

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



SPRING TERM
12 March 2021

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Dear Parents

It was a joy to throw open our doors on Monday morning and welcome back pupils and staff; everywhere, people were wearing broad smiles and I loved hearing the sound of laughter reverberate across the corridors and ripple outside at playtime.

To put it simply, the school feels complete once more - a full sum of its parts. Let us hope that we can look forward to an uninterrupted summer ahead.

I should like to extend a sincere thank you to Mrs Witts and her team who undertook very efficient lateral flow testing for boys in Year 7 and above on Monday and Thursday. The boys were extremely responsible and the whole process ran smoothly with a full quota of negative results. This is pleasing news in both respects. After the final round on Monday, boys and staff should continue to test two times each week using home kits. These will be sent early next week.



It is only to be expected after so much time out of school that you will have some very tired children on your hands at the weekend. As per the autumn, it will take time for everyone to get "match fit". With just two weeks of school before the end of term, this is an optimal amount of time for everyone to give of their best and recalibrate for the summer. In the meantime, it remains of paramount importance that our core values of respect, integrity and endeavour shine across the school community.

My latest written blog, [A View from the Hill](#), suggests that the aftermath of the pandemic is the right time for some insightful thinking about the future of education. In summary, I contend that there is a growing chasm between the skills that employers are seeking and those offered by a conventional school curriculum. Fortunately, at KHS, we aspire to offer the best of both!

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish all mums a relaxing day on Sunday - I hope you feel appreciated and valued.

Thank you for all that you do!

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 2	
Monday	15	0840	Divisional Assemblies Y7 & 8 House Cross-Country
Tuesday	16	1800	Senior House Hockey Y9 GCSE Options Evening via Teams
Wednesday	17	0840 0930	Whole School Assembly online Lower Prep Forest School Y7 & 8 House Tag Rugby Y5 & 6 House Football
Thursday	18		Senior House Cross-Country
Friday	19		Headmaster's Blog & Weekly Newsletter

LUNCH MENU week beginning 15 March 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meatballs, Tomato Sauce; Spaghetti Soya Sauce & Garlic (V)	Sweet & Sour Chicken; Sweet & Sour Vegetables, Egg Fried Rice (V)	Roast Pork; Halloumi & Pesto Slice (V) with Roast Potatoes & fresh Green Cabbage	Macaroni Cheese, Cauliflower Cheese, Baked Beans	Fish Fingers, Smiley Faces, Peas & Sweetcorn
Fresh fruit yoghurts	Fresh fruit yoghurts, Marble Cake	Fresh fruit yoghurts, Flapjack	Fresh fruit, yoghurts, Cornflake Crunchy	Fresh fruit yoghurts, Cheese & Biscuits



This week, for all those fans of golf...

The origin of the word golf is likely to be from the Viking legacy and the Norse word 'kolfr' meaning a stick or a club.

There are a lot of metaphors and specialist vocabulary used in golf, one of which is 'birdie'. It is said that the origin of the word first came to golf in 1899 at a Country Club in Atlantic City USA. On a par 4 second hole, Ab Smith hit his second shot to within inches of the hole, he announced he had hit 'a bird of a shot', bird being American slang for something outstanding. He holed the putt, and from that moment one shot below par became known as a birdie.

Mme Swift

Miss YOU!



Mothering Sunday marks the anniversary since the beginning of Lockdown. We have missed hosting life events and being at the centre of our local community this past 12 months. We are therefore inviting local people to **visit the grounds of Christ Church** any time from

Saturday 13th - Tuesday 23rd March

To reflect on LOSS

 *Naming those things which we have missed and writing them on a luggage tag and hanging it on the Tree of Lament*

To remember with LOVE

All those who have cared for and parented us by placing a flower on the Cross in the outdoor chapel 

To restore LIFE and HOPE

 *Creating a Rainbow in ribbons as a symbol of hope*

The bells will ring at 12 noon to announce 1 minute silence on **Tuesday 23rd March** and the building will be open for people to light candle and pray.



