

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term
08 October 2021

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Dear Parents

I am proud that KHS was acknowledged to national acclaim in the Independent School of the Year 2021 awards ceremony yesterday afternoon. Although we did not win the overall prize, the school was highly commended and I believe it is a great honour for us to be keeping such illustrious company.

Thank you to Form 8L who led a topical assembly earlier in the week and explained all about today's "Hello Yellow" Charity Day in aid of Young Minds. We are very proud to support such a worthwhile cause.

Wednesday afternoon saw our first ever KHS netball fixture in glorious autumnal sunshine away at Belmont. Well done to the girls who played with great camaraderie and no little skill in a compelling match. You can read more overleaf!

This week, Miss Wilson and her Study Centre team guided the school successfully through a robust inspection by Crested, a kitemark organisation for SEN, and achieved glowing feedback. I consider this a fitting testimony to the outstanding dynamics of our inclusive ethos at KHS.

We held a lovely Harvest Festival at Christ Church, Epsom, on Thursday morning which included music and readings by a selection of boys and girls. It was a wonderfully uplifting hour together as a whole school community.

Equally, the first 'in person' KHA event took place for nearly two years yesterday evening with a hugely enjoyable Race Night. A big thank you to all those parents who gave up the time to attend, and help, especially Lisa Reece and Angela Glen. Don't forget to book your tickets for Fireworks!

Please note that we held a lockdown practice this morning – if your child comes home talking about hiding under the desk with the blinds down, do not be alarmed; it is all part of our procedure in the event of an intruder being on site!

Next week is remarkably the last before a half term break; we look forward to the Shackleton & Antarctic workshops and Wear Red Charity Day (in support of racial awareness) in what promises to be an enjoyable few days.

I wish you a relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy
Headmaster



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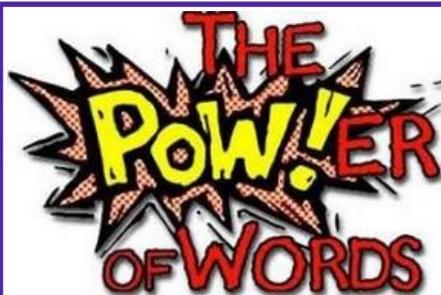
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Please find below the calendar dates for next week and any current notices:

2021	OCTOBER	WEEK 2	
Monday	11	All day 1430	Years 2,3 & 4 trip to Weald & Downland Museum U13 A, B & C vs Homefield (H)
Tuesday	12	1430 1430 1630	U14 & U16 vs Duke of Kent School (A) U15 vs Duke of Kent School (H) Staff Meeting
Wednesday	13	0930 1100-1200 1430 1430	Lower Prep Forest School 10W Assembly at Christ Church U13 A, C & E vs Parkside (A) U13 B & D vs Parkside (H)
Thursday	14	All day	'Shackleton and the Antarctic' Experience Workshops for Reception—Year 11
Friday	15	All day 1600	'Show Racism the Red Card' Charity Mufti — <i>wear red!</i> Break up for Half Term holiday!
Sat—Sun	16—31	All day	Half Term Holiday - 'Reading in Unusual Places' competition
Mon—Fri	25-29	All day	Kingswood Active holiday camp for KHS pupils, siblings and externals; for more information please see website here or email Mr Clarke:

LUNCH MENU week beginning 11.10.2021

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Meatballs; Spicy Tomato Sauce (V) with Spaghetti	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Jelly	Red Thai Chicken Curry; Red Thai Vegetable Curry (V) with Brown & White	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Apple Crumble & Custard	Chunky Roasted Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Flapjacks	Pulled Pork; Halloumi in BBQ Sauce in a Bun (V) with Homemade Coleslaw	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Chocolate Chip Sponge	Fish Fingers, Smiley Faces, Peas & Sweetcorn	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Cornflake Crunchy



This week, as it has been raining quite heavily over the last couple of days, I thought I would look at the origin of the idiom '*raining cats and dogs*'.

Cats and dogs comes from the Greek expression *Cata doxa*, meaning contrary to belief; if it's raining cats and dogs it is raining unbelievably heavily. Cats and dogs may be an alteration of the now extinct word *catadupe* from the Old English, meaning 'waterfall'.

