

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Summer Term
18 June 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

As you will be aware from my letter to you earlier in the week, our best laid plans for a community-themed end to the term have been hijacked by a four week delay of the broader reopening of society. I am very disappointed that we are having to cancel or revise so many events but I am sure you will appreciate that the need for us to adhere to government guidance is paramount. In my opinion, it is better to have short-term pain for long-term gain and if precautions have to be taken for a little longer in order to safeguard a more normal academic year in September, then it is a price worth paying.

By way of a reminder, we are reluctantly cancelling Grandparent Morning but warmly encouraging submission of photographs and a short, accompanying sentence for inclusion in the newsletter – please see overleaf for details.

A staff committee is working with the KHA to arrange a revised version of Jollies for the boys. Although my letter stated that this would still take place on Friday 2nd July, we are now exploring the possibility of holding this event on the last morning of term. Further information will be sent out by Liam Clarke, Chair of the Jollies Committee, once plans have been finalised - so watch this space!

Prize Giving will take place for boys and staff at Epsom College, in their marquee, at 6pm on Monday 5th July. I will send a letter out with more specific details nearer the time.

Thank you to both forms in Year 8 who hosted assemblies in recent days; it was fascinating to learn from 8T all about Walt Disney and inspirational listening to 8L talk passionately about their top tips for mental health and wellbeing.

Well done to all the Year 5 boys, as well as those in Lower Prep, who have worked with great assiduity during a week of assessments; I know that the teachers are very proud of your efforts! Best wishes to the Year 6 pupils for their turn next week.

I am grateful to Lisa Reece and Angela Glen from the KHA, amongst others, who worked tirelessly on Tuesday to host a Fathers' Day gift shop for the boys. Having seen some of the contents, I can vouch that there will be some fortunate dads unwrapping their presents on Sunday! I am not sure I will be so lucky...

It is gratifying that boys in Year 7 and Year 10 will be able to apply for positions of responsibility in September. This is another step in the direction of democracy in action and I urge all pupils to believe in themselves and put careful thought into their responses. Naturally, it is not possible for everyone to be successful but the whole process is reflective of the wider world and a worthwhile opportunity to gain experience and feedback, if not official recognition. Good luck!

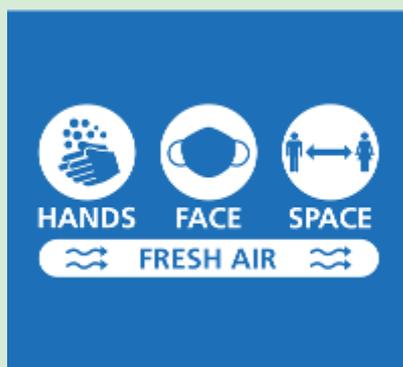
Finally, on Wednesday, I took great pride in signing off the school's Teacher Assessed Grades for Year 11 students. It would not have been possible without the work of my fantastic team of teaching and support staff and I offer them all my humble gratitude.

I wish you a relaxing weekend - and look forward to a positive result for England tonight!

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 1	Year 6 Exam Week
Monday	21	1800	Governors' Meeting Lower Prep trip to Goring Beach
Tuesday	22		
Wednesday	23	0845 0930-1200 1400	Form 7P Assembly Lower Prep Forest School Colts vs Tower House GTi Art Trip
Thursday	24	1800	Senior Lecture online—HH Judge G Kent
Friday	25		House Arts Competition Headmaster's Blog & weekly Newsletter

LUNCH MENU—week beginning 21 June 2021

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables with Tomato Sauce (V) and Pasta	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	Assorted Pizzas (V) Salad, Baked Beans	Fresh Fruit; Melon Slices	Roast Chicken, Cauliflower Cheese (V) with Roast Potatoes & Broccoli	Fresh Fruit; Jelly	Chilli; Five Bean Chilli (V) with Brown & White Rice	Fresh Fruit; Jam Tart	Homemade Fish Pie with Peas	Fresh Fruit; Cheese & Biscuits



This week, we are looking at the word '*Clue*'.

