

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Spring Term
10 February 2022

KHS IS NOW CO-EDUCATIONAL - find out more [here](#)

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

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Dear Parents

Our sensational production of “Return to the Forbidden Planet” premiered last night at NESCOLT theatre and will reprise again this evening. Set against the backdrop of Covid, with various members of the cast and crew unavailable for days or weeks of key rehearsal time, I commend Mrs Horley and the staff team for their unstinting commitment in empowering the boys and girls to take the stage and show off the fruit of their labours. I am immensely proud of each and every one of them all – a full review will appear in the newsletter after half term.

A reminder that there is no school tomorrow (Friday) due to the Bank Holiday being taken in lieu of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. I spoke to the pupils in assembly on Wednesday about the Queen’s legacy of service and explained that since acceding to the throne on 6th February 1952, she has seen over 170 Prime Ministers come and go across 32 Commonwealth realms. She has been an altruistic, consistent role model, even amidst turmoil in her own family, and acted with impeccable integrity throughout. She is quite simply one of a kind.

I trust that you will all enjoy a restful half term holiday – and, especially, I offer my very best wishes to Miss Black, who will be married to her fiancé, Jack, next week.

For the record, school will recommence at 8.30am on Monday 21st February. In the meantime, please do keep safe and well.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy
Headmaster



The Kingswood House Way



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

2022 FEBRUARY WEEK 1			
Monday	21	0730 0845-1600 1630	SLT meeting Y11 GCSE Geography Virtual Fieldwork Day Co-Educational Review meeting
Tuesday	22	0935 1445 1515 1630	Year 9 Emotional Intelligence Course U14 vs Box Hill (A) - Hockey U15 vs Box Hill (A) Staff Meeting
Wednesday	23	0845 0930 1230 1430 1430	Form 7BA Assembly Lower Prep Forest School Year 8 Drama & Music Trip to see 'Back to the Future' - West End U13A-E vs Belmont (H) - Hockey U10/11A-D vs Belmont (A) - Hockey
Thursday	24	1430	U8/9 vs Belmont (H) - Hockey
Friday	25	1025 1900	House Meetings KHA Quiz Night

LUNCH MENU week beginning 21.02.2022

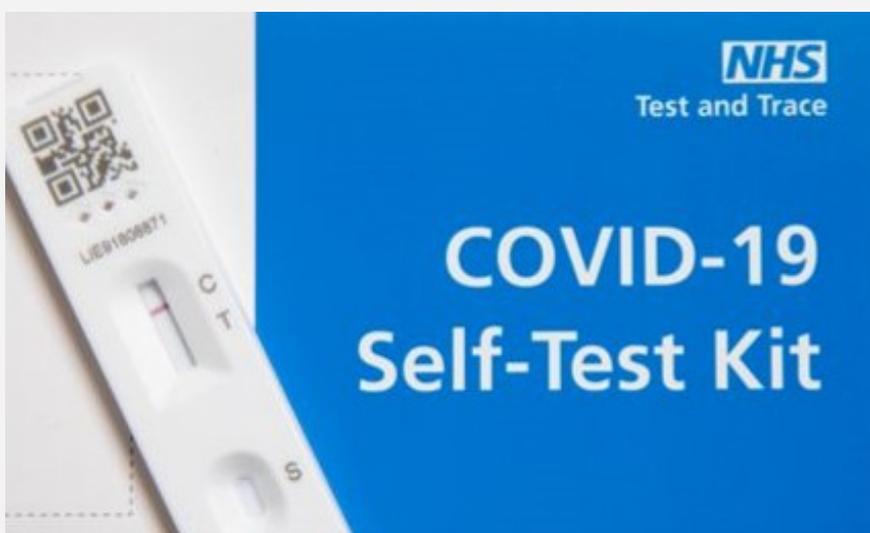
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Bacon & Tomato; Spicy Tomato Sauce (V) with Spaghetti	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	Red Thai Chicken; Green Pea Thai Curry (V) with Brown & White Rice	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Jelly	Roasted Mediterranean Vegetable Lasagne with fresh Broccoli	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	Cottage Pie; Cheesy Potato Pie (V) with Peas	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	Fish Fingers or Hot Dogs in a Bun with Slaw	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts

Wearing Masks & LFT

Masks are no longer required around school—unless staff or pupils wish to do so. However, they should still be worn on public transport or our own minibuses.

