

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term
03 December 2021

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RECEPTION CLASS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022—find out more [here](#)

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Dear Parents

It is lovely to have such a festive feel around the school in the lead up to the end of term. Wednesday morning saw the start of Advent and there are a number of Christmas trees decorating the front office, study centre and one or two classrooms besides!

Thank you to Form 11W who presented our assembly on Wednesday morning about this term's value of "Respect" and how to maintain a healthy work-life balance at such a busy time; the senior boys disseminated some excellent advice and all of them spoke with assurance and clarity.

Many congratulations to our younger boys and girls for performing in a wonderful, vibrant Christmas Show yesterday. They all looked splendid in their costumes and had enormous fun showcasing their singing to admiring parents and staff! Huge thanks to Mrs Lambert, Mrs Martins, Miss Smith, Miss de Klerk and the rest of the staff team for their fantastic efforts to produce an afternoon of entertainment that will live long in the memory. I am delighted that we were able to host this event safely, with due precautionary measures in place, and we will continue to maintain a measured, sensible balance of activities in the days ahead. I am keen that the pupils experience an enjoyable and seasonal end to the term as much as realistically possible.

Therefore, it is with disappointment that I must advise you of the cancellation of the Carol Service. Following a meeting with Christ Church, and consideration of an updated risk assessment in the light of rising Covid cases as well as the new Omicron variant, we have drawn the conclusion that the scope of this event is too challenging for us to manage with adequate safeguards in place. This is a very difficult decision for us to take and one that has been given significant thought. However, our priority is to maintain the health, safety and welfare of pupils, parents and staff – and, on balance, the benefits of coming together as a school community for a celebration do not outweigh the potential risks of having so many people sitting and singing together in a confined space at a time of such great uncertainty. Miss Foster will kindly produce a streamlined version of some of the performances and readings which will be accessible before the end of the term.

Please note that on Friday 11th February 2022 the school will close for a Bank Holiday in lieu of the special Platinum Jubilee that is scheduled during the summer half term; consequently, the spring half term holiday will commence from the end of the school day on Thursday 10th February. I trust that by giving you advance notice, you can make child-care or holiday arrangements in a timely manner.

I wish you a relaxing weekend ahead of the penultimate week of term.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy

Headmaster



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

2021	DECEMBER	WEEK 2	
Monday	06	1800	Year 7BL Parents Evening
Tuesday	07	1100 1630	STRIDE Dragons' Den Enterprise Fair Staff Meeting
Wednesday	08	0845 0930	7BL Assembly Lower Prep Forest School
Thursday	09	1230 1800	Year 7 Pantomime trip—Drama & Music Senior Lecture—Tony Underwood (England Rugby International) <i>Now online; a link will be sent nearer the time</i>
Friday	10	1000-1200	Lower Prep Visit to Father Christmas!

LUNCH MENU week beginning 06.12.2021

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Bacon & Tomato; Spicy Tomato Sauce (V) with Penne Pasta	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Jelly	Red Thai Chicken Curry; Red Veg Curry (V) with Brown & White Rice and Peas	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Lemon Curd Tart	Toad in the Hole; Veggie Sausage in the Hole (V) with Potato Wedges & Baked beans	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Apple Crumble with Custard	Spaghetti with Garlic, Chilli & Soy Sauce (V) Spaghetti Bolognese	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Choc Marble Cake	Fish Fingers, Smiley Faces, Peas & Sweetcorn	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Apple & Pear Slice



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 also ask you kindly to support us by taking Lateral Flow Tests twice a week as well, to minimise asymptomatic spread in school. Thank you for your participation and understanding whilst rates are high and the new variant a concern.



SCHOOL CLOSURE

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2022	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

This week, as Christmas is approaching, children will be getting excited about hanging their stockings for Father Christmas, but do you know where the tradition originated?

According to legend, one night 3 poor sisters left their stockings by the fireplace to dry. Saint Nicholas knew that the family was poor so he threw 3 bags of gold coins down the chimney.

