

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

I trust you enjoyed a restful half term break with your families.

We are very excited at the prospect of school reopening on Monday 8th March and are working hard on finalising information about how this will work in combination with the testing requirements for secondary-aged pupils. In principle, most of the day-to-day logistics will be the same as last term but we shall endeavour to write with firm details early next week so that you have plenty of time to plan ahead.

It is always lovely to share good news and I am delighted to announce that Miss Black became engaged over the holiday. Many congratulations!

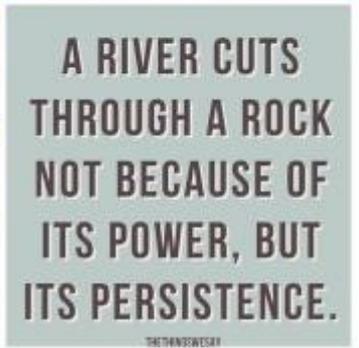
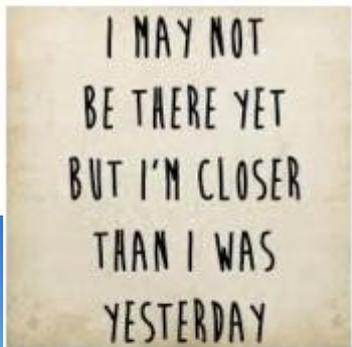
In Wednesday's assembly, and in keeping with our subject enrichment focus of Science this half of term, I talked briefly about the significance of the NASA rover, "Perseverance" (or 'Percy'), landing on the surface of Mars last week to search for evidence of ancient life. Percy took seven months to travel 293,000 000 miles and entered Mars' atmosphere at 12,000 miles per hour. These statistics are remarkable and show that with time and effort, even what seems impossible can actually be achievable. I urged the boys to remember this concept in their own approach to school life because hard work, and indeed occasional failure, are both necessary predictors of success. If you have not yet seen the early pictures or video footage of the surface of the red planet, which are widely available online, I strongly encourage you to do so with your children. It is uncharted territory!

Thank you to the Kingswood House Association for hosting an online quiz this evening; I hope that many of you will support this event, especially given the absence of being able to go out!

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy
Headmaster

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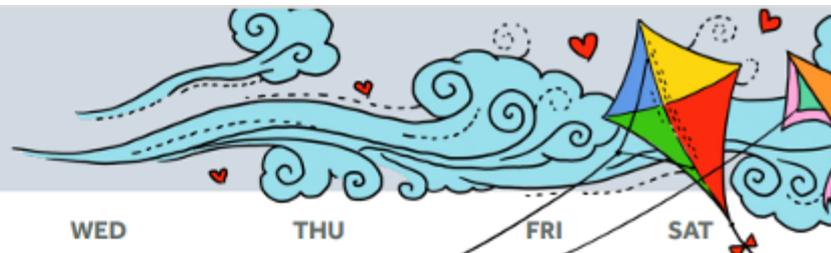
Please find below the calendar dates for next week and any current notices:

MARCH 2021		WEEK 1	
Monday	01	0840	Divisional Assemblies online This week: Y9 Assessments (continued) + Form Teacher appointments for Y1-6 & Y8
Tuesday	02		
Wednesday	03	0840	Whole School Assembly online
Thursday	04	1600	World Book Day; theme 'Favourite' book character... Online Tea Time Music Concert TBC
Friday	05		Headmaster's Blog & Weekly Newsletter

RAOK!

Mr Sukhdeo spoke in the Senior Pupil Briefing, and, in fact, wants to get the message across to the entire school community about being kind—to others and just as importantly, yourself! On 17th February, it was the national 'Random Act of Kindness' Day but we should observe this daily, not just on one designated day. More information [here](#) and in this great 'calendar' of suggestions below...