Let's hope it doesn't rain cats and dogs at the weekend! *Mme Swift*



WEAR A FACE COVERING

Wearing Masks & LFT

Please ensure, unless they are exempt, that your child in Year 7 and above is wearing a mask on transport into school and during the day around classrooms and corridors; we are keen to see infection rates go down.

We ask you kindly to support us in this by taking Lateral Flow Tests twice a week as well to minimise asymptomatic spread in school. Thank you for your participation and understanding.



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

LOWER PREP

Reception

Abdurrahman O'S for being so well-mannered, and polite at our outing to Wisley Gardens. Well done for partaking in all the fun activities! Miss de Klerk

Reception class, for their enthusiasm in French and already showing that they have learnt some number and colour words. Mme Swift

2 & 3L

Katie L for working hard in all lessons. Mrs Lambert

4S

Toby H for excellent work in Maths lessons when rounding numbers up or down. Miss Smith

Also... for all pupils in Years 2,3 & 4 creating parabolic designs – a tricky challenge and they all did so well! Miss Smith

UPPER PREP

5F

Josh G for helping to clear up after others in the class after science. Ms Forbes

Dexter B for excellent singing in class. He showed such great enthusiasm. Miss Foster

6L

Henry S and Eddie B for being kind and generous to their class. Mrs Lindley

Bertie L who showed excellent manners this week by holding the door open for me to pass through. Madame Swift

6S

Aurelia G who has settled in well and has shown a lovely friendly personality. Madame Swift

The collective quality of prep from this form is absolutely outstanding. Well done for all the effort which is clearly being put into the work. Mrs Haunstetter

Samuel F-L for being excellent friends to their peers last week and helping boys who were struggling. It showed real maturity. Miss Foster

7BA

William B – excellent understanding in making an electro magnet; George E – great book work in Science; Harry H – keeping positive in class; Lauti Y – hard work and achievement in Maths. Mr Barratt

Rex T who has made a big effort to understand division. Mrs Lindley

7BL

Oscar E – increased work rate and participation in Science; Howard Kim – great work in Science. Mr Barratt

Howard K is always willing to read out loud to the class during enrichment, he is respectful conscientious. Miss Black

Sebastian V makes fantastic contributions during PSHE, he was extremely enthusiastic to talk about what it means to be part of a team. Miss Black

7P

Ozaan M for stepping up to be prep monitor when students are absent and Tristan Bush has written an awesome 7P rap! Miss Patel

Ozaan M – Increased participation and understanding in Science lessons

Joshua S – Great participation in Science lessons

Ethan B – Great focus in Maths lessons this week. Mr Barratt

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Ozaan M who gained a commendation for excellent written work in French. Madame Swift

8F

Ed C and Dylan B for both showing real commitment to Production. They've been working hard learning lines and songs. Miss Foster

Krishan I for excellent input in our PSHE lesson on mental health. Miss Foster

Youssef M for making a fantastic start with his maths at KHS! Mr Sukhdeo

8L

Ayaan always putting in his best effort in and out lessons and conducting himself in an exemplary manner around the school. Mr Laudy

Zachary H - Hard graft in Maths. Mr Barratt

Avaneesh G for going over and above with a superb French homework. Mme Taylor

James McD - quiet in class but is always hard working and pushing himself to be a great mathematician. Mrs Lindley

8T

Kobi W & Elliot N for being well organised with all the school equipment needed. Mme Taylor

Jonathan B – Great work and perseverance in Maths this week. Mr Barratt

SENIORS

9B

Tobias v-H has been working really hard and is really focused. He is always polite and a pleasure to teach. Mrs Bray

Lukas C was very kind and shared his umbrella with me when it was raining during lunch duty! Miss Patel

Max H for his excellent questions and contribution during last week's lesson on fractional indices. Mr Sukhdeo

9H

Faizahn J – setting good standards and working hard; Daniel Pepper – Showing good effort in lessons. Mr Hendry

James C for completing outstanding History work whilst on-line. Mrs Haunstetter

Well done to Matthew M and Henry S who have shown excellent collaborative work. Mrs Lindley

10H

Thomas C who is looking after his well-being by running for 30 minutes each morning before school, whilst his dog watches him from the middle of a field! Mrs Haunstetter

