

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



SPRING TERM
19 March 2021

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Dear Parents

In Wednesday's assembly, we celebrated the origins of St Patrick's Day as well as the significance of Neurodiversity Week. In respect of the latter, which is designed to raise awareness of different skill-sets and learning styles, I am proud that at KHS we work hard to recognise each pupil as an individual and help them feel valued. For example, our life skills programme is specifically designed to propagate tools that are often showcased by unconventional academic learners, such as critical thinking, entrepreneurial enterprise and problem solving - to name but a few.

Equally, our values in the Kingswood House Way are applicable to any business in the corporate world and this is quite deliberate in order to prepare our children to be a force for good in society. Certainly, employers are seeking these neurodiverse talents from potential recruits just as much as traditional academic grades and I think this trend will only become more profound in the future.

The Kingswood House Way



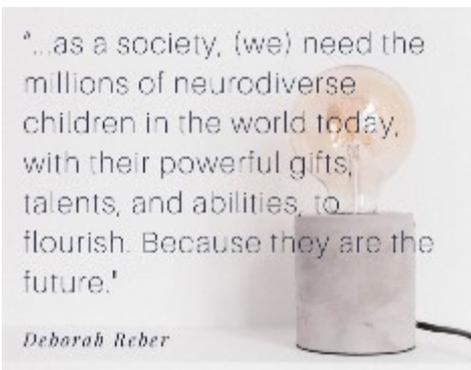
As we enter the last week of a term that has been a unique hybrid, it is to be expected that many of the pupils will be tired; as I have said before, it will take time for all of us to become "match fit" but with the advent of blue skies, sunshine and fresh air, we have much to look forward to in the summer. For the moment, we have started to pencil in a limited number of fixtures, which we will review nearer the time, but we remain circumspect about planning trips until September and beyond. We hope to be able to hold events such as sports day and prize giving, even if they are not quite the same as usual, as well as a school photograph - since the last one was three years ago!

On the last day of term, please note that there will be staggered pick up arrangements in place with a finish around lunch-time. This information will be detailed overleaf and sent to you separately as a reminder next week.

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	22	All day	Year 3 Victorian Day in class Year 9 DTP / MenACWY vaccinations
Tuesday	23	1200 1800	Y5 & 6 House Hockey National Day of Reflection; bells rung and minute silence Senior Lecture online—Christopher Timothy
Wednesday	24	0840 0930	Whole School Assembly online Lower Prep Forest School Y5 & 6 House Cross-Country Y7 & 8 House Cross-Country
Thursday	25	1100	Senior & Upper Prep Prefects' Meeting
Friday	26	Morning 1200 1215 1230 1245	Lower Prep Easter Egg hunt! Headmaster's Blog & Weekly Newsletter; BREAK UP FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS, please note staggered finish times, as follows: Lower Prep pick up Years 5 & 6 pick up Years 7 & 8 pick up Seniors pick up

LUNCH MENU week beginning 22 March 2021

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday
Spicy Bacon & Tomato Sauce; Tomato Sauce (V) with Spaghetti	Fresh fruit, yoghurts	Chilli con Crane; Three Bean Chilli (V) with Brown & White Rice	Fresh fruit, yoghurts, Chocolate Sponge	Vegetarian Lasagne with Broccoli	Fresh fruit yoghurts, Flapjack	BBQ Chicken; Grilled Halloumi Cheese in a wrap with coleslaw	Fresh fruit, yoghurts	No lunch service—school finishes 12:30



This week, Ketchup!

This kitchen staple started life in 17th Century China as a sauce of pickled fish and spices.

Known in the Chinese Amoy dialect as **Koe-Chiap** or **Ke-Chiap**, its popularity spread to Singapore and Malaysia in the early 18th Century, where the sauce was then called **Kecap** pronounced kay-chap, explaining where we got the word ketchup.

Tomato Ketchup in the form we know in the bottles on our tables was not invented until much later the 19th century perhaps due to the fact that people used to think tomatoes were poisonous! It didn't become widely used or popular in America until the late 1900s. Can you imagine your hot dog or burger now without it?! *Mme Swift*

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.



