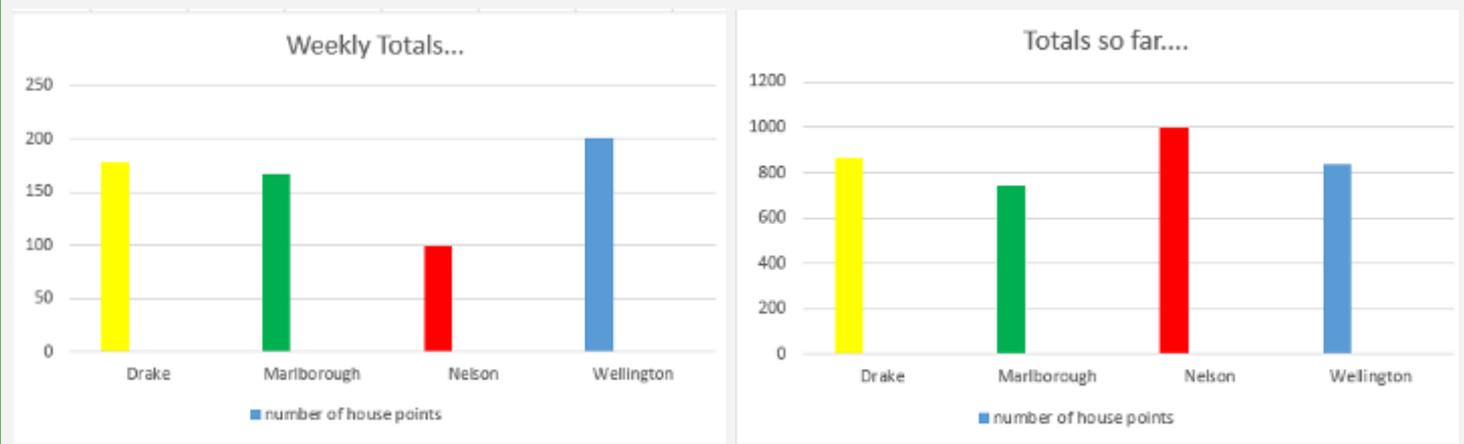
### Lower Prep Print Making

The boys in Year 4 have been experimenting with print making; Mrs Wraith is delighted with the strong results which show some interesting and varied mark making. Here are two examples...



### HOUSE POINT TOTALS!

A tight week between all four houses! Drake just missed out on making it to 100 house points this week! Just SEVEN points between Wellington and Nelson this week..... Nelson take the top spot – only fitting with their hosting of House Day today! The overall points are below but it isn't it all over yet....keep going! *Miss Smith*



### Nelson House Afternoon

The boys are getting excited, at the time of writing, to enjoy the Nelson House Afternoon in their bubbles. We will have photos and a report on all the fun and fundraising next week, so watch this space...

### Odd Sock Day!

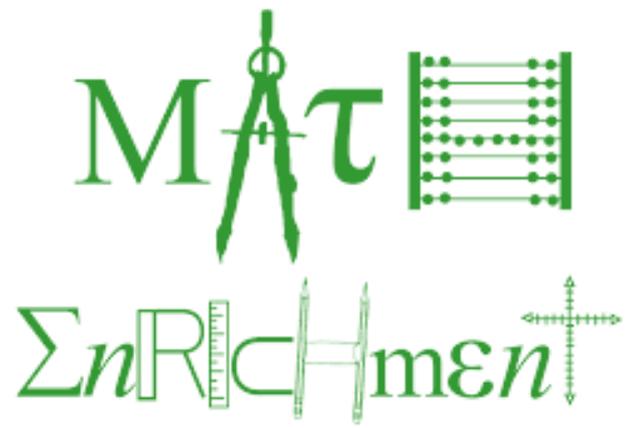
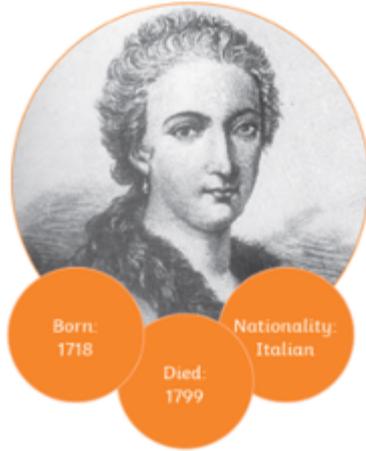
The boys and staff were keen to show off their colourful odd socks on Friday in recognition of diversity and inclusion to mark the end of our Anti Bullying week. We may be in lockdown but the supply of odd socks in families remains undiminished... Thank you to all who took part and to those families who generously agreed to the fundraising through the fees invoice. See overleaf for some colourful snaps of odd socks!



