

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term
1 October 2021

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The Kingswood House Way

Dear Parents

On Monday afternoon, it was a great pleasure to welcome Roz McLeod who presented our inaugural “Tea & Talk” for girls, parents and staff. It was a most enjoyable, informative session and we look forward to the second instalment with Merinda D’Aprano after half term.

Thank you to Mr Bailey, Miss Black, Mr Sukhdeo and Mrs Wraith who saw Year 11 pupils and parents for their important sixth form and careers meetings this week. I am pleased to hear that the boys were well-prepared and thoughtful about their future choices beyond KHS.

Well done to Form 10H who talked with enthusiasm and insight about Black History Month (starting today) and each pupil showcased an iconic individual of their choice, ranging from Sir Mo Farah to Naomi Campbell. It is heartening to see that diversity and equality are active topics in our school community as we prepare young people to have the right mind-set and values for life beyond the school gate.

Yesterday afternoon I was wowed by the performers at the first Tea Time Concert of the academic year. Well done to all the boys and girls—especially Katie (pictured below) who was sensational!

Last night, together with senior staff, I hosted a prestigious admissions event for Prep School Heads at the Royal Automobile Club, Epsom, where over twenty feeder schools were keen to learn more about Kingswood House. It was a most convivial evening and I believe that such strong representation from schools across the county evidences our excellent local reputation.

This morning, I attended our first Class Rep meeting of the academic year; thank you to Julie Larter, Exec Rep, for chairing an informative discussion. A summary of key points will be circulated shortly.

Hot off the press, I can inform you that the school photograph, scheduled for next week, has now been postponed until the start of the summer term due to the number of pupils and staff who are away from school.

Additionally, please note that boys and girls will undertake a pupil questionnaire in school over the next few weeks together with their form teachers. It is a useful barometer for the school to measure key aspects of the children’s safety and welfare, amongst many other things. Again, key results will be shared later in the term.

On top of pupil and staff absence due to illness, not solely Covid-related, we have also had to contend with the ‘fuel crisis’ this week. Whatever next? In true KHS fashion, we will negotiate the pitfalls that confront us with agility and determination together with your patience and understanding.

I wish you a terrific weekend.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy

Headmaster



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

| 2021 | OCTOBER | WEEK 1 | |
|-----------|---------|------------------------------|--|
| Monday | 04 | 0845-1600 | Year 9 GCSE Geography Trip to Surrey Hills |
| Tuesday | 05 | 0900 1500 | Whole School Photograph—postponed to start of Summer Term 2022 due to Covid safety and absentees U14 & U15 vs Box Hill (A) |
| Wednesday | 06 | 0845 0930 1415 1430 | 8L Assembly Lower Prep Forest School U11 Netball vs Belmont (A) U12 & U13 vs Box Hill (A) |
| Thursday | 07 | 0830-1000 1930 | Harvest Festival at Christ Church KHA Race Night |
| Friday | 08 | All day | 'Hello Yellow' Charity Day for Young Minds Mental Health—wear yellow! |

LUNCH MENU week beginning 04.10.2021

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Macaroni Cheese | Chilli con Carne; Five Bean Chilli (V) with Brown & White Rice & Peas | Roast Pork & Crackling; Mozzarella & Tomato Slice | Sweet & Sour Chicken; Chunky Veg Sweet & Sour (V) with Noodles | Selection of Home-made Pizza with Home-made Coleslaw |
| Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; | Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Apple Crumble & Custard | Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Flapjacks | Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Cookies | Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Chocolate Chip Sponge Cake |



I spy with my little eye...spotted walking through the playground...the trouble with shoelaces! #caughtbeinggood

#ahelpinghand

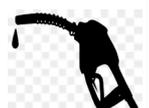
#coeducation



This week, the word '*petrol*'. Unfortunately, we have all heard on the news, or experienced for ourselves the frustrations of the current petrol supply crisis, but do you know where the word *petrol* originated?