Technically, English speakers stole this from the Greek Gods. It is taken from the word *claw* in Greek mythology. When the minotaur (a monster with the body of a man and a head of a bull) trapped the mythical king, Theseus, in a labyrinth, Theseus is said to have escaped using a ball of yarn or a 'claw'. He used the yarn to track his path so he could follow it back again if he got lost.

Madame Swift

House Arts Competition

If you play an instrument/sing, why not perform a piece to earn house points and help your house win! If you want to play in a band, find some people who are in the same house as you and enter together. You can even enter a piece of music that you have composed yourself.

If you don't play an instrument, don't worry, you can still enter! You can learn a poem, monologue or even a short piece that you can do together with your house. For year 1-6 your form tutor has a booklet of some you might want to learn, or you can pick your own thing entirely - you could act out a scene from your favourite film/book or play.

The competition will take place on Friday 25th June in the afternoon and everyone is welcome!

Please continue with the Lateral Flow Testing twice a week and report results to school; the Delta variant is on the rise in all Surrey areas. Up to 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 are not displaying any symptoms, so rapid testing remains a vital tool to help us stay ahead of the virus. Thank you for your support with this. *Mrs Witts*



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

Ebrahim B for excellent endeavour; he has worked so hard to improve his handwriting over the last couple of weeks. Mrs Lambert
Also Oliver P from 11B who was with Lower Prep last week doing work experience; the boys have enjoyed having him in class and he has been willing to do anything we have asked him. We would love to have you back anytime, Oliver! You are a natural! Mrs Lambert

3M

Hugh H for working incredibly hard on his handwriting. Mrs Marskell

4S

Seb P for his super Indian block printing in our topic lesson. Miss Smith

The Junior DT club as a whole; full of great ideas and enthusiasm - especially Ryan Bhatia, Ryan and Luis Lochhead. All a work in progress at tidying up but worth it! Mr Bailey

UPPER PREP

5F

My whole class for settling into their assessments with a positive attitude. Benji A for stepping forward to help out another boy. Ms Forbes

5S

5S for their mature behaviour during assessment week. This class never fails to impress me with how well they rise to challenges and take everything in their stride. They are certainly ready for Year 6 but I'm not ready to see them leave! Mrs Seiver

I would like to nominate Henry S, Nathan J and Frankie L in Y5 for all the enthusiasm and support they bring to Eco Club. They are always the first to help with litter picking, organising meetings and rallying round their class-mates to get involved. Miss Hylands

6L

Well done to Howard K for some speedy calculations with Pie chart interpretation. Mrs Lindley

Henry R – huge focus in science this week. Mr Barratt

Henry R for getting full marks on the Abstraction quiz in computer science. Mrs Webb

Tristan B and Harrison W for being extremely helpful and enthusiastic in computer science and even giving up their break times to help. Mrs Webb

6S

A fabulous lesson from everyone in 6S on the Wars of the Roses. Some great questions and deduction using maps and sources. Especially well done to Hussain Bana for his brilliant engagement! Mrs Haunstetter

Hussain B for his excellent, articulate and informed contributions in our class debate on vegetarianism. Madame Swift

Kieran S for being extremely helpful and enthusiastic in computer science and even giving up his break times to help out. Mrs Webb

Kieran S - great contributions to science lessons this week. Mr Barratt

Disputes Continued...

7BA

Theo J - for great timekeeping this week. Mr Barratt

Avaneesh G and Theo J for their excellent French exam results. Madame Swift

Well done to Theo J for his excellent English exam results. Mrs Weston

7BL

Henry T and Kobi - both boys were very helpful when practising for our form assembly; they offered advice to others and encouraged the class to speak clearly and at the correct volume. Keep up the good work! Miss Black

Jonathan B - great performance in recent exams! Mr Barratt

Joshua I and Elliot N—both boys received house points for their effort in class, interest in the subject and for producing some super artwork. Max L also received a well-deserved commendation for his artwork too. Keep it up, boys! Mrs Maciejewska

7P

Will H for always being helpful and kind to peers. Miss Patel

Krishan I and Tai B for their massive efforts and endeavour towards preparing for the 7P assembly next week. Miss Patel

All of 7P - for always being prepared for lessons. Students show great interest in the subject which can be seen in the results of their work. Keep it up, boys! Mrs Maciejewska