MARCH 2021



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28	1 START OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH Think of ways you can be more inclusive at work and in your community.	2 Support a local business.	3 Prepare a home cooked meal for your family. Make an extra dish to deliver to person in need.	4 MARCH FORTH AND DO SOMETHING DAY Write an encouraging letter to a deployed or wounded member of the military through Operation Gratitude.	5 EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY Invite a friend to dinner at their favorite restaurant and treat them.	6 FREE DAY! How can you go outside your comfort zone today?																																																																																																																
7 Make an effort to be more authentic.	8 INTERNATIONAL WOMAN'S DAY Thank a woman who has made your life better.	9 Show your appreciation by doing a household chore that your partner normally does.	10 Bring gently used clothing and footwear to your local donation station.	11 Start an outdoor hobby such as biking or hiking.	12 ALFRED HITCHCOCK DAY Spend the evening binge watching Alfred Hitchcock classics.	13 Visit your favorite quiet place and be present.																																																																																																																
14 Apologize to someone with whom you've had a past conflict.	15 Organize a volunteer activity with friends or family.	16 Offer to grocery shop or run an errand for someone going through a difficult time.	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY  Bake some St. Paddy's Day cupcakes.	18 Donate to an animal related cause.	19 Get out and explore! Be a tourist in your own city for a day.	20 1st DAY OF SPRING Plan a weekend getaway in nature and unplug from all electronic devices.																																																																																																																
21 COMMON COURTESY DAY Give up your seat on the train or bus to another.	22  Take fresh baked goods to a police, fire station or hospital with a note of thanks for their service.	23 Expand your mind. Sign up for a free class or workshop to learn something new.	24 Mentor someone this month and share your expertise.	25  Purchase a dozen stem roses and randomly hand them to passersby to brighten their day.	26 MAKE UP YOUR OWN HOLIDAY DAY Create a new fun tradition with family and friends.	27  Create a music playlist that inspires you and put it on your phone to listen to regularly.																																																																																																																
28 PALM SUNDAY / PASSOVER Buy some lottery tickets, hand them out to passersby with a smile.	29 Make time to meet a new friend to widen your social circle.	30 TAKE A WALK IN THE PARK DAY Spend time in nature by going on a hike or walk through a botanical park or public garden.	31 Make an appointment with your financial advisor to discuss your portfolio.	1	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="7">FEBRUARY</th> <th colspan="7">APRIL</th> </tr> <tr> <th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>Th</th><th>F</th><th>S</th> <th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>Th</th><th>F</th><th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>31</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td> <td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td> <td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td> <td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td> <td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td> <td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td> <td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		FEBRUARY							APRIL							S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	28	1	2	3	4	5	6	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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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

Zayn J for always being polite and respectful during online learning. Mrs Lambert

3M

William N-B for contributing in the science lesson and Jamie Chatfield for designing an amazing paper plate with all the different groups of food on it. Mrs Marskell

4S

Frankie W for always having a positive attitude to his work at home. Frankie is always on time and works very hard. He is a star! Miss Smith

UPPER PREP

5F

Eddie B for improving his output week on week. Ms Forbes

Jamil H for working hard in his maths and science over the half term. Ms Forbes

Byron M who works so well in French, even when he misses part of the lesson he always does his best to catch up and return the work. Mme Swift

5S

Oscar E for the presentation of his work. He always puts so much thought into how his work is presented. Mrs Seiver

Enzo B-P for his enthusiasm and persistence during remote learning. Mrs Seiver

Nathan J who stepped in during art and helped share Mrs Wraith's pop art power point. Mrs Wraith

6L

Howard K, Jeremy B, Tristan B, Henry R, Dylan N, George D and Jackson W – for being the first ones in to form periods with cameras on taking part in our online activities. Mrs Lindley

6S

Adam G, Kieran S, James M and Ben S for writing lovely Winter poems in keeping with the Friday theme for well-being week. Mme Swift

I have spoken with Joshua D on Teams twice this week and it is great to see him looking so smart in school uniform. Mr Clarke

James M, attentive in maths class and trying very hard. Mrs Lindley

Kevin T – huge congratulations for achieving a distinction in his Grade 8 piano! A tremendous score of 141/150 (which is the same as I got!) Miss Foster

7BA

Jasper W for his fabulous sharing of his Chinese New Year celebrations with his class; there was a video and a fun fact file! Mr Barratt

Arlo S always prompt with work. Mrs Lindley

Aveneesh G for outstanding work and creativity in drama despite being in only half of the lessons as he attends sessions in the Study Centre. Mrs Horley

