

# KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

I feel sure that you will have kept abreast of the latest news and are aware of the government’s decision to retain school closure until 8th March. Clearly, this is not a situation that anyone would wish for but measured against the context we are living in, I am confident that KHS pupils will continue to benefit from the excellent tapestry of online provision and make good academic progress. Regrettably, I am philosophical that the same opportunity is not afforded to all other young people up and down the country and the cost of the pandemic in educational terms for them will only truly come to light in the years ahead.

One universal fall-out that we do all share is the potential for an extended lockdown to negatively affect our mental health. It remains very important for everyone to maintain a healthy balance of diet, exercise and sleep – not just screen-time or work. I am proud that our scheduled Well-Being Week before half term will showcase top tips for protecting our mental health and reaffirming parameters for online safety; thank you in advance to Mr Mitchell and Miss Timothy who are putting together some fantastic resources.

## The Kingswood House Way



Earlier this week, our school assembly discussed the symbolism of Holocaust Memorial Day and it remains vital not to forget such important lessons learned from the past. As Lily Ebert, a Holocaust survivor, said:

“We all need a light in the darkness.”



On a more humorous note, this week in 1896 saw the first speeding fine issued; the perpetrator was driving at four times the national limit (8mph) and was flagged down by a constable on a bicycle! How times have changed!

Our online Sixth Form Information Evening was held on Wednesday and featured useful information from Mr Sukhdeo and Miss Black as well as a guest appearance from our first Senior Head Boy in 2017, Rohan Bogues, and current Head Boy, Freddie Harrison. It was timely, therefore, to receive news this week that one of our first Senior pupils, Elliott Leupolz, has been offered a place to read Philosophy at Cambridge in September. We are delighted to hear of his achievement, as well as that of another former KHS pupil, Piers Bowater, who has also secured a place at Cambridge to read Engineering. It goes to show that the “greenhouse not hothouse” approach at KHS really does pay dividends by allowing each individual the chance to develop at their own rate.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy, Headmaster



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

FEBRUARY 2021		WEEK 1	
Monday	01	0840	Divisional Assemblies online
Tuesday	02		
Wednesday	03	0840	Whole School Assembly online
Thursday	04		NSPCC Numbers Day—activities in lessons TBC
		1600	Music Teatime Concert online—TBC
Friday	05		Headmaster's Blog & Weekly Newsletter



**KHA Online Quiz Night**

**SAVE THE DATE! Friday 26 February**

Details and link to be sent nearer the time...

*'On Par' for Golfing Greatness!*

Eddie F in 10H is a very keen golfer and has recently qualified for the Junior European Championships Final. However, he has been using his lockdown time not only practice but to provide us with some of his top golfing tips.



Have a look and see whether they can help you improve your game: [here](#) Mr Hendry



*...it looks like Frankie here, seen practising his putting in the kitchen, will be one pupil to certainly enjoy viewing Eddie's tips...!*

*Music Enrichment—a note from Miss Foster*

Can the boys please record 10-15 secs of themselves having a go, with their plastic cup / bottle / tin, and send films to [Miss Foster](#); she will then edit and create our very own music video to each of the following songs...

[Year 5 & 6 - Best Day of My Life](#)

[Year 7 & 8 - Can't Stop the Feeling](#)

[Seniors - Cups \(When I'm Gone\)](#)



*A Note from Mr Clarke*

Dear Parents, if you need to email a teacher, please do so from your own email address, not your son's school account. This has the potential to cause confusion! Thank you.

Gaming advice:



There have been requests from parents to clarify the school position of using gaming devices during the school day.

As much as we realise there are many challenges with e-learning, we recommend that all work and the school day is complete, including some form of exercise, before your son uses any gaming devices. Screen time is a concern and of course your son's education is our main priority. Thank you for your support in this. *Mr Clarke*

Please find Mr Murphy's topical thoughts for the week and the pupils who have been 'Mentioned in Dispatches' for something noteworthy recently. **You can read the names of pupils nominated below and see the HM Blog [here](#)**

**LOWER PREP**

**1 & 2L**

James W and Ebrahim B for being super mathematicians! Mrs Lambert

**3M**

Toby H for a lovely story he wrote in English and he has the neatest hand writing I have ever seen. Well done! Mrs Marskell

Jamie C has been making a huge effort to master cursive writing over the past few weeks and showed us a beautiful example during English today. Well done, Jamie, and please keep it up! Mrs Wood

**4S**

Zac D for always having a positive attitude and completing all his work without a fuss. He has been brilliant over the past few weeks - a real star! Miss Smith