The money landed in the sisters' stockings; since then, children have hung up their stockings on Christmas Eve, hoping to find them filled with gifts in the morning.

Don't forget to leave out your 'Santa stop here' sign.

Mme 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

To the whole of Reception for being super stars during the Lower Prep nativity show and for singing beautifully during all the practises. Miss de Klerk

Reception class for their enthusiasm in French and how quickly they have learnt and can sing *Freres Jacques*. Madame Swift

2 & 3L

Katie L excellent work in every lesson. Mrs Lambert

4S

Gregory C for amazing instruction writing in English using adverbs and time conjunctions! Miss Smith

UPPER PREP

5F

Ryan B for his act of kindness. Someone in the class lost a treasured toy so Ryan gave him another one to replace it - so kind (parents are aware!) Ms Forbes

Last week, Ryan B came to session and told me that his friend had lost his Pikachu teddy so he gave him one he had, "...because he is my friend". A lovely display of kindness and empathy which are both so important in building and maintaining friendship, which is something Ryan has been working on. Miss Timothy

6L

Well done to Jack H making a lot of extra effort and it's lovely having you in school. Mrs Lindley

6S

Aurelia G for a lovely piece of creative writing in her English assessment. Madame Swift

7BA

Tom R and Conor M-A – great participation in PSHE. Mr Barratt

A mention for Conor M-A for his lovely art work! Mrs Wraith

7BL

Hussain K has had a positive week this week - he has been working on his organisational skills and listening carefully to instructions. Miss Black

Khishaan T, James M and Henry R - all these three boys regularly volunteer to read out loud during enrichment, it is wonderful to see their confidence grow and that they are enjoying the class book. Miss Black

7P

Freija K for being very helpful and kind around school. Miss Patel

Tristan B has been helping volunteer teaching students in fencing club, a wonderful way to spend his time! Miss Patel

8F

Michael S for always offering to help with tasks. It means so much to teachers when you offer to help them with small tasks, keep it up. Miss Foster

Sam C and Charles R for an improved attitude in production rehearsals; it is noted and much appreciated! Miss Foster

8L

Theo M has been working hard to be polite and courteous to everyone around the school. I have been impressed to see him being a responsible prefect after a long term. Mr Laudy

Avaneesh G, Ayaan S, Conor T and Theo J - well done all of you for always putting your hand up with enthusiasm to answer questions in Science - it is great to see that you are enjoying the subject. Miss Black

8T

The 8T boys who completed their French writing assessment in full, in particular Beau C and Oliver D who clearly revised thoroughly. Madame Taylor

Max L and Max R have both smashed their science assessments – well done and keep it up! Miss Patel

Well done to all of Year 6, 7 and 8 great attitude last week for their maths assessments. Mrs Lindley

SENIORS

9B

Zachary F and Lewis C both showed kindness, empathy and support when helping a Year 7 pupil to effectively organise his English book. Mrs Bray

Tharani V is putting a lot of effort into his Science revision - a wise choice that will benefit him on his path to GCSEs. Keep up the good work. Miss Black

9H

Oscar D'A for politeness and improved work ethic. Mr Hendry

Ivan T for excellent work in the handwriting competition and consistent good behaviour. Mr Hendry

10H

Well done to 10H for being so well stocked during an equipment check – all pens, rulers, glues etc at the ready! Mrs Haunstetter

James G has been incredibly kind when looking after a new student on their taster day. Miss Patel

10W

The whole class has enjoyed a positive week but a particular mention to Archie E who has had a bout of Covid and we hope he is feeling better. Mrs Weston

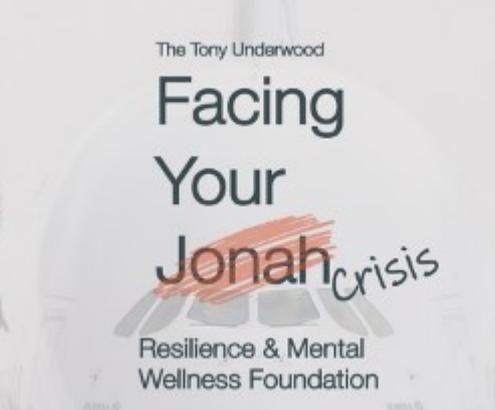
11B

Just a mention for Theo S and Jack B for their display of Kingswood House values of Social awareness when we were on a school trip to the theatre last week. Mr Bailey

