

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Summer Term
07 May 2021

KHS IS MOVING TO CO-EDUCATION IN SEPTEMBER 2021 - find out more [here](#)

New RECEPTION CLASS opening up September 2021—find out more [here](#)

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Dear Parents

On Wednesday, the boys in Form 5S delivered a hugely entertaining “balloon debate” in assembly which was live-streamed throughout the school. Not only were there some great costumes on display but the children all spoke with eloquence and passion about their chosen pioneers from history. Thank you to Mrs Seiver who worked so hard with the pupils to deliver a fine performance in a short space of time. I look forward to finding out the results of the votes – it is certainly a different kind of “democracy in action”, KHS-style!

I was immensely proud of the boys in Year 10 who stepped up to the mark and delivered final presentations for their Higher Project Qualification (HPQ) course. For many, this was a real test of nerves but each and every one of them rose to the challenge. Well done to you all!

Boys in Wellington House held a successful House Day last Friday and raised plenty of money for their chosen charity; thank you to Miss Smith for co-ordinating a most enjoyable occasion and you can see pictures from the afternoon overleaf.

The Kingswood House Way



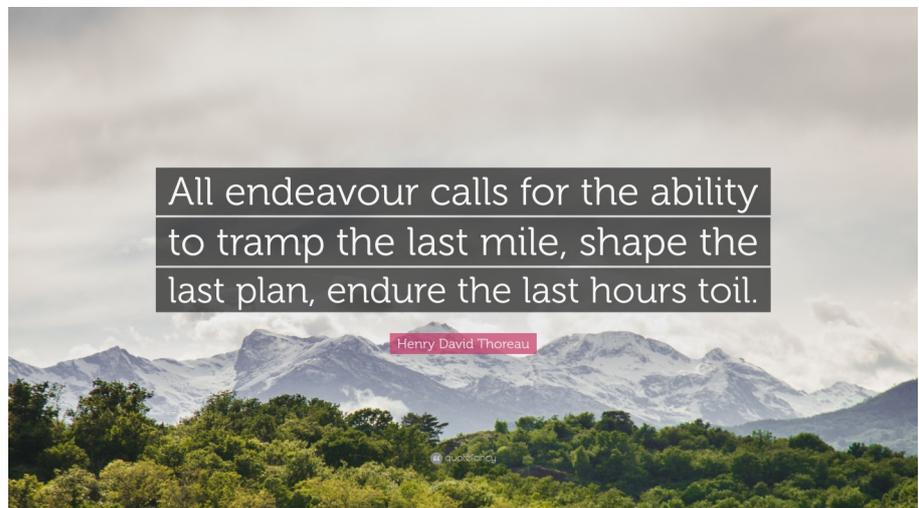
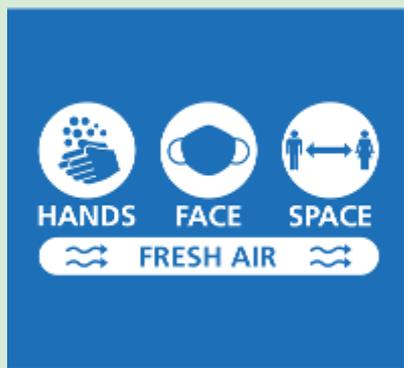
The recent Form Representatives meeting was a very convivial affair; although it was still held online, it was rewarding to be able to talk about topical factors with the context of pupils being back in school. I am grateful to Julie Larter, Exec Rep, and her team for being so kind, patient and supportive over such a protracted year.

Our Year 11 boys have commenced their mock GCSEs this week; keep up the hard work, gentlemen. We are all rooting for you!