**UPPER PREP**

**5F**

Byron M for working so hard at all his subjects. Ms Forbes

Jack H for creating a wonderful poster on Integrity; imaginative and thought provoking. Mrs Wraith

Harvey M for his wonderful efforts in researching types of coastlines in Geography. Harvey found it really tough to get going but showed enormous resilience and produced a great fact file about the Jurassic Coast. Well done, Harvey, for persevering when the going got tough! Mrs Seiver

Harry B, Rhys B & Edward B - always stay in the call and work with me to the end of the lesson in order to do their work correctly. They have even stayed into their lunch break, rather than leaving as soon as the lesson is ended. Mme Swift

**5S**

Total breakthrough for Barnaby A this week with his handwriting. Such a great moment for him! Mrs Seiver

Frankie L for great science work this week. Ms Forbes

Alex F for his amazing geometry work this week. Beautifully presented and very accurate too. We have a budding architect among us....Mrs Seiver

**6L**

Dylan N for his positive demeanour and for raising everyone's morale. Mrs Lindley

**6S**

Adam G, Kieran S & Alex W who always contribute in both English and French and have valuable opinions to offer. Mme Swift

**7BA**

Zachary H – well done for your work with School council on our behalf. Mr Barratt

Ethan C for his unfailing good humour during these tough times. Mr Barratt

Ethan C, Zac H & Conor T for some delightful written French work in the set postcard task! Mme Taylor

Conor T, Theo J, Zach H and Ayaan S made great contributions in the discussion in RS in Friday's lesson. Mrs Weston

Ayaan S for excellent work and some insightful explanations to the extension tasks. Mr Sukhdeo

Theo M for his excellent organisation and ensuring his work is always in on time. Miss Patel

*Disputes*

**7BA continued**

Ethan C & James McD for always volunteering contributions in lessons. Miss Patel

Conor T & James McD - for producing fabulous work in maths. Mrs Lindley

**7BL**

Max L has shown such a positive attitude during the form time meetings. He has been telling the form about all of the positive things he does each day for example beating his personal best during his daily run! Miss Black

Dylan B & Shay C - both boys have been asking 7BL questions for the School Council; they ran the form time meeting and took everyone's opinion into account. Well done for taking on this responsibility. Miss Black

Joel M for his very mature attitude and seriousness with his learning. Mr Barratt

**7P**

Tai B for his growing confidence in lessons. Miss Patel

Charles R for an excellent start to his persuasive writing on stopping air pollution. Miss Patel

Wow!! What an amazing class you are 7P! Not only were you brilliant in the lesson with your work ethic, contributions and understanding, but every single one of you has sent me your work within ONE HOUR of the lesson! This is so fantastic. Congratulations 7P on being simply wonderful. Mrs Haunstetter

Emir O, Enzo R & Michael S for some delightful written French work in the set postcard task! Mme Taylor

**8L**

Oscar D'A for an excellent work ethic throughout the last two weeks and Ozzy Sullivan for producing some excellent Maths extension work. Mr Laudy

Ozzy S for his most impressive bisectors this week, quality and care with his work. Mr Barratt

Tommy W for showing great enthusiasm with science and making plans to do his own experiments at home! Miss Patel

James C & Charlie L for always being willing to share answers in lessons. Miss Patel

Joe S has been fabulous in our virtual lessons. He is making excellent contributions, showing that he is really understanding the work and his written work is accurately completed. Well done, Joe! Mrs Haunstetter

The whole of 8L deserve credit for working hard on fantastic angle bisections and perpendicular bisections this week. Mrs Lindley

**8T**

Max H for increased confidence and good participation in Form Time. Mme Taylor

Bogdan P for showing kindness to other students during lessons. Miss Patel

Sam M for his growing confidence in science lessons. Miss Patel

Ben H for outstanding effort in his science lessons! Fantastic job!! Miss Patel

**SENIORS**

**9H**

Archie E & Christopher H are both working well and making good progress with online learning. Mr Hendry

Ted R – 'Mr Cool!' – just gets the job done – no fuss, no bother and always attentive. Mr Barratt

Archie E has built a battery-powered drinks dispenser from parts bought on the internet. This is not a task set by the DT department but his own independent work – great endeavour! Mr Bailey

*Disputes*

**9H continued**

Enan A & Will H for their consistent efforts in lessons and for their written work on Macbeth. Mr March

Will H for his industrious approach to maths lessons last week and for submitting his work in timely manner. Mr Sukhdeo

Ted R for adapting so well with being in school on Monday and Wednesday. Mr Sukhdeo

**9T**

Ted R for being proactive in researching university options and asking for help and opinions. Mr Twinley