11W

Ryan L for always showing great enthusiasm for away matches and representing KHS. Mrs Wraith

Y11 French group - Jack B, Rory G, Danial I & Theo S - for their constant sense of humour whilst always working hard in lessons. They are great fun and a pleasure to teach! Madame Taylor



The Senior Lecture online next week looks very engaging with former England Rugby star, Tony Underwood

SPORTS RESULTS

KHS Colts vs Surbiton Prep - WELL DONE FOR SOME GREAT PERFORMANCES THIS WEEK!

A 3-0 win; Sam A (6S) as Player of the Match, and Harvey M (6L) and Cameron E (5F) with the goals.

B 2-0 win; Max K (6L) as Player of the Match, Jamil H (6L) and Cyril B-D (5F) scored.

C 1-1 draw; Freddie L ((5F) awarded Player of the Match and he also scored the goal.

D 2-1 win; Torin A-I (5F) and Oscar P (6L) scored a goal each and Fraser S (5F) as Player of the Match

Senior House Football

Football A competition – 1st Marlborough, 2nd Drake, 3rd Wellington, 4th Nelson

Football B competition – Joint 1st Drake and Nelson, 3rd Marlborough, 4th Wellington

Overall – 1st Drake, 2nd Marlborough, 3rd Wellington and 4th Nelson

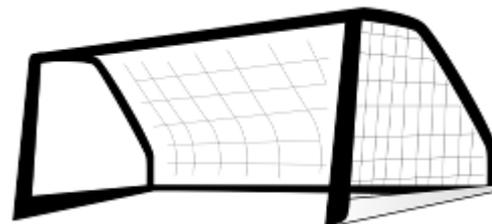
Notable performances from:

Drake – Will M (10W) Nathan A (9H)

Marlborough – Harvey W (10H) Theo V-P (10H) Tommy W (9H)

Nelson – Jack B-A (10W) Hugo D (11W), Lucas C (9B)

Wellington – Max G (10W) Marcus G (10H)



Year 7 & 8 House Football

Year 7 & 8 Football results– 1st Nelson, 2nd Drake, 3rd Marlborough, 4th Wellington

Notable performances from:

Football A competition – Alex W (7BA) Hussain K (7BL), Finlay R (7P) Seb V (7BL), Tai B (8F) Zac M (7BA)

Football B competition – Henry R (7BL) Will F (7BA), Jasper W (8L)



Year 7 & 8 House Netball

7 & 8 Netball – 1st Nelson, 2nd Marlborough, 3rd Wellington, 4th Drake

Notable performances from:

Netball: Toby C (8L), Lily Rose M (6L), Max L (8T) James McD (8L) Lauren RC (7P) Bella A (7BL) Zach H (8L) Kishaan T (7BL) Oliver D (8T) Ezra O-W (7BA) Pheobe F (5F)

Year 5 & 6 House Football

Year 5 & 6 Football results—1st Nelson, 2nd Wellington, 3rd Drake, 4th Marlborough



Science News...

This week, Year 8 have been carrying out lots of practical work to investigate the conservation of mass and chromatography. Well done 8L for all of your efforts!



