

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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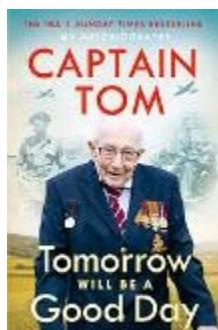


Dear Parents

It was a pleasure earlier this week to welcome Jem Wraith, son of Mrs Wraith, who spoke in assembly about his work as the Managing Director of a care home in Croydon. Needless to say, the last year has been a most exacting one for that industry and it was valuable to note that the three ingredients which Jem cited as being the most important were empathy, kindness and trust. It helped draw a useful parallel with our own school environment because ultimately these are transferable virtues by which we can all abide.

Well done to all performers in yesterday's informal music concert; it was great to see that so many of the boys were prepared to showcase their talents. Thank you to Miss Foster for her time and effort in putting it all together into a memorable montage.

One of the symbolic figures of the pandemic, Captain Tom, passed away on Tuesday. As I said to the boys, it is remarkable to consider that for 99 years he lived a largely content existence of obscurity - this time last year, no one would have recognised him in the street. However, after his efforts to raise money for the NHS went viral last summer with his fundraising eventually topping £33M, he became an iconic figure and a beacon of optimism and hope across the country. In the last few months of his life, Captain Tom topped the UK singles chart and received a knighthood before reaching the milestone of his centenary. It just goes to show that it is never too late to make your mark. Fittingly, Captain Tom's catchphrase is a topical epitaph: *"Tomorrow will be a good day."*



Certainly, the need for maintaining a positive outlook has never been more important than at the current time. In the lead up to half term, Mr Mitchell and Miss Timothy have compiled a super array of resources for our 'Well Being Week' which will help lift the mood and offer valuable reminders about how to stay safe online. I encourage you to fully support this worthwhile initiative.

In news elsewhere, you may recall that Alexei Navalny, the Russian politician, was arrested upon his return to the country last week. He has since been sentenced to three years in prison for charges that are dubious, at best. Peaceful protests by his supporters have been quashed, often violently, by armed police. Additionally, this week saw a military coup in Myanmar and the democratically-elected leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, remanded under house arrest for 'possessing illegal radios'. These, in fact, turned out to be walkie-talkies but she is once more a prisoner in her own home. We should not take for granted the freedom of speech, or expression, that is afforded to us in this country.

Finally, I am very much looking forward to a weekend of sporting action. The Test series between India and England starts bright and early tomorrow morning followed by the Six Nations Tournament on Saturday afternoon. I hope that the skills on show will offer a much-needed injection (forgive the pun) of joy and wonderment!

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	08	0840	Divisional Assemblies online START OF MENTAL HEALTH & ONLINE SAFETY WEEK
Tuesday	09		
Wednesday	10	0840 1700	Whole School Assembly online Year 11 GCSE Q&A online
Thursday	11		
Friday	12		Headmaster's Blog & Weekly Newsletter



KHA Online Quiz Night

SAVE THE DATE! Friday 26 February

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

See you online!

#ChildrensMentalHealthWeek

Here at KHS we are proud of our pastoral care and internal support to help all pupils, whatever their age, to be mentally fit and well as they move through the different stages of their education with us. This week, our ELSA Katey Timothy, has been reminding us all of our worth and how to take care of our emotional well-being.

blaze a path
of your own
brilliance and
illuminate
the world.

Eco Club Competition



Could you design a poster to promote handwashing or social-distancing?

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place

Entries should be on A4 paper, they can be designed by hand or on the computer.