Finally, please note a potential change of date for Prize Giving later in the term. We are looking to hold this important event in person at Epsom College on Monday 5th July at 6pm and although it is yet to be 100% confirmed, please make a note of the potential change since this is one of our showpiece occasions and we would like to bring together our whole school community in order to round off an unprecedented academic year.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy
Headmaster



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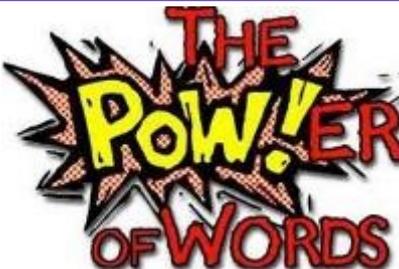
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Please find below the calendar dates for next week and any current notices:

2021	MAY	WEEK 2	GCSE Mock Exams; Y8 Exam week
Monday	10	1300-1600	Belmont Swimming Gala U8—U13— CANCELLED
Tuesday	11		
Wednesday	12	0845 0930-1200 1400 1400	Whole School Assembly Lower Prep Forest School Colts vs Ewell Castle U13 vs Tower House
Thursday	13	1400 1800	U9 vs Ewell Castle Year 8—9 Transfer Information Meeting online
Friday	14		Marlborough House Day Headmaster's Blog & Weekly Newsletter

LUNCH MENU—week beginning 10 May 2021

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Meatballs; Spicy Tomato Sauce (V) with Spaghetti	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	Sweet & Sour Chicken; Roasted Pepper & other veg (V) with Brown & White Rice	Fresh Fruit; Chocolate Cake	Roast Pork; Pesto & Halloumi Slice (V) with Roast Potatoes, Veg & Crackling	Fresh Fruit; Jelly	Macaroni or Cauliflower Cheese (V) with Baked Beans	Fresh Fruit; Sponge Cake	Fish Fingers, Oven Chips, Peas & Sweetcorn	Fresh Fruit



This week, we are looking at an idiom 'Sleep tight' which I am sure we have all said to someone at some stage.

The origins date back to the 19th Century, when people slept on beds made of rope, if the ropes were pulled tight, it would be more comfortable to sleep on. If a house guest was guilty of overstaying their welcome, the ropes would be loosened in the hope that they would then leave the house.

Sleep tight everyone!

Mme Swift



Hi Sally,

We're so grateful you've chosen to support [Make-A-Wish UK](#) by making a donation of **£681.00**. Your vital support enables us to grant life-changing wishes for more children, like Jack, whose wish was to have a prom for his 10th birthday.

"Jack's wish is a memory I will cherish forever. It will never die. For the whole ten years he's been alive and however long he has got left, the party has encompassed that." - Jack's mum, Gemma



Jack, 9
Sanfilippo syndrome
"I wish to have a prom for my 10th birthday"

Fundraising

Our **Wellington House Afternoon** chose to raise funds for the 'Make a Wish' children's charity and we were delighted to be able to send them a donation for **£681...**

Many, many thanks for your support of this truly worthwhile cause.

We simply could not continue granting wishes without your support. So from all of us at [Make-A-Wish](#) on behalf of all our wish children, thank you.

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

LOWER PREP

1 & 2L

James W for including a range of adjectives and description in his story writing. Mrs Lambert

3M

William N-B & Jamie Ch for adding 2 digit numbers using the column method.

Hugh H has made a very positive start to life at KHS. Mrs Marskell

4S

Fraser S for all his hard work with tenths and decimals! Miss Smith

Torin A-I for adding 2 digit numbers using the column method. Mrs Marskell

UPPER PREP

5F

Benji A and Max K for learning their lines for our assembly. Ms Forbes

Rhys B and Benji A for great contributions in French. Mme Swift

5S

The whole of my class, please, for working so hard at short notice on their persuasive writing pieces for our assembly. Each and every one of you has paid attention in your English classes and applied the techniques we studied to your speeches. Well done! Mrs Seiver