We ask you kindly to support us in maintaining a low Covid rate of infection in school by taking Lateral Flow Tests at home twice a week.

Thank you for your participation and understanding. *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

Reception

Verity F – a Kindness award for always being a supportive and helpful member of the class. Miss De Klerk

2 & 3L

Aidan K who has worked hard and concentrated well in all lessons. Mrs Lambert

4S

Hugh H for excellent effort during home learning – he has been learning at home for the full 10 days and persevered and kept up a positive attitude! Miss Smith

UPPER PREP

5F

Fraser S has worked at increasing his independence in class with great success. Ms Forbes

5S

Freddie L for returning to school with a sensible and positive attitude. Miss Sumners

Ben S for working hard in French and completing all pieces of his classwork. Madame Swift

Oliver R when he had finished his work, he was kind and helped another boy. Madame Swift

6L

Lily Rose M - despite having some troubles she is still smiling and being her positive self. Mrs Lindley

Indie D always demonstrates a positive approach in maths and is a great role model for his peers. Mr Farmer

6S

Aurelia G for working well on Teams, not only joining the lessons on time, but joining in and offering good opinions. Madame Swift

Aurelia G (6S), Dollie M (6L), Bertie L (6L) and Arun A (6S) for impressing me during Hockey. Mr Westcott

7BA

Zac M for increasing focus in lessons; Tom VM for positivity around the school. Mr Barratt

George E for having a brilliant lesson on reading pie charts. Mr Farmer

7BL

Akshita T has had a fantastic start to 7BL - it is wonderful to have a new addition to the form. Miss Black

Zach G is a fantastic addition to 7BL - he is polite and has made some great contributions to form time discussion. Miss Black

Alyssa C has made the new starter in 7BL feel very welcome - she is helpful and friendly to others. Miss Black

Henry R - working hard and pushing himself to do more challenges. Mrs Lindley

Extra oomph from Dylan N and Freddie T recently in Science. Mr Barratt

Akshita T for settling so quickly into the computer science lesson and producing some great work. Well done! Mrs Webb

UPPER PREP *continued*

7P

Freija K has been very kind in showing around a new student! Miss Patel

The whole form has shown great camaraderie in the past week supporting each other through difficult times, it's been lovely to see them bond as a group! Miss Patel

Sam W despite being unwell, Sam continued to write his horror story at home and blew me away with his use of linguistic techniques. Mrs Bray

Pippa T for listening to advice and producing consistently good prep; most pleasing! Madame Taylor

Finlay R, Harrison W and James D for great effort in computer science. Mrs Webb

8F

Year 8 "MemRi" Champion of the Week 9in Maths is William H. Mrs Lindley

8L

James McD put a lot of effort into his 'Famous Scientist' presentation - it was delivered with humour and included a range of interesting facts. Miss Black

Fabulous revision lesson with 8L, preparing from their exams. Mrs Haunstetter

8T

The whole form for sensible behaviour during the fire alarm and subsequent broken bells. Madame Taylor

Max W for settling in without any fuss – demonstrating great character! Madame Taylor

SENIORS

9B

Zachary F for his maturity in self-reflecting and reacting to difficult situations calmly and professionally. Mrs Bray

Tobias v H consistently works hard in Science - he puts 100% effort into his work. Miss Black

9H

Ozzy S & Oscar D'A for contributions in PHSE. Mr Hendry

Year 9 "MemRi" Champion of the Week (in Maths) is Nathan A. Mrs Lindley

'Caught' Oliver W being really lovely to a Lower Prep boy after school – they had a little chat about something and then Oliver 'high fived' him. I said well done to Oliver and got the biggest, loveliest smile from him – it was so nice to see this side of him. Mrs Haunstetter