8L

Well done to Rory S who has endeavoured to improve himself the whole year and gives 100% to each lesson. Mrs Lindley

Oscar D'A, Ruari F - for showing an extra effort and interest in Art (they received Commendations for making fantastic creatures in clay). Great effort! Mrs Maciejewska

8T

Lukas C who gave a fine presentation on Shakespeare to Mr March and 7P on Friday afternoon. Mr March

SENIORS

9H

I am pleased with the purposeful industry of Oliver K since half term. Mr Hendry

9T

Ethan S for his improved work ethic in maths and with his prep. Mr Sukhdeo

Pete D for his ongoing efforts and fantastic answers in science. Miss Patel

10H

Sam SI for constantly having a smile on his face! Mrs Haunstetter

Hugo D for coping so well with the demands of his early GCSE Spanish exams (we look forward to hearing about his success with this on the 12th August) Mr Sukhdeo

10W

Josh L – things are not always going swimmingly for Josh at the moment but I am making this nomination so that you know we are on your side. You have to dig deep and work hard to help us to help you. Mrs Weston

Jack B Ed B & Max M-N have all shown resilience and endeavour in Science; they have been revising a lot this term and all of their efforts are starting to pay off as their confidence and subject knowledge grows. Well done! Miss Black

Max M-N for persevering with a tricky grade 8/9 topic last week in maths - Composite Functions. Mr Sukhdeo

Angelo C, Milo R, Rory G, Ryan L and Hugo D – all these boys worked really hard during their Art GCSE Mock examination which resulted in the creation of great finished pieces. Well done! Mrs Maciejewska

SPORTS RESULTS

U9B vs Banstead Prep

MoM – Ryan B for great bowling getting a wicket maiden

Moment of the Match – Good fielding by Zachery B

Result – Banstead won

U9A Banstead Prep

MoM – Ciaran P

Moment of the Match – Cameron E great batting

Result – Banstead won

Colts A vs Banstead Prep

MoM – Byron M

Noticeable performances – Alex W & Harrison W for excellent bowling and fielding

Result – Banstead won

Colts B vs Banstead Prep

MoM – George D

Moment of the Match - A lovely pull shot for four by Reece B

Result – Banstead won

Colt C vs Banstead Prep

MoM – Jack S

Result – KHS won

U13A vs Homefield

MoM – Stuart C- for some great bowling and fantastic batting to win the match for KHS

Moment of the Match - Stuart C's outstanding caught and bowling dismissal

Result – KHS won

U13B vs Homefield

MoM – Ted B-A

Moment of the Match – Oliver W lovely shot over mid-off for 4 with perfect technique

Result – Homefield won

U15 vs Box Hill

MoM - Sam S

Moment of the Match – Eddie F taking a great catch off his own bowling.

Great performances by Dan I and Cameron A

Result – Box Hill won



Lost Property Notice

Please can all parents' check their son's uniform at home to see if Enzo R's fleece is around... it has been missing for two weeks since the afternoon of Wednesday 12 May when it was removed for PE and left by the playground. It is clearly labelled in the inside centre of the neck. Please return to the School Office. Thank you. *Mrs Harding*

COMMENDATIONS

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

Archie E 9H: Maths, Mr Barratt

Zac M 7BL: Science, Mr Barratt

Oscar D'A & Ruari F 8L: Art, Mrs Maciejewska

Max L 7BL: Art, Mrs Maciejewska

Everyone in **4S** gets a commendation this week for super hard work during assessments, Miss Smith