*ODD SOCKS! In support of National Anti-Bullying Week...*



## Maria Gaetana Agnesi



**Area of expertise:** Calculus and Theology

**Best known for:**

- Being the first woman to write a mathematics handbook
- Being the first woman appointed as a professor of mathematics at a University

**Famous quote:**

*"Analytics[...] is the art of resolving all kinds of Mathematical Questions, by finding or computing unknown numbers, or quantities by the means of others that are known or given".*

Here, Mr Sukhdeo introduces us to our featured Mathematician of the week—a strong female example this time.

Also, we have some of the boys in Year 7 presenting their chosen Mathematician.



*A Good Start to the Day...*

Mr Murphy was in the enviable position this morning of being privy to the opening chapter of Tristan B's epic novel and then being presented with a delicious home-made cookie from Sam C. Well done, boys, for your endeavours in these different areas. He was in an excellent mood after your visit...



## UK Primary Maths Challenge

Well done to the following boys who received Certificates from Mr Murphy this week in recognition of their great results in the UK Primary Maths Challenge for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. Here are two of our gold medal winners proudly showing off their awards.



THE PRIMARY MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE  
IS GOING ONLINE!

9<sup>TH</sup> - 13<sup>TH</sup> AND 16<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER



### Year 5

Gold - Barnaby

Silver - Aran and Alex

Bronze - Lucas, Sam A and Oscar

### Year 6

Gold - Adam G

Silver - Josh and Alex W

Bronze - Freddie, Ben S and Alex H

**prêt-a-portrait**

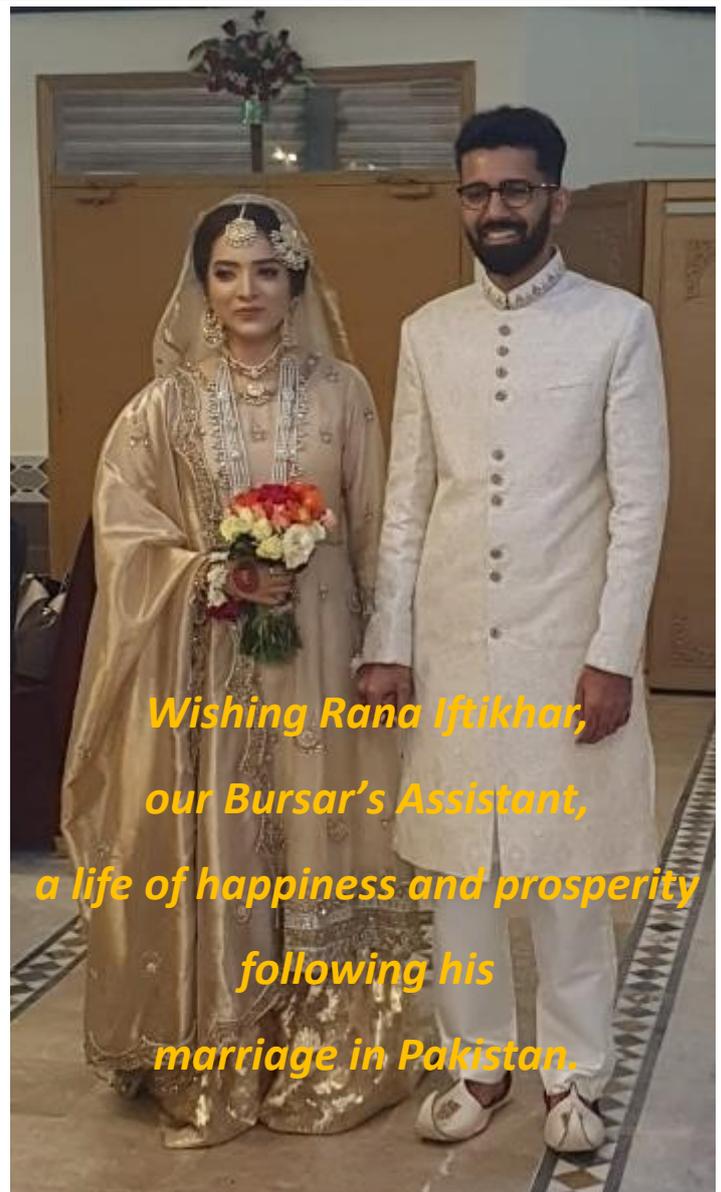
### EARLYBIRD REMINDER

Following Pret-a-Portrait's recent visit to take class panoramas, we just wanted to remind you that the 'earlybird' deadline for you to receive a 25% discount on the school pictures finishes on **Wednesday 25th November**. Each boy was given a viewing card which hopefully, has made it's way home to you. If this has not happened, please don't worry, Pret-a-Portrait will be more than happy to help and you can **contact them directly on 0800 021 7626**

or [customerservice@pret-a-portrait.net](mailto:customerservice@pret-a-portrait.net)

### Music Congratulations

Very well done to Lauti in 6R who has passed his violin Grade 1 exam—all the hard work and hours practising has paid off; well done!



*Wishing Rana Iftikhar,  
our Bursar's Assistant,  
a life of happiness and prosperity  
following his  
marriage in Pakistan.*