National Day of Reflection
23 March

www.christchurcheppsom.org.uk

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 watch the HM Blog: [here](#)**

LOWER PREP

1 & 2L

Everyone in 1/2 L got a commendation last week and I just cannot single out one boy for MiD! The whole class have come back positive, keen to learn and have made my first day back at school a joy, thank you boys! Mrs Lambert

3M

Zach B for looking after our new boys. Mrs Marskell

William N-B for his positive attitude coming back to school and ready to learn. Mrs Marskell

4S

Freddie H and Harry R for a super first week back - getting involved and settling in well to life at KHS - it's a pleasure to have you join our class! Miss Smith

UPPER PREP

5F

Bertie L for settling in so well his first week in school. Ms Forbes

Zac W for his Maths work. Ms Forbes

All of 5F have been brilliant with returning to school – it is nice to be in class with you boys! Ms Forbes

5S

It has been wonderful to see all the boys' smiles in the classroom instead of on the screen! Mrs Seiver

6L

Tristan B waited patiently while I was in a meeting to show me the picture of a magical creature he had drawn. Tristan was so patient and had clearly worked hard on his drawing - an excellent way to spend time after school away from screens. Miss Black

6S

Ben S had some lovely stories to share during form periods, which was a nice end to the day. Mme Swift

Kevin T, despite finding it tricky, still pushed himself to do as much as possible with the 'nth term' – which is finding a formula for a pattern. Mrs Lindley

Kieran S, for his loud and cheery greetings each morning, looking like a DJ surrounded by all his audio equipment. Mme Swift

7BA

Ibrahim M for a very positive return to school learning! Mr Barratt

Zach H, Avaneesh G, Arlo Sand Ethan C for their great ideas with the squashed tomato challenge! Miss Patel

Jasper W and Conor T for some great collaboration work in Maths. Mrs Lindley

7BL

On the first day back Kobi W showed such loyalty as he waited patiently for the testing to finish so he could see his friends in 7BL. Miss Black

Dylan B worked brilliantly on Teams, always engaged and completed all work including extensions. Mme Swift

Elliot N seemed to mature during lockdown, worked well in all lessons and submitted every piece of work and even volunteered to read in French. Mme Swift

Signatures

UPPER PREP continued

7BL continued...

The form has returned to school with such positivity and enthusiasm. It is wonderful to have everyone back in school. Miss Black Dylan B the 'Atom Guru' –some super work in Science! Mr Barratt

7P

Krishan I, Joe H and Emir O for their fantastic attitudes with the return to school. Miss Patel

Joe H - exceptional work in Drama alongside commitments to his Study Centre sessions. Mrs Horley

8L

Ruari F helping others with their online presentations. Mrs Horley

Charlie L, Rory S and Jack R for very good vector and bitmap image work. Mrs Webb

8T

Ben H for excellent French work online followed by a really good start back – good listening and focus. Mme Taylor

Lukas C for hard work and focus at all times. Mrs Horley

Idrees A-K and Sam M have both made a fabulous start to History. They both worked really hard during the lesson, showing great understanding and engagement. Well done, both! Lovely to meet them in person at last! Mrs Haunstetter

Year 8 - all boys for giving the 'dotty 6' game a good try! Mrs Lindley

SENIORS

9H

Nicholas H for his essay on Lady Macbeth. Mr March

Jack B-A for supporting peers' online presentations and supporting me in class. Mrs Horley

9T

All of 9T for settling in so well and having a successful restart into the 'new' normal. Mr Twinley

Ted R— constant help and encouragement of others in lessons especially with online presentations and supporting me in class! Mrs Horley

Alex H, Tommy C and Ethan S for their fantastic ideas and effort with their wind turbine skyscrapers to power cities in the future. Miss Patel

10H

10H all seeming to be happy to be back into school and completing the LFT in a very sensible and mature manner. Mrs Haunstetter

Owain F and Harry R for some great collaboration work in Maths. Mrs Lindley

10W

10W have shown great maturity on their return to school. They have been calm and respectful, both to each other, and the wider school community. Mrs Weston