Please send a copy of your entry to
g.hylands@kingswoodhouse.org

The best 3 designs will be displayed around the school

Closing date: Monday 22nd February

Winner to be announced on Wednesday 24th February

Please note: we have updated our Parents' Handbook; this can be found on the school website [here](#)

"Start where you are.
Use what you have.
Do what you can."
- Arthur Ashe



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

Jack S for working so hard at with Miss O'Shea in the classroom each morning. Mrs Lambert

Zayn J for his excellent class work and videos in music. Miss Foster

3M

All my boys in Year 3 because in Science this week they had to design a reflective bag, and, wow, their results were all amazing! Mrs Marskell

Gregory C for his excellent use of collage in a contemporary manner! Mrs Wraith

Jamie C for working really hard in music, it's good to see him enjoying the lessons so much. Miss Foster

4S

Cameron E for always doing his best and still doing Mr Laudy's workout even though he was in a sling! He is a star everyday! Miss Smith

Ryan B – well done for fantastic hat that he made for enrichment – a commendation too! Mrs Wraith

Lower Prep boys have all completed and sent me their fabulous French work each week. Mme Swift

UPPER PREP

5F

Henry S for really stepping up in his maths work last week. Ms Forbes

Harrison W for consistently working hard. Ms Forbes

5S

Frankie L, when he realised he had missed the Upper Prep Pupil Briefing, sent a message to Mrs Seiver apologising and saying he would email Mr Clarke as well – a great example of integrity! Doing the right thing and being his best self, as always. He's a star! Mrs Seiver

Lucas C for his great attitude to home learning - excellent etiquette on teams and a fabulous standard of work is regularly being submitted. Mrs Seiver

6L

Dylan N for always having his camera on and greeting us all with a lovely big smile. Miss Foster

Rex T made a fabulous head-dress design using paper to make feathers – a commendation too. Mrs Wraith

Tristan B made an amazing hat from sweets for enrichment – that sums up positivity – a commendation too! Mrs Wraith

Jeremy B – a wonderful top hat design and a warm smile to boot! A commendation too. Mrs Wraith

6S

Hannarah C has been working the whole time from Korea and even with the time difference is one of the first ready for registration each morning. Mme Swift

Digby H has really stepped up to the mark over the last week, always ready for lessons and he has completed some good work in both English and French. Mme Swift

Izyan S helped Mr Westcott with another pupil by running to get a school bag that had been left in the office; he then kept him company and walked with him. It was a very selfless act. Mr Westcott

Mrs Patels continued

7BA

James McD for entertaining his classmates with an ever-increasing array of card tricks. Mr Barratt

Toby C has shown great organization for his lessons - the right gear at the right time and on time - every time! Mr Barratt

ALL of the 7Ba boys handed in their English work at the end of the lesson – excellent effort! Mrs Weston

Conor T – created a game based on exploding kittens which teaches the players about fossils fuels and alternative ways of generating electricity. Miss Patel

Max R and Conor T for always handing in work at the end of Music which is to a really good standard. Miss Foster

Ayaan S for his excellent application of averages in a problem-solving context. Mr Sukhdeo

Conor T, Joshua McC, Jasper W, Theo W and Tobias C for completing the Code-breaking tasks to a very good standard. Mrs Webb

7BL

Oliver D and Elliot N - both boys have been discussing the birds that they have spotted as part of RSPB Birdwatching weekend. It is wonderful to hear about the boys enjoying nature and helping the RSPB with their survey. Miss Black

Shay C has been helping out at home this week. Shay and his family have been working hard in the kitchen to make a 3-hour ragu! Miss Black

7P

Enzo R for sharing lots of information about his pet leopard gecko in 'Pet Friday' form time! Miss Patel

Well done to the whole class for hard work and demonstrating excellent online etiquette. Mrs Webb

8L

Henry S: not only is Henry working hard at school, but is going the extra mile away from the computer screen - he is tackling the challenge of 'Couch to 5K' over the next few weeks. Good luck, Henry! Mr Laudy

Joe S for his all-round growing confidence and efforts in lessons. Miss Patel

Oscar D'A and Matt M for their meaningful contributions in lessons. Miss Patel

Ivan T, Tommy W and Ruari F - for excellent work and contributions in music. Ruari is great at asking questions to clarify things for the rest of the class. Well done, boys. Miss Foster

8T

Sam M, Bogdan P and Zachary F are all worthy of a mention with the effort they put in to their PSHE work; talking about a global issue that concerned them personally with maturity and thoughtful insight. Well done, boys! Mme Taylor