Kai Y C has settled in well in his first week at KHS. Mrs Seiver

6L

Jason S is showing good effort and is eager to improve. Mrs Lindley

Harrison W has made a great impression since joining 6L and is looking like he has been at the school for years! Daniel G has shown much improvement in his maturity and classroom behaviour. Tristan B shows great enthusiasm during reading period; I wish it was longer so I could hear him read more. Mrs Lindley

Harrison W – fabulous first History lesson. Worked so well and gave super contributions. Mrs Haunstetter

Jackson W; in the Colts v Homefield C Team cricket match last week, hit two massive 6s, also a great captaincy by Dylan Newman; well played! Mr Barratt

6S

James M, Adam G and Alex W for completing excellent work in French. Mme Swift

Hannarah C, since returning from Korea, is eager to try new challenges. Mrs Lindley

7BA

Theo J – a sensible and serious start to the term and Beau C for a very sensible attitude to his learning. Mr Barratt

Ibrahim M, Arlo S and Sam C have done very well with the topic of transformations and have made good contributions to class discussions. Mrs Lindley

Tobias C, Theo J, Avaneesh G, Zac H, James Mc D and Ayaan S for great effort in computer science. Mrs Webb

Theo J and Zac H for their fantastic home-made instruments! Miss Patel

UPPER PREP

7BL

Dylan B has shown excellent enthusiasm to be involved in the enrichment programme and always has a positive attitude in the morning form periods and Luca S-S has shown a willingness to contribute to form time PSHE lessons and always waits patiently with his hand up. Miss Black

Dylan B, Shay C, Joshua I, Joel M and Elliot N for great effort in computer science. Mrs Webb

7P

Sam C and Michael S for their excellent manners and kindness towards others and Charles R for an incredible 26.5 out of 28 on his latest science assessment. Miss Patel

Mr Sukhdeo's Year 7 maths group for their superb effort with constructing triangles. Mr Sukhdeo

8L

Ruari F, Alex H and Charlie L for good progress with Python Programming. Mrs Webb

Daniel P has shown an astounding memory for the topics we have covered. He is also eager to try a new challenge. Mrs Lindley

8T

Patrick G is settling in well in his first week at KHS. Keep it up! Mme Taylor

Lukas C, Ben Hu, Bogdan P, Ben Ho, Archie S and Tobias v H for good progress with Python Programming. Mrs Webb

SENIORS

9H

Max G and Joseph S: for their industrious approach in maths lessons this week. Mr Sukhdeo

Zac A, Max G, Nick H and Enan A for very good effort in computer science. Mrs Webb

Oliver K has shown great endeavour with his science work; he has been revising and this is clear as his confidence to answer questions in lessons grows. Miss Black

9T

Ali A-R for showing great kindness in offering to lend a friend some money so they could buy some food in town. Mr Twinley

Antoni M and James K for valuable contributions to the 'My Other Language' competition and sharing this knowledge with the class. Mme Taylor

Tommy C, Pete D and Yejun L for very good effort in computer science. Mrs Webb

Ted R, Marcus G and Folu A for their excellent show of respect for a visitor during an online talk! Miss Patel

10H

A particular mention to Ryan L who conquered his fear of public speaking and did a fantastic job in his HPQ presentation! Mrs Haunstetter

Joe O for high standard of prep in computer science. Mrs Webb

Sam SI is approaching his work with a new level of conceptual thinking. Sam Sq is also showing excellent concentration and is pushing himself to do better. Mrs Lindley

Disputes Continued...