Max M-N and Danial I for their work on 19th Century poetry. Mr March

All of 10W have returned to school with a fantastic attitude to learning; they have shown endeavour with their Science work. Miss Black

11B

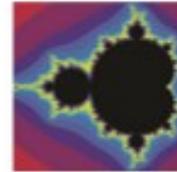
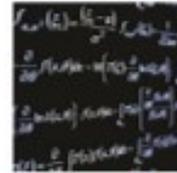
Arad R - a mention for getting ahead of all his project work in his GCSE subjects. Mr Bailey

Disputes continued

11W

Mrs Wraith would like to congratulate her class for a measured and orderly return to school this week; they set an excellent example as role models for the Lateral Flow Testing.

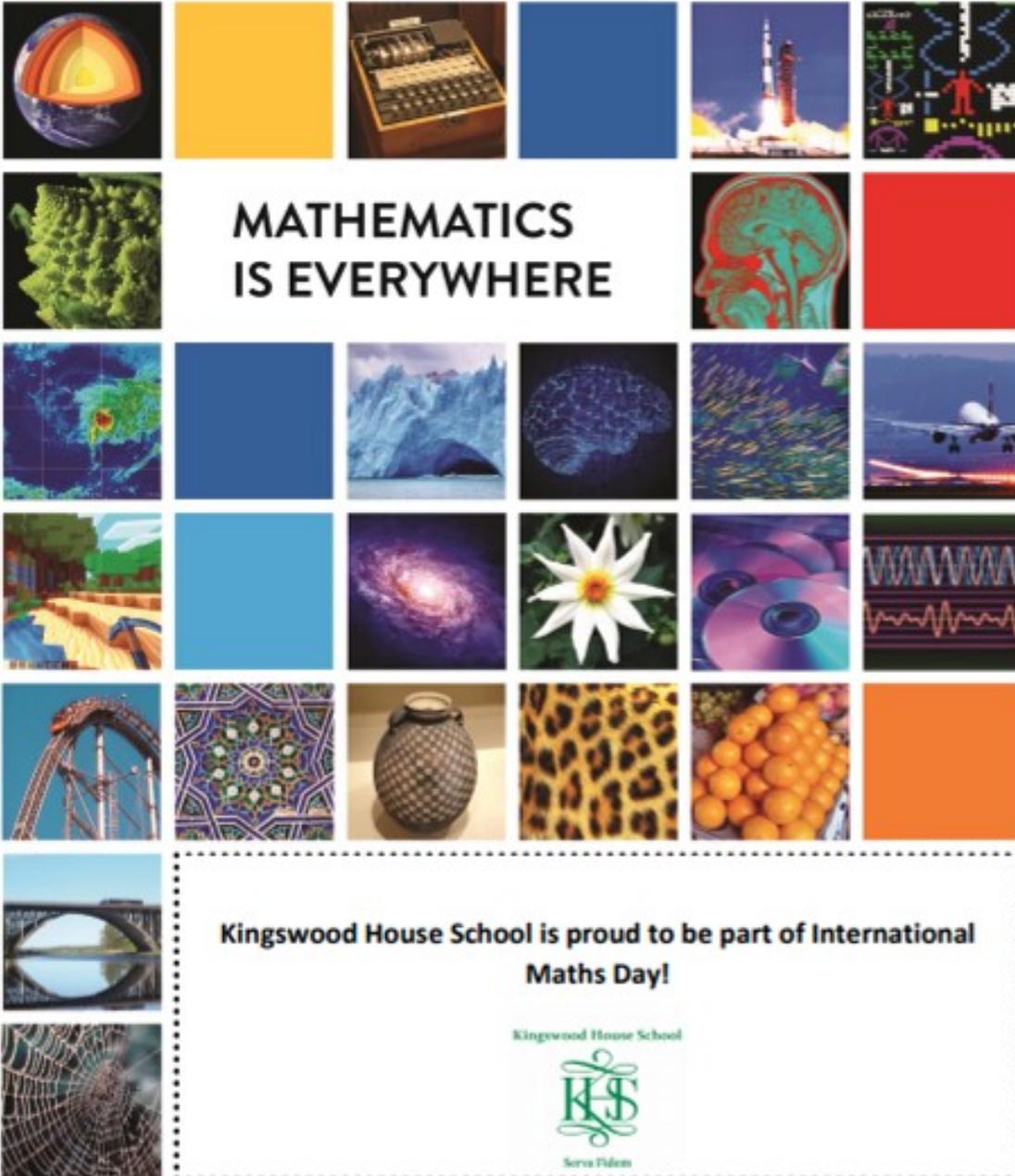
Year 11- getting stuck in to their Maths with energy on their return to school. Mrs Lindley