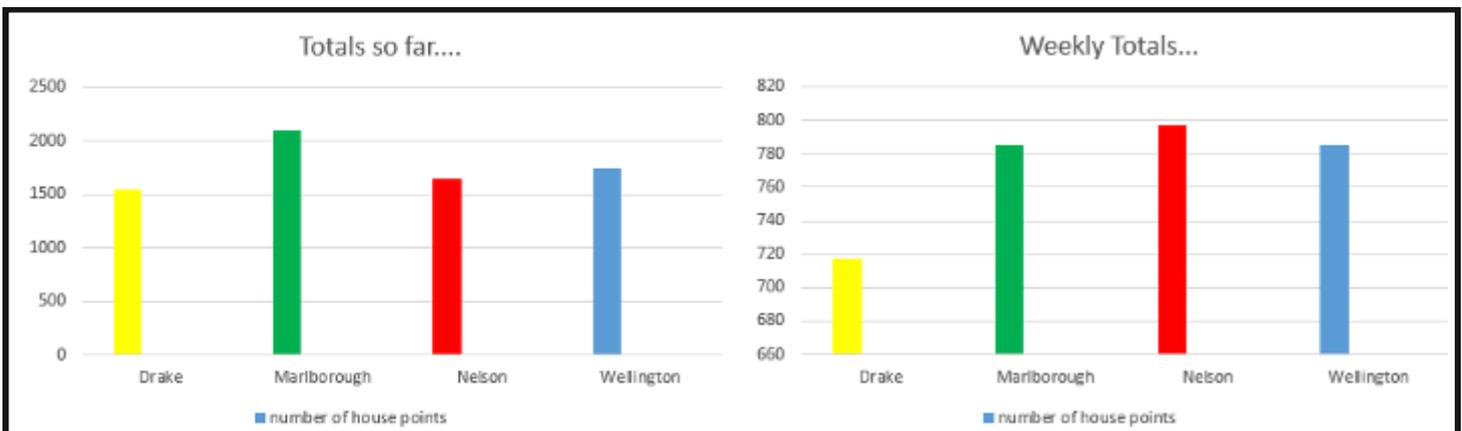
Angelo C, Milo R & Ewan W 10W: Classics exam results, Mrs Weston

Josh I & Oliver D 7BL also **Avaneesh G & Theo J 7BA:** RS exam results, Mrs Weston

Dylan N 6L: French, Mme Swift

All the boys in **3M** get a commendation for looking after the class vegetable garden so well, Mrs Marskell

Nice Work
Great Job
Well Done



HOUSE POINTS

It is *A TIE* this week for weekly totals between Marlborough and Wellington. A HUGE amount of house points accumulated this week – resulting in boosting up the totals sky high.

It's 4th Place for Drake, 3rd place for Nelson, 2nd place for Wellington and Marlborough take 1st place by going over 2000 house points for this term! **Remember, every house point counts! Mr Mitchell will soon be adding up all the points from Autumn, Spring and Summer along with house competitions e.g. sports day to find this year's House winner! Miss Smith**



Y8 Assemblies...

The school benefited from two great Assemblies recently given by our Year 8 cohort.

8L spoke about mental health and well-being and 8T who presented about Walt Disney's life and legacy—most entertaining and though provoking between them. Well done, boys.



Citizenship Enrichment

'Well Done' to Ryan L in 4S for his Citizenship Enrichment work!

This fantastic recycled robot design has been put together with pieces of material that may have been thrown away, this is an excellent example of upcycling and shows Ryan's enthusiasm for Science and the environment.

Excellent work!

Miss Black

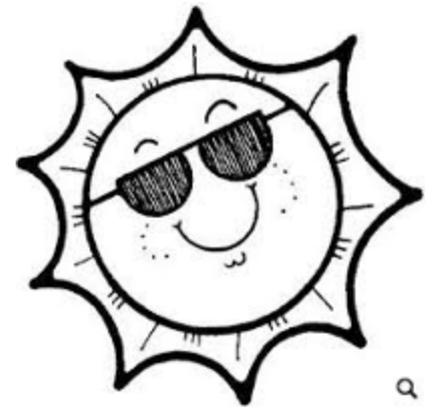


KINGSWOOD ACTIVE SUMMER DETAILS...

Please note full details of the **Kingswood Active Summer Camps** can be found on our website [here](#).

The camps are open to siblings and non-pupils of KHS, so please do spread the word amongst local friends if they are looking for some fun and active days for their children in the long summer holidays. Days can be booked on an ad-hoc basis, per week or according to preference for activity; we are aiming to run some off-site excursions and activities as well.

All enquiries should be addressed to [Mr Clarke](#)



Debating Times

In 6S's English lesson each Friday, we have a debate on topical, and sometimes controversial, issues. Last week the motion was, '*You should become a vegetarian to restore your conscience and preserve the environment*'. Do you agree or disagree?