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SENIOR LECTURE

Dear Parents of Senior classes

You are all warmly invited, by email at your son's school account, to our latest Senior Lecture on Teams which will be given by Christopher Timothy.



TUESDAY @ 18:00

See you online! *Mr Sukhdeo*

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

Johnny D for trying hard in all his lessons this week. Mrs Lambert

3M

Zach B and Gregory C for working together to make an ice cream word search and for Jamie Chatfield for column addition and subtraction. Mrs Marskell

4S

Luis L for making a super effort to improve his handwriting. Miss Smith

UPPER PREP

5F

Harvey M for some great maths work. Ms Forbes

Peter S for a very enthusiastic return to school. He has been really engaged in all his lessons. Ms Forbes

Max K scored a wonderful solo try beating eight defenders along the way with a diving finish; two house points awarded. Mr Clarke

Harvey M is lightning quick; as a ref I like to keep up with play but I needed a lie down afterwards – slow down, Harvey! But he did manage a few good scores and two house points. Mr Clarke

5S

Sam A and Alex F for excellent Maths work this week. Mrs Seiver

Lucas C for an outstanding performance in all three House matches with a final second try to draw in the final match. Mr Westcott

5S and 5F; they all worked really hard and showed a good understanding for a new topic of noun/adjective agreements in French. Madame Swift

6L

Tristan B - showing excellent resilience, the return to school has been difficult for him but he is fighting to stay on task, to do well and please his teachers. Mrs Lindley

William B - despite his anxiety about school he is in each day and is trying his best to build his confidence. He is quiet but working well in class. Mrs Lindley

William B made a massive effort in Maths today. A tricky topic but perseverance paid off. Mr Clarke

Dylan N has been very responsible this week, taking responsibility for his learning and others. It is great to see him shine in this way. Mrs Lindley

6S

Kieran S, Adam G and Alex W - for Book Week they created and illustrated fantastic short stories for a younger age group. Madame Swift

Jack S was awarded another commendation in English. Madame Swift

All of 6S for their excellent skateboard designs in Art! Mrs Wraith

Jack S for his excellent work on the rugby pitch last Wednesday. He worked hard throughout the afternoon scoring a number of excellent tries. – Mr Laudy & Mr Barratt

Alex H – organised and efficient; Freddie T – great laptop work with his investigation; Jack G – always so attentive and willing to work. Mr Barratt

Disputes continued

7BL

Zac M shows the Kingswood House Way values on a daily basis, he is honest and shows empathy for others. Miss Black

Luca S-S has had a positive return to school, it is great to see enthusiasm and a willingness to participate form time discussion. Miss Black

Luca S-S and Dylan B had a brilliant afternoon at House Rugby and played in the correct spirit. Mr Hendry

7P

All the boys for the way they have settled back into school and their efforts with the squashed tomato challenge! It was wonderful to see them all working together and evaluating their designs as they went – what a great show of science in action! Miss Patel

8L

Derin U; having fun and trying his best all afternoon in House Rugby. Mr Laudy

Faizahn J has settled back into school well and is working hard just as he did in lockdown. Keep it up! Mr Laudy

James C for his beautiful floating garden made of materials that could be found in an actual garden! Miss Patel

Charlie L for being a fantastic photographer and capturing the floating gardens testing process very sensibly! Miss Patel

8T

Lukas C - another confident start back at school! Mme Taylor

A commendation awarded to Stuart C, Michael F and Lukas C for their interesting presentations and their brave delivery of them to the class. Mme Taylor

Ben H played brilliantly all afternoon in House Rugby and played in the correct spirit. Mr Hendry

Archie S for being an incredible role model and helping keep the classroom from becoming a pond whilst testing the floating gardens 8T made! Miss Patel

Max H for being a fantastic photographer and capturing the floating gardens testing process very sensibly! Miss Patel

