

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Summer Term
11 June 2021

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Dear Parents

It has been wonderful to welcome back our school community in glorious sunshine for what promises to be a busy second half of term.

I am excited, as I am sure lots of the boys are, about the start of the delayed Euro 2020 football tournament today. In this term's written HM Blog, I explore how and why the players might effectively support the work of schools by being good role models. You can read it [here](#).

Thank you to Mr Sukhdeo, Mr Mitchell and all the senior staff who presented an informative GCSE Options evening to our Year 8 families this week. It was exhilarating to listen to the fantastic array of opportunities on offer both in and out of the classroom.

The Kingswood House Way



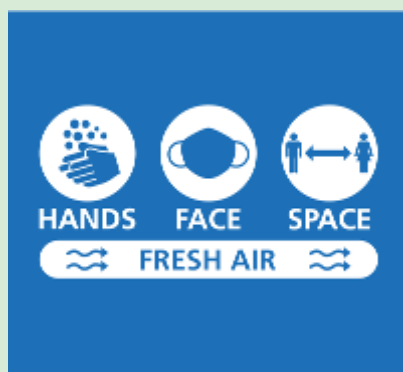
It was the turn of Year 7 pupils to sit their examinations this week and I commend them for showing excellent endeavour throughout; equally, I wish the Year 5 children well for their assessments after the weekend.

As you know, it is our intention to run Grandparent Morning, Jollies and Prize Giving in person later in the term. Given the latest statistics in Epsom & Ewell, it is possible that we may have to revise our plans dependent upon any change of government guidance. We should know more after the announcement on Monday 14th June about the 'wider reopening' of society scheduled for a week later on Monday 21st June. Following this, we will update you accordingly of any necessary changes to school events.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy

Headmaster



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

2021	JUNE	WEEK 2	Lower Prep Assessment Week; Year 5 Exam Week;
Monday	14	1615	U10 Tennis Match v Hawthorns
Tuesday	15		Fathers' Day Shop
Wednesday	16	0930-1200 1400 1300-1600	Lower Prep Forest School Colts vs Belmont U13 vs Belmont Travelling Book Fair departs
Thursday	17	1400	U9 vs Belmont
Friday	18		Headmaster's Blog & Weekly Newsletter

LUNCH MENU—week beginning 14 June 2021

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Caesar Salad; Pesto Pasta (V) with Garlic Bread	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	Chicken & Leek Pie; Leek & Potato Pie (V) with Fresh Cabbage	Fresh Fruit; Jelly	Roast Pork; Pesto & Tomato Slice (V) with Roast Potatoes & Broccoli	Fresh Fruit; Vanilla Sponge Cake	Spaghetti Bolognese; Spaghetti with Chilli, Soy Sauce & Garlic (V)	Fresh Fruit; Cookie	Fish Fingers, Mashed Potato & Seasonal Fresh Vegetables	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurt



This week, with exams being a major feature in school at the moment, I thought it would be good to look at the idiom 'Break a leg.'

This has its origins in Elizabethan

times, when instead of applause, the audience would bang the legs of their chairs on the ground, if they liked the performance enough, the chair leg would break.

An alternative version refers to actors breaking the 'leg line' on stage, this was where actors would queue to perform. If actors were not performing, they had to stay behind the 'leg line' which meant that they wouldn't get paid. If you told an actor to break the leg line, you were giving them the opportunity to perform and get paid.

These days theatre performers always say, 'break a leg' and never wish good luck as this is considered to be bad luck.

So, to all of you who have taken and are still to take exams, 'Break a leg!'.

'Madame Swift

Pip Drinks Promotion Competition

Thank you so much to all those parents who voted for us to win Pip Organics Drinks....we were winners and the drinks will be delivered to school before the end of term for the boys to enjoy. Thank you for your support.