10W

Danial I is always prompt in the mornings; staff have also fed back on numerous occasions that his handwriting is beautifully presented. Mrs Weston

Max M-N, Theo S, Ewan W and Danial I for high standard of prep in computer science. Mrs Webb

Caden C - I have been impressed with CC's positive work ethic this term! Great start to the term. Mr Sukhdeo

Max M-N shows excellent manners and is always respectful. Whilst I was struggling to carry privilege time games, Max waited patiently holding the door open. Max was very thoughtful and offered to help me carry the games after holding the door open; thank you, Max! Miss Black

Year 10 DT class repaired the wooden picnic table in the adventure playground using materials found from around the school and techniques they had learnt in their DT practical lessons – thank you, gentlemen, a good, practical job done! Mr Bailey

Huge congratulations to all those Y10 boys who delivered their HPQ presentations on Friday. They were all fabulous and so interesting. We are very proud of your efforts! Mrs Haunstetter, Mr Bailey, Mr Mitchell and Mr Murphy

11B

Charlie T receives a nomination for bouncing back from a difficult situation he encountered a week or two ago with great resilience and not letting it affect his studies. Mr Bailey

11W

Year 11 DT group: Mr Sukhdeo covered a DT lesson and was suitably impressed with the way the boys got on with their revision. I would also like to wish the Year 11s best of luck with the rest of their exams. Mr Sukhdeo

In Year 11, all the boys stepped up their effort to bring their A game to this week's mocks. Very proud of each of them. Mrs Lindley



Life Cycles

The boys in 3M were excited in the week to receive a very special 'fragile, handle with care' package of caterpillar eggs; they are watching and waiting for the life cycle to begin...

Mrs Marskell



COMMENDATIONS

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

Chris H 9H: Maths, Mr Sukhdeo

Max L 7BL: Computer Science, Mrs Webb

Kieran S 6S: English, Mme Swift

The following boys in **3M** all received a commendation from Mrs Marskell for their Maths work; **William N-B & Jamie C**, also **Torin A-I** in 4S for his Maths work as well. **Toby H** had a commendation for his amazing Language power point on Norway.

Max R 7BA: Maths, Mr Barratt

Henry T 7BL: Maths, Mr Barratt

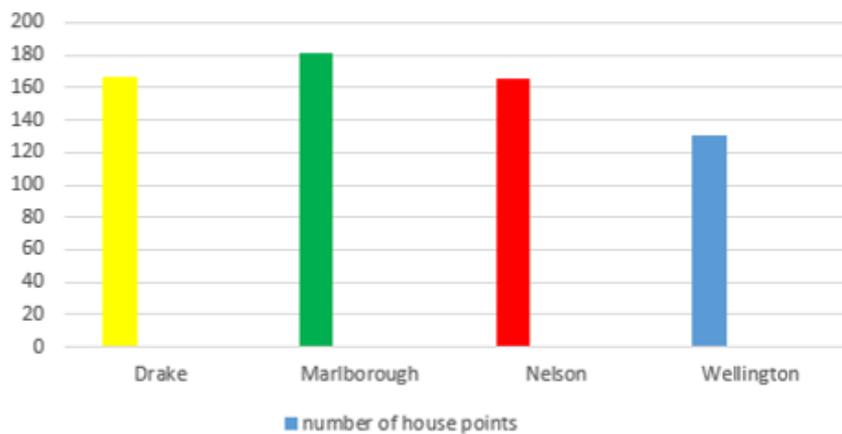
Will Baker 6L: Science, Mr Barratt

Izyan S 6S: Science, Mr Barratt

Freddie T 6S: Cricket, Mr Barratt

Nice Work
Great Job
Well Done

Weekly Totals...



HOUSE POINTS

This week we have a very close top three between Nelson, Drake and Marlborough.

Wellington need to work extra hard next week to attempt to catch up!

Marlborough take the crown this week but as we have started a new term it could all change very quickly... keep it up everyone!

Miss Smith



Informal Music Concert - 20th May

Dear Parents,

Our upcoming informal concert on the 20th May will follow a similar format of previous concerts with a video being uploaded to the Kingswood House YouTube channel which will go live from 4pm on that date.

If your child would like to take part, there is a sign up sheet outside the Music department for boys wishing to be recorded within school. They may also record their performances at home and then send their video to me to be included - all instruments and abilities are encouraged!