Tommy C, Antoni MR & James G for effort and concentration. Mr Barratt

Theo V-P for recent effort and high scores in French Active-learn online tasks. Mme Taylor

Tommy C & Theo V-P for showing excellent determination and growing confidence in science! Miss Patel

**10H**

10H have been really helpful around the house at home; helping cook, unload the dishwasher, doing general chores etc. Well done to them all for their kindness – it is encouraging and pleasing to hear this from parents! Mrs Haunstetter

Very insightful learning and discussion from 10H about the clip we watched in PSHE with Lily Ebert, Holocaust survivor, and what we can learn about: resilience, kindness, working together, never giving up and having a 'light in the darkness'. Mrs Haunstetter

Ryan L for his growing confidence and ability in a challenging topic in science! Miss Patel

Sam S for his overall efforts in lessons. Miss Patel

Ollie S for his excellent effort, organisation and ensuring his work is always in on time! Miss Patel

Edward F for fantastic work in maths - a brilliant work ethic. Mrs Lindley

**10W**

Angelo C for his regular 3pm walk, keeping active and looking after his physical and mental health. Mrs Weston

Jack B for showing fantastic resilience in last week's maths lessons - good to see him become more self-assured in lessons. Mr Sukhdeo

10W collectively for all of the effort that they put into their Science presentations last week. Excellent work! Miss Black

**11B**

Oliver P & James T who have contributed to a pleasant end of day conversation during end of day form time. Mr Bailey

Joshua J & Eddie M for their comprehension work on Jamaica Inn. Mr March

Oliver P for his amazing work ethic and insightful questions.

**11W**

Jazib A & Freddie H both wrote a good answer to their 15marker question – keep it up please. Mrs Weston

Michael C for his comprehension work on Jamaica Inn. Mr March

Theo B for his excellent work ethic shown in last week's maths lessons. Keep up the good work, Theo. Mr Sukhdeo

Toby R for his contribution to last week's lessons and ability to move the discussions forward. Mr Sukhdeo

*UK Intermediate Maths Challenge—next week!*

We wish all our boys taking part in this the best of luck...selected Senior boys will have the opportunity to compete in this fun, yet challenging, 60 minute multiple-choice UK-wide competition that promotes a love of problem solving. Teachers will be in touch with further details. *Mrs Lindley*





*Kingswood House Way—this term's focus is on Integrity...*

Mr Sukhdeo spoke with the Senior boys on Monday about their ideas and understanding of integrity and engaged them with various scenarios they had to respond to onscreen... the results were encouraging and revealed a growing, personal and collective sense of integrity from our boys.

The poster, *below*, was designed by Jack H in 5F and presents a very visual description of the values and actions associated with integrity—a great reminder for the boys! Well done, Jack! *Mrs Wraith*



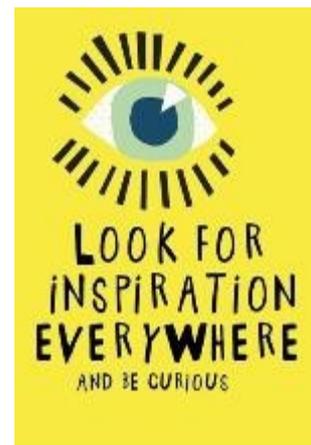
### *Sixth Form Information Evening*

Thank you to Mr Sukhdeo and Miss Black for online hosting this week's successful **Sixth Form Information Evening**.

It was lovely to see ex-Head Boy, Rohan Bagues joining in virtually and giving his top tips and advice to our current boys and their families as they begin to consider *life beyond the school gate*...

Rohan will be studying History and Politics at Cardiff University next year. He received offers from all five universities he applied for—Southampton, Warwick, Queen Mary's and Sheffield—and has made our staff very proud of his achievements to date.