The boys were extremely engaged, and all gave very good arguments to support their opinions. The outcome of the debate was a 50/50 split.



Next week's debate will be; '*Should bikes be allowed on the roads?*' Mme Swift



Lower Prep Show of Balancing & Strength Skills

The PE Department have been putting our youngest boys through their paces, testing and developing their balancing skills, agility and strength with some great sessions using the climbing wall. We are fortunate to have this piece of equipment on site and the boys really enjoy every opportunity to explore and master it! *Mr Westcott*



Year 4 boys...





DT Club

Year 7 have been creating an electrical circuit, learning how to solder components together and making a toy that is 'out of balance' on purpose. The out of balance situation causes the toy to move around the floor and demonstrates the effects of vibration from rotational forces. The balance theme was extended to 'balanced diets' and 'work /play balance' and the form discussed their understanding of the balance topic. *Mr Bailey*

Senior Pupil Briefing

We were delighted to welcome Tom Haunstetter to speak at this week's Senior Pupil Briefing.

Tom spoke eloquently about his struggle with PTSD, mental health awareness and the importance of seeking help with any aspects of mental health...a very important message for his audience to hear.

Mr Sukhdeo



Many thanks to the KHA who ran a very successful gift shop in school the other day when the boys were encouraged to show their appreciation for the special men in their lives—whether they are fathers, step-fathers, god-fathers ...

Wishing all our school community dad's a relaxing, fun day on Sunday whatever you get up to!

Our KHA Chair, Lisa Reece would also like to extend her thanks to members of the committee who helped wrap and sell the Fathers Day Gifts.



Before the Easter holidays selected students in Year 7 and 8 sat the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. The challenge is designed to test mathematical skill and logical thinking. All of the boys have done wonderfully. The following boys have won awards, so Congratulations to them and very well done! Mrs Lindley



United Kingdom Mathematics Trust

Year 7

Theo J—Bronze Award, Best in School

Year 8

Stuart C—Bronze, Award

Ruari F - Bronze Award

Ben Ho—Bronze Award

Max H—Bronze Award

Archie S—Bronze Award

Tharani V— Bronze Award

Charlie L - Silver Award, Best in Year; Best in School



It has been gratifying to see some of our Year 11 boys back on site gaining valuable work experience in a school environment; from accounts to estates, reading to sports, they have been helpful, inquisitive and reliable.

Mr Murphy



Cricketing Success

Congratulations to **Noah S** in 7P for his Man of the Match award in a cup match for his club this week. He scored 18 not out His side won the match and Noah continues to score plenty of runs for them. Keep going Noah and good luck for the rest of the competition!

Byron M in 5F narrowly missed out on a hat-trick in cricket on Sunday when playing for Thames Ditton U10's against Esher, also clean bowling three wickets in four balls. The crowd went wild! Another great success for a KHS boy! Mr Hendry



Masks in School
Please do ensure that **all boys from Year 7 upwards**, unless exempt,

are wearing a mask in school; they should come with their own disposable or washable one.

We have a limited supply in the Office that we will be charging 50 pence each for when handed out. Thank you. Mrs Witts

Mr Murphy was proud to sign off Teacher Assessed Grades for our Year 11 cohort of GCSE exams this week, in what he hopes, is a once in a career moment! He thanked his fantastic team of teaching and support staff for making it possible #TAGs

How GCSEs, AS and A levels will be awarded in summer 2021

Working out your grade	Evidence	Results and appeals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graded by teacher judgement Not graded by an algorithm School and college assessments can continue You'll only be assessed on what you've been taught Your teacher will tell you what evidence is used to grade you Private candidates to work with a school, college or exam centre to provide evidence for them to be graded 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mocks, tests and work already done can be used as evidence Non-exam assessment should continue Non-exam assessments can be used as evidence even if incomplete Art & design grade based only on your portfolio Teachers can use question banks provided by exam boards if they want to Results will be based on completed and future work, so keep doing your best 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results days: AS and A level: 10 August; GCSE: 12 August If you're unhappy with your grade, you can appeal it. First step is to submit an appeal to your school or college. You can find out more details from your school, college or exam board, or by visiting the Ofqual website www.gov.uk/ofqual

KHA JOLLIES POSTER ART COMPETITION

The results are in! Mrs Maciejewska was delighted with the number of entries she received, although it made selecting the winning entries a much more difficult task however, she would like to announce the following boys be recognised for their efforts and creativity...

