

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Summer Term
02 July 2021

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Dear Parents

I am still buzzing from the fantastic games earlier this week in the Euros, not least the long-awaited victory for England against Germany (no penalties, thank goodness!), and am now hoping that our team can build upon that platform of euphoria for their quarter-final match against Ukraine on Saturday. Meanwhile, Andy Murray is - at the time of writing - still flying the British flag at Wimbledon with his customary vigour; it almost seems like a normal summer...

Last Friday saw our inaugural House Arts competition. It was pleasing to see so much interest and you can read more about the quality of entries, as well as the winners, overleaf. Thank you to Miss Foster and the other teachers involved in facilitating such a super, creative opportunity for our boys.

On Monday, it was a delight for the admissions & marketing team to host an online "Tea & Talk" for new girls joining in September. It was a shame not to be able to welcome them to the school in person but given the circumstances, it was the next best thing. On a related note, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Zoe Ashton as our Head of Admissions in September; a qualified teacher with many years of professional experience on the Greater London circuit, I am confident that she will be a fantastic addition to our friendly, welcoming team of support staff.

The Kingswood House Way



Form 7Ba presented an insightful assembly this week featuring their top tips about how to be respectful at home or in school. I was impressed by the thoughtful content of their recommendations and look forward to seeing them being put into practice. Well done also to Form 7Bl who talked in their assembly with great conviction about National Sports Week - very topical, boys!

Many of our Seniors are currently out on a Duke of Edinburgh assessed expedition; fortunately, the sun is shining and that should help them successfully navigate their way to the finishing line of a 20K trek!

Thank you to Miss Black and Mr Sukhdeo who held initial careers meetings with Year 10 families this week. I look forward to helping our students refine their sixth form choices in follow-up meetings early in the new academic year.

I am grateful to Mr March for his hard work in collating end of term reports; these should be sent out to you next week. Do please take the time to read the content carefully, before discussing it with your son, and I trust that the commentary will offer constructive advice, as well as a positive tone, at the culmination of a hybrid year in and out of school.

Finally, please look out for a parent-mail about Prize Giving later today; the timing of this will be entirely dependent upon when Mr Mitchell and I are able to gain access to Epsom College in order to plan logistics. You should note, as per the communication earlier this week, that there will be no supervision for pupils on site at KHS beyond 5pm on Monday.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy

Headmaster

P.S. Hot off the press, I am delighted to share the news that KHS has been short-listed for a prestigious Independent School of the Year award. More info to follow next week...



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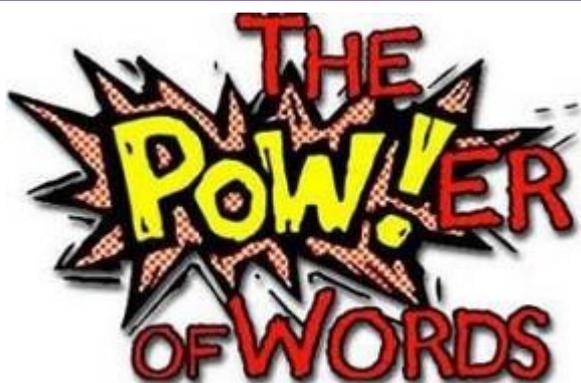


Please find below the calendar dates for next week and any current notices:

2021	JULY	WEEK 1	
Monday	05	1800	Prize Giving—Epsom College (<i>please see the parent-mail later on Friday for info</i>)
Tuesday	06	All day	Winning House Day of Celebrations!
Wednesday	07	0845-0915 1800	Lower Prep Assembly Year 11 Leavers' BBQ
Thursday	08	0845-0930	"The Apprentice" Arts Enrichment Presentations Drama Production auditions for Y5—8
Friday	09	am. 1200 onwards	Mufti for Euros & Jollies END OF TERM—staggered times for pick up: 1200—Lower Prep; 1215—Y5&6; 1230—Y7&8 plus Seniors who catch train / walk; 1245—Y9,10 & 11 Headmaster's Blog & weekly Newsletter

