

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term
04 December 2020

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Dear Parents

Further to my communications with you on Wednesday, I am very proud of the way our school community has once again risen to surmount the huge logistical challenge presented to us by our first meaningful encounter with Covid-19. The pupils and staff who are at home have maintained their normal teaching and learning timetables online and those in school have done likewise in class; after all the hard work of the teachers to get to this state of readiness, it has been almost exhilarating to see their efforts come to fruition.

Needless to say, our primary concern is to wish Mr Clarke a speedy recovery and I am pleased to report that he is making progress in this respect. Hopefully, he will be back - in an online capacity at least - at some point next week.

It has certainly been very strange joining the rest of my family and friends in "working from home"; I am not sure that I would want to do so any longer than I am compelled to - and it has illustrated just how much I enjoy coming into the school and being a part of our KHS family each and every day. It is so easy to take our friendly environment for granted! Please do continue to reach out if you have any queries and I feel confident that our excellent home-school partnership will ensure that the boys enjoy a fitting end to the term.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy
Headmaster

"THE ULTIMATE MEASURE OF A MAN IS NOT WHERE HE STANDS IN MOMENTS OF COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE, BUT WHERE HE STANDS AT TIMES OF CHALLENGE AND CONTROVERSY." -MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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

DECEMBER		WEEK 2	
Monday	07		Divisional Heads' Weekly Update KHA Second Hand Uniform Sale—online orders
Tuesday	08		
Wednesday	09	0845 0930	Whole School Online Assembly Lower Prep Forest School
Thursday	10		Years 1—6 Christmas Online Music & Drama Performances <i>A video link will be sent to parents via Parentmail</i>
Friday	11		Headmaster's Weekly Blog for Parents

LUNCH MENU week commencing 7th December 2020

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Carbonara Sauce; Garlic, Chilli & Soy Sauce (V) with Spaghetti	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	Assorted Vegetarian Pizza with Homemade Coleslaw	Fresh Fruit; Peach Cobbler	Pulled Pork; Seared Hal-loumi (V) in a Wrap	Fresh Fruit; Rice Pudding	Chicken & Leek Pie; Leek & Potato Pie (V) with Fresh, Steamed Broccoli	Fresh Fruit; Cookies	Fish Cake, Peas & Baked Beans	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts & Jelly

One of our parents, Mrs Sargious, is looking for someone to lift-share with from the Sutton/Cheam area .

If you are interested please contact her directly: dsargious@yahoo.co.uk -thank you.

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KHA Fundraising Initiative

If you are considering stocking up on your wood supplies this Winter please take a look at this site who are generating funds for the school with every purchase.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Lisa Reece
Chair KHA

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LOST PROPERTY:

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

This week's Headmaster's video blog shares some thoughts with parents after an exacting week thanks to the school's first meaningful experience of C-19. Pleasingly, there is also lots of good news to share in the form of more wonderful examples of our school values in action. Well done to all the school community for the part each and every individual played in navigating it successfully.

You can read the names of pupils nominated below and see his blog: [here](#)

LOWER PREP

1 & 2L

Zayn J for working hard to meet Mr Murphy's Respect targets; he has held doors open and been incredibly polite! Mrs Lambert

3M

Ciaran P for some amazing work in Science. Mrs Marskell

4S

Seb P for a super set of instructions written on 'How to Build a Settlement'. He also self-assessed his work and thought about what he needed to include for next time. Great work, Seb! Miss Smith

Lower Prep and Year 5 – well done with your brilliant polymer clay work last week. You demonstrated respect, determination and heaps of creative skills when you created your own tessellating tiles. I am super excited to see what the Year 6 to 11 boys will come up with over the next week. Ms Roets

UPPER PREP

5F

Zac W for some amazing polymer clay tessellation; I would like to add that all of Year 5 had a great afternoon on Friday and created some lovely shapes from the clay to tessellate. Ms Forbes

5S

Lucas C for his lovely tessellation work as part of the Maths enrichment. Mrs Seiver

6R

Lauti Y and Derin U for always being polite without fail. Tristan Bush, Dylan Newman and Jackson Worth for their commitment to get the prep to the correct teachers each morning. Ms Roets