Years 1—5

Winner: Arun A 5S

Runners Up:

James W 2L;

Cameron E 4S;

Zayn J 2L

Years 6—8

Winner: Zach F 8T

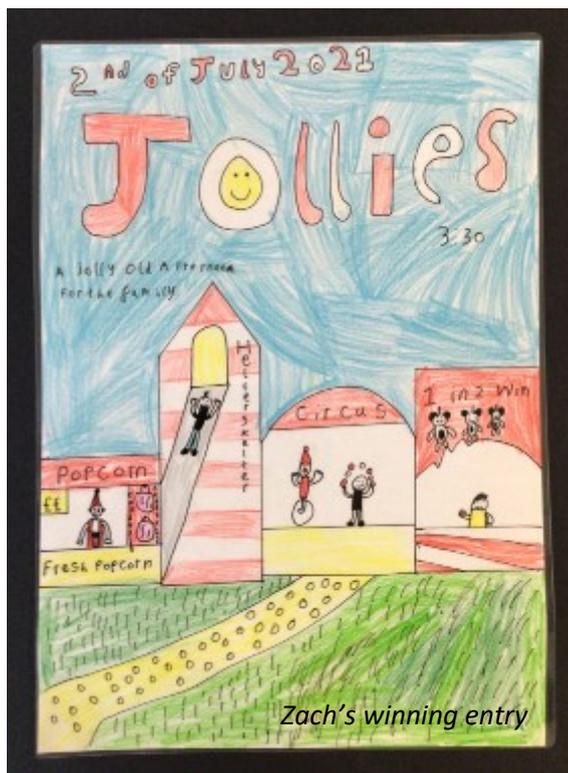
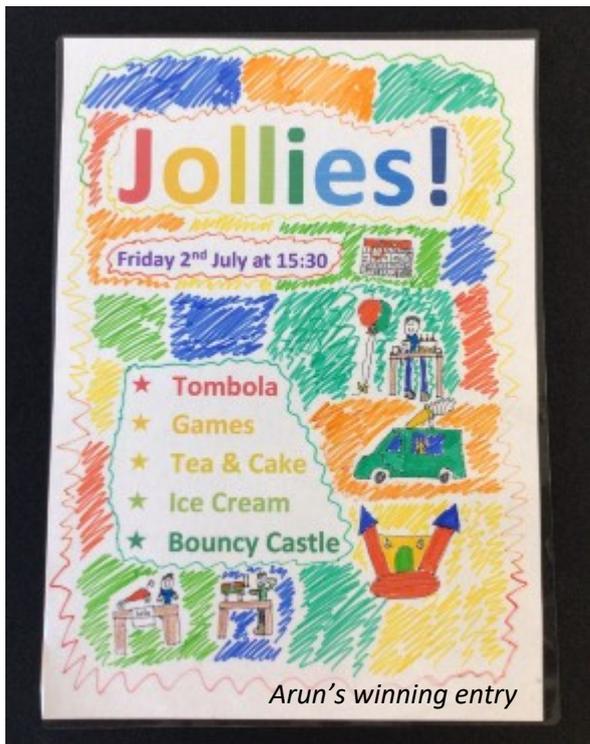
Runners Up:

Howard K 6L;