International Day of Mathematics

Mrs Lindley and Mr Sukhdeo are looking forward to this **International Day of Maths** on Sunday and can promise the boys some great activities during next week's lessons... do you have a fun or interesting 'maths fact' you can share with them???

For example, do you know that mathematicians have calculated that there are only 17 possible different symmetrical patterns when designing wallpaper—of course the colours and subject of the patterns are limitless but the actual placement of the patterns can only be done in seventeen different ways...



MATHEMATICS IS EVERYWHERE

Kingswood House School is proud to be part of International Maths Day!

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COMMENDATIONS

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

French

Alex W 6S

Ben S 6S

Dan G 6L

Hussain K 6L

Krishan I 7P

Theo M 7BA

Arlo S 7BA

Avaneesh G 7BA

The following boys in **7P** all received a commendation in Science; **Emir O, Will H, Noah S, Joe H, Enzo R, Sergio A-H, Sam C, Krishan I & Charles R:** Miss Patel

Jeremy B 6L: Music, Miss Foster

The following boys in **6S** all received a commendation in English; **Kevin T, Josh D, Alex W, Kieran S & Adam G:** Mme Swift

The following boys in **8L** all received a commendation in Computer Science **Tommy W, Henry S & James C:** Mrs Webb

The following boys in **9H** all received a commendation in Classics; **Will H, Tyrwhitt B & Jack B-A:** Mrs Weston

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

Art

Zac A 9H

Rhys B 5F

Harry B 5F

Henry R 6L

Nice Work
Great Job
Well Done



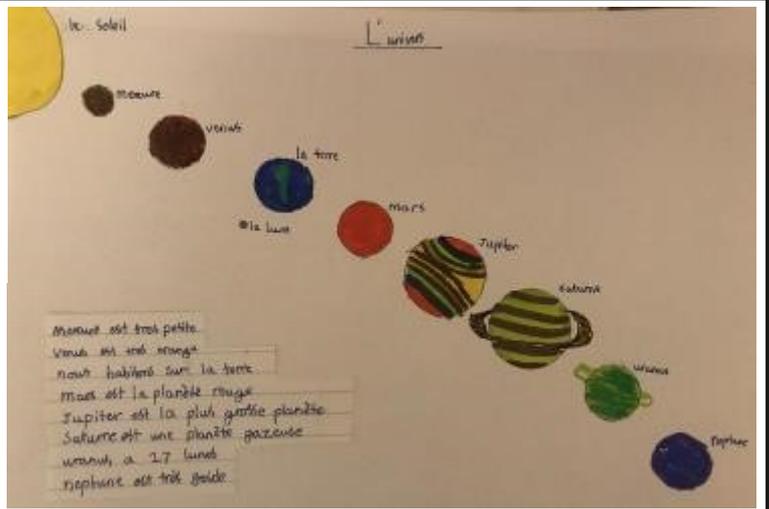
Cooking up a Spikey Storm!

Here are some pictures of Year 4 cooking in class! The boys worked collaboratively to make hedgehog bread rolls; both gluten free and using ordinary flour. The boys really enjoyed making and kneading the dough before sculpting the shape of their hedgehog and forming the spikes. The delicious baking bread smell wafting from the kitchen made us all



hungry! *Miss Smith*

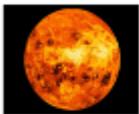




Les planètes



Mercury
 Il fait très chaud mais il peut faire très froid. C'est la plus petite planète.



Venus
 Il fait très chaud et c'est très venteux.