*Mr Mitchell*

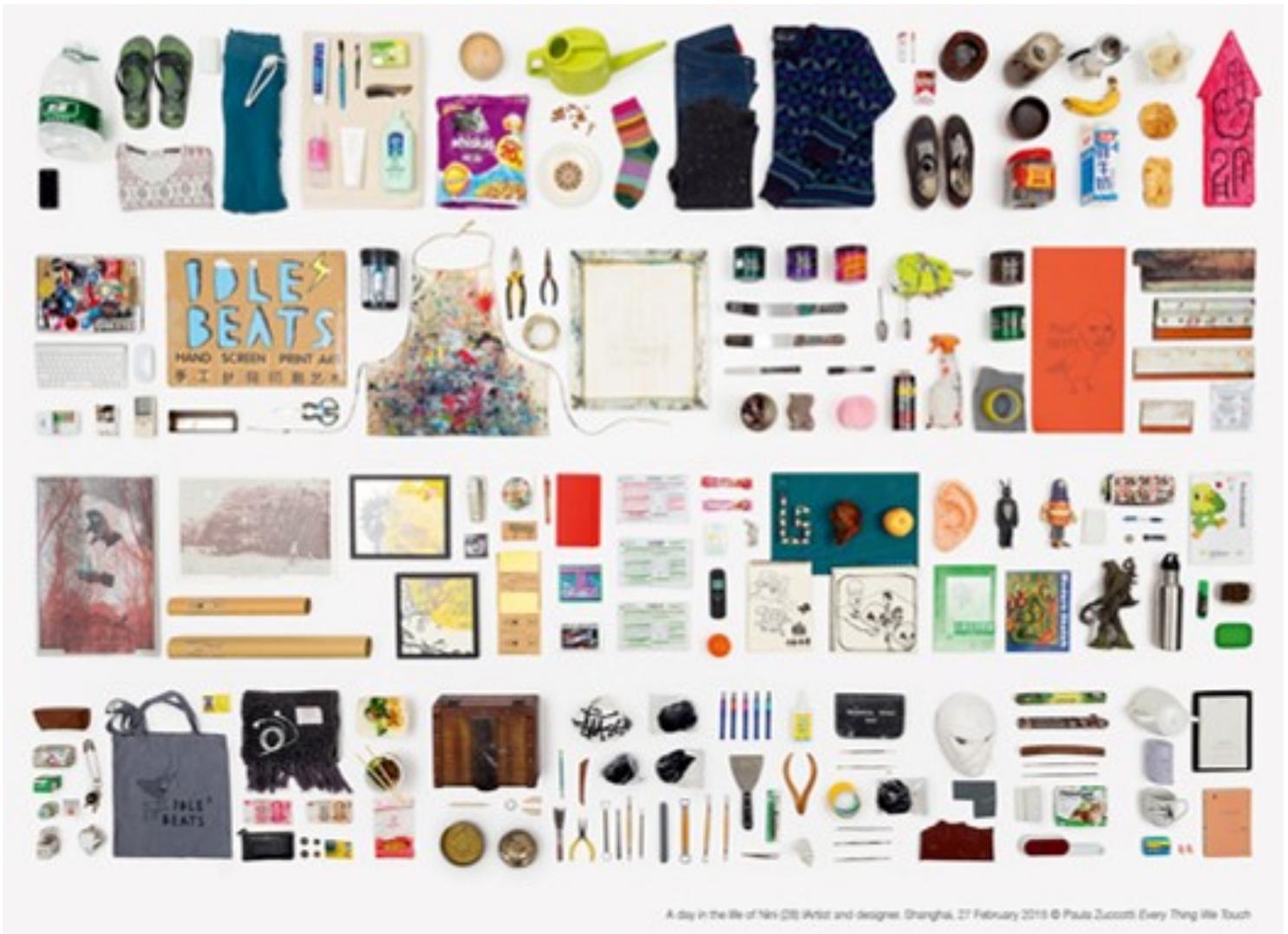


### *Alumnae News*

Mr Murphy was delighted to hear this week about two ex-KHS pupils' success in obtaining places at Cambridge University to continue their education. Piers Bowater and Elliott Leupolz have been accepted to study Engineering and Philosophy respectively. Elliot will be studying at Lucy Cavendish and there are only two places on his course! Elliot's mum wrote in a text, "...*Kingswood House best school ever*". In addition, Elliot was awarded places by Imperial College, London and every other university he applied to.

We also heard from another 'old boy' Will Murrell who is doing well at Reigate College and will be studying Nutrition at either Bournemouth or Winchester next year; he made a point of thanking all the teachers at KHS who helped to, "...*change his life*". He was so appreciative of everyone's efforts. It is really wonderful to hear how our ethos of a '**Preparation for Life**' really stands true in our pupils...The 'greenhouse not hothouse' effect in evidence!





*Everything We Touch...*

...this is the name of a photographic project that the artist [Paula Zucotti](#) undertook in 2015 to document the wide range of ordinary, household items that we touch on a daily basis. Mrs Wraith has challenged Year 9 pupils to list and evidence their **15 most important, personal items in this lockdown**...what would you choose? Any pupils, or staff, are encouraged to enter their contributions to Mrs Wraith who is planning to produce a group work and possibly even a time capsule with the suggestions...