Rex T for acting with a lot of respect and manners by automatically holding the door for his class and myself as we exited from Langlands! Miss Patel

Tristan B and Jason S for excellent work in French, great participation in lessons and showing a good knowledge of the topic. Mme Swift

6S

The whole form has made a noticeable effort in lining up quietly and starting lessons calmly – as per the whole school Respect target for the week. Keep it up, boys! Mme Swift

Y6 Maths; Ben S, Alex W, Josh D & Izyan S all deserve a huge "well done" for their performance in the regional heats of the annual Quiz Club. The structure of the quiz was a bit different to other years as it has moved to online and some pressure was felt seeing some of the very prominent schools in the country getting answers faster than us, however, 19th place out of 41 schools was still no mean feat, as they were only a mere 300 points behind the winning team. Great team work, boys! Ms Roets

7BA

Ayaan S for his positive attitude and hard work. Mr Barratt

Josh McC - his performance in History in recent weeks has been fabulous. Listening well, contributing and working so hard - well done. Mrs Haunstetter

Arlo S for his super work in art and excellent use of colour! Mrs Wraith

Dispatches

Continued...

7BI

Dylan B has been volunteering to clean the different classrooms around school. He has been using his break times to do this; he is always willing to give up his time to help others. Miss Black

Henry T during form period has taught all of 7BL how to play a new game. He explained it so clearly—maybe a teacher in the making?! – it was great to see. Miss Black

7P

Krishan I this week for being kind towards his peers and ensuring everyone was included during a football planning session. Miss Patel

A warm welcome back to Michael Sargious who rejoined us on Wednesday into 7P.

8L

Olly W for more consistency with his efforts across the board and a much-improved second half of term. Mr Laudy

Charlie L for his fabulous maths assessment result. Mr Barratt

8T

Stuart C, Max H and Bogdan P for their very good results in their recent French assessment. Mme Taylor

Zachary F came to the Lower Prep classrooms to donate a brand new toy car which he had bought for his sister, he thought the younger boys would appreciate it more—a very thoughtful, kind and generous act. Mrs Lambert

Y7 and Y8 Miss Roets Maths groups were impressive in their assessments; their behaviour and commitment are worth mentioning.

SENIORS

9H

All of the form for putting such interesting projects together for the STRIDE Enterprise Fair this week – well done all. Mr Hendry

A special mention for Max G for his recent work in English. Mr March

9T

All of 9T for their remarkable work and effort in respect of their Stride Enterprise Fair this week. Mr Twinley

Theo V-P for his improved attitude and effort with his work. Mr Barratt

Luca W for some great algebra work and his great pace in lessons! Mr Barratt

Alfred L - impressive focus in class work and faster pace with book-work. Mr Barratt

Special mention to James K who had never learned French before starting here at KHS; he put in some extra hours over the summer holidays before joining us, and has now achieved the top score in his class in last week's French assessment! Mme Taylor

10H

10H for being calm and respectful during registration and for looking out for each other. Mrs Haunstetter

Alastair D – completely selfless! Without being asked, Alastair cleaned up some mud that had been walked into the Science lab; it clearly shows his respect for the school values. Miss Black

10W

Ed B continually demonstrates the Kingswood House Way value of Respect and Tolerance towards others; he will be awarded a 'Respect' badge from Mr Murphy in recognition of this. Well done! Mrs Weston

11B

Oliver T has shown a mature attitude to his studies by attending after school clinics to improve his work, especially in DT. Mr Bailey