Disputes continued

7BL

Shay C had all of 7BL feeling hungry this week as he showed the form his home-made lemon curd butterfly cakes! It is good to see 7BL spending their free time away from the screen and practising skills such as cooking and baking. Miss Black

Dylan B, Joel M and Zac M who all in the morning form time meetings are always ready to discuss what lessons they have that day and always help the whole form feel prepared for the day ahead. Miss Black

7P

All my 7P boys for their efforts in the last half term! I've been very impressed by the maturity and responsibility they have shown for their own learning. Looking forward to seeing them continue this over the rest of the year. Miss Patel

Sam C pushing himself to be the best mathematician he can be. Mrs Lindley

Joe H for outstanding work and creativity in drama despite being in only half of the lessons as he has Study Centre sessions to attend as well. Mrs Horley

8L

Tommy W for excellent effort in computer science. Mrs Webb

Joe S who created an imaginative and impressive presentation on drama masks which he presented in his own time to Claire McGill and I as he was too anxious to present to his peers. Mrs Horley

Tommy W- highly imaginative and impressive mask presentation. Mrs Horley

8T

Zachary F for always having something interesting to say in form time about what he has done or made. Mme Taylor

Stuart C and Lukas C - thoroughly impressive and creative mask presentation. Mrs Horley

General comment about all of the Upper Prep from Mr Clarke,

Many people have had ups and downs this term but it has been noticeable that no one has given up. A great effort in difficult circumstances. Mr Clarke

SENIORS

9H

Will M for contributions in lessons. Mr Hendry

Will M - congratulations for achieving a merit in his Grade 3 Drums - a wonderful result! Miss Foster

William H - outstanding work and presentation in drama. Mrs Horley

9T

Ted R for honing his masterful culinary skills over half term. Mr Twinley

Ted R showed great passion for science innovation and the recent mars rover landing! It's great to see a student showing such interest in science within the world around them. Miss Patel

Ted R - great presentation and always helpful to peers and myself with tech issues. Mrs Horley

10H

Ollie S for being so bright and cheery and positive since we got back this half term. Mrs Haunstetter

Eddie F and Oliver S for unwavering dedication and Harry Richardson for most improved in maths. Mrs Lindley

10W

Jack B for contributing to the Art Enrichment video. Mrs Weston

Alastair D when faced with a difficult challenge of balancing equations, Alastair spent his time around the lesson practising and then even offered to help others who found it difficult! Miss Black

Dispatches continued

11B

Edward M, for taking part in lessons, first to answer questions. Mrs Lindley

11W

On the last catch up before half term, all of Form 11 W played Kahoot! with Mrs Wraith getting at least 3 questions right! Lovely way to end half term and great team spirit. Mrs Wraith

Jun P—well done for a commendation and mention in dispatches for his outstanding progress in English. Mr March



Chinese New Year

How lovely to see Jasper in 7BA celebrating the Chinese New Year with a fabulous feast of traditional food at home; he even spoke to the form all about his family's celebrations and was very eloquent on the subject.

Well done, Jasper!



Love was in the Air!

...thanks to our very own Miss Hylands and some of the pupils in school when they made and wrote Valentine well-wishing cards to be distributed through the local Age Concern group in Epsom and Ewell. This was known as '**Operation Cupid**' and it is truly heart-warming to read the response from our contact at the charity, below...



"Operation Cupid was an absolute success, with all parties involved very happy with the outcome. We had emails or calls from most of the ten couples to thank us in person, and they wished for us to extend their thanks to the pupils at Kingswood House School.

One of the client's daughters was interviewed on BBC Radio Surrey and mentioned that the card that her parents received from Nathan really brightened their day. TalkRadio also covered the project and gave KHS a big mention for their part in it! Please do feel free to forward my thanks, and the thanks of our clients, on to your pupils and colleagues involved. The lovely and thoughtful cards really did brighten the lives of

10 of our couples. I sincerely hope that we can work together again in the future to help make a positive impact on the lives of our older community. I cannot tell you how grateful we are as a charity to have your support in this". Charlotte Hornblow—
Fundraising & Marketing Co-Ordinator Age Concern Epsom & Ewell