### Weekly Totals...

House	Weekly House Points
Drake	480
Marlborough	513
Nelson	460
Wellington	390

### HOUSE POINTS

WOW! A huge week for house points! This week, a total of 1846 house points were given out! I can imagine we have some very happy teachers as everyone has been working so hard and putting their best effort into their work and learning. So, Nelson slip to 3rd (a rare sight!) whilst Drake take 2nd place and Marlborough leap into 1st with an amazing 513 house points this week!

Overall, Wellington still sit 4th with a respectable 836, Marlborough place 3rd with 890, Nelson take 2nd with 910 and with an outstanding 984 points, Drake are sitting top of the table! We are only three weeks into the Spring Term and a phenomenal amount of house points have been accumulated already. Keep up the good work! *Miss Smith*

### Totals so far...

House	Total House Points
Drake	984
Marlborough	890
Nelson	910
Wellington	836



### Online Schooling from Afar...

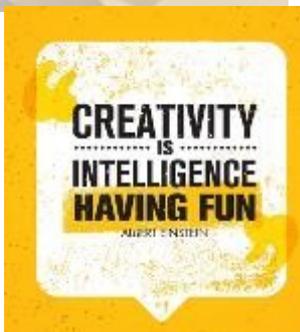
Remember shorts, t-shirts, going barefoot, BBQ's blue skies...?!

Not such a distant memory, or thing of the past for Josh MC in 7BA—seen here helping out at the family braai in South Africa...when he is not online doing his school work of course! *Mr Barratt*



### DT Home Designing

Mr Bailey was super impressed with the video and photographs sent in by Archie E in 9H who had taken upon it himself to make a fizzy drinks dispenser in his own time! He researched the project, ordered his resources and materials and spent some time out in the garage in the evenings, wrapped up against the cold, bringing his ideas to fruition as we can see here... an excellent application of skills and perseverance in seeing the project through to a very successful conclusion. Well done, Archie. It is great to see our boys' natural curiosity take them on independent learning journeys! Mr Bailey



**Lockdown Learning in the Lower and Upper Prep...**

From testing parachutes in a Year 5 'Forces' topic, to Year 7 writing imagined holiday destination post-cards in French, and Year 4 making smoothies whilst learning French fruit vocab and not forgetting the puzzles made and designed in 3M for their families to test out and play with, it has been another busy week in the Lower and Upper Prep online schooling.



Cher Matthieu

Je reste pour deux semaines à Paris qui est dans le nord de la France.

C'est très agréable, j'aimerais que vous étiez ici. Je suis ici pour rendre visite à de vieux amis à moi.

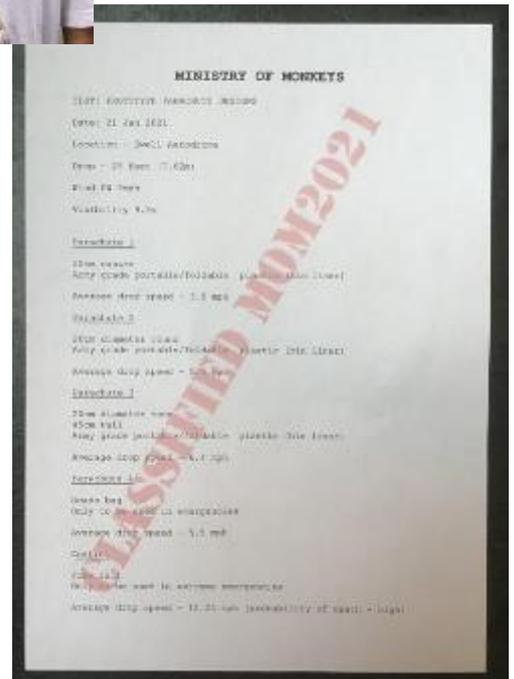
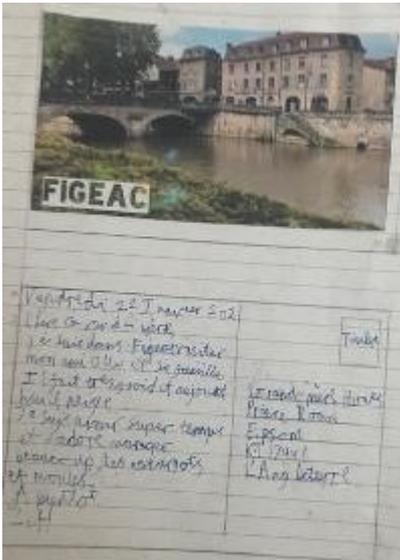
à Paris, vous pouvez visiter la tour Eiffel et vous pouvez également visiter les catacombes qui sont des tombes souterraines.