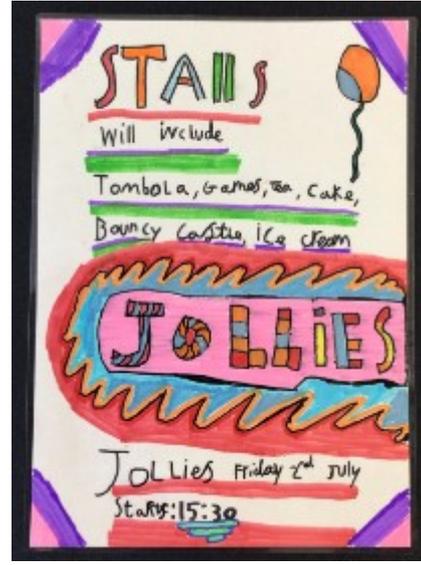
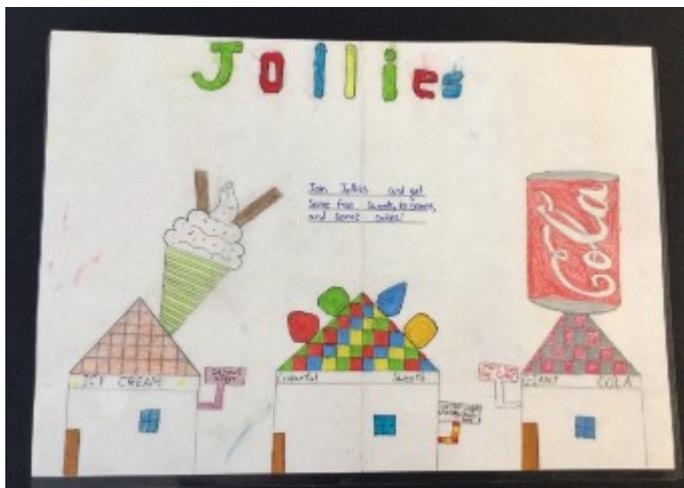
Tristan B 6L;

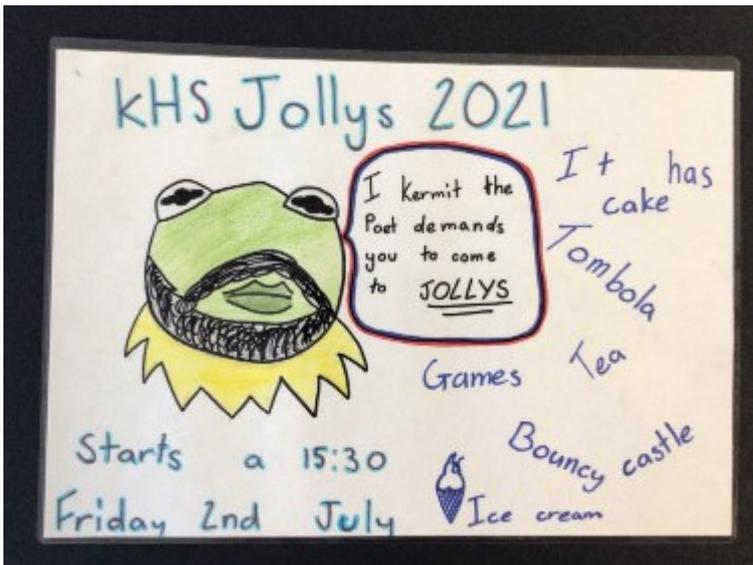
Ruari F 8L;

Daniel P 8L



Additional awards go to: Ryan L 4S; Sebastian P 4S; William M 9H





Jollies Poster Competition!

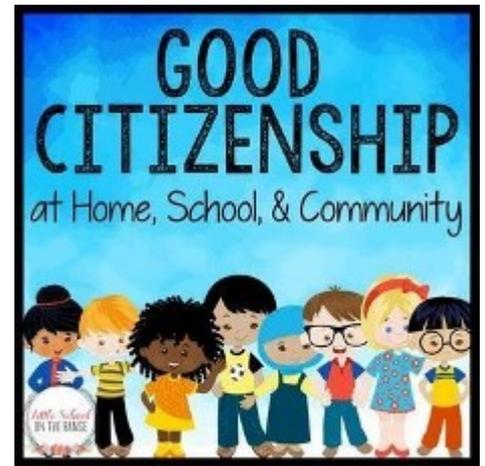
Some more of the great entries that Mrs Maciejewska had submitted... lovely to see such a range of styles and materials used. There will be an extended feature next week in the newsletter showcasing a lot of the super art work that has been produced under Mrs Maciejewska's watchful eye this half term! Keep up the creativity, boys!

Dear Parents,

The theme for Citizenship next week, Monday 21st – Friday 25th June, is **'Being a Healthy Citizen'**.

During this week, pupils will be encouraged to think about how to stay healthy in and outside of school. Form teachers will be talking to their classes about healthy eating, exercise and wellbeing.