11W

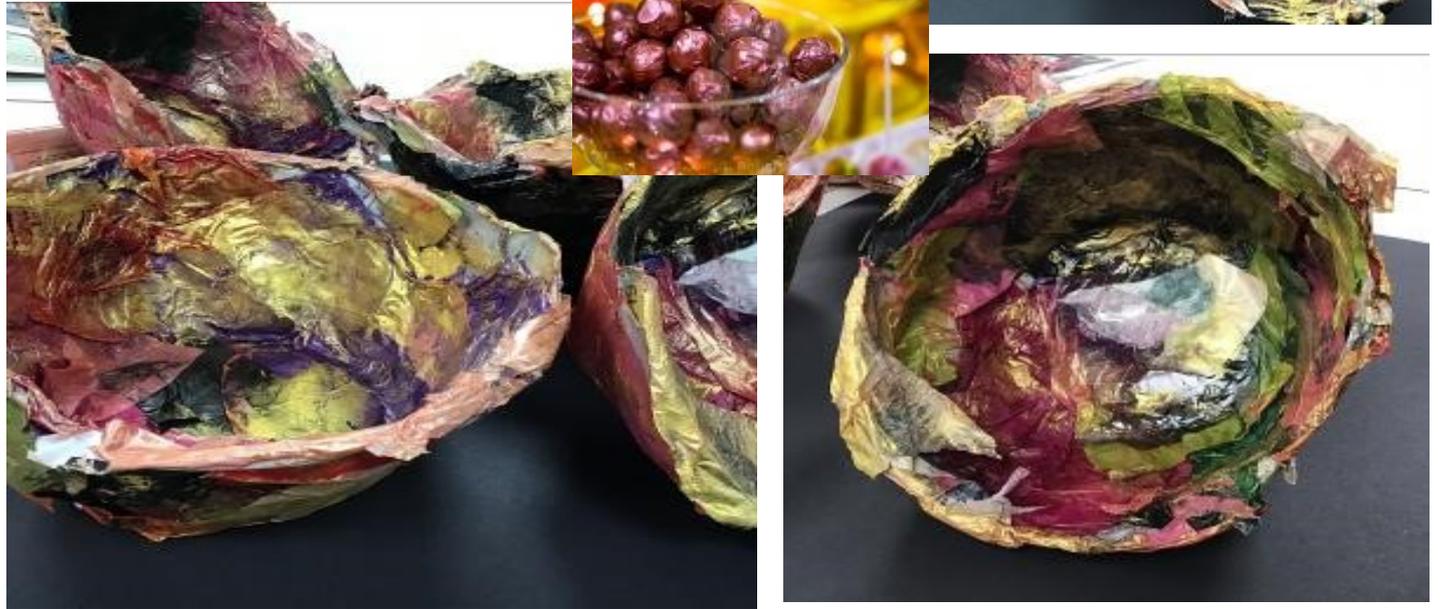
Seojun Lee for excellent Computer Science homework. Mrs Webb

11W are showing perseverance and hard work preparing for their mocks in January. Well done, boys. Mrs Wraith

Christmas Bowls

Mrs Wraith has been very pleased with the results of the Christmas bowls crafted by Years 1, 2 and 3; the boys applied themselves well and learnt new techniques—papier mache and tissue paper laminating. Their application of colour was very bold and has produced some super pieces. We think these will happily grace coffee tables over the festive season holding all sorts of treats! Well done, boys, for your efforts.

Mrs Wraith



Year 6 Teams Lesson

In Year 6 Teams on Friday the boys were learning about coding; they were challenged with deciphering various types of code, including Morse Code. They then had to invent their own codes or make their own messages using code patterns they had been given. *Mme Swift and Miss Roets*



3D Maths Thinking....and Making!

As part of this half term's subject focus in Maths, Ms Roets has introduced all year groups to the concepts of tessellations and geometric shapes through an enrichment project. The pupils were all given some polymer clay which they manipulated and rolled and accurately tried to shape into tiles that would then tessellate; after 'firing' the pieces happily join up and repeat. Class teachers have reported that the boys were thoroughly engaged in this task and really enjoyed themselves, as well as deepening their mathematical understanding. Huge thanks to Ms Roets who had the unenviable task of slowly baking all the individual pieces in her oven at home! The results are fabulous though and well worth it...



Before baking, laid out to dry...

After—a hugely satisfying array of shapes to be tessellated!

Here are Form 4S enjoying the task with Miss Smith in class.

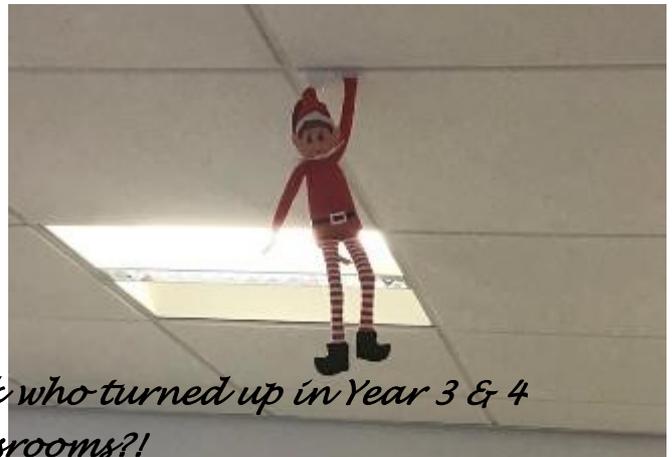


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Decorating the Lower Prep Tree!