Mrs Harding

Congratulations to George P in 5S who passed his Singing Grade 2 with Merit



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 Video Blog: [here](#)**

LOWER PREP

1 & 2L

Raphael M for excellent endeavour at his first KHS Sports Day! Mrs Lambert

3M

Zach B for his amazing work in English writing facts about Ladybirds. Mrs Marskell

4S

Ryan L in for amazing determination on the high jump from sports day! Miss Smith

Cameron E won the KHS Lower Prep *Victor Ludorum* at Sports Day – congratulations!

UPPER PREP

5F

Peter S for working hard in all subjects. Ms Forbes

Zac W for some great science work. Ms Forbes

5S

George P for writing a fabulous recount of the trip to Bough Beech Reservoir. Mrs Seiver

6L

Tristan B for his hard work in Science. Mr Barratt

6S

Freddie T for being so kind to a boy in 6L on Sports Day; when Freddie saw the boy become very upset at not winning his race, he selflessly gave him one of his medals – a lovely gesture of inclusion! Mme Swift

Josh D for strong understanding in Science. Mr Barratt

Digby H - a lovely clock design and lots of effort in DT class. Mr Bailey

Kevin T has won a place at the prestigious Purcell School of Music in September – this is a remarkable achievement at a highly selective institution for a supremely talented young musician. Miss Foster

7BA

Theo M – for a great end to last half term and a fine ambassador! Mr Barratt

7BL

Shay C is always bright and breezy in the morning when he arrives, usually the first boy every day, to breakfast club. Mrs Harding and Mrs Witts

Jonathan B showed both excellent sportsmanship and a strong sense of teamwork during sports day. He deservedly won a medal and had a fantastic first sports day at Kingswood House. Well done! Miss Black

Zac M showed great endeavour during sports day, he wanted to take part in as many events as possible and has a clear passion for sport. Well done! Miss Black

7BL for an amazing revision lesson just before half term when they were on fire! Mrs Haunstetter

7P

All the 7P boys for their fantastic efforts and maturity towards their assessments this week! Miss Patel

Well done to all the Year 7 boys for their work across this week of examinations. Mr Clarke

Signatures

Continued...

8L

Alex H for his fantastic video project on the human body defences! Miss Patel

Ivan T for his efforts in his human body defences project. Miss Patel

8T

Yaseen A-K for coping so well with his first couple of days in a new school. Mme Taylor

Zachary F for volunteering to fill in for several missing speakers in our upcoming class assembly. Mme Taylor

Patrick G, Lukas C and Archie S for their fantastic efforts in science. Miss Patel

Stuart C won the KHS Upper Prep *Victor Ludorum* at Sports Day – congratulations!

SENIORS

9H

Ted H, being positive and being a good leader in the group. Mr Hendry

Tyrwhitt B – great focus in Maths. Mr Barratt

Ted R for the volume and quality of his work in Maths. Mr Barratt

Magnus P has made a good start to life at KHS – well done, it is always hard joining in half way through the term but he has done very well and shows great potential. Mr Hendry

9T

Ethan S for his never-ending creativity and his incredible drawings of his own original characters. Mr Twinley

10H

Jo O for rounding up the belongings of another student, who was unwell. Mrs Haunstetter

Eddie F for finishing Level Par at the KHS Golf Day over half term on a pro course. He beat all of the teaching staff and most of the dads! Mr Hendry

10W

Rory G has improved his punctuality in recent days; still a work in progress but keep it up! Mrs Weston

Year 11

Joshua J won the KHS Senior *Victor Ludorum* at Sports Day – congratulations!

ECO CLUB NEEDS YOU!

Do you like helping the environment? Do you like to encourage recycling?
Are you keen to learn about how we can make the school more 'green'?

If so then myself and the Eco team would love for you to join our team!

We are looking for members in Years 6-10. If you are interested then please come and see Miss Hylands at break time or speak to your form tutor, who can email me. Please register your interest by Wednesday 16th June.