La Terre
 C'est rocheuse. Nous habitons sur la Terre. Soixante la terre est de l'eau.



Mars
 Il fait assez froid. C'est la rouge planète.



Jupiter
 C'est très, très grand! C'est également très froid.



Les Planètes

6.5.21

Mars c'est une planète rouge.



Venus c'est la planète la plus chaude.



Mercury c'est la plus petite planète.



Jupiter la planète qui tourne le plus.



Saturne le plus gros anneaux.



Earth la terre principalement recouverte d'eau.

Science Enrichment...En Francais!

The planet of the solar system.
 4.3.2021

Soleil:

Il fait chaud planète.

Mercury:

C'est une planète lisse.

Venus:

C'est une planète sèche et chaude.

Terre:

C'est une petite planète rocheuse.

Mars:

C'est une calotte glaciaire polaire, volcans, canyons planète.

Jupiter:

Jupiter est appelé une planète géante gazeuse.

Saturne:

Saturne est une géante gazeuse comme Jupiter.

Uranus:



This week, as part of Science Enrichment and as a cross-curricular activity, Year 6 were studying the topic of the Solar System in their French lessons.

The boys created some lovely posters, showing the planets, giving each its French name, and writing something in French about each planet. Here are some examples of their work. Alex W and Ben S from 6S and Daniel G and Hussain K from 6L. Well done to all the boys for working so hard with new vocabulary.



Henry R in 6L went beyond what was asked of him, when completing his French work on planets, in line with Science Enrichment. He made a fantastic model, named all the planets in French, and also in French wrote a little piece about each planet. Well done, Henry! Mme Swift



Happy
to see you
again



So great to welcome all staff and pupils back in on Monday 8th March as school reopened fully after the recent lockdown... testing for pupils in Year 7 and above, masks in classrooms where appropriate, one-way systems, space for all and regular hand washing quickly became part of our 'new normal' routine.

Music and International Women's Day—a note from Miss Foster

This week, the boys have been looking at resources put together to celebrate International Woman's Day that was on 8th March and this will continue in Hymn Practice by touching on some female artists.



Miss Foster has been busy over half term and created a version of 'Peter and The Wolf' using finger puppets for the Lower Prep boys to enjoy and learn from; it's final form, in total 22 minutes worth, has been crafted from hours drawing backgrounds, working with fiddly objects (the family dog ate the duck!) playing the instruments, as well as taking over the entire kitchen floor with the filming! You can find the video [here](#).



For our older boys, Miss Foster will be initiating a discussion over female recording artists; who listen to, download or have heard of in the media. In 2018, there were more than three times more male pop stars (53 in total) featured on the top 100 most popular songs than there were females (13 in total). 95% of hip hop is produced by male artists. 21.7% of artists, 12.3% of songwriters and only 2.1% of music producers are women. Laura Mvula, Billie Eilish, Sia, Helen Reddy, Alicia Keys are a great starting point... with some of their songs the lyrics hold very important messages and raise questions about race, addiction, mental health and feminism.

A dedicated International Women's Day rap for 2021, 'Choose to Challenge' by C Cane and Janet Taras addresses some of these issues. How will you choose to challenge inequality and put a stop to the occurrences that affect women worldwide? How can we all make the world a more equal place for men and women through, and in, music? *Miss Foster*