LUNCH MENU—week beginning 05 July 2021

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday
Pesto Pasta (V); Caesar Salad with Garlic Bread	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	Bolognese: Spicy Tomato Sauce (V) with Spaghetti	Fresh Fruit; Choc Ice	Pesto & Halloumi Cheese Grilled Slice with Baked Beans	Fresh Fruit; Jelly	Burger in a Bun; Vegetarian Burger (V) with Homemade Cole- slaw	Fresh Fruit; Cornflake Crunchy Cake	<i>NO LUNCH SERVICE</i>



This week, *Cappuccino*

As the summer break draws near, and cafes and restaurants are open, we will be able to meet friends for a cappuccino.

The origin of the word comes from the diminutive form *cappuccio* which means 'hood' in Italian, the link being to the Capuchin monks, whose hooded habits were a dark brown colour, similar to that of a good cappuccino. The first known use was in Austria in 1790 when Wilhelm Tissot jotted down the recipe for Kapuzinerkaffe (literally a cappuchin coffee) this actually consisted of egg yolks, sugar and cream, and although not we would normally expect, in some parts of Austria one can still order a Kapuziner. Enjoy your coffee! *Madame Swift*



It was lovely to have Folu come and play me some of his piano pieces from his recent Grade 3, which he passed. If anyone would like to play their pieces to me, get some feedback or just practice performing, I would love to hear them. *Miss Foster*

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

Matviy H for continually showing endeavour and working hard in every lesson. Mrs Lambert

Raphael M well done for your recycled robot! It has arms, legs and is even taller than Raphael himself! This is a fantastic design and you have done a brilliant job! Miss Black

3M

The whole of Year 3 deserve a very big mention for their amazing Geography project, researching various European countries they have visited. Mrs Marskell

4S

Luis L for an amazing biography on Gandhi; Ben Scudamore for working hard on his reading. Miss Smith

UPPER PREP

5F

Jamil H, Max K, Harvey M, Harry W and Harry B for always being good friends to the other boys and helping to cheer them up. Ms Forbes

5S

Lucas C for working hard in English this week and Enzo Beretta-Palero for fabulous symmetry work in Maths. Mrs Seiver

6L

Derin U has spent a lot of time designing a fantastic eco robot for the citizenship enrichment programme. It has scanning features and would be a great help to the planet. Derin even made a video to show all of the robot's features and functions. Excellent work Derin! Miss Black

Tristan B has performed fabulously on a very challenging Maths arithmetic paper. Mr Clarke

6S

Alex Wang and James Miller each got a very commendable 9 in their English Grammar exam. Mme Swift

7BA

Jasper W for his continued enthusiasm in lessons. Mr Barratt

Theo W has shown a great maturity recently, long may it continue! Miss Patel

Arlo S, Ethan C, Theo J, Avaneesh G, Beau C and Josh Mc C for always being the first table ready to work! Miss Patel

7BL

Shay C, Josh I, Zac M and Dylan B well done for showing such professionalism with your application for a position of responsibility. You all worked hard with your application, and I wish you good luck! Miss Black

Well done to 7BL who have been on fire with their 4 and 6 figure grid references in geography! Mr Laudy

Luca S-S and Henry T for their understanding of Photosynthesis; Max L for remembering the chemical formula for glucose; Zac M for independent work in Science this week. Mr Barratt

Dylan B for the great conversations we have had in French about the Euros, even though he is not happy with the result of Monday's French result! Mme Swift

Disputes Continued...