SENIORS

9H

Max G for always trying his hardest to show great integrity. Mr Hendry

9T

Antoni M, Ethan S and Theo V-P for catching up with any missed work and showing a responsible work ethic. Mr Twinley

James G - excellent participation in French. Mme Taylor

All of 9T who clearly listened really well and made excellent notes during the lesson we had on how to improve their assessments – and have made some significant progress in their History work as a result. Mrs Haunstetter

10H

A huge well done to 10H for an incredibly mature discussion around the tragic murder of Sarah Everard. Mrs Haunstetter

Ryan L has been showing a fantastic growth in confidence and effort in Science! Miss Patel

Eddie F for his resilience and fantastic approach to learning. Miss Patel

Cameron A has returned to school with a new maturity, more of this, Cameron, please! Miss Patel

10W

The whole class are showing maturity, politeness and sensible behaviour – as always; they are a pleasure to be with! Mrs Weston

Well done to all the Y10 boys who are very polite at lunch and always make a point of thanking the catering team for their meal. Mrs Haunstetter

Disparatus

continued

11B

All of Year 11 for getting their work in on time during a busy first week back at school! Mr Bailey

11W

Michael C and Theo B for lifting the spirits in form time, sharing good humour and helping me in general terms. Mrs Wraith

The following boys have all been recognised as showing great resilience recently by Ms Timothy:

Frankie W 4S

William B, Joe S & George D 6L

Tommy W 8L

Lukas C 8T

Zac A 9H

Alfred L 9T

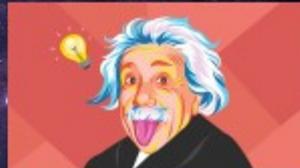
Hugo D 10H



People with a neurodiversity are often....



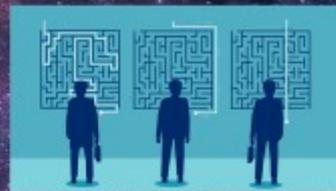
creative



experts in their field



able to think outside the box



logical thinkers and problem solvers

Neurodiversity Awareness

Miss Wilson led our Assembly on Wednesday as part of 'Neurodiversity Awareness Week' and highlighted some very important points to remember including that a neurodiverse brain stands out from the crowd and offers a unique perspective and rich characteristics.

HOUSE POINTS

Miss Smith is busy totalling the final 'scores on the doors' for next week when we will announce the Spring Term winners... what colour flag will be waving in victory?!

We are the dreamers.
The pioneers.
The change-makers.
The future business leaders.
We are the trailblazers.
The adventurers,
The discoverers.
We are the Einsteins and Bransons of the future.

Neurodiversity is something to celebrate.
It is a superpower.



COMMENDATIONS

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

Krishan I & Emir O 7P for winning the squashed tomato challenge! Miss Patel

Stuart C, Michael F & Lukas C 8T: class presentations, Mme T

Jack S 6S: English, Mme Swift

Jasper W 7BA: House Rugby, Miss Smith

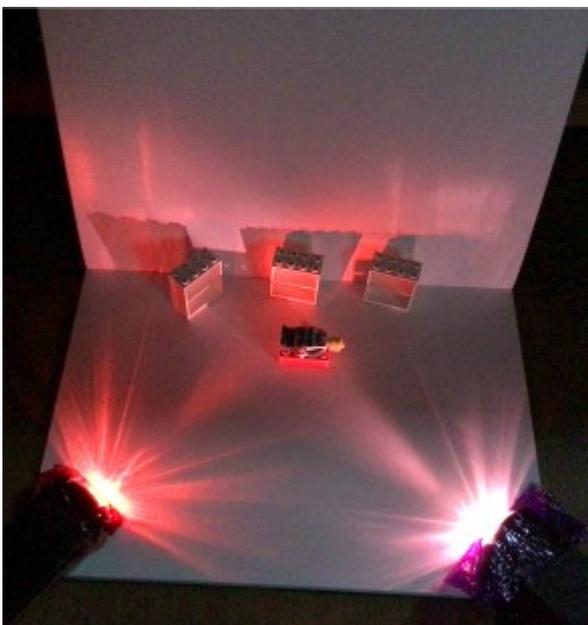
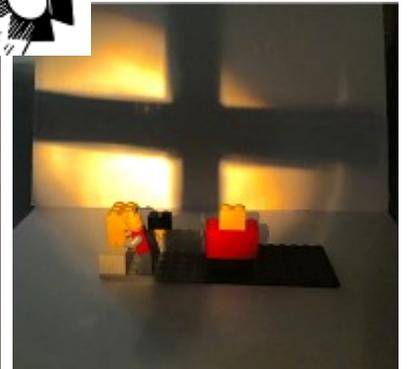
Tommy W & Charlie L 8L: House Rugby, Miss Smith