There was no shortage of willing helpers once Mr Hylands had delivered the tree to the area outside the Lower Prep classrooms; many hands do indeed make light work. Even Miss Foster enjoyed passing by, right place at the right time... The boys were each given a bauble by Mr Hylands and had a great time deciding the best position and placing them most carefully! It looks absolutely beautiful. Thank you for our early Christmas present, Mr Hylands!



Look who turned up in Year 3 & 4 classrooms?!

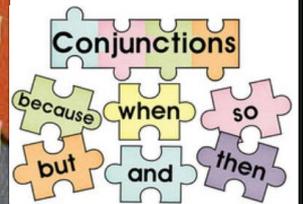




'Before, After and During' their lesson!

Here are Year 4 working in pairs to create sentences using time conjunctions. They had a very active session which helped enforce their learning as well as demonstrating good collaborative skills in their work. Well done, boys.

Miss Smith



Seniors Careers Presentation

Miss Black delivered an informative talk about a diagnostic careers software—**Fast Tomato** - at Monday's Senior Pupil Briefing.

The Seniors have been using this software for the past term in a weekly timetabled Study Skills session; the platform aims to give boys the tools and knowledge to make informed decisions about post 16 options and career choices. More information about our Sixth Form information evening will be published shortly in the Spring term.

Mr Sukhdeo.



Voici le sapin de Noel de 8T!

It's that time of year again!

Many thanks to these boys who gave up their break time to put up the decorations and dress the French Room tree...

c'est tres magnifique!

Mme Taylor





Painted Pebbles

Lots of year groups have been busily painting Christmas designs on pebbles! These will be used to decorate the path way at Christ-Church, Epsom, over the Christmas period.

Many thanks to the boys for your creativity and parents for supplying the pebbles—they are sure to brighten up the community and Mrs Wraith has been very impressed with the efforts on show.

Festive Post!

As usual, our post box will be waiting to accept cards that any pupils wish to post and see delivered around school. The final day for posting will be **Thursday 10th December** so we can distribute on Monday 14th to ensure a Covid-safe delivery.



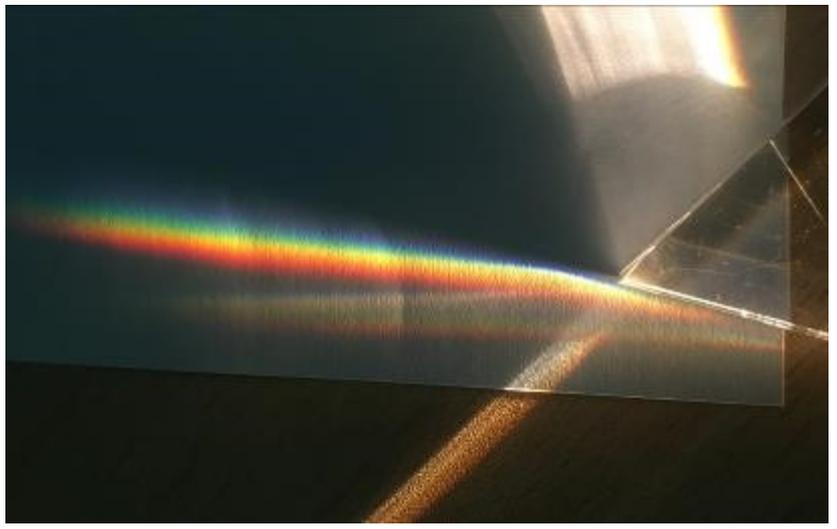
Christmas Music Musings...!

Miss Foster sent round the following questions about various Christmas music for the boys to puzzle over; how many do you know? They would make a great starting point for family Zoom festive quiz in the next few weeks...