7P

Ed C really stepped up when organising stall ideas for Jollies; Enzo R shared some great information on 'upstairs' and 'downstairs' brains in PHSE; Joe H for always showing kindness and holding doors open for others. Miss Patel

Year 7 have produced some fabulous prefect applications which have made great reading. It will be hard to pick prefects and other roles of responsibility next year. Mr Clarke

8L

Henry S has shown some fantastic resilience and great efforts all week! Miss Patel

Henry S is always polite, courteous and doing the right thing when no one is looking. It's the small things that count and that's exactly what Henry does best. Mr Laudy

8T

Patrick G for progress in French recently, having joined as a beginner. Mme Taylor

Sam M for a complete 180 degree change in attitude in lessons! Mr Barratt

Patrick G, Tobias v H, Archie S and Lukas C for some great space questions during lessons this week – lovely to see them genuinely interested! Miss Patel

SENIORS

9H

Ted H has had a great all-round week and been supportive to others. Mr Hendry

Max G—an industrious few days, well done. Mr Hendry

Will H for consistently submitting work of a good standard in Classics. Mrs Weston

9T

Antoni M has not had a great week or two, for various reasons, but I believe in him and know he has the potential to turn things around before the end of term. Mr Twinley

Marcus G performed well in house cricket. Mr Hendry

10H

Ryan L and Hugo D for being so kind and thoughtful to younger students on the recent Art trip to London. Mrs Haunstetter

Sam Sq and Joe O both for an excellent standard of prep for computer science. Mrs Webb

Harry R and Cameron A for stepping up and for offering their help, voluntarily, with a leak in the senior toilets last Friday. Mr Sukhdeo

Cameron Allenby, Eddie Fisher and Sam Squire for great efforts and questions in science this week. Miss Patel

Eddie Fisher and Sam Slaney performed well in house cricket. Mr Hendry

10W

I was impressed with Jack B, Ali D and Theo S for asking relevant, pertinent and interesting questions of H H Judge Kent at the Senior Lecture on Thursday Evening. Well done boys! Mrs Weston

Max M-N— excellent evidence of coding in computer science. Mrs Webb

Rory G, Max M-N and Theo S for their contributions to discussions on 'Frankenstein' in English Lessons. Mr March

Jestico S performed well in house cricket. Mr Hendry

11B

Ollie P for his outstanding effort during his school managed work experience in the Lower Prep. Mr Sukhdeo



7BL Assembly

This week 7BL did a fantastic job of performing their assembly. The assembly was themed around National School Sports Week - all of the boys took on the role of a sportsman, commentator or even team mascot! Throughout the assembly the message of endeavour, resilience, sportsmanship and teamwork was echoed through the media of sports ranging from football, rugby, martial arts and even the Formula 1. Within the assembly the boys referenced a quote from James Kerr's book 'Legacy' which explains how even the famous rugby team the 'All Blacks' ensure they clean and

sweep the sheds because they know it is their responsibility and should not be left for someone else to deal with. A message that runs true for all of Kingswood House pupils, to take responsibility for themselves and their actions.

It was clear from the assembly that 7BL put a lot of their life skills and admirable characteristics into practice when playing sports. The takeaway message from the morning was to always show endeavour and to not give up if something becomes difficult, that is how we become more skilled in our sport of choice and how we tackle the obstacles that life can sometimes throw our way.

Well done 7BL - you should be extremely proud of yourselves! *Miss Black*

An impressive hand made Samurai sword out of folded paper! Well done boys. Tristan B 6L, Kieran S & Jack S both 6S received a commendation from Mr Clarke



Watery Work Experience!

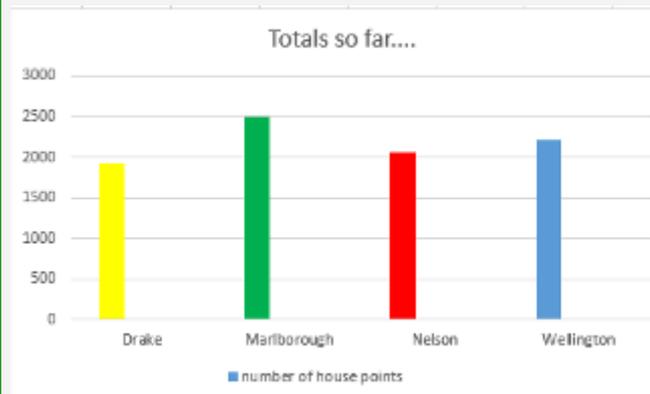
School were delighted to hear of Theo B (11W) work experience endeavours. He completed and passed his dinghy instructor certification in half term and since then has worked every Wednesday evening at Datchet Water Sailing Club instructing on their 'This Man Can' course and loved every bit of it! He completed a full month of work and was then contracted to continue providing the course in July as well.