Please could all videos be sent to me by Tuesday 18th May either via Teams, OneDrive or WeTransfer so that I can edit and upload in preparation for the premiere on the 20th.

Please email them to k.foster@kingswoodhouse.org

If you would like further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best Wishes, Miss Foster



WELLINGTON HOUSE AFTERNOON—fun and fundraising!

Thank you to all the boys who had prepped for stalls (and parental support of this!) and staff who helped out with both setting up and clearing up at the end of the day. It was great to see the boys in their year group bubbles enjoying themselves. *Miss Smith*



5S Assembly

This was the challenge presented to 5S upon their return to school after the Easter holidays:

“You are travelling in a hot air balloon with a group of very important people. You are someone who has made a great contribution to society and as you glide peacefully over the countryside you spend time chatting with your fellow passengers. You are all on a journey to attend a fabulous dinner, celebrating your accomplishments in life, held at a secret location high in the mountains. As the balloon climbs higher and higher the excitement level increases.

Suddenly disaster strikes. The balloon is losing height and it becomes evident that only one of you will survive this fateful journey. Who will it be?

Your challenge is to put forward an argument explaining why you are the most important person in the balloon basket. Without you and your influence the world would be at a loss”.

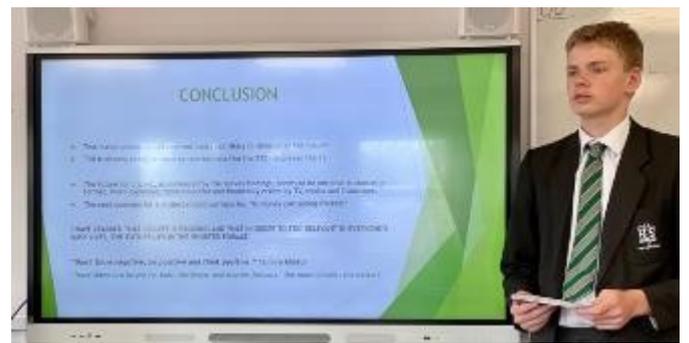
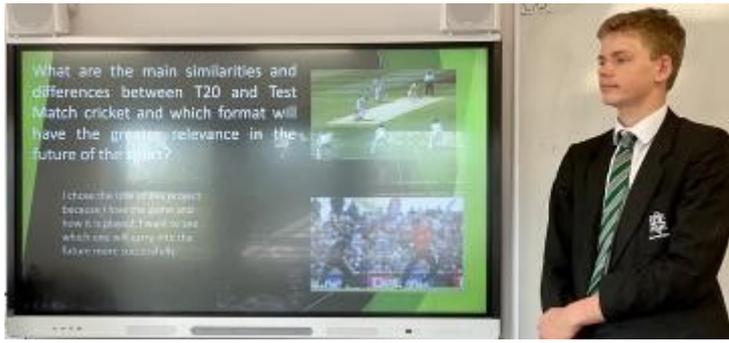
The boys each produced wonderful speeches and presented them in assembly on Wednesday. The assembly was watched by the whole school who then voted for the character to remain in the balloon’s basket. Watch this space for the winner who will be announced during next week’s assembly... Mrs Seiver



Which famous character kept their place in the hot air balloon?

Year 10 HPQ Presentations

Mr Murphy, Mr Bailey and Mrs Haunstetter had the pleasure of listening to the Year 10 boys present their HPQ Projects on Friday on a range of interesting topics which had inspired and led their own research. Presenting like this to a panel gives pupils a great, transferrable life skill which they can improve upon and carry forth.



Form Rep Thanks—a message from Mr Murphy...

"Thank you to my team of Form Reps who have been incredibly kind, patient and supportive throughout the last year. Our meeting this morning was another example of outstanding collaboration in action—we are all united in our wish to secure the very best provision for KHS pupils".