Il fait beau et il fait du soleil parce que c'est l'été.

De Enzo



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**Parachutes, postcards & puzzles!**

## COMMENDATIONS



The following commendations have been awarded to boys in each subject area or from their Form Teacher in a subject:

French	French continued	Art	Art continued	Music	Computer Science	Comp Sci.cont.
Jonathan B 7BL	James M 6S	Jack H 5F	Johnny D 1L	Johnny D 1L	Joe H 7P	Ben H 8T
Joseph H 7BA	Alex W 6S	Ed B 5F	Josh I 7BL	Max M-N 10W	Krishan I 7P	Idrees AK 8T
Josh Mc C 7BA	Byron M 5F	Oliver K 9H			Emir O 7P	Zac F 8T
Avaneesh G 7BA	Kevin T 6S	Alex H 8L			Noah S 7P	Tobias V-H 8T
Krishan I 7P	Lucas C 8T	Joseph H 7P			Zac H 7BA	Ted R 9T
Noah S 7P	Alex F 5S	Antoni RM 9T			Connor T 7BA	Hussain K 6L
James M 6S	Frankie L 5S	Alfred L 9T			James C 8L	Zac Y 6L
Adam G 6S	Arun A 5S	Theo V-P 9T			Alex H 8L	Tharani V 8T
Ben S6S		Ali A-R 9T			Archie S 8T	
William B 6L		Pete D 9T			Owen C 8T	

The following boys in 5F all received a commendation for their classwork this week; **Benjamin A, Ed B, Rhys B, Harry B, Jamil H (2) Max K, Byron M (2) Henry S, Peter S, Harrison W & Zac W.** Ms Forbes

The following boys in 5S all received a commendation for their classwork this week; **Arun A, Samuel A, Fraser B, Luca C, Alexander F, Nathaniel J, Frankie L & George P.** Ms Forbes

The following boys in 10W all received a commendation for recent work in Science: **Ed B, Jack B, Theo S, Angelo C, Max M-N, Milo R & Rory G.** Miss Black

The following boys all in 5S received a commendation in PSHE: **Sam A, Arun A, Enzo B-P & Nathaniel J.** Mr Clarke

The following boys in 4S all received a commendation for recent work in English: **Cameron E, Seb P, Harry R, Fraser S & Ben S.** Miss Smith

<b>Ryan B 4S:</b> DT Miss Smith	<b>Luis L 4S:</b> Geography. Miss Smith	<b>Ryan L 4S:</b> Maths. Miss Smith
<b>James W 2L:</b> English. Mrs Lambert	<b>Maye B 2L:</b> Topic. Mrs Lambert	<b>Matvily H &amp; Ted R 2L:</b> Maths. Mrs Lambert
<b>Tyrwhitt B 9H:</b> History. Mrs Haunstetter	<b>James C 8L:</b> History. Mrs Haunstetter	<b>Kevin T 6S:</b> Spellings. Mme Swift
<b>Hussain K 6L:</b> English. Mr Clarke	<b>Jeremy B 6L:</b> English. Mr Clarke	<b>Kieran S 6L:</b> English. Mr Clark
<b>Eddie F 10H:</b> Maths. Mrs Lindley	<b>Oscar D'A 8L:</b> Maths. Mrs Lindley	<b>Bogdan P 8T:</b> Classics. Mrs Weston
<b>Krishan I &amp; Will H 7P:</b> Science. Miss Patel	<b>Connor T 7BA:</b> Science Miss Patel	<b>Tommy W 8L:</b> Science. Miss Patel
<b>Dan G 6L:</b> Science. Mr Barratt	<b>Jack G 6S:</b> Science. Mr Barratt	<b>Dylan B 7BL:</b> Science. Mr Barratt
<b>Eliot B &amp; Kobi W 7BL:</b> Maths. Mr Barratt	<b>Tai B &amp; Will H 7P:</b> Maths. Mr Barratt	<b>Tharani V &amp; Lukas C 8T:</b> Maths. Mr Barratt
<b>Antoni M 9T:</b> Maths. Mr Barratt	<b>Ted R 9L:</b> Maths. Mr Barratt	

*'Is it a Common Cold or Coronavirus'?*

...an all too real concern that is troubling many families at the moment.

There is some very good government advice [here](#) that may answer any questions you have, and help keep your family safe and virus free.

Although our movements are limited once more in this lockdown, we should still be following 'best practice' advice of wearing face masks, washing hands and maintaining social distance if we are out and about for essential purposes, like work or shopping.