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Ewell

COMMENDATIONS



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

French

Tristan B 6L

Dylan B 7BL

Will H 7P

Byron M 5F

Jack H 5F

Benji A 5F

Alex F 5S F

Enzo B-P 5S F

Elliot N 7BL

Computer Science

Elliot N 7BL

Joe S 8L

Ruari F 8L

Alex H 8L

Ewan W 10W

The following boys in **5F** were awarded a commendation (s) for their recent classwork; **Benji A, Eddie B (2) Jamil H, Max K, Bertie L, Byron M (2) Henry S (2) Harry W & Zac W:** Ms Forbes

The following boys in **5S** were awarded a commendation for recent work: **Fraser B, Frankie L & George P:** Ms Forbes

The following boys in **6S** were awarded a commendation: **Adam G, Hannarah C, Jack G & Freddie T:** English, Mme Swift

The following boys in **3M** all received a commendation for English: **Toby H, Ciaran P, Eusuf S, William N-B, Zachary B, Zach B, Gregory C:** Mrs Marskell

Jasper W 7BA: Classwork on Chinese New Year, Mr Barratt

Avaneesh G, Josh Mc C & Conor T 7BA: English, Mrs Weston

Avaneesh G 7BA: History, Mrs Haunstetter

Connor T 7BA: History, Mrs Haunstetter

James C 8L: History, Mrs Haunstetter

Jun P 11W: English, Mr March

Lauti Y 6L: English, Mr Clarke

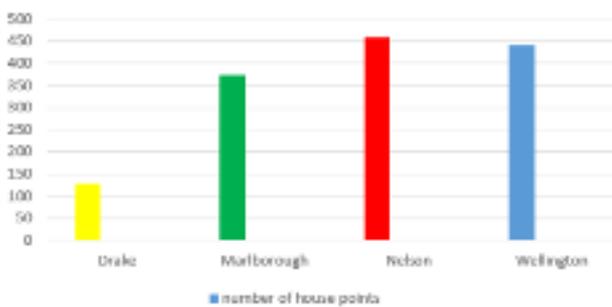
George P 5S: PSHE, Mr Clarke

Jason S, Derin U & Lauti Y 6L: Science, Mr Barratt

Izyan S, Harry P & Alex H 6S: Science, Mr Barratt

James C 8L: Science, Miss Patel

Weekly Totals...



HOUSE POINTS

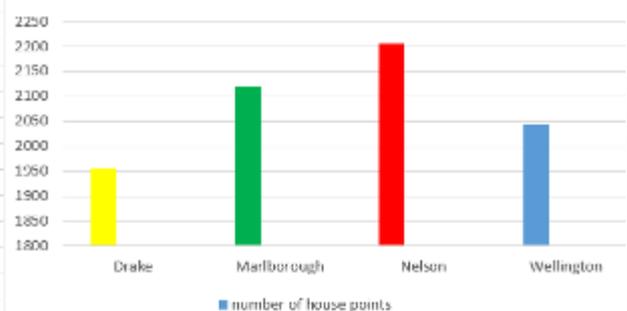
Here are this week's updates and the totals so far for Spring...

This week sees a huge change from before half term; Drake, who dominated both the weekly and total scores, seemed to have lost their A game!?! Wellington have had a huge surge in their points this week – it can change week by week, every house point counts...so keep up the effort!

This week, Drake fall to 4th with 129, Marlborough place 3rd with over double Drake at 373 while Nelson and Wellington battle it out for 2nd and 1st place. Wellington place 2nd with 441 and Nelson claim this week's top spot with 16 house-points more, a total of 457. Overall, Wellington, Marlborough and Nelson have just a few house points between them!

Keep up the good work, boys. *Miss Smith*

Totals so far...



Science Enrichment

After a truly eclectic, inspiring and lively half term following the Creative Arts Enrichment programme at home, it is now the turn of the Science Department to engage all our pupils—at home and in school—and enrich their learning! Here is a message from Miss Black, Head of Science, to kickstart our projects...

Lower Prep

All of Lower Prep will be growing their own bean plants! All our boys in Years 1—4 have been provided with beans, pots and a bean plant diary for their five-week project. Pupils will be responsible for their own bean plant at home; they must make sure the plants have lots of water, sunlight and give them everything they need to grow. Each week, the boys will add to their 'Bean Diary', drawing pictures, taking measurements and recording their observations. This is a fun way to put their scientific skills to the test.