- 1) "...look to the future now, it's only just begun..." is a line from which Christmas song?
- 2) In the popular carol, 'The Twelve Days of Christmas', how many ladies were dancing?
- 3) Which of the following songs is the only one to mention the word "Christmas" in the lyrics? 'Frosty the Snowman', 'Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer' or 'Winter Wonderland'?
- 4) 'One More Sleep' is a song recorded by which British singer?
- 5) Who had the Christmas top spot with 'Killing in the Name' in 2009?
- 6) Complete the lyric, "He's making a list and checking it twice/ gonna find out who's naughty and nice..."
- 7) The biggest selling song of 1988 in the UK was a Christmas hit by Cliff Richard, can you name it?

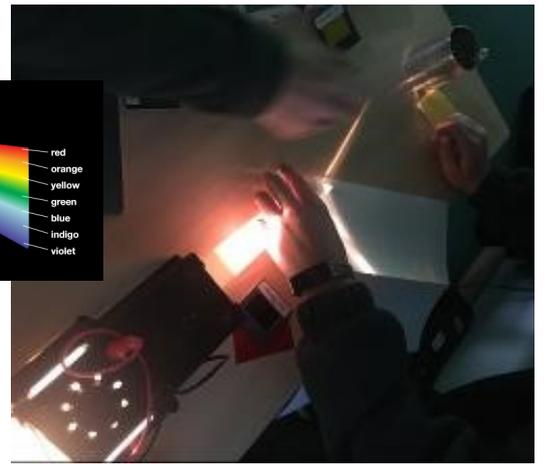
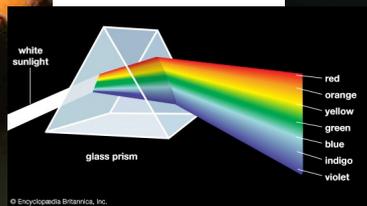


- 8) Who sang, 'Let it Go' in the snowy film favourite Frozen?
- 9) Complete the Wham! Christmas lyrics, "Last Christmas I gave you my heart/ The very next day..." ???
- 10) What type of tree does the Partridge sit in for the song Twelve Days of Christmas?



Spectrum Investigation!

Form 6S investigating light dispersion with prisms – creating a spectrum! Always a spectacle to see, the boys worked well with the light box and prism to see how light is split into the different colours and they produced some great spectral diagrams which can be a tricky concept to reproduce accurately. *Mr Barratt*



Josh has kindly brought his Smilodon skull into form time today! All of 7BL have loved looking at the skull and thinking about what the Smilodon would have looked like. Thank you so much Josh for showing this to us!
Miss Black

Year 5 are currently in self-isolation but have made the transition to online learning once again very smoothly, thanks to the huge efforts of staff involved.





Year 3 and 4 Move It—for Science!

This week in Science the boys in Year 3 & 4 took part in a group project that investigated movement and muscles. The boys were trying to ascertain how oxygen is needed to help our muscles move and how their pulse could be used to measure this.

The boys took their initial pulse sitting down, resting and then Miss Smith had them up and instructed them to run around the playground for three minutes at high intensity. The boys then took their pulse again and learnt how it was much higher after exercise. They all had a lot of fun trying to find their pulse and connect their understanding with the physical reality.