Foul A for spending time with some of the Upper Prep girls at lunchtime and having a lovely chat with them. Mrs Haunstetter

Theo V-P- excellent contribution during Monday's pupil briefing about National Dyslexia Awareness Week. Mr Sukhdeo

Theo V-P is showing an excellent level of understanding and I hope that he continues to show the same work ethic. Mrs Lindley

10W

Archie E made an insightful and thoughtful contribution to our PSHE discussion focused on racism and October's Black History month. Mrs Weston

Chris H for showing a constructive approach to resolving an issue that arose. Mrs Weston

Ted R always tries his best and goes above and beyond outside the classroom to develop his learning. Mrs Bray

11B

Max M-N for showing Year 4 how to play guitar. To trust them with his instrument and be so kind to them was a lovely thing to see. Miss Foster

I would like to nominate my DT group for their concerted efforts at the beginning of their seven month practical assignment. They are Ali D, Sam S, Max M-N and Cameron A. Mr Bailey

Ed B has had to work from home recently, it has not taken away from his enthusiasm. Ed continues to make excellent contributions to Science lessons. Miss Black

Jestico S always asks fantastic questions during Science, he is engaged and listens carefully to the lesson content. Miss Black

Jestico S willingly cleared up all the textbooks, carried them back to the classroom and tidied them away for me. Mrs Weston

11W

Ryan L for showing independence and endeavour in art. Mrs Wraith

Hugo D showing some excellent practical skills in Science! Miss Patel

A special mention to Ryan L who needs to remember to be positive about himself. I really admire his grit and determination and he needs to be kinder to himself. Mrs Lindley

I would also like to commend all the senior pupils for coping so well with the hybrid learning if they have been at home or in school over the past couple of weeks. Great versatility! Mr Sukhdeo



Chess Club

Some great moves were being worked on and puzzled out in Chess Club the other week; perhaps we have some fans of the Netflix hit series 'The Queen's Gambit'?

All details about Clubs—both at lunch time and after school are on the school website: [here](#).



SPORTS RESULTS

KHS vs Box Hill

U16 A 4- 2 win; Ryan L (11W) scored 2 goals; Max G (10W) scored ; Chris H (10W) scored and was awarded Player of the Match.

U16 B 5-0 loss; Cameron A (11W) and Barnaby H (10W) awarded joint Player of the Match.

KHS vs Belmont

U13 A 8-0 loss; Finlay R (7P) awarded Player of the Match.

U13 B 7-1 loss; Dylan B (8F) with the goal; Micky S (8F) and Will H(8F) awarded joint Player of the Match.

U13 C 7-1 win; Luca S-S (8T) with 3 goals, Josh McC (8L) and Jensyn A (7BL) with the other goals; Zac M (7BA) awarded Player of the Match.

KHS vs Surbiton Prep

Colts B 5-2 loss.

Colts C 2-2 draw.

Colts D 1-0 loss; Teddy C-E (5F) and Harrison W (6L) both awarded Player of the Match.



The PE Department have been thrilled with a return to competitive fixtures against other schools after such a long absence on the calendar.... KHS has always had a 'Sport For All' policy, so regardless of results, it has been encouraging to see so many age groups and teams out playing. *Mr Hendry*





KHS First Netball Fixture!

A delightful Autumn afternoon in the sunshine was experienced by our pioneering girls' team in their first netball match against Belmont school, Dorking. The girls were excited to be making history!