#BeMoreJack!

Here are all the bean packages ready to go out to Lower Prep households... time to get planting and growing.

It is exciting to see who grows the tallest bean plants, good luck, Lower Prep—time to put those green thumbs to use!

Senior School



During the first half of this term, Year 10 have been learning about energy and the different energy resources used to power our cities. Following on from this they will be working towards completing an internal energy resources competition. Year 9 will have the opportunity to take part in the [Shell 'Bright Ideas Challenge'](#). The boys will have the opportunity to work to complete this STEM task to devise innovative solutions that could power cities of the future! The winners of this national competition could earn funding for the school, pupil goodie bags, future workshops and more...

Whole school Science Enrichment plan:

Week 1 & 2: Wilderness week!

Form teachers will be sharing the ['spot it' lists from the RSPB](#) so it is time to wrap up warm and go outside to explore nature—mini beasts, mammals and birds, trees, shrubs plants, nuts, berries and animal tracks—please send any evidence to [Miss Black](#)



Week 3: STEM Science



Your Science teacher will be talking to you about Science week, 5th.-14th March, during which there will be a range of exciting activities for you to take part in during, and around, your Science lessons this weeks including an invite to Einstein's birthday for Upper Prep pupils...!

Week 4: CREST Super star activity week

Complete eight of the 'at home' practical activities as instructed by your Science teacher—and with permission from your parents—to achieve a CREST Super Star Certificate! The activities in this pack are so much fun and help develop scientific skills; some of my personal favourites include 'Get Set Jellies!' and 'Racing Rockets!'



Week 5: Make a home for the mini beasts



As we have been spending so much time at home, it is time to make sure that our friends in nature have a fitting habitat as well. During this week, your teachers will be sharing resources and talking to you about how to build a home for bats, beetles, butterflies, hedgehogs, frogs, toads and many more. Depending on your age, please do ask for help from an adult if you need it... be safe, be Scientific! [Bug-ingham Palace for instance?!!](#)

Parents, all the resources & activities can be found: [here](#) - thank you for your support.

Miss Black

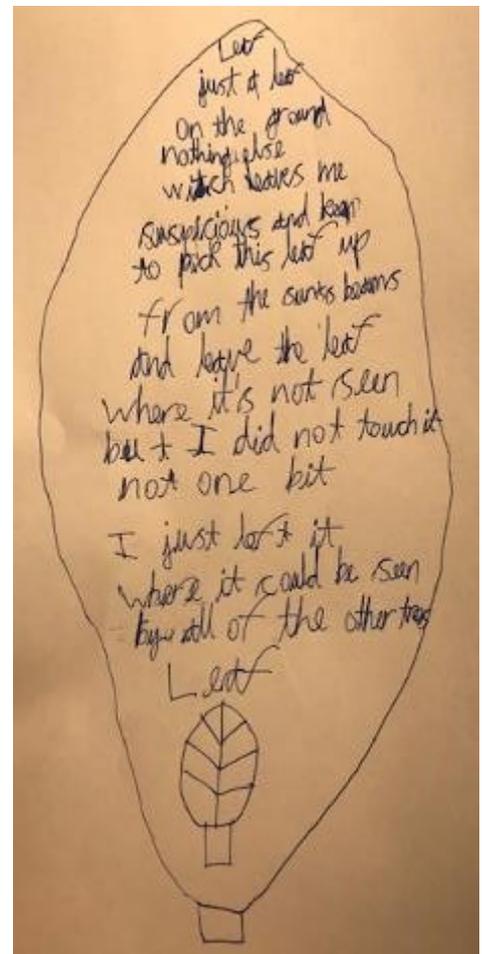


Winter Watch Poem Adam G 6S

Stepping out into the cold, breezy air,
My nose red, my feet cold and my hands bare,
Snow crunching under my feet,
Some birds sweetly chirp and some birds searching for their next treat.

The warm, fuzzy feeling of hot cocoa in my hands,
Robins perched on the tree as their chest expands,
'What a beautiful day' they all say,
I just found this odd as it is snowing in May.