Josh D 6S: House Hockey, Mr Cribb

Jack C 8T: House Rugby, Mr Westcott

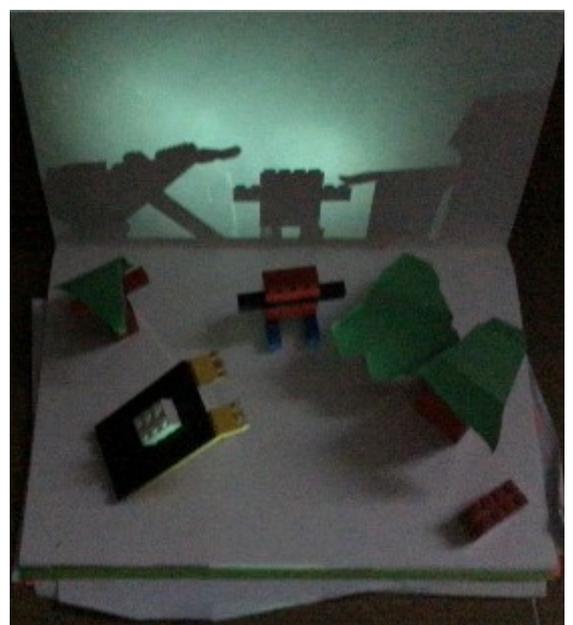
Fraser B & Enzo B-P 5S: House Hockey, Mr Mitchell

Nice Work
Great Job
Well Done



*Lights, COLOUR,
Action!*

A really exciting, and colourful project exploring light was undertaken by Mrs Horley and her Year 9 pupils in which they made models and explored stage lighting effects.



Science Enrichment

This week, Science enrichment continues with **CREST Super Star Activity Week!**



With the help of their Science teachers the pupils will have the opportunity to complete eight of the 'at home' practical activities (with permission from 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 favourites include 'Get set jellies' and 'Racing rockets!'

Good luck to all of the boys taking part in these activities and to the boys in the Lower Prep and Senior school who are still growing beans and solving a potential energy crisis of the future.



In the last week of term, the boys will then have the chance to 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 home as well! During the week, teachers will be sharing resources and talking to the pupils about how to build a home for beetles, butterflies, hedgehogs, frogs, toads and many more. There is even the opportunity to make a bird feeder.

Remember it is important to ask for permission and help from parents before trying any of these activities. *Miss Black*

TO MUMS...With Thanks!

Thank You to the ladies of the KHA committee who spent Friday morning putting together the bunches of daffodils the boys came home with on Friday. We hope you all had a wonderful day. *Lisa Reece—KHA Chair*



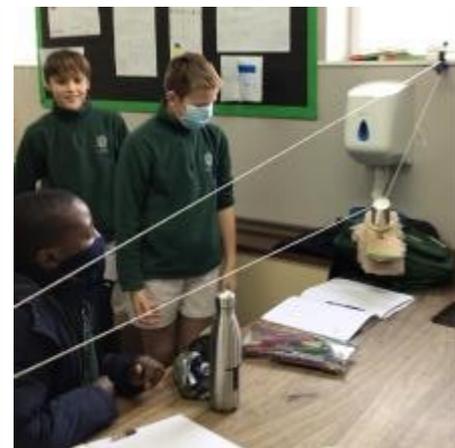
Young Artists... Mrs Wraith is delighted to be back in the Art Room with all the boys. Here are her Year 10 GCSE exam groups working hard.