In most commonwealth countries this precious commodity we all rely on is known as 'petrol' and not 'gasoline'—which is the preferred American term. Petrol is a shortened form of the word '*petroleum*' which originally referred to various types of mineral oils and literally means '*rock oil*', coming from the Medieval Latin: '*petra*' meaning rock and '*oleum*' meaning oil. Hopefully we will all have enough petrol very soon!

Madame Swift



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

Reception

Verity F – for persevering during our hand writing lessons – Well done, Verity. Miss de Klerk

2 & 3L

Phoebe W for being respectful in class. Mrs Lambert

Beatrix S in Year 3 for great participation in French lessons. Mme Swift

4S

Jamie C– for coming back to school with a positive attitude! Miss Smith

UPPER PREP

5F

Fraser S is working very hard in all his subject. He is also submitting some great prep which he has worked on independently. Ms Forbes

6L

Congratulations to Jack H who received the U13 runner up trophy in the RAC squash tournament this weekend. Mr Murphy

Max K has stepped up to be prep monitor this week; well done. Mrs Lindley

6S

Byron M for an original drawing completed for work on contextualising our class reader and all of 6S for very good discussion about Maslow's Hierarchy in PSHE. Mme Swift

7BA

William B for being on fire in class this week; George E for his huge focus in Maths; Thomas R for his positive attitude and great effort in lessons. Mr Barratt

Lauti Y and Oliver F – for working very hard to produce their best work in every session. Mr Barratt

Zac M – “caught being good” certificate for showing empathy and kindness towards one of his peers who was having a bad day. Mrs Darbyshire

7BL

James M always listens carefully to instructions. He is very conscientious and polite. Miss Black

Khishaan T shows the Kingswood House Way through his respect and endeavour. He has really settled very well into life at Kingswood House. Miss Black

Gabriel C and Freddie T – Fabulous concentration and work rate in our lessons this week! Mr Barratt

7P

Tristan B and Kieran S have done a brilliant job at public speaking and convinced their respective houses to support their nominated charities! Miss Patel

Joshua S and Fin R have been fabulous readers during enrichment. Miss Patel

Freija K and Tristan B both for their focus and work rate in Science this week. Mr Barratt

Tai B – Great understanding and focus in Maths. Mr Barratt

8F

Youssef M– settling in well this week; great to see. Miss Foster

Enzo R – showing an excellent work ethic across the curriculum. Miss Foster

8L

'8L Covid Crew' – very well done to the boys stuck at home, keep up the perseverance and hard work. We can't wait to have you back in school with us! Mr Laudy

Arlo S and Theo J - both pupils have shown a passion for Science, they are hard-working and always engaged in the lesson. Well done to you both! Miss Black

8T

Max L for consistently polite responses when spoken to. Mme Taylor

Joel M made some inspired contributions in English last week. Mrs Weston

Kobi W– so switched on in Maths. Mr Barratt

Kobi W was absolutely fantastic in History. He volunteered to read – and did so really well – and wrote some very detailed, well-evidenced responses in his book. Well done, Kobi! Mrs Haunstetter

SENIORS

9B

Archie S for his independence and dedication to the form. He is always willing to help others. Mrs Bray

Zachary F for an outstanding effort in writing an analysis of the character of Macbeth. Mr March

9H

Ivan T & Ozzy S this week - both have shown good levels of respect throughout school life. Mr Hendry

Henry S has been putting in 110% effort into his classwork and preps, excellent work – keep it up Henry! Miss Patel

10H

Well done to everyone in 10H who has worked independently on their research for assembly today! Mrs Haunstetter

Harvey W achieved an excellent result in his Functional Skills reading assessment paper. A huge well done to Harvey for his concentration and hard work during the assessment. Miss Smith

Many 'Congratulations' to Folu A who was awarded a Level 2 'Merit' award in his Grade 4 exam in Imperial Classical Ballet; a superb achievement.. Well done, Folu, we are very proud of your talent and commitment in this field. Mr Murphy

Ethan S has been making some very insightful contributions to lessons and been sharing his wider interests in electronics! Miss Patel

10W

10W have all arrived to registration by 8.30 on two occasions. Mrs Weston

Will H shows good organisation and every morning collects in the prep and takes to the relevant teacher. Mrs Weston

A note from Mme Taylor for all Year 10 French group for a fantastic start – exemplary effort and behaviour. Mme Taylor

11B

A mention for Angelo C who is isolating at home; he presented a PowerPoint to myself and the class, during our PSHE lesson, about the power of social media influencers! A great effort, all his own work. Mr Bailey

11W

Year 11W participated well in PHSE. A lively discussion, good working ethos and preparing for examinations. Mrs Wraith

A note from Miss Black, "The pupils in Year 11 came to their careers meetings organised and prepared to discuss their future destinations post Kingswood House. Well done for thinking carefully about your futures".