Doing angels in the patchy snow,
Above me an elegant, black crow,
As I slowly get up, I feel a burning sensation,
Dripping on my trousers was a hot cocoa devastation.



Go outside

The shy never lies

Breathe the air

And not feel like you are in your own lair

Feel the snow crunch

And go for a walk after your Sunday brunch

Hear the crackle of the leaves

Swiftly descending from the trees

listen, listen there is a fox in the bush

Be quiet be quiet keep very skush

Do not disturb him too

He just wants to be free like you by Kieran S 6S

Winter Watch Sensory Poem Ben S 6S

Leaves.

Green, Brown.

Falling, Lying, Hanging.

Falling gradually to death.

Petal.

Trees.

White, Brown.

Standing, Holding, Straining.

Holding up homes for birds.

Sapling.

Nuts.

Brown, Gold.

Falling, Fighting, Lying.

Having a shell to hold up for protection.

Seeds.

Birds.

Red, Brown.

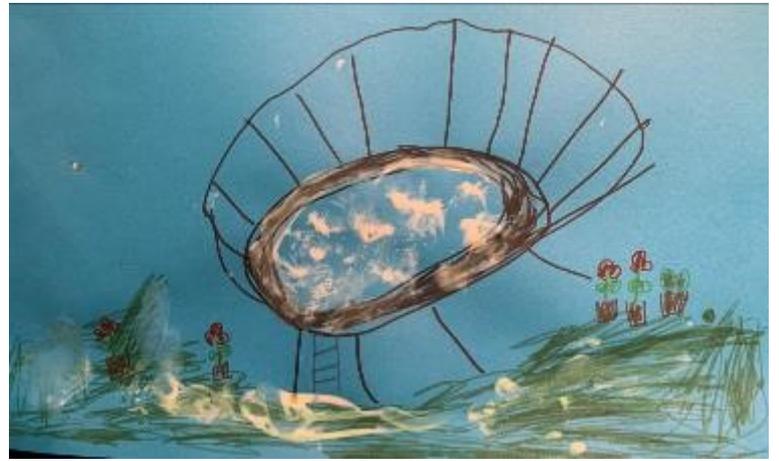
Flapping, Flying, Moving.

Flying further and further each day.

Bees.

Poetry

The poems appearing on this page were composed by the boys in 6S during the last week of half term when we were still experiencing freezing temperatures and wintry conditions... they were also inspired by taking a walk outside in Nature as a part of our Well-Being week's suggested activities.



Creative Corner

The sensational artwork this week has once again impressed Mrs Wraith greatly; from 'feel good' drawings showing happy scenes to snowy inspired landscape drawings and photography on wintry walks taken before half term; there was another fantastic hat created with some very fancy, flocked paper, Paul Klee-inspired images, a 'knight in shining armour' and even some Pop Art monkeys... well done, all! *Mrs Wraith*

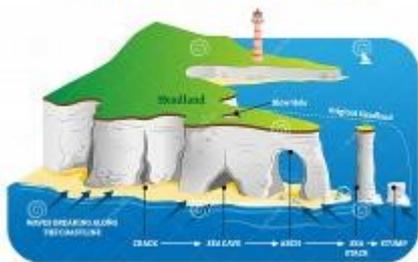


Year 5 Project Work at Home

Year 5 have been studying 'Coasts' in Geography this term. Over the half term break they were challenged to devise a way of preventing coastal erosion by designing and building their own versions of a physical, coastal protection scheme. Creating beaches using sand, and waves using a plastic bottle, they tested their coastal barriers to see how effective they were. Well done for showing such ingenuity at home whilst learning how coastlines are formed, Year 5! *Mrs Seiver*