Upper Prep History

Year 7 have been learning about the Agricultural Revolution and how the landscape changed. They used some art and craft materials to show what 'strip farming' looked like and how that changed to 'enclosure' which led to more efficient farming helping to feed the increasing population. Some even included fields which represented crop rotation! A great, hands on practical way to learn. Mrs Haunstetter

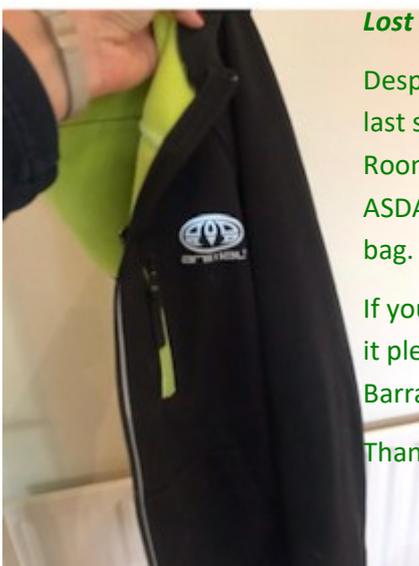


Lost Property!

Desperately seeking this jacket... last seen near Mr Barratt's Form Room hanging on a peg in a green ASDA (?) or possibly Waitrose (?) bag.

If you have any information about it please let Mrs Harding or Mr Barratt know.

Thank you.



KHA NEWS

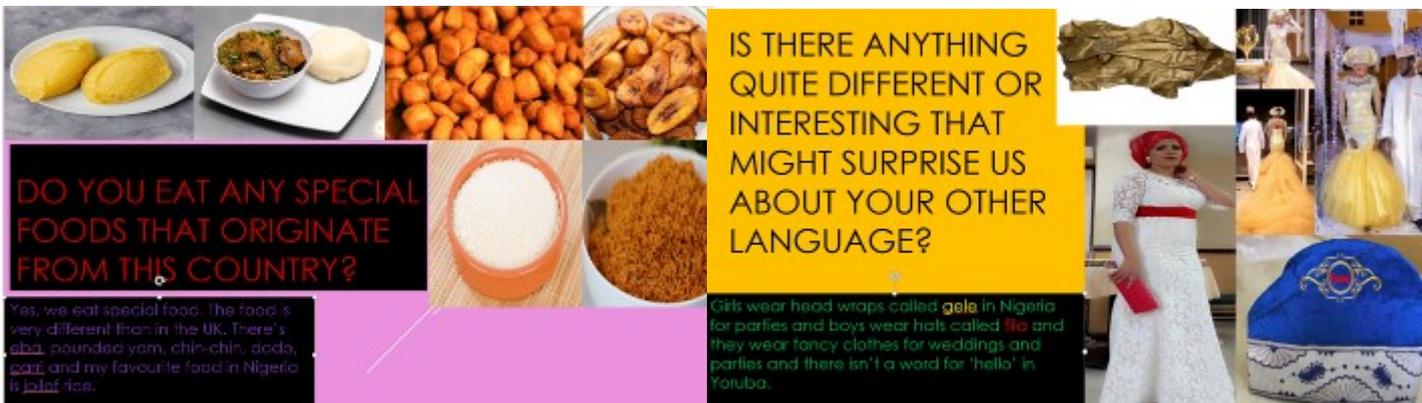
A note from Lisa Reece our Chair,

"Unfortunately we have had to cancel the **Summer Ball** this year but please 'Save the Date' for next year, **Saturday 25th June 2022!**

Fathers Day Shop will be taking place on **Tuesday 15th June** at break time in the Drama Studio.

Jollies.... promises to be a fun packed afternoon for everyone on **Friday 2nd July** from 15:30.

Second Hand Uniform Sale will be on **Monday 5th July** from 15:30."



IS THERE ANYTHING QUITE DIFFERENT OR INTERESTING THAT MIGHT SURPRISE US ABOUT YOUR OTHER LANGUAGE?