Idrees A-K deserves a mention for producing some great work in French and PSHE on Monday – gradually getting to grips with online learning after a challenging start in a new school. Mme Taylor

Michael F for his outstanding collage based upon Boris Johnson – a commendation. Mrs Wraith

Upper Prep Overview

I have the good fortune of being able to drop in to form time across the Upper Prep at the end of the day. I have heard some great discussions, including politics in 7P and KHS topical discussion in 6S. The musical talent in 6L is fabulous and the following two boys did a mini concert when I joined them:

Henry R on the piano - even managed an extract from Bohemian Rhapsody.

Tristan B on the drums - fabulous rhythm and stage presence.

It is great to see some of these unorthodox talents that sometimes go unnoticed in normal school! Mr Clarke

Inspirations continued

SENIORS

9H

Tyrwhitt B for staying positive and being a friendly young man. Mr Hendry

Chris H who always tries his best in Music, asks really sensible questions and hands in good work - keep it up! Miss Foster

Will H for always being so punctual to lessons and meeting the assignment deadlines. Mr Sukhdeo

9T

Folu A for bringing joy by dancing through the pandemic! Mr Twinley

Ted R - for his excellent Book Project. Mr March

Antoni-Richard M – spent time over the weekend practicing loads of acceleration equations to make sure he learnt the content – very mature! Miss Patel

Marcus G for handing in excellent class work at the end of each lesson and Pete Duncan for a great composition based on a waltz. Miss Foster

10H

Form 10H were fabulous in PSHE, showing great empathy for those in less fortunate circumstances than themselves, and were able to articulate how we can help, even in small ways. Mrs Haunstetter

10W

Rory G has taken his School Council responsibilities seriously. Having attended the meeting, he returned to his form and fed back to them. He and 10W then promptly completed the survey for the council. Mrs Weston

Ewan W & Jack B - for their super work on poetry. Mr March

Max M-N has shown a great interest in his Science work over the last two weeks. He has thought of excellent questions and has a genuine interest in finding the answers. Excellent work, Max. Miss Black

Theo S for going the extra-mile (coming back at the end of a lesson) to clarify his understanding of Histograms. Mr Sukhdeo

All the Year 10 GCSE artists for working purposefully, despite being at home. Mrs Wraith

11B

A mention for Joshua J and Matty H who are having interviews for colleges; they have been practising their interview techniques – good luck, gentlemen. Mr Bailey

11W

Thank you to 11W for lovely catch-ups at the end of the working day. Mrs Wraith

Freddie H and Jack L for participating in the Senior Careers evening. Mrs Wraith

Jun P for his excellent progress in English. Mr March

Harri G for his industrious to his maths last week and a fantastic score in his recent maths assessment. Mr Sukhdeo

Michael C for keeping all his work fully up to date, very detailed and well-presented. Mrs Webb

COMMENDATIONS

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

<u>Art</u>	<u>French</u>	<u>Computer Science</u>
Michael F 8T	Digby H 6S	Toby Reed 11W
Rex T 6L	Adama G 6S	Joseph Huang 7P
Jeremy B 6L	Alex W 6S	Elliot Nicolaou 7BL
Rhyan B 4S	Ben S 6S	
Tristan B 6L		
Harry P 6S		
Jack S 6S		
Joseph H 7P		