Theo also arranged to work at Liquid Leisure, using his own contacts, meaning he now juggles two jobs alongside his other main interest and pursuit—ice skating and training for this. Well done Theo, a worthwhile way to spend your time.



HOUSE POINTS

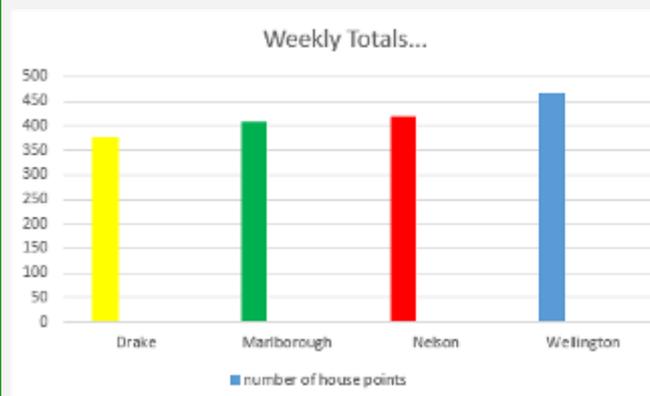
Here are the final house point graphs for the Summer term!



A strong finish this week by Marlborough in 1st, 2nd for Wellington, 3rd for Nelson and 4th for Drake.

Well done to all boys this year and this term for all their hard work and all the house points they have collected!

Over all....



Nelson have won the house competition this academic year—**CONGRATULATIONS!** It was a tight competition and it came down to Years 5-8 cricket on Wednesday! There was only one point in it – the closest competition there has been in a long time. Well done to all our boys for being part of their Houses throughout the year and aiming to do their best and win points. Same time, next year!

Miss Smith



7BA Assembly



Well done to Form 7BA who presented a timely assembly featuring their top tips of how pupils can demonstrate the Kingswood House Way value of respect on a day to day basis at home and in school.

COMMENDATIONS

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

All boys in Years 1 & 2 received a commendation last week for producing excellent persuasive posters; **Raphael M & Jack S 1L; Maye B, Ebrahim B, Matviy H, Zayn J, Ted R & James W 2L:** Mrs Lambert

Tristan B 6L, Jack S 6S & Kieran S 6S: creative effort! Mr Clarke

**Nice Work
Great Job
Well Done**



Citizenship Enrichment

Derin U (6L) has created a fantastic eco-robot with features that allow the robot to scan materials to decide if they can be used usefully or recycled. Derin has even made a video to explain how his robot works - this shows endeavour and is a fantastic contribution to the Citizenship enrichment programme.



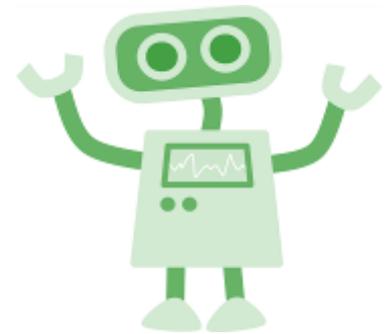
Well done, Derin! *Miss Black*



Raphael M (1L) has modelled a citizen out of recycled materials for his contribution to being a 'global citizen' as well... it is great to see an interest in these matters at such a young age, and that he could achieve something that was even taller than him!

Well done, Raphael! *Miss Black*

I AM A
ROBOT



Citizenship Enrichment—Being a Good Citizen at Home!