DO YOU EAT ANY SPECIAL FOODS THAT ORIGINATE FROM THIS COUNTRY?

Yes, we eat special food. The food is very different than in the UK. There's eba, pounded yam, chin-chin, ofofo, ogiri and my favourite food in Nigeria is jollof rice.

Girls wear head wraps called gele in Nigeria for parties and boys wear hats called tie and they wear fancy clothes for weddings and parties and there isn't a word for 'hello' in Yoruba.

My Other Language Competition Entries...
 Mme Taylor has been delighted with more entries that have come in for the Languages Enrichment competition; here is some of the work from them. There have also been presentations in class from various pupils who spoke confidently about their other language and culture. Well done boys—keep it up! *Mme Taylor*

- My other language is French because my mum comes from the South of France.
- I call my mum "Maman" and my French grandparents "Mamie" et "Papi".
- I speak a little French when I am with my French relatives.
- I have uncles, cousins and French grandparents.
- I try to go and see them every holiday.
- The best thing about the south of France is that we have the beach and the sea in the summer and ski resorts in the winter.



Delicious Food!

There are lots of delicious dishes that originate from Nice:



My Other Language by Antov...

My other language is Polish. I speak it fluently at home, like my whole family, but it's very hard for me to read and write in Polish.

My family originates from Poland near the North Baltic Sea. My two uncles and my cousin still live there and I try to visit every year although obviously this hasn't been possible since Covid restrictions. I particularly like seeing the tourist attractions in Warsaw, for example.

We are Roman Catholics so we celebrate Christmas and Easter, but in Poland, Christmas Eve is the important day.

My favourite Polish dish is Pierogi - dumplings with meat inside.

The Polish numbers 1 to 3 look like this:

1. Jeden
2. Dwa
3. Trzy

There are a lot of words with cz, sz and ź letters in Polish.

This is the presentation that Antoni shared with us about his 'other language'. Antoni then counted to 10 in Polish for the class. The words sounded very different to English and to our untrained ears, they all sounded a bit similar. Well done and thank you, Antoni!

Mme Taylor





Lower Prep History

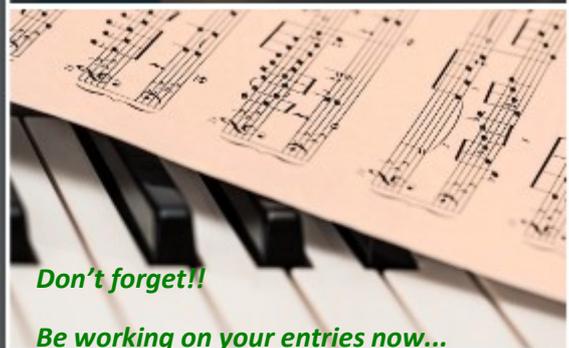
This term in History the boys are learning all about World War 2. Some of the boys have brought in historic photos and letters from their relatives who fought in the war. The boys are really interested in all aspects of what happened during the war and it is encouraging to see them share so confidently, which undoubtedly enriches their learning.



Mrs Marskell



House
Arts
Competition
Friday 25th June



Don't forget!!

Be working on your entries now...



Updated Covid Risk Assessments

Dear Parents

Please be aware of our updated policies and Risk Assessments relating to all things Covid. These can be found on our website here: [Overall Risk Assessment](#) and [Lateral Flow Testing](#)

Thank you for your attention to these.