William B 6L: RS. Mrs Weston

Jack B-A 9H: Classics. Mrs Weston

Jack BA & Enan A 9H: English. Mr March

Ted R 9T: English. Mr March

Edward B & Milo R 10W: English. Mr March

Jack L & Michael C 11W: English. Mr March

Alex H & Alex W 6S: PSHE. Mme Swift

Jack S 6S: English Mme Swift

Stuart C 8T: Science. Miss Patel

Joseph H 7P: Science. Miss Patel

Hugo D 10H: Science Miss Patel

Josh McC 7BA: Music. Miss Foster

Ben S, Cameron E, Hugo H & Ryan B 4S: English. Miss Smith

Ryan L & Luis L 4S: Handwriting. Miss Smith

Kevin T 6S: History. Mrs Haunstetter

Alex H 8L: History. Mrs Haunstetter

Daniel G, Jackson W & Tristan B 6L: Maths. Mr Clarke

Harry P & Jack G 6S: Maths. Mr Clarke

Derin U, Henry R & Lauti Y 6L: English. Mr Clarke

Ebrahim B, Ted R, Zayn J & Maye B 2L: Maths. Mrs Lambert

Raphael M 1L: Maths. Mrs Lambert

Jack S 1L: Writing. Mrs Lambert

James W 2L: Writing. Mrs Lambert

The following boys in 5F all received a commendation for their classwork recently; **Byron M, Henry S, Zac W, Arun A, Barnaby A, Enzo B-P & George P.** Ms Forbes

All of class 3M received a commendation for their report writing. Mrs Marskell

Dear Parents,

Please find the link to our Informal Music Concert [here](#) which went 'live' on Thursday afternoon. All of the boys have worked so hard over the last few weeks in and out of their peri music lessons, and the video concert is a celebration of that.

It is lovely to see the growth in musical confidence of those who have performed before, and inspiring to see some of our boys performing for the first time.

I would like to say 'Thank you to all the boys who have sent in videos and for those who haven't managed to send something in this time, I would encourage them to send something in for the next concert on Thursday 4th March. *Miss Foster*

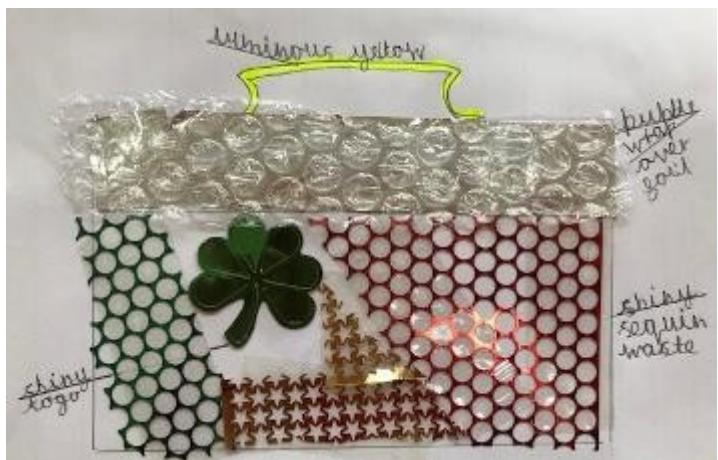
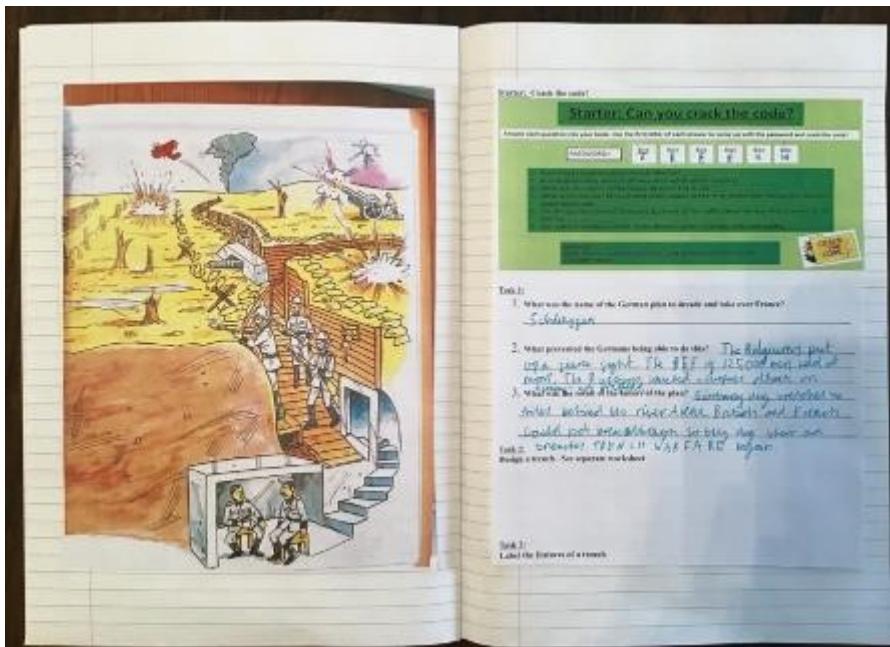




Lockdown Learning Round-up...