Miss Black is keen to spread our citizenship message outside of school and extend it to home by encouraging our boys to be good citizens and to think of others. Here are some suggestions...

Plan a games/quiz night for your family. You can use one of the games you have at home or design your own quiz – You can even challenge the teachers!

Make a gift for someone in your house. This can be using materials at home (ask permission first) or by painting rocks! Painted rocks can make a lovely gift for someone you care about.

Do a good deed for someone in your home. It is always nice to do something good for someone else. This could be making a cup of tea, bringing them a snack or helping around the house!

Saying thank you. There are people who do a lot to make you happy and are hard at work. Make a thank you card or message for someone at home or even in school.

BEING A GOOD CITIZEN



Citizenship at Home—a message from Miss Black

Please find below a range of activities that your child can take part in as part of the Citizenship Enrichment programme which encourages our pupils to think about others before themselves. Over the holiday period the boys might like to entertain other family members by making some musical instruments from the things you have at home, eg.



Plastic water bottle maracas:

Materials:

Empty plastic water bottles with their caps; masking tape; paint or coloured pens; dried rice.

Instructions:

Wrap the water bottle from top to bottom with masking tape.

If using plain masking tape, decorate the maraca by drawing or painting designs on the masking tape.

Fill the water bottle half-way with dried rice. Replace bottle cap and shake!



Elastic band guitar (Source: BBC Good Food)

Materials:

Tissue box, or small cereal box with an oval hole cut in the front; poster or acrylic paint; 2 lolly sticks; long cardboard tube (for example from a roll of foil or baking paper); elastic bands of different sizes and thicknesses; coloured paper; buttons or decorations (optional); paintbrush; PVA glue; scissors; sticky tape.

Instructions:

Place the end of the cardboard tube up against the end of the tissue box and draw around it. Carefully cut out to create a hole.

Paint the cardboard tube and lolly sticks and allow to dry.

Remove any plastic from the tissue box and then open out and lay flat. Paint the inside and allow to dry. Cut a piece of coloured paper and stick it to the base of the tissue box (this will become the inside of the guitar).

Glue the box back together with the painted side on the outside, and allow to dry. Insert the cardboard tube into the hole you cut at the top, then secure in place with sticky tape.

Glue the lolly sticks in place at either end of hole in the front of the box, as shown (pictured above). Allow to dry, then stretch the elastic bands around the whole box.

Finish with decorations of your choice – we chose buttons, but you could use sequins, ribbon, pom-poms or whatever you have in the house. Try experimenting with different elastic bands and see if you can make a song!

There are many more instruments that can be made! You could even form a family band.

As a good citizen you care about others and want to see them happy and fulfilled; part of this could be sharing your skills and knowledge. Why don't you teach your parents, or other family members, something new...? A good place to start and enjoy spending time together is often in the kitchen so why not try this easy and simple ice cream recipe together with someone?

How to make vanilla ice cream in a bag! (Source: BBC Good Food)

You will need:

300ml semi-skimmed milk; 1 tbsp caster sugar; ¼ tsp vanilla extract; 1kg ice; 6 tbsp rock salt; hundreds and thousands to serve!

2 medium zip-seal freezer bags; 1 large zip-seal freezer bag; sticky tape.

Method:

Place the milk, sugar and vanilla into the doubled-up medium zip-seal bags. Close and secure with sticky tape if the seal isn't strong. Tip the ice and salt into the large bag, then place the smaller bags inside the larger one, and seal well.



You will need to keep the bags moving for 10-15 mins to freeze the milk. Gently throw the bag from hand to hand or take turns shaking it – it's a good idea to wear gloves to keep your hands warm! Remove the ice-cream bag, open and scoop into bowls. Sprinkle with hundreds & thousands.

House Arts Competition—Results...