History Projects

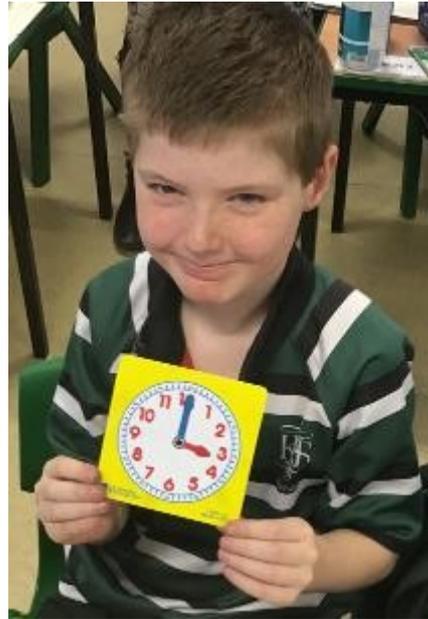
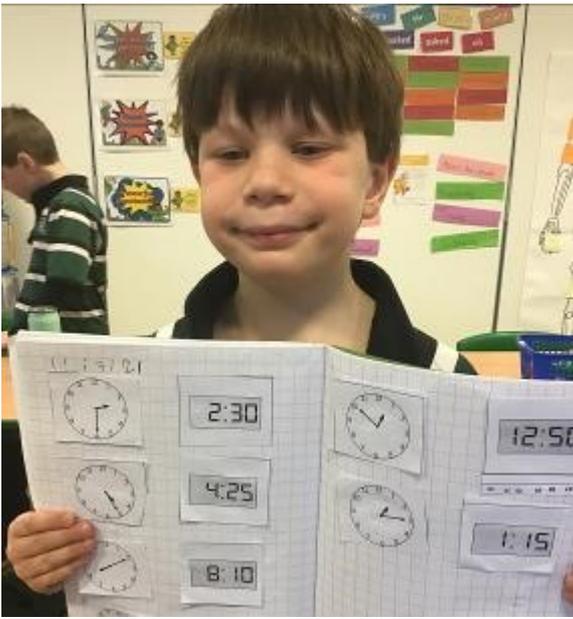
After months of waiting patiently, 6L were finally able to bring their fabulous castle model projects into school for each other to see. Some magnificent models – fit for Lords and Ladies!



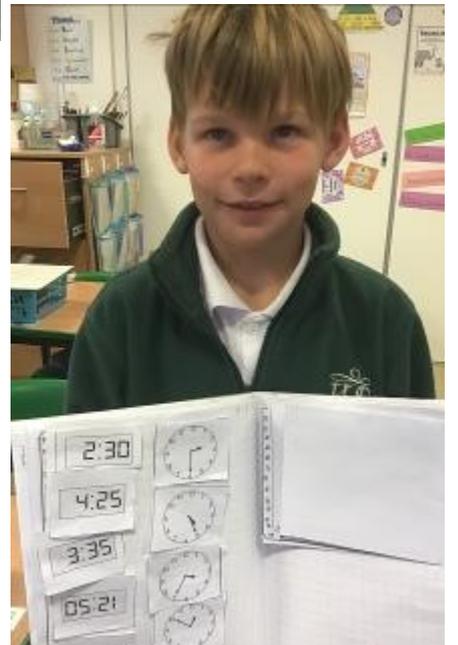
Year 11 boys this week have been working on a game of dominoes to sequence key events in Nazi Germany 1933-39 and deepen their understanding of the period.

Mrs Haunstetter





What's the Time, Mrs Marskell?
The boys in Lower Prep were put through their paces learning the time and doing some great work in both analogue and digital. Super understanding!