This week, the tasked evidence is wide and diverse, and includes cute elephants made out of milk bottles, trench warfare explained, designs for a fluorescent bag and mature PSHE posters on global issues and concerns.

Well done, boys, a delight to behold for all your teachers...



Here are two examples of the boys' responses to global concerns below...

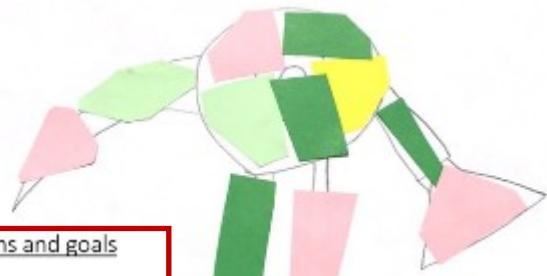
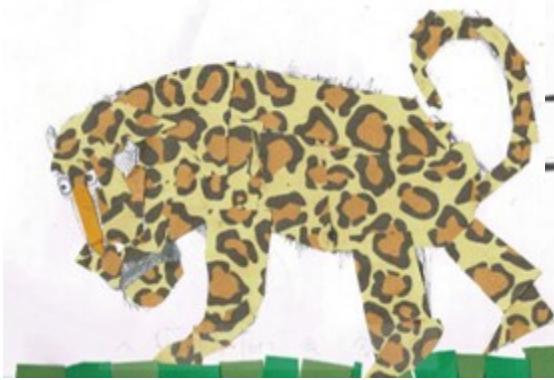
A global issue that disturbs me is climate change. The reason for this is the fact that climate change is killing off all of the animals across the world and will eventually kill me. I find it horrible how we abuse animals and how the people who have loads of money who could actually stop climate change choose not to so they can increase their profit instead of caring and saving our planet. I feel sad about this as well as innocent, living creatures are dying and it's not dealt with very well.