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN-
CANCER SUPPORT**



Never needing too much of an excuse to eat cake, drink coffee and chat, the staff got together on Thursday and Friday last week and dug deep to raise **£188** for Macmillan Cancer Support.



There were some incredible home-bakes catering for vegan and Gluten free dietary requirements, as well as some very generous shop-bought treats that were enjoyed by all.

Thank you to everyone who supported this event by baking, buying, eating and donating! *Ms Timothy & Mrs Long*



Many Congratulations to Folu A (10H) who was awarded a Level 2 'Merit' award in his Grade 4 exam in Imperial Classical Ballet; a superb achievement and is now starting to put the many hours of hard work, training and practice into his Grade 5. Well done Folu we are very proud of your talent and commitment in this field.



Congratulations are also due to Jack H (6L) who was runner-up in his U13 age group squash club's 2020 tournament (cancelled last year but recently played)

Worth the wait Jack, well done!



House points - this week - Whole School

Drake - 554

Marlborough - 466

Nelson - 493

Wellington - 425

House points - totals - Whole School

Drake - 1179

Marlborough - 985

Nelson - 937

Wellington - 931

SPORTS RESULTS

KHS vs Homefield

U13A - 3-2 loss; Beau C (8T) and Finley R (7P) scored; Finley R awarded Player of the Match.

U13B 1- 5-2 win; Dylan B (8F) scored 4 goals; Khishaan T (7BL) was awarded Player of the Match and scored 1 goal.

U13B2 - 5-1 win; Ethan B (7P) awarded Player of the Match with 1 goal, Will H (8F) scored 1 goal; Ibrahim M (8L) 1 goal and Zach Y (7BA) 1 goal,. Henry R (7BL) was awarded Sportsmanship for helping an opponent up off the floor .

KHS vs Belmont

Colts A - 2-2 draw; Harvey M (6L) with 2 goals; Eddie B (6L) awarded Player of the Match.

Colts B - 11-2 win; Frankie L (6S) awarded Player of the Match; goals scored by Max K (6L) 2; Peter S (6S) 3; Cyril B D (5F) 1; Jamil H (6L) 2; Hugo H (5F) 1; Seb P (5F) 1 and Fraser B (6S) 1 .

Colts C - 1-0 win; Oscar E (6S) with 1 goal and Player of the Match.

Colts D - 1-1 draw; Max W (5F) scored and was awarded Player of the Match; Sebastian H (5F) given Sportsmanship due to his all round performance.

U9 A 6-1 loss; Ciaran P (4S) scored the goal and Zach B (4S) was our Player of the Match.

U9 B 3-0 win; William N-B (4S) scored 1 goal, Paul H (2/3L) 1 goal and Player of the Match went to Zach B (4S) with 1 goal and Sportsmanship award for helping an injured player up.

U9 C - 8-0 loss; Maye B (2/3L) made Player of the Match.



House Meetings Due to the tough Covid restrictions last academic year which meant we were either in lockdown, or only allowed to be in year group 'bubbles' and not mixing, today saw the first house meetings in person and across all year groups for a very long time! Boys and girls, and staff, met up in their four houses in various outdoor locations....al fresco style! The children were voting for the charity that their house would support this year. It was lovely to everyone in their houses from our youngest pupils in Reception right up to your eldest in Year 11. Looking forward to an active and fun programme of house events in the year ahead... *Miss Smith, Houses Co-ordinator*



'Girls Tea & Talk'

A fabulous after school event for our new girl cohort and their families which proved fun, inspirational and fuelled largely by cheese straws and chocolate bars! Roz McLeod was our brilliant motivational speaker eliciting the giggles and chats from our willing female audience. We hope to invite Roz back in each term to 'catch up' with our pioneering pupils and check up on progress and any pitfalls; this is such an exciting time for KHS!