Miss Hylands





KHS Golf Day

On Thursday 3rd June we hosted our second KHS Golf day at Cuddington Golf Club. With a mixture of members of staff, pupils, parents, ex-pupils, ex-members of staff and relatives making up the 20 players and two officials (Lauti & Finnan), we were blessed with sensational weather as we took to the course in five separate teams.

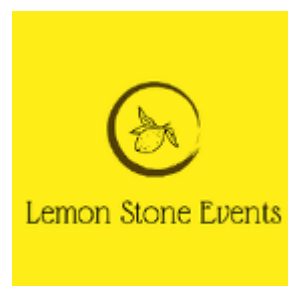
The day saw some excellent golf, alongside some more questionable shots, but it was the convivial atmosphere and friendly competition that stood out on the day. Noticeable performances from our very own Eddie F in 10H and ex-pupil Conor Parry-Finneran who both shot an amazing even par.

The team competition was taken by the 'Young Guns' made up of our Year 10 boys Cameron A, Sam S, Joe O and Eddie F. The best individual score was recorded by Connor P-F who pipped Eddie F by a point, the latter who was happy enough to walk away with the 'closest to the pin' award. The final award of the day went to Giles O who was very pleased and out gunned Mr Clarke on the 18th tee to take the longest drive award.

The day was a huge success and I would like to thank firstly our sponsors [Lemon Stone Events](#) who provided us with our prizes, and everyone who participated and made it a great day.

We will be looking to host another golf day at a new venue in October which hopefully be just as good as this one...watch this space for details.

Thank you and well done to all our winners. *Mr Hendry*



After sitting three days of exams, Year 7 are playing a well-earned Maths game of Vectors snakes and ladders; *below right* is Joseph H celebrating his win!

Mrs Lindley



COMMENDATIONS

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

Alex H 8L: Science, Miss Patel

All the pupils in **1 & 2L** get a commendation for their English story writing. Mrs Lambert

Ben S 4S: Maths, Mrs Marskell

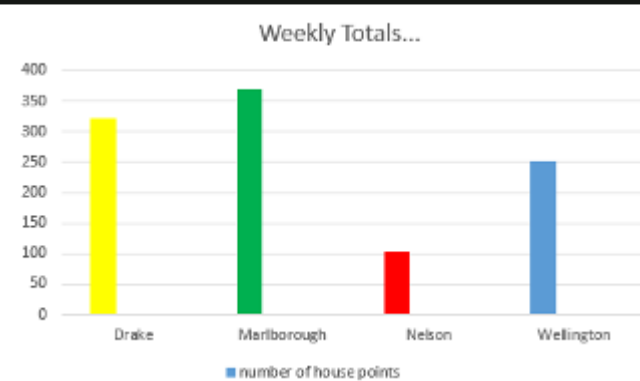
The following pupils in **3M** all received a commendation for their work in Maths, **Zach B, William N-B, Ciaran P, Hugh H, Jamie C.** Mrs Marskell

Alex W 6S: English, Mme Swift

Digby H 6S: DT, Mr Bailey

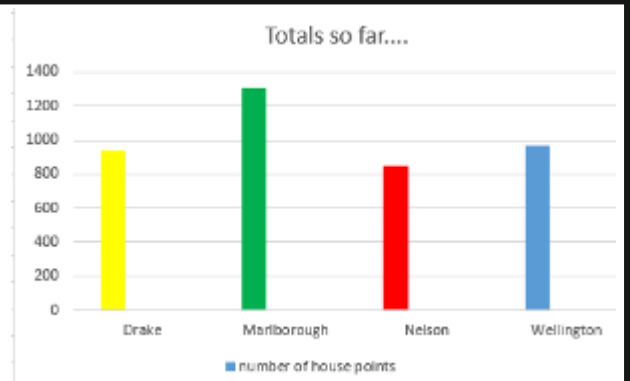
Ben Scu 4S: Music, Miss Foster

Nice Work
Great Job
Well Done



HOUSE POINTS

A huge mix up in the house points this week.