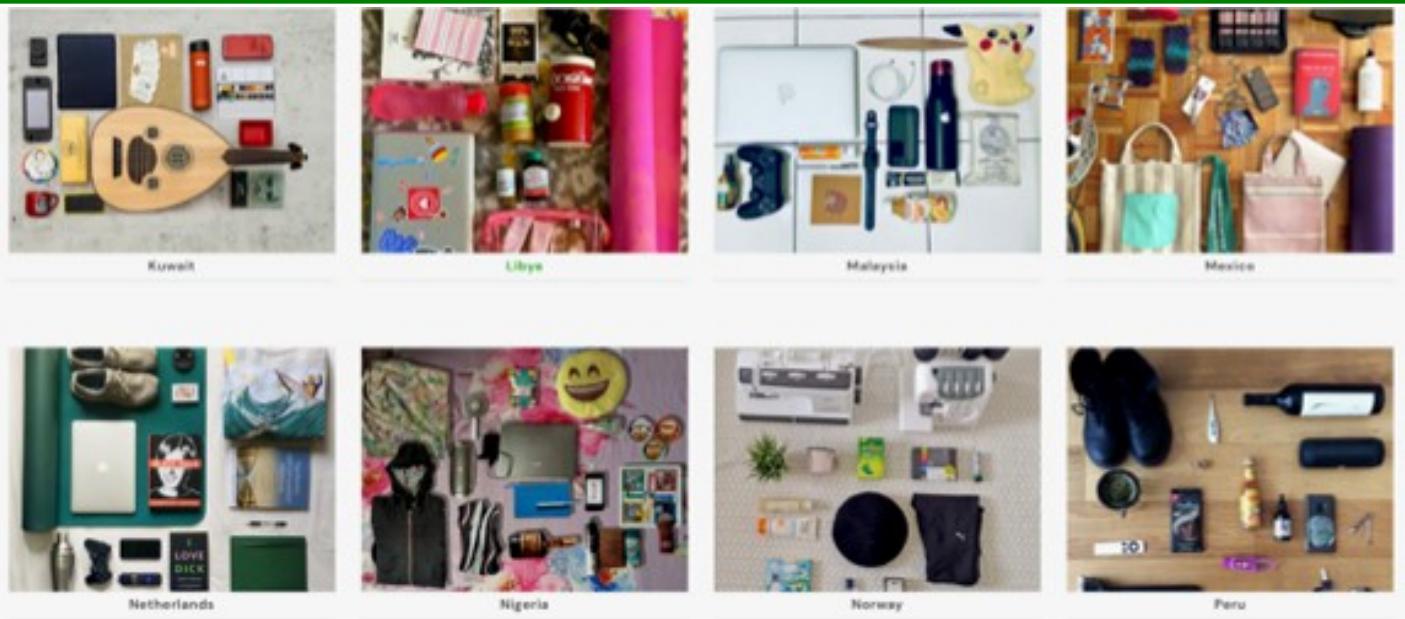


I feel like blm is a very important movement and everyone should support it and stop being racist because at the end of the day black or white or purple we are all the same we are humans

More Lockdown Learning...

...in the form of some super Rainforest animal mosaics, musical knowledge, inspiring PSHE posters and interesting home Scientific experimentation!





KHS Art Department Collaboration with Artist Paula Zuccotti

Imagine how your day would look if you recorded everything that you touched...?

From smartphone to soap, from spices to spoon... what if they were all brought together in one place? Would they tell a bigger story?

I contacted the artist Paula Zuccotti, whose work had sparked a great curiosity and interest in me, as I had the idea of creating a time capsule of images from the current lockdown. Paula has very kindly agreed to work with me in this new venture. I would like to invite you all—staff and pupils—to take part in this exciting whole school project; do have a look at the video [here](#) for more information.

Please arrange your chosen 15 objects on a plain, ideally white / pale surface (like a table top) and photograph them from above looking down directly onto them. I would like you to include a list which names, or describes, the objects as well—this will give you a chance to reflect why they are touched by you so much and what they mean to you! When you send the image, please do not reduce the image file size as this can compromise the final quality.

I look forward to receiving all your wonderful photos of the objects you have touched in 24 hours during one lock down day. Please send the images to m.wraith@kingswoodhouse.org

Safer Internet Day 2021



This is to certify that

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Safer Internet Day 2021

Together For a Better Internet

Tuesday 9th February 2021

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...and when you are not busy online...

Look what Izyan S in 6S achieved in his spare time!

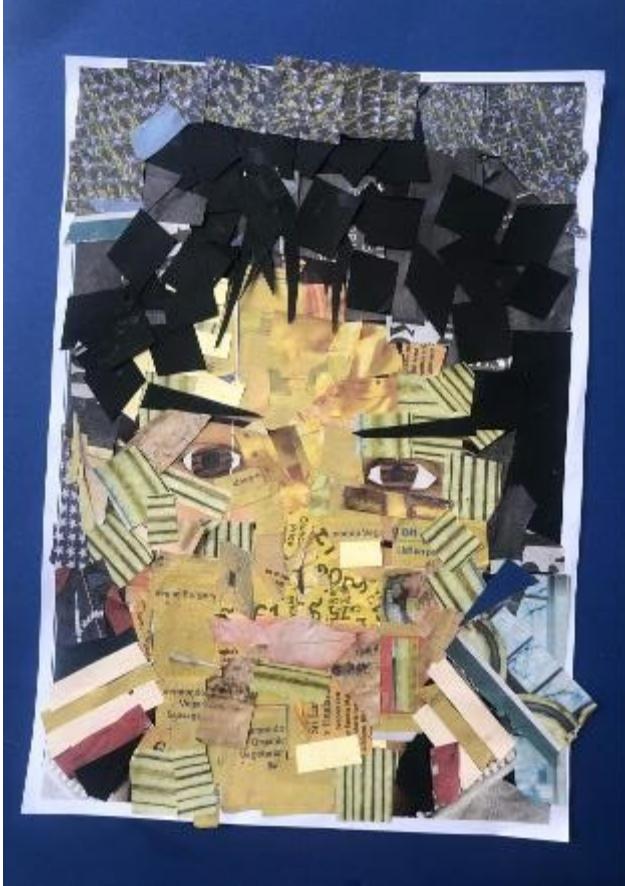
A very impressive piece of model-making; well done.