Please find below a sample of the exciting opportunities that the pupils can take part in at home or in school (with permission from parents):



Being a healthy citizen

It is important to stay healthy and make sure you exercise and have a balanced diet!

Make an eat well plate

You can draw your eat well plate, make it using real food (with permission from an adult) or use a cardboard plate to make a 3D model.

Make a healthy treat or a meal for your family! It is always a nice idea to make a meal or a snack for someone else and is a way of being a good healthy citizen.

Have a look at the BBC recipes for kids for inspiration!

Design a menu! Make your own menu for a picnic/a restaurant/a school lunch or even your family's lunch, breakfast and dinner.

Exercise is very important – plan a route for you and your family to take on your next walk.

Design an exercise plan for you and your family to take part in- Remember a warm up, main activity and a cool down exercise.

It is time for you to be the coach! Take the lead role in your exercise regime and show your family what to do.

Well-being activities – As well as thinking about having a healthy body, it is important to remember a healthy mind! Mindful colouring or even meditation are great ideas to relax and take time for yourself.

Thank you

Miss Black

**ANTS ARE GOOD
CITIZENS: THEY PLACE
GROUP INTERESTS FIRST**

CLARENCE DAY

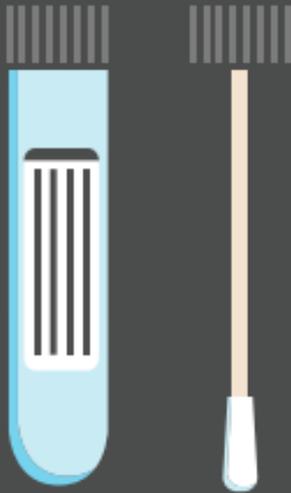
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We have been given this information from Surrey County Council to share with our families... please take a moment to read it through carefully. Thank you.

COVID RATES ARE RISING IN YOUR AREA

ALL ADULTS AND SECONDARY
SCHOOL AGE PUPILS SHOULD
GET TESTED REGULARLY

WITH SYMPTOMS - 'PCR' test



WHEN TO TAKE THE TEST

- If you have Covid-19 symptoms
- To confirm your positive lateral flow test results

HOW LONG IT TAKES

- These tests are processed in labs
- Up to 3 days, most results the next day

GET A TEST

- At home • At a test site

WITHOUT SYMPTOMS 'rapid lateral flow' test

WHEN TO TAKE THE TEST

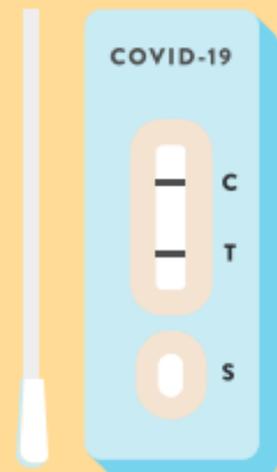
- If you do not have symptoms of Covid-19
- As part of routine testing twice a week

HOW LONG IT TAKES

- Result processed by test device
- Around 30 minutes

GET A TEST

- At home • At a test site • At work
- At your nursery • At your secondary school
- At your university • Order on line
- Collect from a pharmacy



If you test positive you and your household must isolate. If you test positive with a lateral flow test, you must also book a confirmatory PCR test as soon as possible and **report your result to NHS test and trace**. To find out more visit www.surreycc.gov.uk/coronavirustesting

THE VACCINES ARE WORKING

PROTECT YOURSELF
AND YOUR
LOVED ONES

NHS



Every Covid-19 vaccine dose is giving us hope of getting life moving again. Getting the lifesaving jab is the most important thing you can do. Don't delay in getting your vaccine when it is offered to you.

- You're much less likely to be seriously ill with Covid-19, hospitalised or die if you've been vaccinated
- You need two doses for maximum protection for you and those around you
- It's important to keep your vaccination appointments for both doses when they are offered to you
- The vaccine reduces chances of hospitalisation by 85%
- As summer has arrived you may be mixing more with friends and family so make sure you take time to get vaccinated

Find out how to get your vaccine at nhs.uk/covid-vaccination or by phoning 119. If you are eligible but not able to book through the national booking service, you can speak to your GP.

Follow in the footsteps of over 1 million Surrey residents and book your jab today.