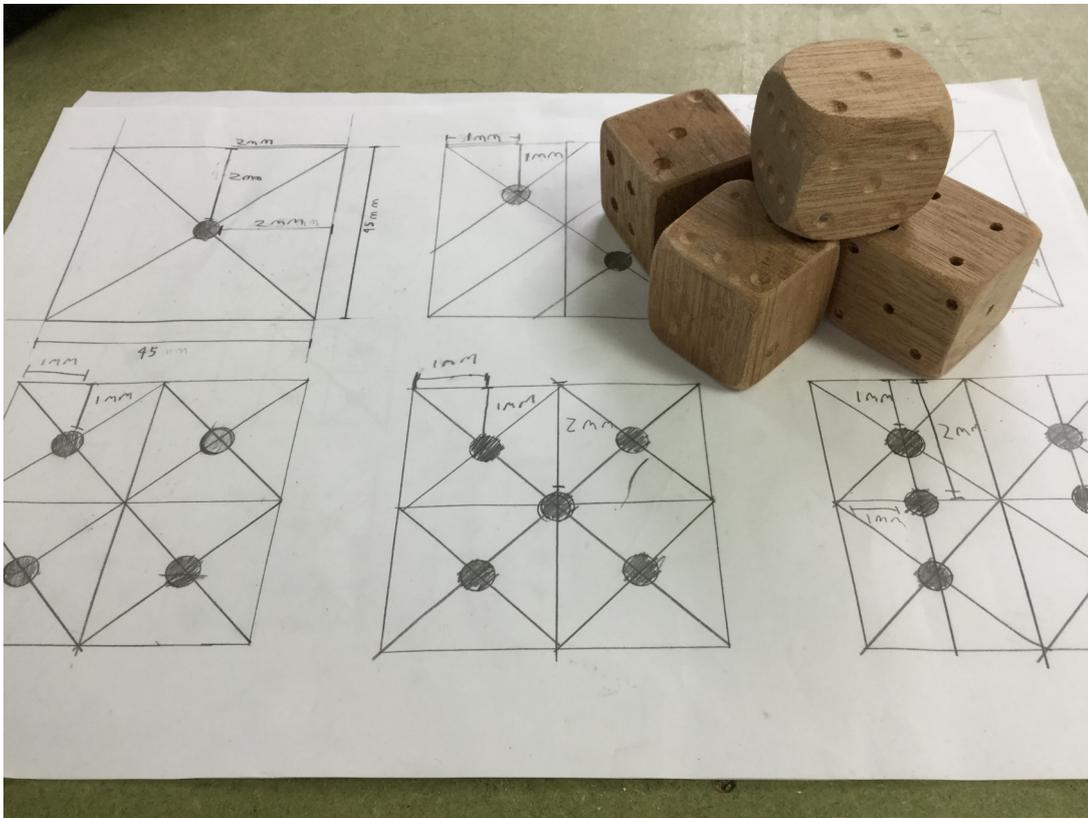
The game is split into 4 quarters and they took it in turns to sub on and off. For some, it was their first experience of the sport. The game got underway and an experienced Belmont side started off the scoring. Lauren at GD did a fantastic job of intercepting the ball. Some girls experienced new positions for the first time and the positive attitude and effort shone out throughout the whole game. The girls went from strength to strength in each quarter.

The last quarter saw some excellent attacking play and Lily-Rose scoring 2 goals! It was a great experience for them all who showed endeavour and team work and played well on court.

A super effort from the girls.

Miss Smith





DT on a roll...

Year 9 DT students have been creating a wooden dice.

Not as easy as it seems, it involved technical drawing skills, the use of digital measuring equipment and for some, the first use of the milling machine.

All topped off with hand sanding skills and a discussion on surface treatments for woods. Mr Bailey revealed to the year group that he still has his proudly carved and turned from his own school days !



Congratulations to Ben — a former pupil in Year 8 who recently left us; here he is proudly wearing his Surrey U14s cap.

Poppy Appeal 2021

We have taken delivery in the Office of some great merchandise from the Royal British Legion to fundraise for the Poppy Appeal this year; please do gather up any loose change and bring into school—it can go directly into the collection box so poses minimal Covid risk.



Thank you in advance for your support, remember to wear your poppy with pride!

Suggested donations are:

zip pull 50p; reflector 50p; wristband £1; snap band £1.50

House points - this week - Whole School



House points - totals - Whole School

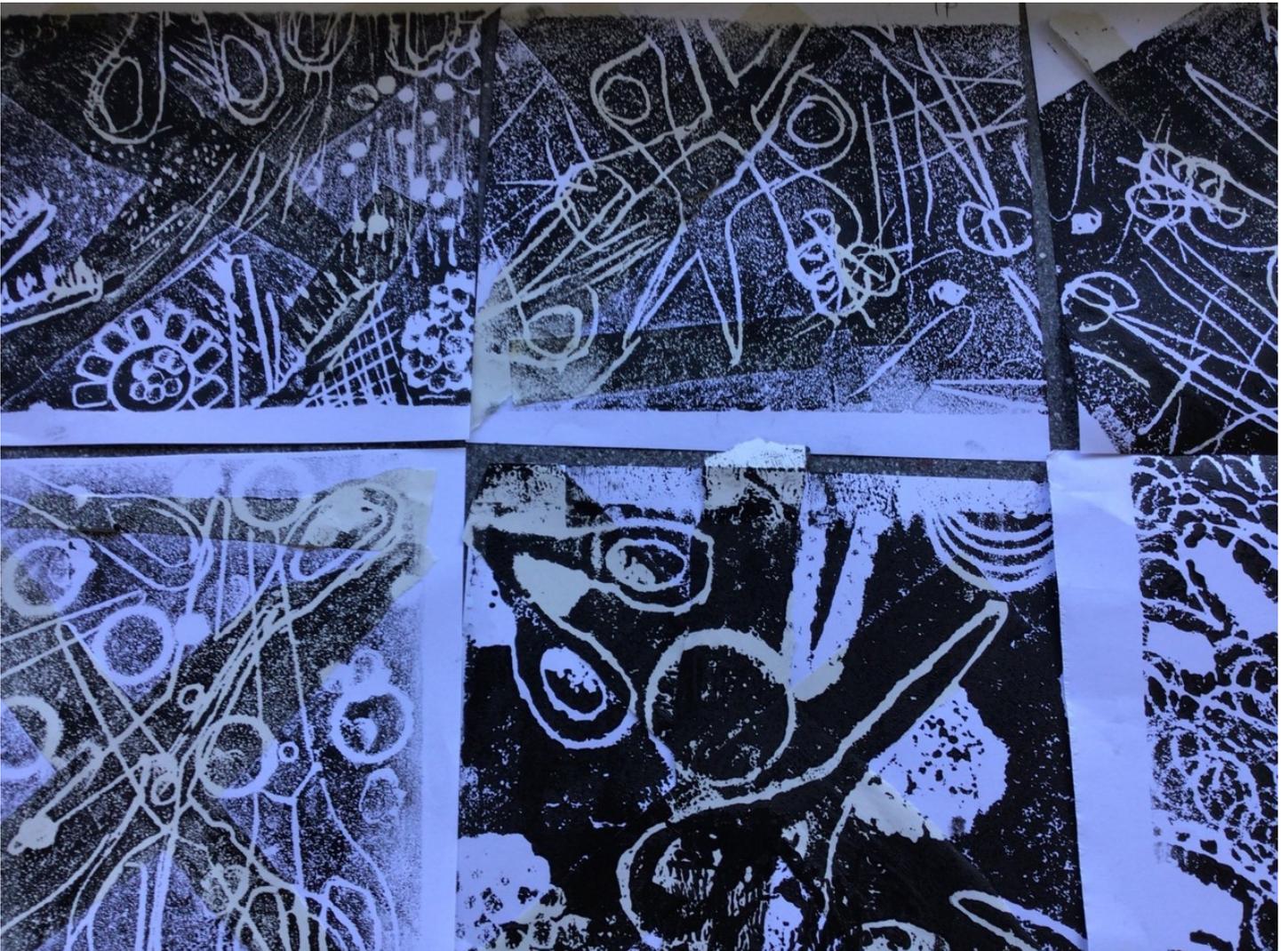
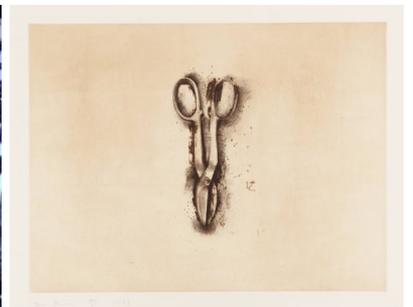


Wonderful Wisley!