Science Challenges!

Some pictures of our great Science projects recently which tested the boys' design and development skills, as well as group work tackling problem solving.

Here are our Year 7s completing the squashed tomatoes challenge – the winners were Krishan I and Emir O (7P) who managed to safely transport 454g of tomatoes in their tomato transportation device!

The other images show the Year 8s testing their floating gardens to see which ones could hold the most mass before sinking – a range of very creative designs and some great critical thinking! *Miss Patel*

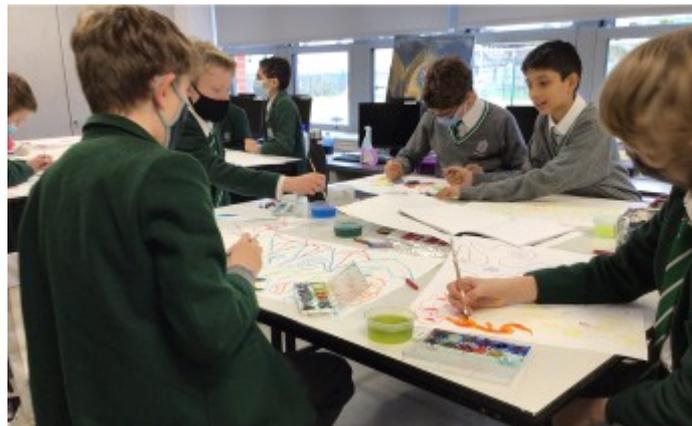


Year 7 Artistic Endeavour...

Year 7 are studying Kandinsky and his use of colour inspired by sound. The classes have listened to music by Rachmanioff and Holst this week and been encouraged to respond in colour making marks in a wide range of materials to interpret what they hear.

Mrs Wraith has been delighted with the creative results; here are a selection of their super abstract work. Wonderful, to both see and hear—so much musical and art culture within lessons !

Mrs Wraith



WHY I WANT TO BE A STOCKBROKER

- I like working with numbers
- I find it interesting
- There is a risk involved

Description of a stockbroker

Stockbroker; also known as share brokers, registered representatives, investment brokers, or trading representatives.

Stockbrokers buy and sell shares and securities on behalf of clients. They evaluate the performance of shares and securities on the stock market and provide recommendations to clients.

Year 8 Careers

Boys in 8T have been researching possible jobs to aim for in the future, during their 'Fast Tomato' careers sessions.

Each week a few boys at a time are feeding back their findings to the class with some interesting presentations, so that we can all learn a little more about the kind of jobs on offer.

Here are a few examples from some of the Power Point presentations given so far; we heard about dreams of being a well-paid stockbroker in

the City, becoming a business entrepreneur and studying at Exeter University and playing rugby for them because their rugby team is very well thought of and . *Mme Taylor*

My business field

I want to be a merchant starting online then move into a shop because I like buying and selling a variety of stuff.



Reasons why I want to be an Entrepreneur

- So I can have a good life
- Work in the times I want to work in
- Have my own schedule
- Learn new skills as I build my business
- Creating something no one has ever thought of
- I can design my own brand



EXETER UNIVERSITY



- I would like to go to Exeter Uni because it is one of the best rugby universities in England winning lots of events including the British Universities Sports Assasinations at Twickenham as well as being Devon champions for 5 years.
- Many of their players have played for the Barbarians and several for the British and Irish Lions.
- I would need at least a B in two A level subjects to get in, but of course an A* is ideal!-)
- As a side note as you don't just apply to one university, I would also apply to Loughborough and Warwick too as they are both extremely good rugby unis and just generally amazing all round universities being in the top 12 unis in England!



Story Tellers!

In English, 6S were asked to write a short story for a child in Years 1-2.

They had to think about the vocabulary, interesting topics for children of that age group, and present it in book form.