Look out for this next week, boys... more information to follow on Tuesday!

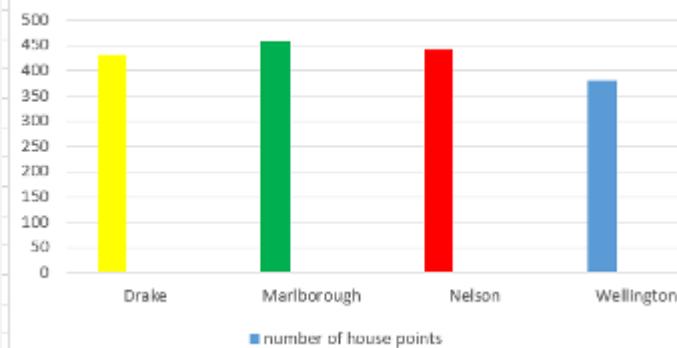
Creative Corner!

The technique of collage has been trail-blazing this week in Mrs Wraith's lessons... but not forgetting the humble coloured-pencil which can also cause a great mark to be made!



Remember making art—in its many forms—from colouring-in to just ‘doodling’ can be a great way to be in the moment and express how you are feeling... stay mentally well and strong with art!

Weekly Totals...



Wellington place 4th with 1217, Marlborough and Nelson battle it out for 3rd and 2nd with just 4 points difference! Marlborough take 3rd and Nelson take 2nd while Drake keep their top spot with 1414!

Super work by all boys across the school. Keep working hard and sending your work in to your teachers so that you earn house points for your house! *Miss Smith*

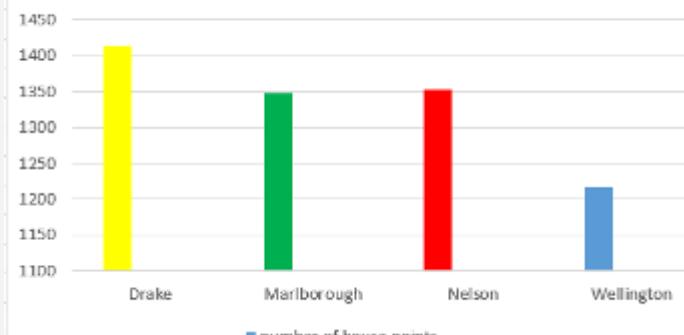
HOUSE POINTS

This week...another great week for house points! Wellington have done well with 381 but unfortunately Nelson, Marlborough and Drake have all achieved over 400 house points in 5 days! It's close, but Drake sit 3rd, Nelson come in at 2nd and Marlborough take this week's top spot with 458.

Overall...

We have hit 4 digits this term with the amount of house points overall!

Totals so far...





School Council

Miss Smith conducted three School Council meetings online this half term with the Lower Prep, Upper Prep and Senior pupils all 'meeting' together virtually.

The reps for the school council were invited to feedback to Miss Smith how the home learning process was going, what else KHS could be doing and how the boys felt about KHS going co-ed in September. The boys then took these same questions back to their form groups and canvassed opinion amongst their peers. They then reported back to Miss Smith with their findings.

As a general consensus, lots of boys felt the home learning was going well but they did miss their friends, playing football and having sport fixtures.