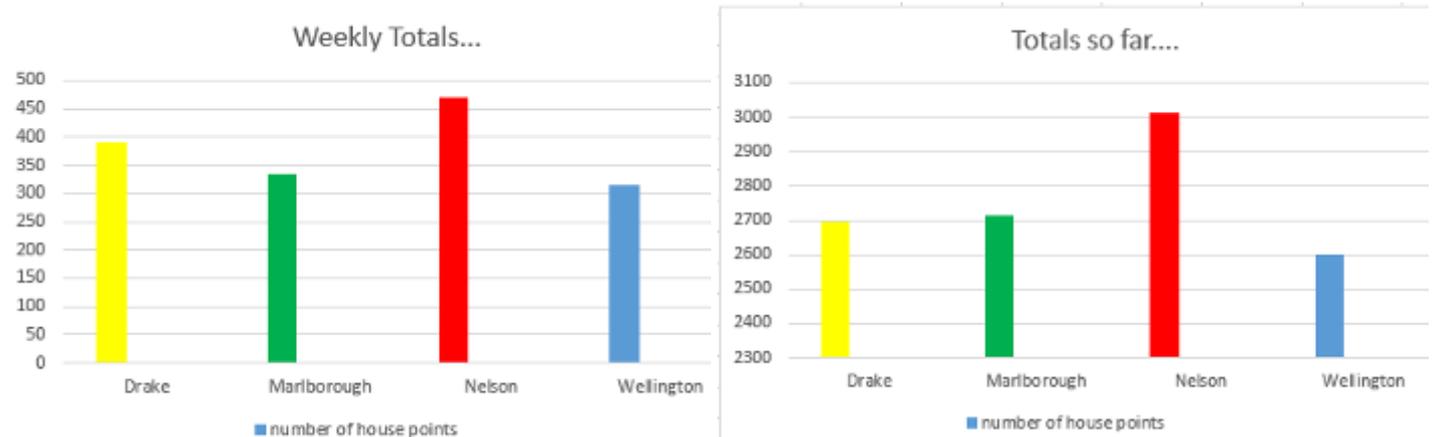
let's do lunch



The boys have enjoyed being back to full lunch service with all the hot mains on offer, plus vegetarian option, and the popular salad bar, soup and jacket potatoes. Many thanks to Jane Chandler and her team in the kitchen who work so hard to prepare and serve us great quality produce each day.

HOUSE POINTS

A fab week back to school, boys – I can see everyone's been working hard! Over 300 house points awarded for each house – well done! We have enjoyed our first week being back in school together and hope that the hard work continues and we can build our House spirit even more! *Miss Smith*



KARATE CLUB Drop In Tuesday 23rd March 4pm – 5pm Langlands Hall



Calling all Karate Kids!

Are you interested in trying Karate?

Are you already a member of Karate Club and want to sign up again for the Summer Term?

Les Goodwin, our Karate instructor, will be holding a drop in session for all new and existing Karate pupils in Langlands.

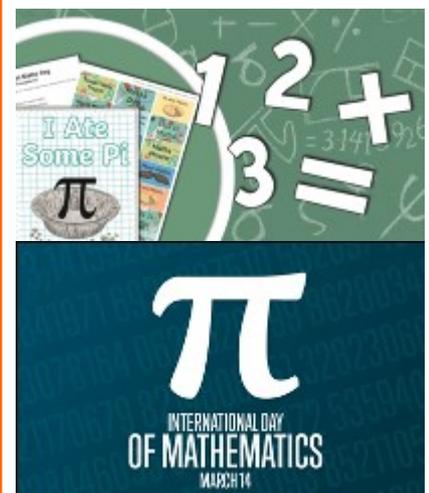
If you would like to talk to Les about joining, or you have any questions, please come and see him at any time between 4pm and 5pm on the last Tuesday of term.



Can Kingswood House beat 'The Dungeon of Pi Thagoras' in order to recover the hidden treasure?

On Monday, in celebration of International Maths Day, boys will face mathematical challenges and fearsome beasts in order to reclaim the hidden chest of treasure within the 'Dungeon of Pi Thagoras'

The challenges will test their logical thinking, decoding and calculating skills as well as bravery against fearsome foes.



ORDER NOW FOR THE SUMMER TERM UNIFORM & SPORTSWEAR

With the confirmed return of all pupils to school from Monday 8th March, now is the time to make sure that you have all the required kit for the start of the summer term.

Following a year of major disruption for the demand of school uniform and sportswear, a challenge in being able to accurately predict demand for sales of certain product lines has evolved. In particular this effects summer wear items such as dresses or cricketwear due to the lack of sales last summer with school closures.

To avoid any disappointment and give us the best chance to react to any shortfalls in stock levels we please ask you to purchase your child's summer term requirements before March 22nd.

As ever, we continue to offer:

- 120 day returns, if you need to return unworn resalable items
- Free 'Click & Collect' Service to pick up orders from our stores
- Free returns for any unneeded items
- Customer Service support by phone and email, if you need advice or guidance on what you need to buy. (See Store contact details on our website)

If your Schools' Uniform is stocked at one of our high street branches we will be in touch again as soon as we are able to confirm a re-opening date, following the lifting of government restrictions.

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