COVID-19: KEEPING SCHOOLS SAFE

WHAT TO DO IF  
YOUR CHILD  
HAS COVID-19  
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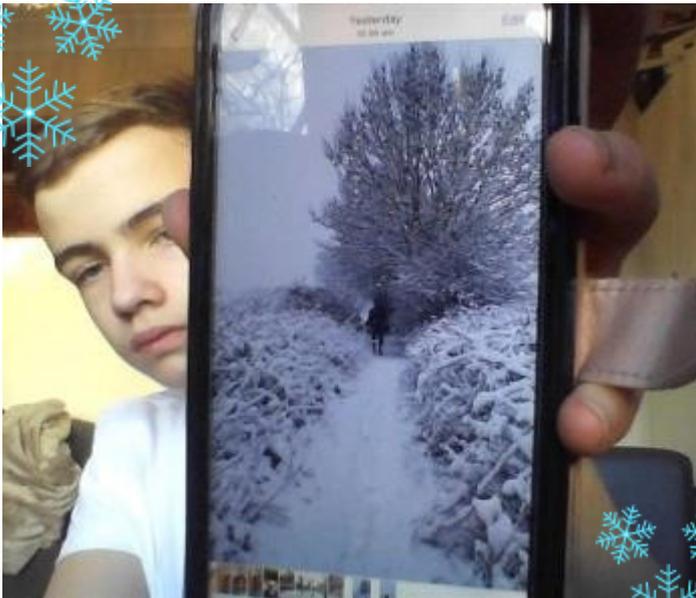
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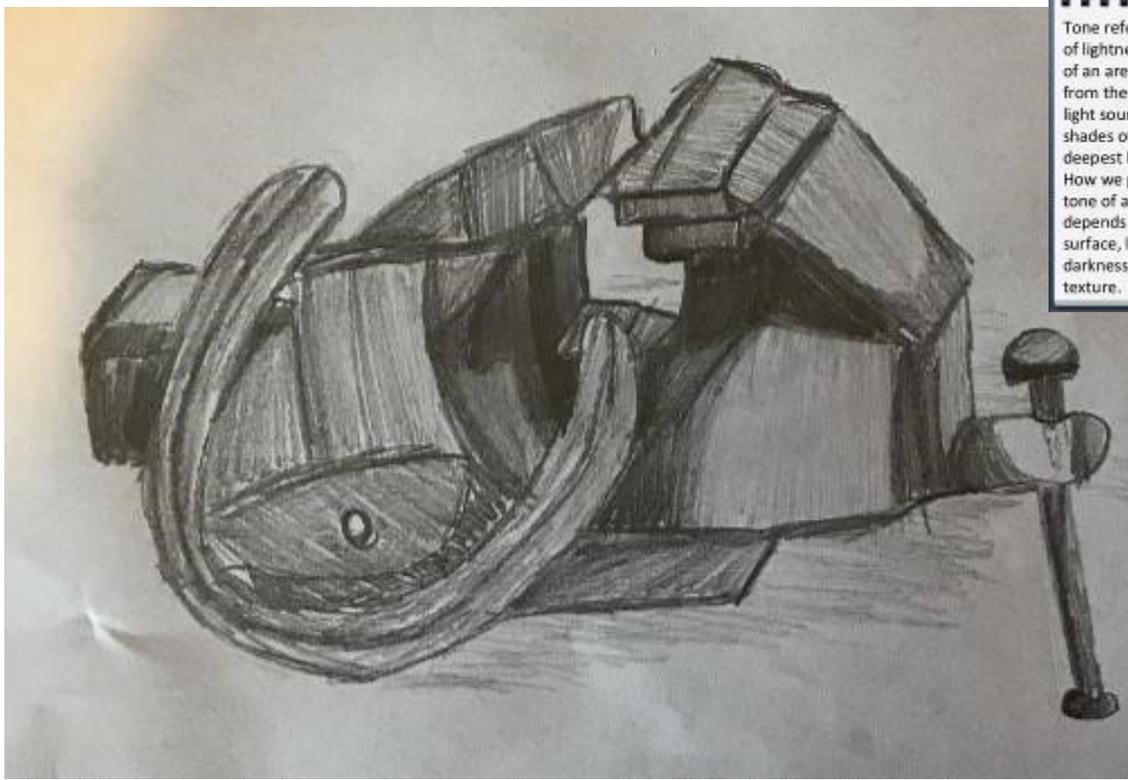
STAY SAFE