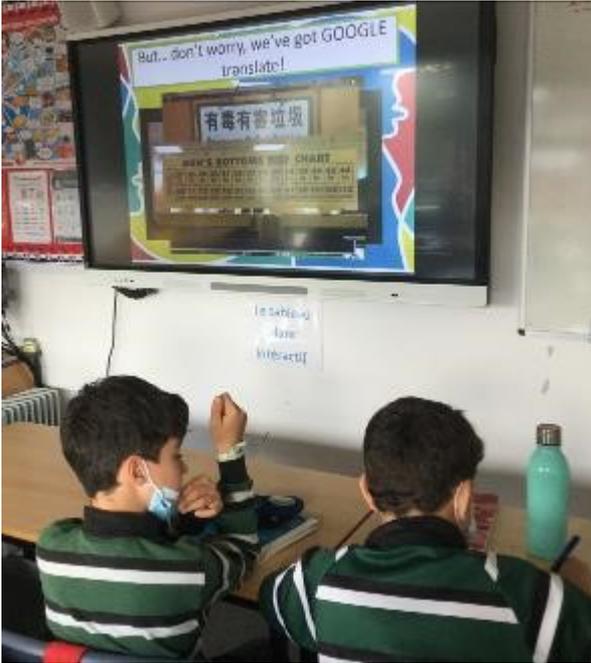
WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO NEXT WEEK—POSTPONED!

An 'executive decision' has been made to postpone the scheduled, whole school photo until the start of Summer Term 2022. We hope you understand that our concerns over levels of absenteeism, plus the need for stricter Covid safety, led our decision.

Thank you for your support.

European Day of Languages

Last Sunday, the 26th September, was the **European Day of Languages** which we, at Kingswood House, celebrate every year.



Europe is rich in languages - there are over 200 European languages - a resource that should be recognised and valued.

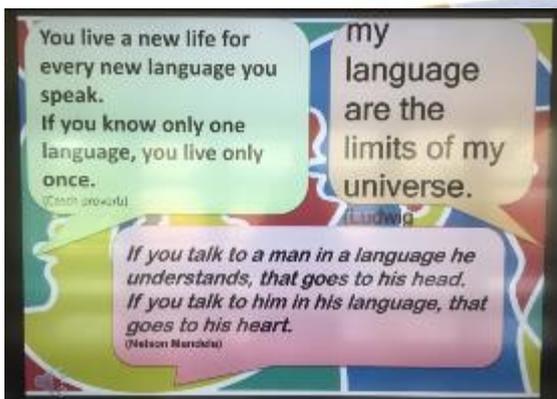
This term our key value is *Respect*, so it follows that we should show respect for other people's languages and cultures throughout the world.

The European Day of Languages raises awareness of Europe's wide variety of languages and the need for people to reach out and make the effort to learn about each other's languages and cultures.



In some of our Upper Prep lessons this week we learned more about this and enjoyed some fun activities.

Mme Taylor



Please put this date in your dairy and

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!!...

NEXT WEEK, THURSDAY 07.10.2021

KHA Race Night!

Tickets—£15 which includes a curry supper; a much loved, and missed event, from the school calendar last year, so let's get behind it and support it in 2021!

Get on your WhatsApp group and start organising your class or year group now!!

All profit raised goes back into the school to help and develop various projects for all pupils.

Enquiries and tickets from Mrs Harding office@kingswoodhouse.org



London Marathon

If you were a family with us last year, you may remember the incident in school in which one of our Year 8 pupils suffered a cardiac arrest in the lunch queue and, thanks to the decisive actions of staff in school, it was, thankfully, a happy ending.

His family, as you can imagine, are beyond grateful and his mum has now contacted the school with the news that she is running the London Marathon for a charity fundraising for cardiac arrest in young adults and children on behalf of a boy who wasn't as lucky... the fundraising link is [here](#).