Modelling Science This week Year 9 have been making models to help them understand covalent bonding and the different ways a compound can be presented. Well done, 9B! *Miss Black*

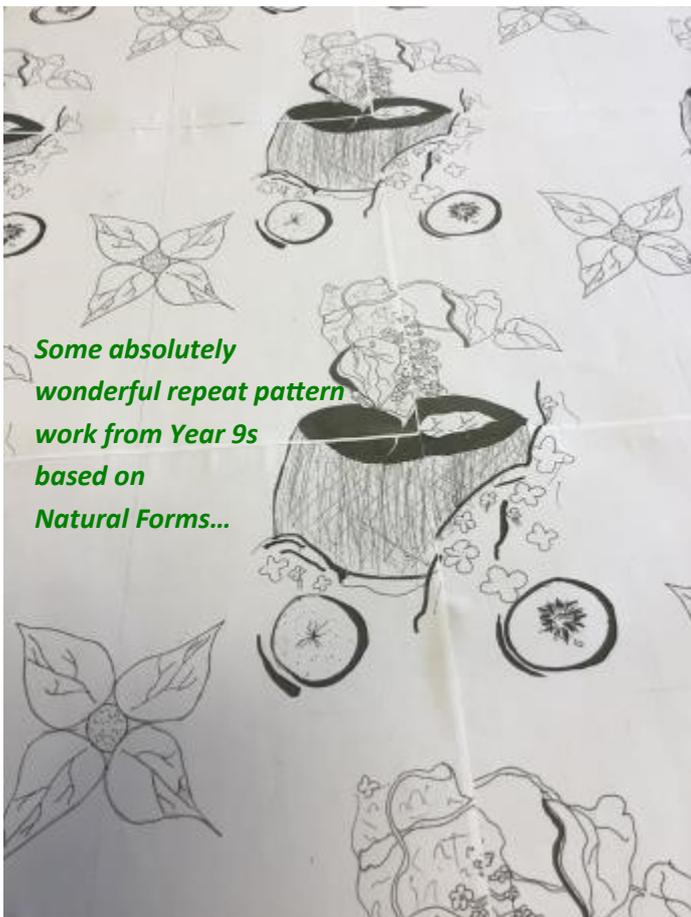
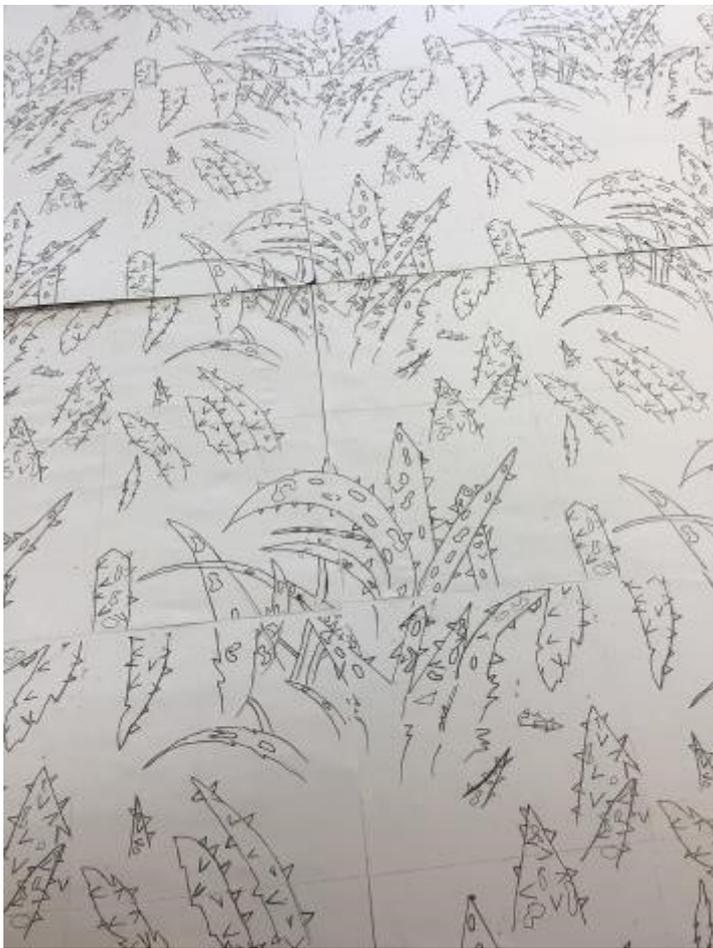