SAVE LIVES

*Snowy Fun one Sunday in Lockdown...*

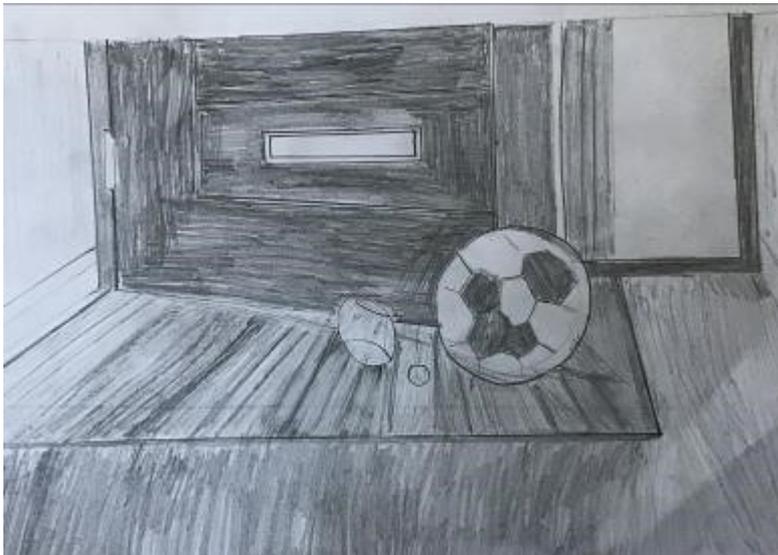
Big and little members of the KHS community alike enjoyed the sudden wintry turn taken by the weather last weekend! Snow boots, sledges and smiles a-plenty in Surrey as the majority of our areas enjoyed a good covering to liven up the daily walk or play outside! Here are some of us truly thankful for such picturesque conditions....a dusting of snow covers a multitude of sins!





Tone refers to the degree of lightness or darkness of an area. Tone varies from the bright white of a light source through shades of grey to the deepest black shadows. How we perceive the tone of an object depends on its actual surface, lightness, darkness, colour and texture.

### Tonal Drawings



### Art Spotlight!

Mrs Wraith has chosen here a few pieces to share with us that show some still life tonal drawing in which the boys focused on objects close to them and tried to represent their 3D shape in light and shade.

*Left*, is a collage portrait of someone who is on the news daily at the moment—can you recognise this colourful character?

Some great work boys across the year groups this week—thank you.

## What do you need to create

- I am looking for an exciting, funny, informative and creative commercial to promote safe Covid Practice.
- Hands
- Face
- Space
- Create a commercial that pupils would engage in and learn how to wear your mask properly, how to wash your hands properly (you can even create your own 20 sec song to help) and how to keep your distance.
- It needs to be fun and engaging but will stick in peoples minds or have a punch to it.

## How do you do this and when should it be completed?

- Create your commercial
- Video it
- Send it to me – Mrs Horley
- We are looking for some really creative commercials.

The infomercial needs to be with me by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February  
You can use family to help you if you would like.  
So go on – take up the challenge – help us to stay safe

*Drama Enrichment!*

Calling all KHS Commercial Makers!

A message from Mrs Horley...

She would like you to produce an 'infomercial' to promote safe Covid practice.

Be original, clear, bold and encouraging in your work which should be [emailed](#) to her please by next Friday.

Get thinking and then get filming!



*'Welcome' to a new pupil in Lower Prep...*



Zac, Hugo and Torin in Years 3 and 4 would like to introduce the newest pupil at Kingswood House.....Frosty!

Zac kindly let Frosty borrow his hat and scarf so that he looked the part and could join in! The boys in school with Miss Hylands, had enormous fun with the remaining snow on Monday building their frosty friend; thank you, Mrs Chandler, for letting us have a carrot!

*Miss Hylands*

## *'Welcome to the World'*

...and Congratulations to the Raza family who were shocked, but overjoyed, when Mikael decided to make an appearance eight weeks early! He remains in hospital but is doing really well and the family hope to be able to bring him home very soon.



The Science Department, where Mrs Raza has been a helpful, enthusiastic technician since joining us in September, are thinking of them — along with the rest of the school—and send our love and best wishes.







More  
Staff  
Pets...!



...and they seem to be increasingly cute and fluffy this week and all full of character!

- A tickle under the chin for,
- 1. Peggy                      2. Sampson
- 3. Merlot                      4. Pebbles
- 5. Arnie                        6. Winnie



Last week's proud 'fur baby' families were:  
 Miss Marble—Mrs Earl; Charlie—Ms Forbes; Nibbles—Mrs Picken; Tessa—Mrs McGill;  
 Ivy—Miss Wilson; Sticki—Mrs Martins; Cally & Lilly—Mr Murphy