Adam Gratton, Kieran Schmitt and Alex Wang produced some great work, entertaining stories, with fantastic illustrations. Well done, boys! *Mme Swift*

KINGSWOOD ACTIVE

We are delighted to announce that we are running Kingswood Active sessions during the forthcoming Easter break.

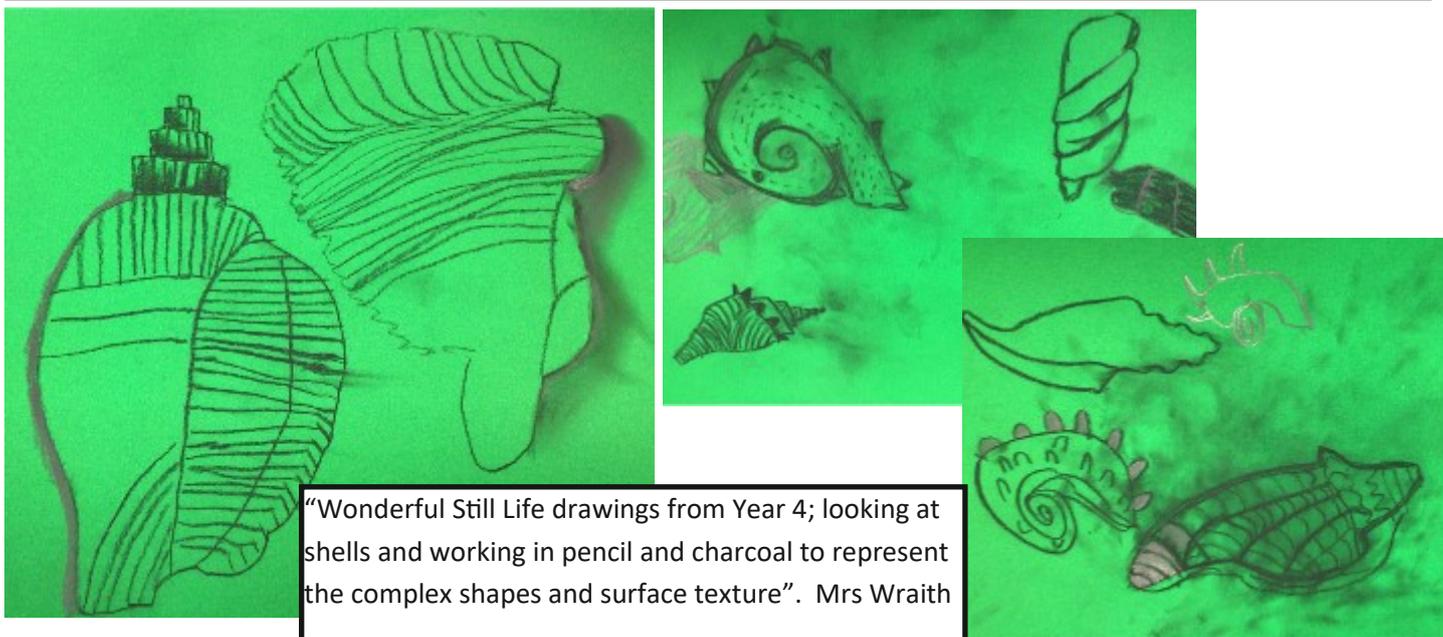
More information is on the school website: [here](#).

The dates for sessions are **29th March—1st April and 12th – 16th April 2021** .



Toothy Times?!

In Science, the Year 3 boys made a model of a tooth with the blood and nerve vessels using Plasticine. They moulded the shape and used different colours to represent the blood vessels and nerves. They all had lots of fun and hopefully, understood the topic with such interactive, hands-on, learning. *Mrs Marskell*



Music Integrity and Identity

Whilst Year 5 enjoyed singing with Miss Foster in their year group bubble in Langlands this week, the remainder of the boys were called to explore, debate and consider the question of integrity and identity in the music industry. Do we honestly think that there are fewer female music artists because their music is simply not as good as male artists?! Do you change yourself for other people's approval, or do you continue to be yourself no matter what?