After a very successful and popular House Arts Competition – Miss Foster & Mrs Horley had eight interested competitors sign up initially, but were eventually faced with over 30 different entrants on the day which was fabulous to both see and hear! Some tough judging decisions had to be made as there was so much talent and enthusiasm on show however, the following awards were made; all acts were given a Certificate of Participation and a critique on their performance. Well done to all boys who entered.

Lower Prep

First place: Ben S 4S

Second place: Cameron E & Sebastian P 4S

Third place: Luis L & Zac D 4S

Years 5 & 6

First place: Kevin T & Ben S 6S

Second place: Josh D 6S

Third place: Arun A 5S

Years 7 & 8

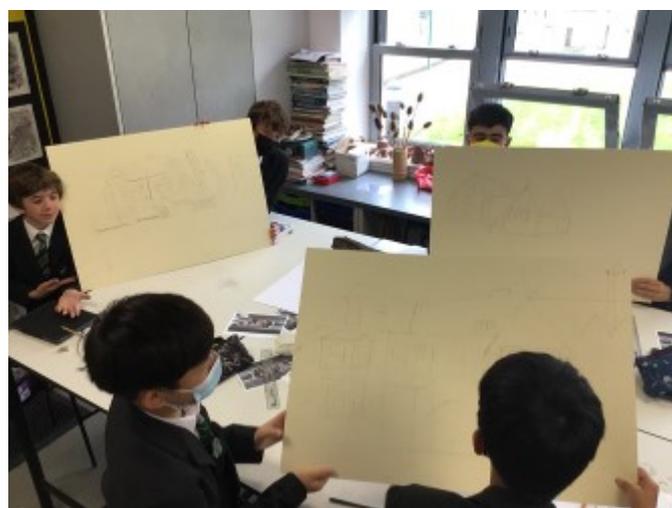
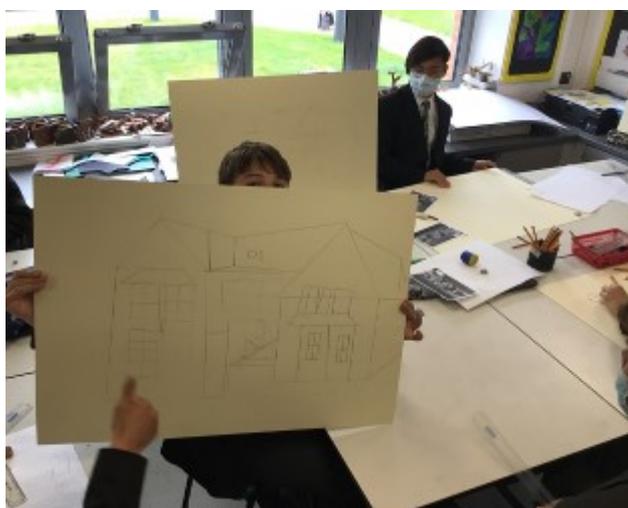
First place: Ivan T 8L & Zachary F 8T

Second place: Tommy W 8L

Third place: Bogdan P 8T

Seniors

First place: Folu A 9T



Here are some pupils from Year 7 showing their observational drawing skills as they tackle recording the KHS building from its front view—a lot of angles to get right!

Lift share required for September

If any parents live in the Kingston/ Surbiton area and would like to consider a lift share, please contact Mrs Foster who would be very interested in sharing lifts home.

Please contact Mrs Foster directly on 07833928505 or kate.foster.mobile@gmail.com



External Club Provision

Mrs Lambert has been working extremely hard with a wide range of external providers to ensure our pupils have some fun and engaging extra-curricular activities for the next academic year; more information can be found on the school's website here, but a brief overview looks like this...