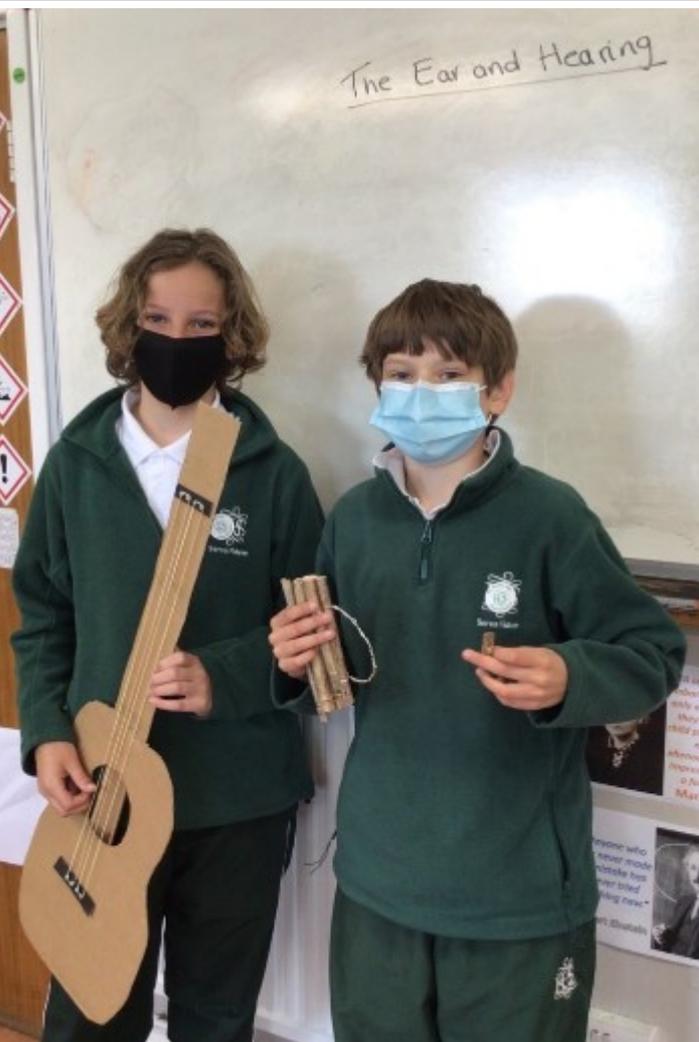
Mrs Witts



Year 9 Science

9T had the benefit of a visiting speaker in Science the other day when Yexin Xie from the Institute of Cancer Research kindly gave up her time to speak to the class about how cancers form, different treatment options and how they could pursue a career in scientific research.

The boys reacted well to her knowledge and enthusiasm and were engaged in the topic as well as thinking about possible career avenues. It was a really enjoyable morning in class. *Miss Patel*



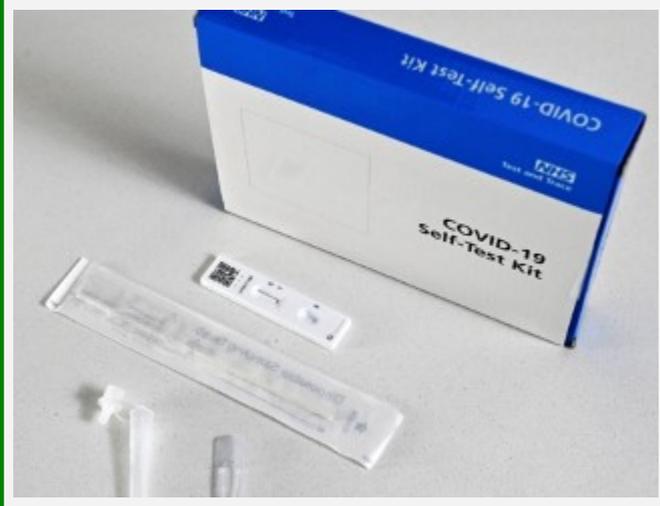
Lateral Flow Testing Continues

Parents, please note, all boys in Years 7-11 should bring home two boxes of lateral flow tests; please unearth these from the bottom of school bags!

Please remember to continue to test twice weekly, 3-5 days apart, and log your result on the following link [here](#)

With many thanks for your continued cooperation.

Mrs Witts



Theo J and Zac H (7BA) have been showing their knowledge of sound waves by creating their own home made instruments—well done boys!
Miss Patel