Ruari F - excellent standard of computer science homework. Mrs Webb

10H

Jess D – I have been receiving lots of really positive feedback on how well she is doing in lessons, which is fabulous to hear. Mrs Haunstetter

Folu A works hard in every lesson and always tries his best. Mrs Lindley

A special mention for Jessica D and Pete D who both demonstrated an excellent work ethic during their Study Period and Pete showed a lot of knowledge about 'An Inspector Calls' – impressive. Mrs O'Shea

10W

Ted H & Max G contributed thoughtfully to PSHE. Mrs Weston

Enan A, Joseph S and Ismail M for good results in the end of unit test in computer science. Mrs Webb

SENIORS *continued...*

11B

A mention for the Year 11B boys in the play and still working extra hard on their DT coursework. Mr Bailey Ewan W shows endeavour in Science and always completes a task to the highest standard. Miss Black

11W

Ryan L for all his help during form periods and always being on time every morning this term. Mrs Wraith

Congratulations to Hugo D has been offered a music scholarship Ewell Castle. Mrs Wraith

Eddie F and Ryan L for their competitiveness with the "MemRi" Champion of the Week; both have completed over 220 extra questions on top of their homework and classwork! Mrs Lindley

Owain F has made a concerted effort lately and is getting classwork and prep completed. Mrs Weston

Great focus and progress in computer science from Joseph O, Danial I, Sam Sq and Ewan W and particularly to Theo S who has attended every lesson on Teams. Mrs Webb

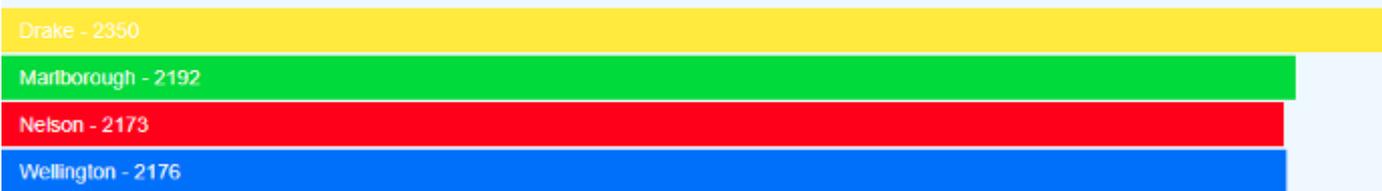


The Blue Peter Music badge is a very special badge, designed by music superstar Ed Sheeran. It's awarded to those who show off their passion for music by learning a new instrument or being part of a musical performance; if you are interested in applying for one, please speak to [Miss Foster](#) or email her...

House points - this week - Whole School



House points - totals - Whole School



Thursday 27th January was Holocaust Memorial day, and during our discussion on this in class, one of the children asked me where the term '*concentration camp*' originated.

The term originated in the "*reconcentrados*" or reconcentration camps, set up by the Spanish military in Cuba during the Ten Years' War. The English term "*concentration camp*" was first used to describe camps operated by the British in South Africa during the Second Boer War. Well done to members of 6S for being so interested and inquisitive. *Madame Swift*

SPORTS RESULTS

KHS vs Homefield

U13A loss 7-4; two tries for Luca SS (8T) Theo W (8L) one try and Elliot N (8T) with one try & Max R (8T) as Player of the Match.

U13B loss 8-1; Micky S (8F) scored and Player of the Match was Zac M (8T).

U13C win 8-6; Player of the Match Harrison W (7P) who scored four tries, Arlo S (8L) scored two, Khishaan I (8F) scored one and Jasper W (8L) also scored one.