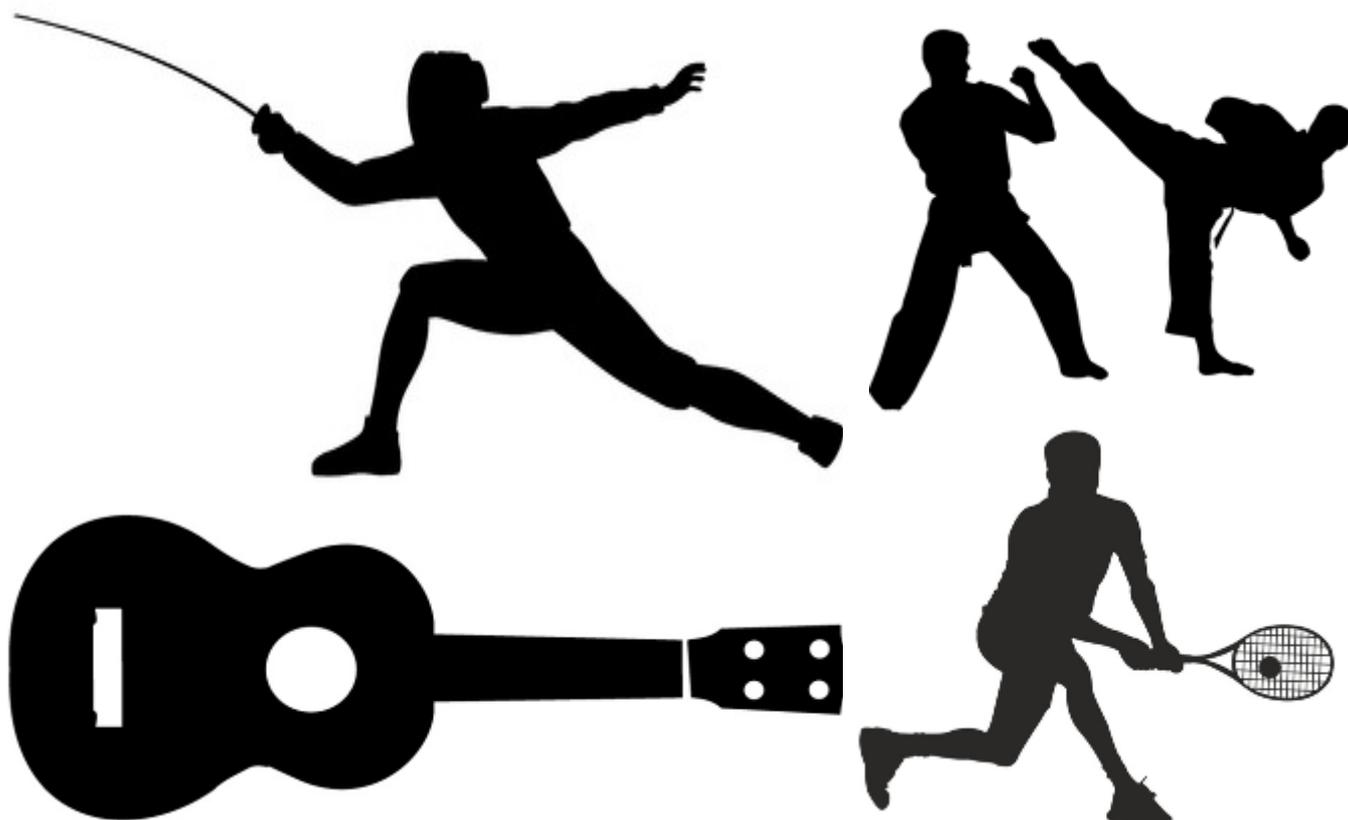
Fencing: Monday lunchtime —Year 4, 5, new beginners and intermediates welcome led by [Nick Payne](#) who was an ex British number 1.

Karate: Tuesday after school for all ages and abilities run by [Les Goodwin](#) a fully-trained and experienced coach who also runs Judo Club.