Most boys commented on the fact that they didn't think girls joining KHS from September would make any vast difference to them, and most thought that it was a good idea. Some of the senior boys commented on how they did not believe it would make any difference in their school life and others made the mature response to the fact it was good situation as they would be learning to socialise and mix with girls, as they would have to do that in the workplace when they were older!

Productive meetings, Miss Smith felt, and pleasing viewpoints expressed. *Miss Smith*

I'm Fine

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Five things you can do to help with your mental health in lockdown

- Build up your momentum
- Expand out of your online bubble
- Think real life friendships, not digital
- Do what you can now
- Self-soothe, distract

Senior Pupil Briefing

Mr Sukhdeo focused on ways to help improve and maintain our mental health—an important message right now #Children'sMentalHealthWeek



Whole School Assembly...

On Wednesday, we were all pleased to listen to Mr Jem Wraith—Mrs Wraith's son—a Care Home Manager who spoke about how the valuable, non-academic lessons he learnt at school were vital to his critical role in this current pandemic. He reminded us how our Kingswood House Way held important values for us all outside of the classroom that would last a life-time. Thank you for giving up your time to speak to us, Jem, we wish you well.

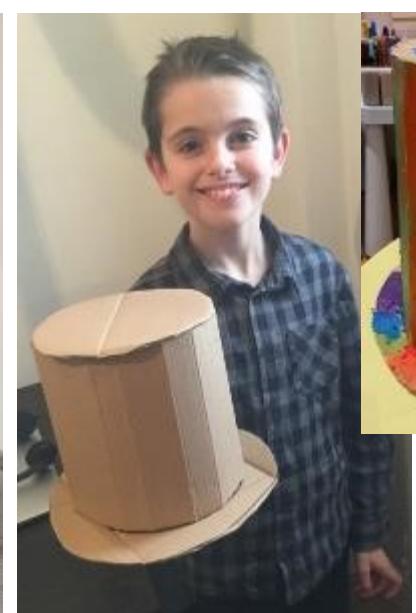
Arts Enrichment—Hats and Headgear!!

Mrs Wraith has been delighted to see the many examples sent in of hats and head gear for this term's Art Enrichment project outside of lesson time! There have been some very inventive shapes, super use of materials to hand at home and above all some very smiley, proud models wearing their creations!



Perhaps it is fair to say we have a lot of '**Mad Hatters**' amongst us?!

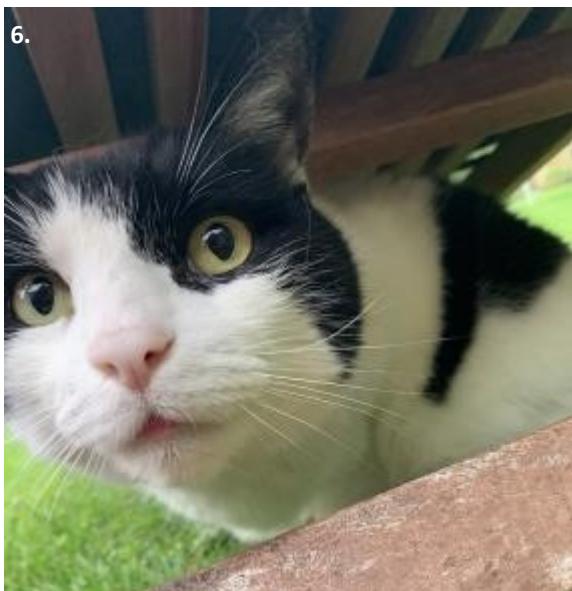
Keep it up, boys.
Mrs Wraith



More Staff Pets...

...we do love our furry friends and they definitely appear to be living their best lives! This week, do meet,

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|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Billy, Jessie & Max | 2. Barney & Bramble | 3. Murphy (no relation!) |
| 4. Ava | 5. Poppy | |
| 6. Panda | 7. Nelly | |



Last week's furry friends belonged to,

Peggy—Miss Smith; Sampson—Mrs Danks; Arnie—Mrs Webb; Merlot—Mr Barrat; Pebbles—Ms Roets; Winnie—Mr March