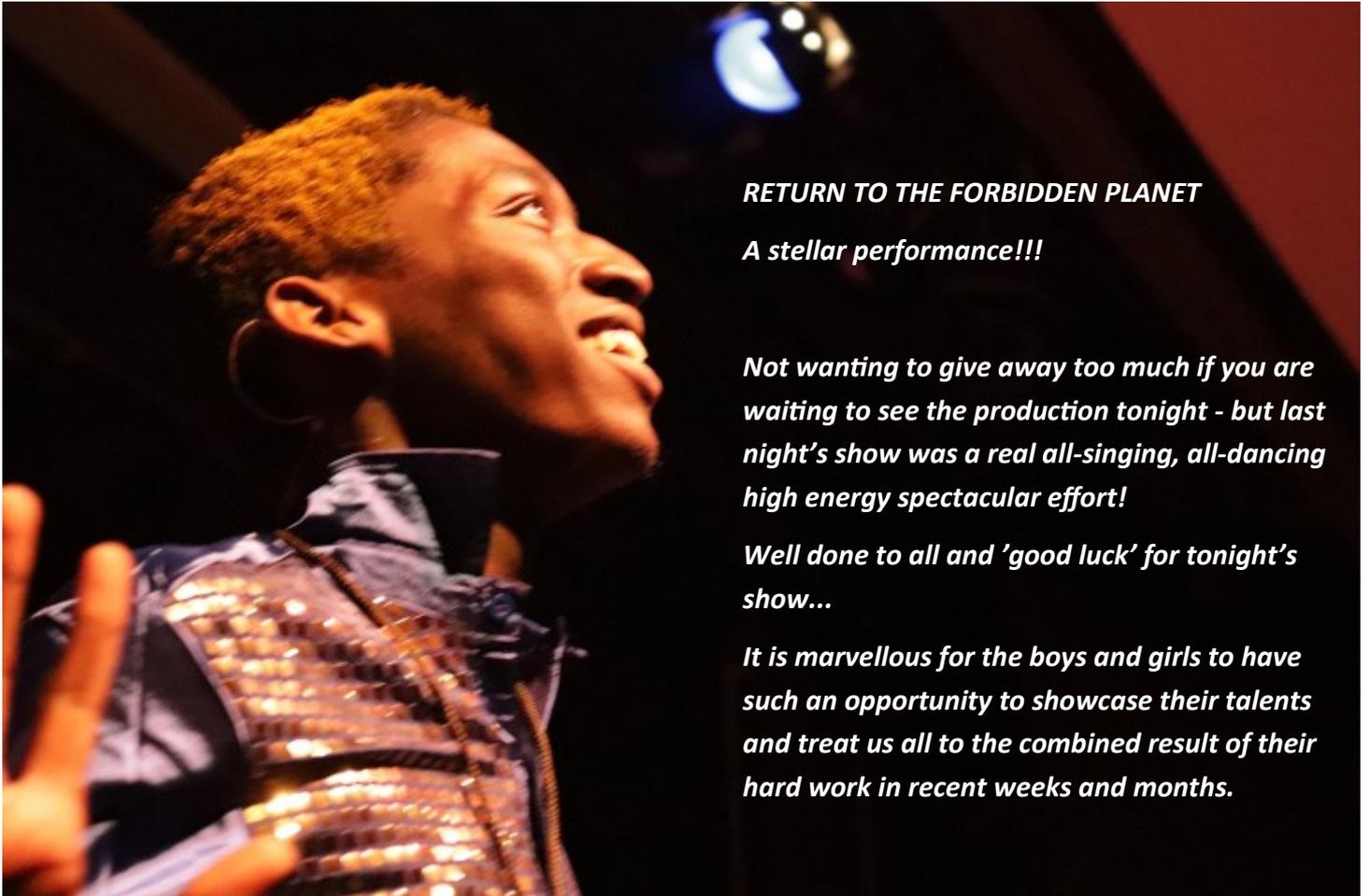
RETURN TO THE FORBIDDEN PLANET

A stellar performance!!!

Not wanting to give away too much if you are waiting to see the production tonight - but last night's show was a real all-singing, all-dancing high energy spectacular effort!