Nelson slip to fourth with Wellington behind them; Drake and Marlborough battle it out for the top spot but Marlborough take the lead!

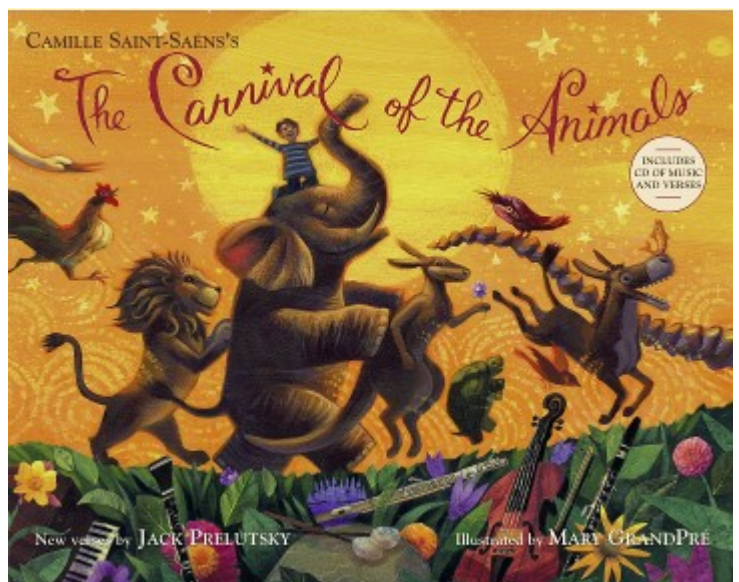
Marlborough have been playing their cards right as they have zoomed to first place overall!!

Well done, Marlborough boys ... still plenty of time left for the positions to change in the other houses though! *Miss Smith*

Holiday Music Course—a note from Miss Foster

If you had planned to go away this Summer, but can't get away and would still like to fill the days with fun music making, drama, storytelling and arts and crafts, the **Royal College of Music** is running a **three day course** from 26-28 July for children aged 8-11 focusing on *The Carnival of The Animals*.

During my time at the RCM, I had the privilege to assist on many of the Sparks Outreach Projects, and can testify to how fantastically they are run and how much you will get out of working with world class musicians and like minded children. I even helped write a piece that was performed at the Children's Prom! The course will finish with an informal show on the final day for parents and will be led by award winning storyteller Anna Conomos-Wedlock and music director Anna Jewitt and supported by an inspiring team of RCM musicians. So if you would like to see where I went to university, create some music and have loads of fun doing it, please contact me, [Miss Foster](#) for more information on the cost and how to book.





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Thank you

to the
Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants

from

Kingswood House School

who spent

156 hours

volunteering between
1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021.

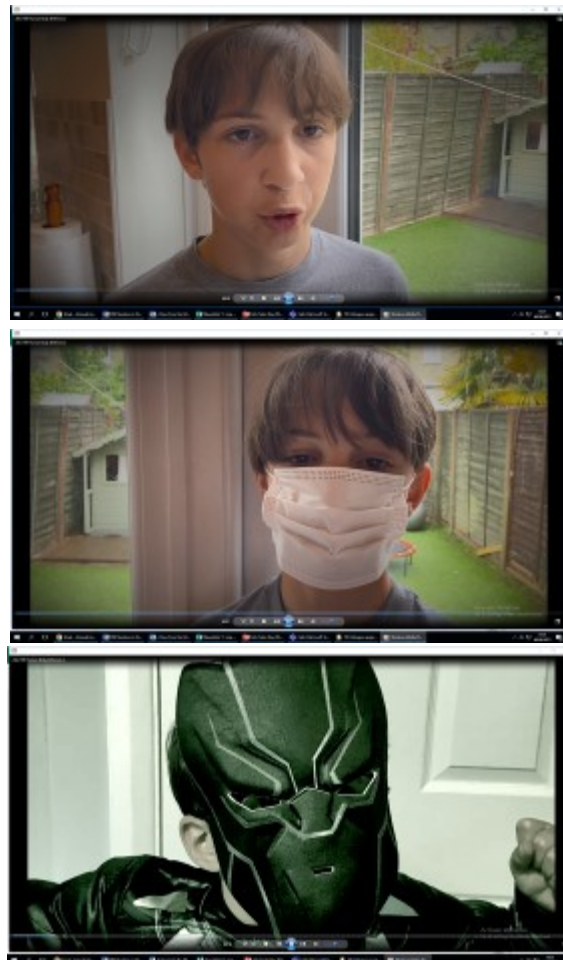
Despite the challenges of the pandemic, we are immensely proud
of the dedication, effort and achievement of our participants.