The Reception children thoroughly enjoyed their first class outing to Wisley Gardens at the start of this week! They set off in the school minibus, which was another exciting 'first' for them and entertained the bus driver by singing *The Wheels on the Bus* all the way there! Miss de Klerk reveals what they got up to once they arrived,

"We were treated to a guided tour, and engaged in various activities such as potting our own plant, collecting different coloured leaves and flowers in the garden, then creating a beautiful picture with them underneath the tallest tree. We were able to explore in the glasshouse, and watch all the ducks and fish in the surrounding ponds. We practiced using our 5 senses by **touching** rough tree trunks, **smelling** different herbs, **listening** to the sounds of waterfalls and birds chirping, **looking** at all the beautiful colours in Nature, and finishing off ,by **tasting** our delicious picnic lunch! The children were so well – mannered and showed respect to their tour guides and friends. What a successful trip in the sunshine!" *Miss de Klerk*





Fabulously Ordinary!

Jim Dine's work was explored by Year 7 boys and girls in Art recently... Jim Dine is an American artist who, at the age of 86, is still producing some fabulous work today! He took inspiration from everyday, ordinary objects found around the home; can you spot how Year 7s used found objects in the Art Room? They explored their mark-making skills and developed their print-making techniques. *Mrs Wraith*

Year 10 & 11 Science

Y10 have been getting 'hands on' with their electricity topic! They have been building circuits, testing resistance and even learning how to wire plugs. Excellent work, Year 10 – keep it up! *Miss Patel*



Y11 have been busy making copper sulphate crystals as part of their required practical exam preparations. A tricky practical involving fire, hot acid and toxic chemicals was navigated safely and produced some beautiful results. Well done, 11W! *Miss Patel*





Harvest Festival 2021

It was a great joy for our KHS community to celebrate Harvest Festival in Christ Church, Epsom. Well done to all the pupils who performed admirably. We are proud to support Age UK this year as our nominated charity.

Harvest
Festival

Harvest Performances..

It was so wonderful to have the whole school at Christ Church for our Harvest Assembly. We had two fantastic performances from Katie L (2L) on the piano, our first girl at KHS to perform and from Jamil H (6L) who has recently been accepted into Stoneleigh Youth Orchestra. We also had a lovely performance from the Lower Prep of everyone's favourite harvest song, 'Cauliflowers Fluffy'. Miss Foster

KHA Race Night

Thank you to our KHA team who hosted an enjoyable Race Night for parents and staff—great fun was had by all! Do book your fireworks tickets—our next KHA event—if you haven't already done so!



8L Assembly

Well done to the pupils in 8L who performed an informative assembly on mental health and wellbeing. The boys talked in detail about the 'Hello Yellow' charity day and encouraged the whole school to wear yellow to help support such an important event. Mr Laudy

#HelloYellow
YOUNG MINDS

Photos from our Hello Yellow day in school will appear next week in the Newsletter... along with the grand total raised! Thank you for your support.

Music Hall of Fame...

Miss Smith is delighted with Indi D (6L) who has passed his Grade 2 Piano with Distinction. Well done!





Lower Prep

Lower Prep enjoyed a fantastic assembly with Mr Mitchell this week!

He shared the tale of 'Peter the Parrot', complete with actions and voices for all the characters, to show how we should all use respectful language and kind words to each other. The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance and learnt a valuable lesson, thank you Mr Mitchell.

Mrs Lambert



RESPECT



Finalists, albeit not winners, of a prestigious Independent School of the Year award 2021, Mr Murphy & Mrs Witts enjoyed the panache of an online ceremony on Thursday afternoon.

KHS is proud to be keeping such illustrious company and will continue to strive for excellence.



National Dyslexia Awareness Week

4th October - 10th October 2021

Dyslexia has been at the front of our minds this week as Kingswood House broke the mould and were part of CReSTeD's first ever remote inspection!

We were delighted to receive such glowing feedback about our provision.

According to the British Dyslexia Association (BDA), dyslexia is a neurological difference and each person with dyslexia experiences it differently. It can range from mild to severe and can occur alongside other learning differences.

Dyslexia manifests itself differently at different ages and phases of education but it will mainly impact on literacy development.

Dyslexia isn't just about confusing letters and being a poor speller, it can also mean that a child has poor attention, may be clumsy and may struggle to follow multiple instructions.

Nessy are currently giving away **free** licenses for their 'Understanding Dyslexia' course. Click [here](#) and use the code TEACHUD at the checkout.



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[This article](#), published in March 2016, gives you a taste of what a person with dyslexia might experience when reading.