Well done to all and 'good luck' for tonight's show...

It is marvellous for the boys and girls to have such an opportunity to showcase their talents and treat us all to the combined result of their hard work in recent weeks and months.



KHA presents...

Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper

Friday 25 February @ 1900, Langlands—
tickets available from the Office

and

The Summer Ball
Saturday 25 June @ 1900

Epsom Downs Racecourse—
ticket details to follow soon



*Save
the
Date*



Congratulations to Lauti Y (7BA) who has just passed his Violin Grade 2!





It was all about the '3Rs' for Year 2 and 3 when experiencing a Victorian classroom on Monday this week...

Victorian Times in Year 2 & 3

Years 2 & 3 had a gruelling day at Victorian school on Monday! They started their day by washing their hands with coal tar soap and sampling a spoonful of treacle (without brimstone!) They practised the 3 R's; Reading, wRiting and aRithmetic; however, Mrs Lambert was disappointed in some of their poor attempts to recite a poem and use Copperplate script so several children had to wear the dunce hat...Fortunately, this turned out to be a highlight of the day, with the children clamouring to have their photos taken while they were 'in disgrace'! The day ended with a cookery session and the children made Victoria sponge cupcakes, followed by a traditional Victorian games session. Although it was a great day, we all agreed we much prefer life at Kingswood House in modern times! *Mrs Lambert*

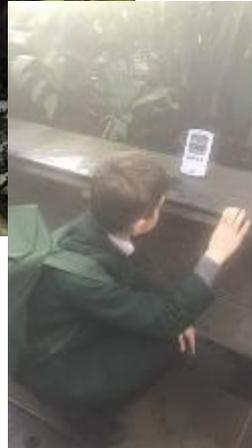




Year 4s were all set for a fabulous day of learning outside the classroom at Kew!

Kew Gardens Trip!

Year 4 had a fantastic time at Kew Gardens on Monday. Miss Smith reports back on their trip: *"We started the day with a Rainforest Lesson from one of the Kew Gardens Teachers—she informed us all about rainforests and the different ones around the world—the class responded really well and were able to share some of their learning from class which was impressive. We then used some special equipment, such as a hygrometer, to measure moisture in the soil, light, and humidity, both outside and then measuring it inside the palm house as well. We saw some amazing plants and learnt about how animals depend on the plants. In the afternoon, we took a stroll up to the treetop walkway and experienced what it would be like to exist up in the canopy layer of the rainforest. We learnt so much and enjoyed our day out!"*





Here are some great action shots from the recent U8 and U9 rugby vs Homefield...





#SaferInternetDay

saferinternetday.org.uk

#PlayYourPart

The focus for this week's Pupil Briefing was **Safer Internet Day** which took place on Tuesday. Mr Sukhdeo adeptly introduced this year's theme for Safer Internet Day which was 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. A key discussion point was: '**What are the risks for accepting a friend request from someone you do not know outside of an online game?**' Mr. S shared the story of 14 year old Breck Bednar who lost his life by fatally putting his trust in the online predator Lewis Daynes.

Click [here](#) to watch the video titled 'Breck's Last Game' *Please note that this clip shows scenes of controlling and manipulating behaviour and the suggestion of impending violence. If shown in a cinema, it would have a 15 certificate.*

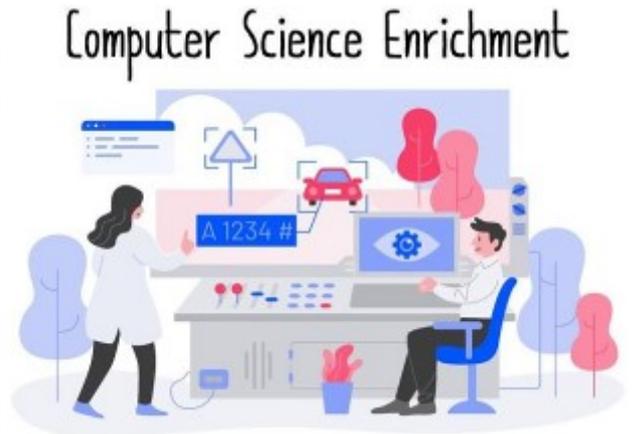


On Tuesday, Miss Wilson and Mrs Ibbitson welcomed Charlotte Francis-Finch from South East SENCo Support. Charlotte led an engaging session for our team of Learning Support Assistants on Communication and Promoting Positive Relationships.