The social value of these hours is

£709.80

RUTH MARVEL CEO

May 2021



A very big 'Well Done' to Alex H in 8L who filmed a super presentation on 'Body Defences and Pathogens' for his half term Science project. As you can see from the video stills here is was both informative and fun! Miss Patel

Mr Murphy and Miss Patel, our D of E Co-ordinator, were both delighted to learn of the efforts and commitment to various voluntary projects that our boys have been involved in over the last year—despite all the pandemic restrictions as well!

Careers Curriculum Update

During this half of term Year 7 will be introduced to the Fast Tomato Careers software through form-based enrichment lessons every Monday. In these lessons the boys will learn about what it means to have a career and it will introduce them to the idea of the working world. At Kingswood House, we see the value in introducing our pupils to the many potential career opportunities available to them so that they can make informed decisions about their GCSEs in Year 8 and their futures beyond Year 11. When the boys return from the Summer break, they will then progress onto using the Fast Tomato software independently in the ICT suite. Through the exposure of the different career routes the boys will be able to make informed decisions about their future and will have the resilience needed to have success in the working world.

In regard to Year 10, careers meetings will be taking place in the next few weeks with Mr Sukhdeo and myself. This will give them the opportunity to discuss their plans post Kingswood House and receive any needed bespoke guidance. I look forward to discussing their ambitions and supporting them along their path to GCSE's and beyond. *Miss Black*



Competition Time for the KHA!

Boys are encouraged to **design a poster for Jollies Friday 2nd July from 1530**. There will be a small prize of a £10 Amazon voucher for each age group; Lower Prep, Upper Prep & Seniors.

As a guide, stalls on the day will include Tombola, Games, Tea & Cake, Ice Cream plus a Bouncy Castle.

The winner will be announced on Friday 18th June so entries ASAP to Miss Maciejewska by Thursday 17th June.... the posters will be displayed around school the week after leading up to the event!



Bough Beech Reservoir Trip—a recount by one of our pupils

“On 27th May we, Year 5 of Kingswood House School, went to Bough Beech reservoir to see the water treatment works there. It was so fun—particularly when our guide Jo told us that house martins were making a nest there! We saw a ditch the size of twelve swimming pools filled with water only it was surrounded by a dam. There were three teachers in our group For lunch we had a packed lunch; the teachers also gave us a sausage roll, some crisps and a two-finger Kit-Kat although my Kit-Kat unfortunately melted. I chose Prawn Cocktail flavour crisps!

After lunch we played a few games; there was a game all about saving water, a game where you had to connect pipes. There was also an online investigation game where we had to find out how much water is used every day! After the games we travelled back to school via the school bus. We got a sand time to time how long we took in the shower to help save water from now on! My favourite bit of the trip was seeing the house martins and their nest. I recommend Bough Beech Reservoir for a trip because you get to learn a lot about water which you may not have known before!” *George P 55*



Citizenship

During this half of term, the theme for subject enrichment is Citizenship! To start off we will be looking at what it means to be a good 'Global Citizen'. During form time, each class will be discussing what really matters to us as humans and how we can have a positive impact on a global scale. As part of global citizenship, the boys will be encouraged to take part in a number of inspiring activities to help save our planet for example:

- **Design a litter picking robot! You can use materials at home (with parent permission) to make a prototype of your robot.**

Things to consider:

- *How does it work?*
- *What is it called?*
- *What fuel does the robot need to run? – The less pollution the better!*

- **Design a recycling poster! How can you encourage others to recycle?**
- **Design/build a pollution free car or vehicle (with parent permission) .**

Ideas: cars that can move because of a magnetic field??