COASTAL EROSION



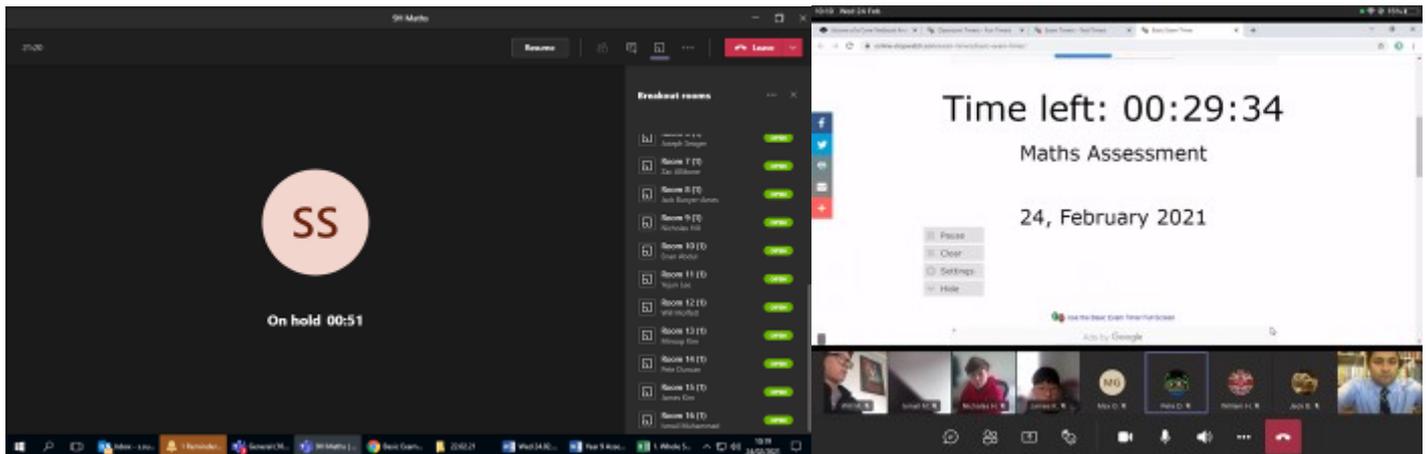
Online Forest School Learning

The boys in Years 1 & 2 had an exciting start to the new term when they made camper bread in their online Forest School session! They made the simple dough, shaped it and cooked it over an open fire; the results looked delicious! *Mrs Lambert*



A Note for Year 9 Pupils & Parents

Year 9 assessments have been in full flow this week. Well done to the boys who coped with the format and the demands that were placed on them during these assessments (and to the parents for their support!) The feedback so far has been positive and the boys are looking forward to tackling part 2 of the assessments next week.



Year 9 Parents' Evening:

A reminder that the Y9 Parents' Evenings will take place on **Tuesday 9th** and **Thursday 11th** March **online**. Please ensure that appointments are booked via the School Cloud platform. Please note that the evening will be an opportunity to discuss progress and GCSE option choices in a specific subject area. *Mr Sukhdeo*

KINGSWOOD HOUSE POSITIVITY PLAYLIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> WE BUILT THIS CITY | <input type="checkbox"/> MR BLUE SKY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HAPPY | <input type="checkbox"/> HAPPIER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WE WILL ROCK YOU | <input type="checkbox"/> HIGH HOPES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> THUNDER | <input type="checkbox"/> SHOTGUN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VIVIN' ON A PRAYER | <input type="checkbox"/> OUR HOUSE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BELIEVER | <input type="checkbox"/> UPTOWN FUNK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BLUE | <input type="checkbox"/> SEPTEMBER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CAN'T STOP THE FEELING | <input type="checkbox"/> UPTOWN GIRL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ON TOP OF THE WORLD | <input type="checkbox"/> BEST DAY OF MY LIFE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SWEET MELODY | <input type="checkbox"/> MAGIC |

Miss Foster has put together some suggestions for a 'feel good Friday' playlist...



Don't forget to grab an age-appropriate drink, some snacks and log on **TONIGHT** for the Quiz hosted by the KHA at 7pm. The quiz will be run using the Kahoot! app through Teams—an invite has been sent to your son's account. We will display the Kahoot! PIN on the screen for you to enter into the Kahoot! app followed by your family's team name—please make yourselves recognisable so the winners can be identified! The questions will be multiple choice with the possible answers on a different coloured background and you indicate your choice of answer by touching the appropriate colour on Kahoot! The quicker you answer, the more points you will score. **If you have any problems during the quiz, tech support will be run by Mark. Please text or WhatsApp him on 07880 740 053** and he will attempt to help. The Teams Call will be open from 6:30pm for people to connect in and make sure everything is working.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Friday!