House points - this week - Whole School

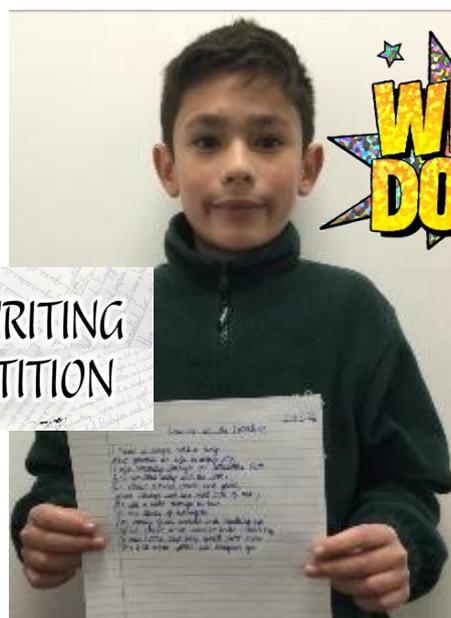


House points - totals - Whole School





Some absolutely wonderful repeat pattern work from Year 9s based on Natural Forms...



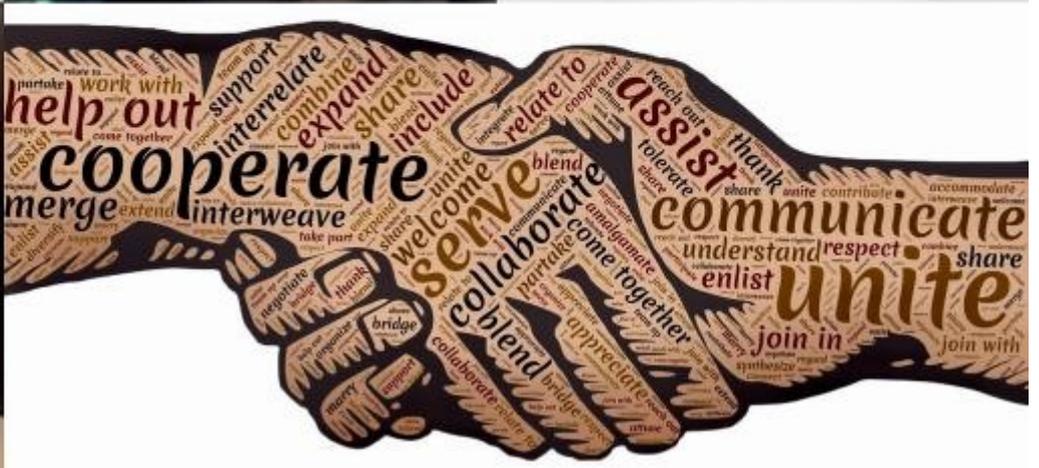
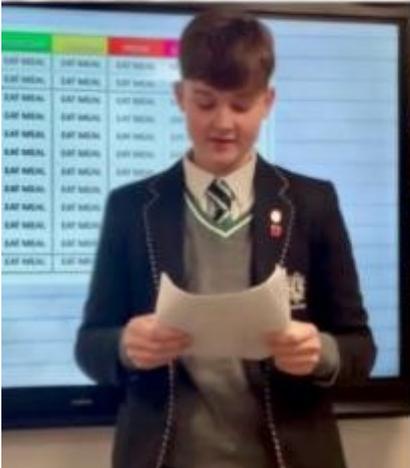
HANDWRITING COMPETITION

Handwriting Competition

Congratulations to Tom R (7BA) who missed his photo opportunity last week but is still a very worthy joint winner of the Years 7 & 8 Handwriting Competition as part of our English Enrichment.

Form 11W Assembly

Thank you to Form 11W who led an informative Assembly about this term's Kingswood House Value of 'Respect'. They explained and demonstrated how small changes we can make at home and at work / school can balance a busy time of year and make it more enjoyable for all.