School Council Badges Given Out...

Congratulations to those pupils who received their School Council badges in the recent meeting.



The 'hot topic' for debate was a discussion around break times—it was a very informative and interesting exchange of ideas.

Thank you all for your participation and view points that represented the Lower and Upper Prep divisions and Seniors too.

Miss Smith



10H Assembly

Mrs Haunstetter's class made us all sit up and take note of the month ahead in their Assembly on Wednesday when they introduced 'Black History Month' to us. The pupils had compiled their own research and presented on figures as influential and diverse as Mo Farah and Naomi Campbell. Thank you for this insightful and interesting Assembly.



Year 11 Study Skills Sessions—for pupils and parent workshop



On Wednesday this week, our Year 11 students attended an onsite workshop with Oliver from [Elevate](#). He delivered hints and tips regarding study skills and time management for the boys. Some were on Teams, others in school, but all were engaged throughout. Oliver was energetic and inspiring and hopefully, the Year 11s can now start to take steps to make individual study plans that work for them.



Oliver also did an evening session for Year 11 parents, so we thank all those who attended and hope you got some ideas to help support your child over the coming months.

As Oliver said it's all about balance, so boys, don't forget to schedule in some daily relaxation alongside all the hard work this year.



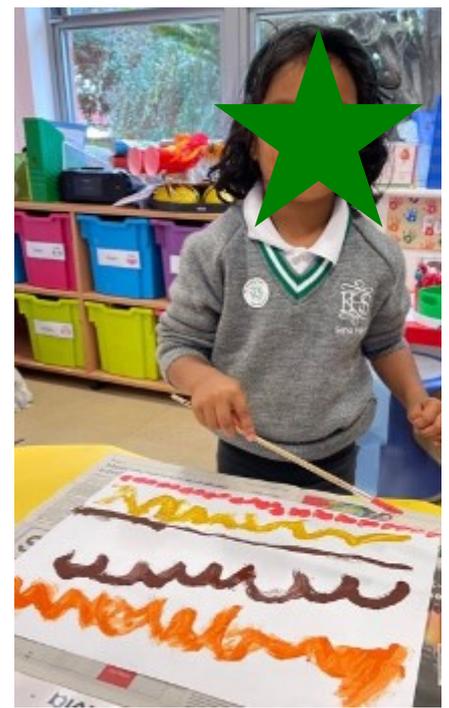
Reception News

Reception pupils have been busy bees this week once again from junk modelling robots out of recycled materials to exploring Autumn colours in paint!

Miss de Klerk tells us, "We have learnt about 2D shapes in maths, and have practiced our extended counting. Blending sounds has been at the forefront of our phonics lessons, and it is exciting to see their faces light up as they learn to read. Keep it up Reception."

In our topic lessons, we have been learning about our eye sight, and had a special treat to use and look down the microscopes from the science lab.

We continue to focus in all our activities on how to show respect to our peers, teachers and family members; we are developing some strong bonds and friendships and getting to know other pupils in the Lower Prep too. Next week we are off to explore Wisley Gardens on a guided Autumn walk—rucksacks at the ready!!"



CHECK



SPEED

We continue to urge parents to drive with extreme caution and slow speeds when at drop off or pick up at the school.

Thank you for your thought and consideration for other road users and our local neighbours.

Your support is very much appreciated.





A Busy Thursday Evening...

We enjoyed the Tea Time concert with performers in the Hall watched by an audience in school for the first time, as well as online. There was attendance by Mr Laudy, Miss Smith and Mrs Lambert at a Future Schools event hosted by the Rowans in Wimbledon—spreading the good word about all that we do. Plus, Mr Murphy hosted a number of other prep school heads at the RAC, Epsom for a convivial evening of chat and canapes with the SLT and Admissions & Marketing Team.



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4PM - 6PM
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4PM - 6PM
TUESDAY 11 JANUARY 2022
4PM - 6PM
TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2022
4PM - 6PM

TUESDAY 15 MARCH 2022
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SATURDAY 29 JANUARY 2022
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WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH 2022
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