In a survey, 40% of female artists said that their colleagues dismissed or discounted their work or skills because they are female; 39% have experienced stereotyping within the music industry. The reason there are fewer female artists is not because of any diminished skill, but because it is harder to get signed by record companies.

There has been an increase in women owned record labels purely because they can then promote themselves. Women are therefore more likely to change their image, or their sound, or both, in order to get signed and then become famous.

This is a hugely interesting video to watch [here](#) which shows the bestselling artists from 1969 - 2019. It shows the landscape of the music industry changing ... watch this space with girls coming to KHS from September as well!

Miss Foster





Pizza and Clarinets!

A varied curriculum indeed, as our youngest boys enjoyed making balloon clarinets and pizza this week!

In Music, Year 1 & 2 have been looking at instruments in the orchestra over this half of term. Last week we looked at the woodwind family and how our air causes vibrations which create sound. This week we had a go at making our own woodwind instruments making 'strawcorders' and 'balloon clarinets'.



The boys have also been learning to write instructions and recipes in class. They had a fantastic afternoon following their recipes and making their own pizzas - they looked, smelt and tasted delicious—we have some budding chefs in class!

Miss Hylands



Phones and Flatbreads!

Year 4 have been busy learning about the science of sound. This week they made a string phone and learnt how sound changes over a distance. They discovered that your voice is louder through the cup and the string than it is through the air at the same distance as the string is solid and the vibrations pass through the string easily and quickly!



They also made flatbreads to compliment their learning in their topic about Ancient Greece. These turned out delicious and we enjoyed listening to Greek music as we were kneading our dough. *Miss Smith*





Mrs Wraith has enjoyed seeing the diverse range of lock-down items; there are a number of surprisingly similar items!!





What were your most frequently touched, and used, personal items in lockdown...? The staff have been muttering about coffee cups in great demand!



Despite his very early appearance into this world, and after a brief spell in hospital, baby Mikael is thriving; in fact he took his first visit to Kingswood House with Mrs Raza, completely in his stride and was asleep the entire time!

Ollie science plan

Air Pollution

Non-electric car (2021) With fumes → Electric car (2050) without fumes

My plan would be to ban all electric cars by at least 2030. Make sure electric cars are cheaper so that people can afford them and then air pollution will be reduced so that people do not need to be breathing unhealthy air in a few years time.

How do people access this?

Make sure that there are accessible fuel stations for electric cars and are available all over the country. Make sure that people also pay the same tax now or less, to afford even more power stations that there are now over time so that the country are able to save up to put many more power stations down preferably in the countryside. This will power the country a lot better than it does now, as well as, stopping air pollution.

Solar energy

For solar energy my plan would be to, make sure that there are a lot more solar energy fields than there are now so that many power plants to fuel the electric cars have enough energy capacity so that people have enough fuel to power their cars. This will help many people to finish off their journeys to get them from point A to point B. Many people will be able to fuel their electric cars. This is also going to be involve in the fight against air pollution as well as helping people travel to where they want to.

Wind energy

Following on from solar energy, wind energy will be just as important because on cloudy days, solar energy will not work. This is where wind energy comes in. If the government/academy are able to plant a lot more wind turbines, then there will still be able to make sure that people will have the same amount of energy on cloudy days than they do on sunny days. Once all the wind is made into electricity then the electricity that has been made goes into a generator that exports the wind into the city or wherever the electricity needs to be at what time.

As part of Science enrichment, Year 9 have been thinking about the different ways that a future city could be powered with minimal contributions to global warming. Oliver K 9H has produced an excellent plan for all cars to be electric and for the city to be powered by solar and wind energy. Keep up the good work Year 9! *Miss Black*

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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- ✓ Staffing ratio at 1:5
- ✓ Run by Teachers
- ✓ 38 years' experience
- ✓ £1,450 per person all inclusive

PLACES WE VISIT

- Tower of London
- London Eye
- Stratford-upon-Avon
- Hampton Court Palace
- London Walking Tour
- Windsor Castle
- Runnymede
- Canterbury
- Houses of Parliament

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