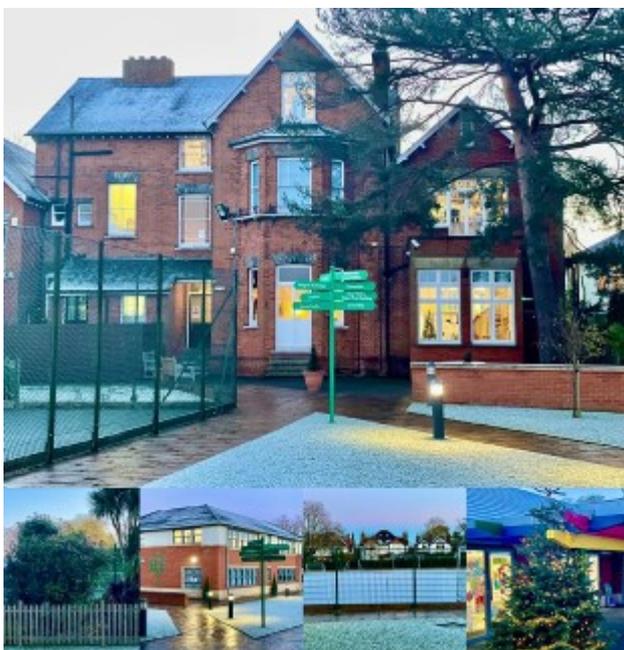
Papier-Mâché bowls by Year 2 and 3 pupils...just in time to be filled with festive treats!

Reception Festivities!

Let the Christmas countdown begin! We have officially put up our class Christmas tree in Reception, it was such fun taking turns to put up each decoration. We have also begun our own Christmas Advent Calendar this week.

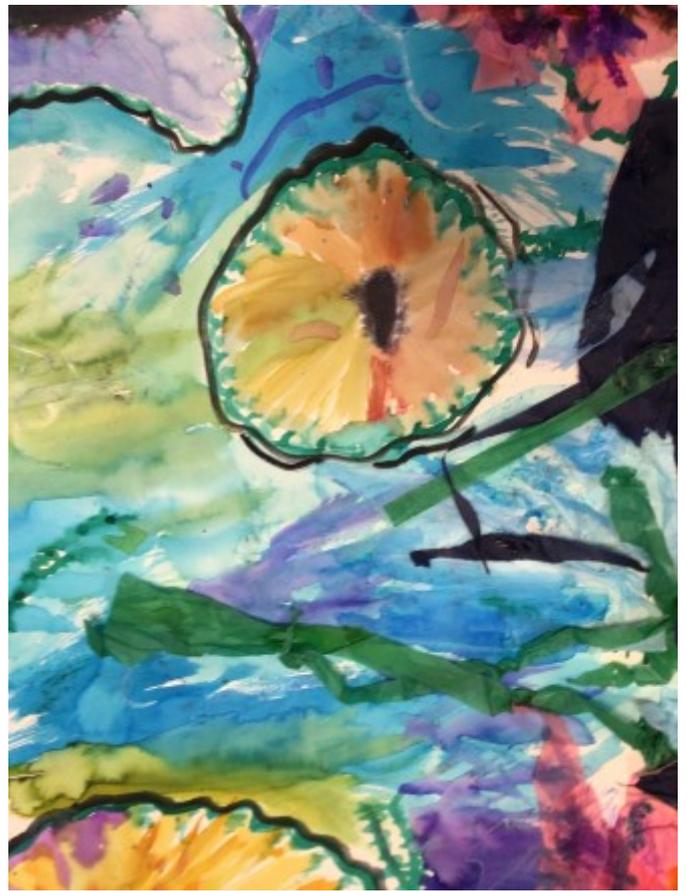


Reception enjoyed learning about past and present London during our PSHE lesson and played some 'old school' childhood games such as hopscotch, skipping and snakes and ladders. *Miss de Klerk*



Some of us in Surrey woke up to a dusting of white flakes on Thursday...the school looked very picturesque as it prepared for the Junior Nativity Show that afternoon.





Some bold and vibrant work from Form 7P in preparation for their sculptures next term based on the work of Peter Randall-Page.

House Football Well played to our Senior boys who took to the pitches at the start of the week in the first of our three House Football friendly competitions. Matches were played with a competitive and determined edge and saw **Drake** top the table. Well done to all who represented their House with conviction and camaraderie!