- **Recycling challenge!**

With permission from an adult at home, turn a piece of recycling into something useful or fun! Have a look at some of the ideas below:

- *Use a cleaned used bottle to make a pen holder.*
- *Turn a bottle into a plant pot.*
- *Make an animal/character from your recycling.*

There are lots of things you can do with the things that we are so used to throwing away, eg.

[Make a bird feeder from a plastic bottle](#)

[Make a bird kebab:](#)

[Make a food chain mobile](#)

[Upcycling for nature](#)

Please do encourage the whole family to get involved at home with any of the above activities. For parents of those aged 7-14, we will also be looking at activities suggested by the Oxfam charity for example,

['What do we all need to thrive?'](#) - This is to encourage the boys to think about what really matters in life and how they can make a positive contribution.

['Think about the importance of home'](#) - This includes a fantastic project to design and build a dolls house - this has been a global social arts project which has encouraged young people to think about what their home means to them and to express themselves creatively.

['Food'](#) - This helps pupils reflect on where their food comes from - it has great links to Geography and well thought out activities e.g. mapping where your food comes from. This will be an exciting half term for everyone, and I look forward to seeing how the boys become excellent global citizens!

Kind regards,

Miss Black





Clock Design in DT

Form 6S have been designing and making clock faces from their own imagination. They had to consider the many and varied designs of clocks in general—why do some clocks not have many numbers but we can still work out the time? Why do some clocks show the time in Roman numerals, are there any advantages or disadvantages to this type of design? What type of room or environment suits which?... maybe the boys could design a school sundial one day ?

Shown right, is Digby H's unique and clever design which also earned him a commendation. Mr Bailey



Form 3M Science

During our Science lesson, while tending our vegetable garden we had a visitor who was hiding happily in one of the empty planters.... Mr Newt! We were able to carefully move him and set him free in the school pond. The boys were very excited. Mrs Marskell



Cricketing Success

Many congratulations to Cameron E in 4S who has been selected to take part in the Surrey CCC U9's Performance programme this summer. 235 players were assessed for 80 places in the U9 Performance squad for 2021 and Cameron got in—an incredible achievement!

Miss Smith



Well done to Zach B in 3M who has successfully grown his beans from seed as part of the Science Enrichment last term!

Another 'Jack' in the making?!



Science Wonders!

Matviy H in 2L had an exciting trip to Botany Bay in Kent over half term and brought some photos back to show the class! He found several starfish on the beach - we couldn't believe there were so many starfish in one place; it was incredible to see these creatures in such detail from his pictures. Many thanks to Matviy for sharing this amazing experience with us.

Mrs Lambert



Music Maestro!

All of us here at KHS are incredibly proud to announce that Kevin T in 6S has been awarded a place at the prestigious Purcell School for Young Musicians. Purcell's is a specialist music school for children and is the oldest specialist music school in the UK. It is one of only four music specialist schools in the country, and competition for places at the school is incredibly high. This is a massive achievement for Kevin, who has been a constant feature of our informal concerts this year and has been studying with Professor Christopher Hinterhuber at the University of Music and Performing Arts in Vienna, where Kevin is his only student under the age of 16. We are so proud of all his achievements and wish him the very best of luck at his new school and remain hopeful that he will return to KHS for a live concert soon.

He is a young pianist to watch, and we will be following his career, so we are able to celebrate together in all his successes. Well done, Kevin, and good luck!

Miss Foster