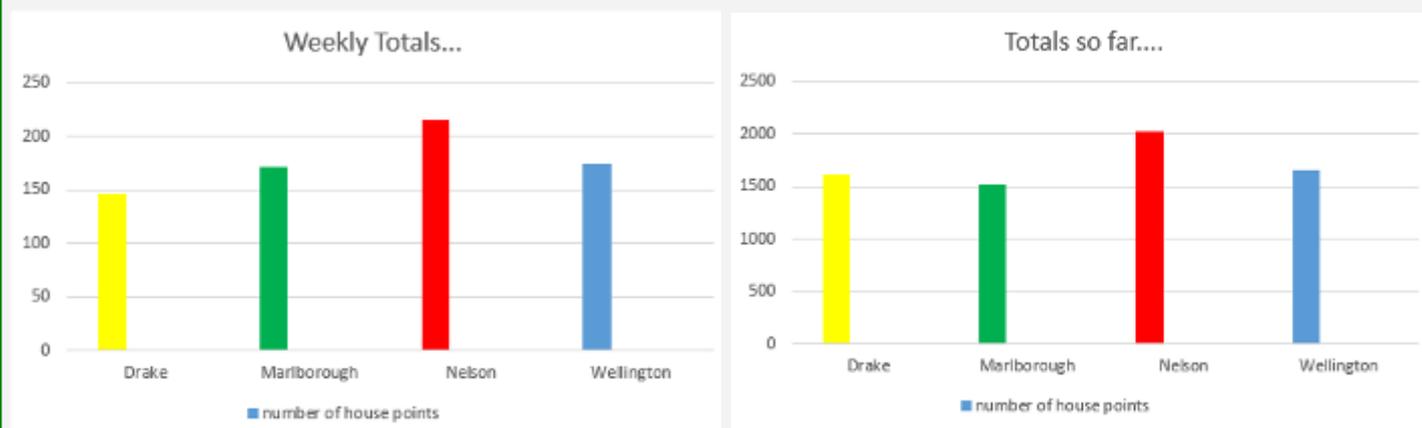
Mrs Marskell



Our Year 9s at their STRIDE Enterprise Fair this week



HOUSE POINTS



This week, Drake slip to 4th, with Marlborough and Wellington placing 3rd and 2nd with just 3 points difference. Nelson have worked hard to earn 215 this week; well done, everyone!

Overall...It is so close for 4th, 3rd and 2nd place but Nelson top the charts by going over the 2000 mark; can we know your secret, please, boys in Nelson?! Well done to everyone for a super term of House Points - working hard and being polite and respectful—it does pay off and get noticed.

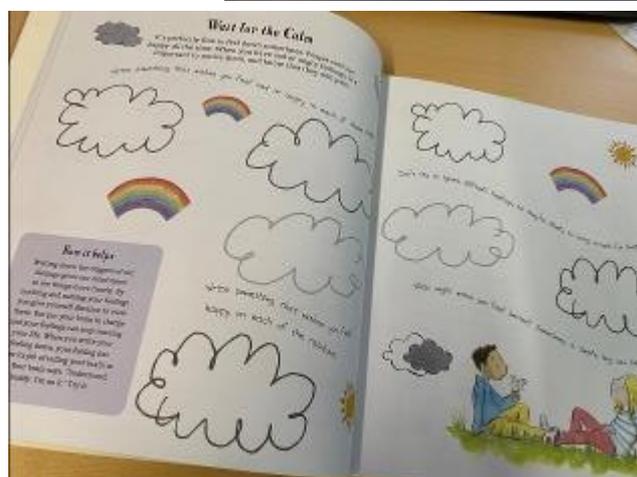
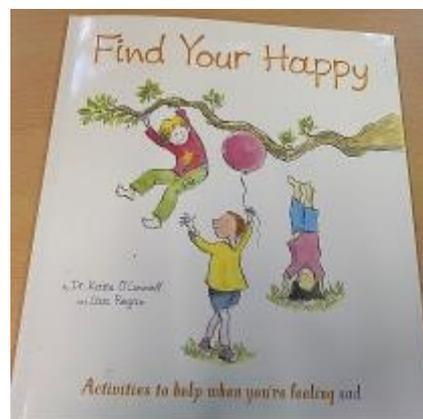
Nelson have battled their way to 1st place for the Autumn term, congratulations! But it is a clean slate once more in January.... *Miss Smith*



Mindfulness

A reminder from our lovely ELSA, Ms Timothy, how important it is to take care of our mental health and well-being when the weather turns darker and colder and it is not as easy to enjoy the proven benefits of being outdoors in the sunshine.

There are plenty of indoor activities that can be mindful and engaging and lift our mood including knitting, colouring, jigsaw puzzles or even journaling and following an online exercise tutorial. She has found the following book really useful and easy to access for families with children up to Year 6 or 7.



Here too, are Year 3 and 4 boys enjoying an endorphin boost with Joe Wicks' online PE session when it was too rainy and wet for their lesson outside. Take care of yourselves, everyone! *Ms Timothy*



Online learning is in full swing at KHS following some staff and pupils having to self-isolate after a positive case amongst the staff was reported. The sudden transition to blending learning has been very successful - lots of ENDEAVOUR!