Year 9 Enterprise Fair, Tuesday 7th December 2021

Next Tuesday afternoon, the school will hold its annual Year 9 Enterprise Fair in Langlands. The pupils will operate a number of businesses that they have created, offering small products, games and refreshments for other pupils to purchase; we recommend a maximum of £5, in coins, to spend. Different year groups will attend at different time slots and all profits will go to the chosen school charities.

The Year 9 pupils have been participating in a business and enterprise course called ***Putting Young Minds to Work***. During their ten-week course, they have developed knowledge and skills in financial capability, commercial awareness and business principles. They have acquired important life and employability skills such as communication, teamwork, resilience and self-belief. The course culminates in the pupils presenting their business plans to Mr Murphy, school governors and another distinguished guest on Tuesday morning prior to the Enterprise Fair.

We wish pupils all the best for their presentations, and may I thank you in advance for your support. *Mr Mitchell*



Junior Nativity Show

It was wonderful to see our youngest pupils in Lower Prep perform a vibrant Nativity show, with much hard work behind the scenes, from Miss De Klerk, Mrs Martins, Mrs Lambert and Miss Smith along with Miss Foster taking the musical lead. The children sang and acted with enthusiasm and heralded the start of the festive season in great style! It was also the turn of Year 5 and 6 pupils to showcase Christmassy readings and songs—a huge 'Well Done' to all!





This Friday, 3rd December 2021, is **International Day of People with Disabilities (IDPWD)**. The day is dedicated to promoting equality for people with disabilities across all areas of society.

The UN first announced this day in 1992, aiming to advance disability rights and protect the wellbeing of people with disabilities.

This year's theme is *'Fighting for Rights in the Post-COVID Era'*, celebrating the challenges, barriers and opportunities for people living with disability during a global pandemic. The goal is to spread awareness of invisible disabilities, as well as the impact COVID-19 has had on mental health. Of course, here at Kingswood House although we are mainstream, our Study Centre and whole school ethos is supportive and inclusive and encapsulates both visible and invisible disabilities. *Miss Wilson*



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FESTIVE OPENING TIMES

Monday 20th December – Monday 3rd January – CLOSED
 Tuesday 4th January- OPEN 9 - 5.30
 Wednesday 5th January –OPEN 9 - 5.30
 Thursday 6th January – OPEN 9 - 5.30
 Friday 7th January- OPEN 9 - 5.30
 Saturday 8th January- OPEN 9 - 5.00
 Sunday 9th January – CLOSED
 Normal opening hours resume from Monday 10th January

Festive Break:
Our stores will be closing over the festive period to allow our staff who work very hard over the summer to spend some time with their friends and families. Please see above opening times for your local branch.

Online Ordering (Cont.):
Orders placed online for collection will be processed once the store has re-opened. Please only come to collect your orders once you have received a confirmation email to say the order is ready to avoid disappointment.

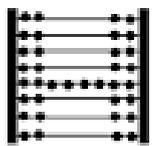
Wishes...
We'd like to wish our customers a lovely festive break! We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

Online Ordering:
Please place any online orders before **Wednesday 15th December** to ensure in stock items are dispatched before the festive period. While closed we will continue to process online orders, however due to the time of year and how Christmas bank holidays fall it may take up to 14 days for orders to arrive with you.

Customer Service:
Our Customer Service teams will be working remotely over the festive period so whilst our phone lines are closed you can still reach one of the team via email if you need advice on products or sizing.

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Maths Enrichment

This week's focus has been direction, orienteering and with the assessment - reviewing those topics covered.

Students took to the outdoors to follow directions, crack puzzles and answer questions hidden around the school.

The following weeks will see us take a festive theme with many creative activities planned across all years. From Polymer clay ratios, to polygon tessellations and mosaics, to parabola stars. If you'd like to be creative at home, why not try the RAF's take on a Gingerbread house. If you attempt this challenge please email: g.lindley@kingswoodhouse.org