Ukele: Thursday lunchtime, split into year groups to learn this portable, fun instrument that can accommodate lots of popular, modern tunes; [Simon Bradfield](#) our guitar peri teacher ensures progress is quick and easy! flame-tofiresteve@gmail.com

Tennis: Thursday & Friday mornings before school for all pupils. [Simon Pethybridge](#) follows the new LTA youth programme for coaching and developing young talent s.pethybridge@googlemail.com

Any queries about external club provision should be sent direct to the club leaders, thank you, as they will be best placed to answer any queries you may have. We may be adding a Chess Club and also a Mindfulness / Well-Being Club both run by external people so do keep an eye out for Parentmail / website updates. We hope to see lots of our boys, and new girls (!!) joining in, in September!





Class 3M Being Busy Inside and Outside the Classroom...

In English, the boys had to research a type of spider that interested them and then write a newspaper article about their chosen species. The boys also read out their article to the class and answered questions—little David Attenboroughs in the making! In Science, the boys have been measuring how tall their plants have grown. And used their maths skills and knowledge when selecting appropriate units of measurement. *Mrs Marskell*



What a Wonderful World!

Years 1 & 2 have been learning about the wonderful world we live in and, this week, they have been drawing their own aerial maps of our school.

The boys became cartographers for the afternoon; they did some fieldwork and made sketches of the buildings before creating their own maps. They all agreed that it was a challenging task but the end results were surprisingly very accurate!

Mrs Lambert

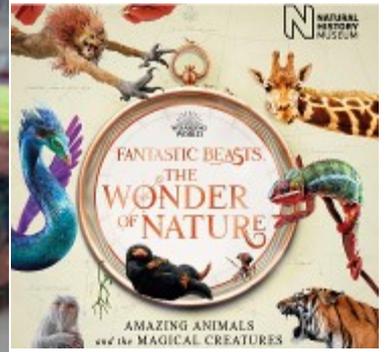




Here are some examples of Year 10 GCSE art work produced in their mock exam over 10 hours in the Art room recently.

A super range of materials show developing skills from the pupils with observational drawing accuracy and representation a key component before creative expression and a more abstract approach can develop.

Year 8 Fantastic Creatures modelled out of clay...



Year 1 & 2 pencil pots showing off clay slab building and joining skills. An extra 3D motif was applied to the surface and then the pots brightly painted.





Some stunning lino-cut exploratory work from Year 10; they looked at various colour combinations and how the different inks work with the various cut marks.



*Y10 monotone lino print work;
using just black and white ink
really emphasises the textures
an marks made...*



Grandparents!

...and finally, we were looking forward to hosting Grandparents and extended family in school today but sadly the delay to Covid-restrictions lifting meant we were unable to open up our school site to everyone. We would, however, like to take this opportunity to acknowledge, and thank, the grandparents that are part of our school community and hopefully will continue to be so until the time comes when we can welcome you all once more on site. Wishing you all a lovely summer with your extended families and many more opportunities to make memories together.

Thank you for the contributions below that were sent in...



Avaneesh G in 7BA, seen here with his grand parents who he is missing a great deal as the family have not been able to travel or visit each other in the last 18 months due to the pandemic...

**Every parent
knows that children
look at their
grandparents as
sources of wisdom
and security.**

| David Jeremiah

*"A grandparent is a
little bit parent, a
little bit teacher, and
a little bit best
friend."*

- UNKNOWN

Jack R in 8L enjoying a long over-due grand parenting visit...bet there were treats involved!!



**GRANDPARENTS MAKE THE WORLD A LITTLE
SOFTER, A LITTLE KINDER, A LITTLE WARMER**



Overleaf, Mrs Lambert has done some with her class talking about their grandparents and what makes them special and an important part of their family and lives...

Grandparents...

Years 1 & 2 shared their fond memories of their grandparents with each other and discussed what makes their families so special! We created a family tree in our classroom and decorated it with our beautiful work—thoughts and pictures—about our grandparents. Mrs Lambert



GRANDPARENTS ARE THERE TO HELP THE CHILD GET INTO MISCHIEF THEY HAVEN'T THOUGHT OF YET.