During the session we explored the impacts of both positive and negative communication and the influence we can have on a situation simply by changing the tone of our voice or our body language. *Miss Wilson*





Sport and ICT Enrichment Spring Term 2022 Starting February 21st

During the five week half term ahead, Mr Hendry and Mrs Webb will be running a variety of enrichment activities based around their subjects with something for all our pupils, young and old, to engage with outside of lessons!

Pupils can choose to take part in as many options as they wish. A prize will be awarded at the end of term for the winning entry from each option; commendations will also be awarded where exemplary effort is seen.

Option 1

Create a PowerPoint presentation or a short movie about the Winter Olympics with particular focus on the **endeavour shown by the athletes**.

Option 2

Film and record **the amount of miles you can run/walk** in five weeks.

Option 3

Create a 5 week circuit training program and perform and record it each week; even better if you can get others to join in with you!

Option 4

Design, perform and record a **dance routine**; this could be solo or with someone else.

'Steps Competition' starting on Monday 21st February to Friday 25th March

Each class will be issued with 2 pedometers and every day two pupils from the class measure how many steps they do. The amount of steps will be recorded and in the last week of term the steps will be counted on an electronic scoreboard the winners will be the form which has achieved the most steps.

The pre-prep department will be using the Bee Bot robots to find their way around a variety of sporting themed mats. They will be able to control the robots using directional language and programming.

Taking Part in the Young Coders Competition – Our World Our Planet

This is a UK wide competition looking for young people with digital skills to be crowned 'Young Coder Crew 2022'

Open for pupils in years 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 The challenge is to create a reactive game which encourages children to take care of natural resources and improve the environment. The opportunities are endless, such as transport, climate change or space travel. Pupils can enter as an individual or in a team of up to 6. The game must be coded in the Scratch programming software.

Deadline to submit entries is: **Friday 27th May 2022**

To find out more, do visit: <https://codingcompetition.org/>

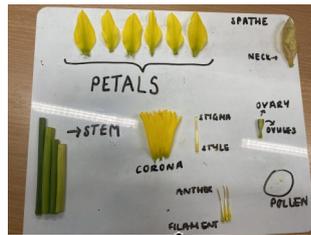




The Science of Spring

Year 9 pupils have been starting their new topic in science all about plants!

They had great fun learning about the parts of the plant and flower and getting hands-on in their learning! *Miss Patel*



What would Wordsworth say...?!



Dino Science learning in Reception!

Roar roar roar! The Reception learners embraced Science enrichment day engaging in a full day of dinosaur fun! We started the morning with some dinosaur songs and movement, used stencils to create our own dinosaur pictures and rescued some dinosaurs who were trapped in ice! We learnt how to pronounce dinosaur names and discussed the extinction of them. The roars from the playground could be heard around the whole school. *Miss De Klerk*

**Frases Útiles/
Useful Phrases**

¿Cómo estás - How are you?

Estoy bien - I'm well

Estoy mal - I'm not well

¿Cómo te llamas? - What's your name?

Me llamo - My name is ...

¿Cuántos años tienes?

Tengo ... años - I'm ... years old

¿De dónde eres? - Where are you from?

Soy de ... - I'm from Inglaterra - England

¿Dónde vives? - Where do you live

Vivo en... - I live in ...

Some information from *Senorita Sandra* about Spanish Club.... Here is an example of the sort of topics that are covered in the lunchtime club each Tuesday.

Me llamo _____ años
Tengo _____
Soy de _____
Vivo en _____

**¡Hola!
¿Qué tal?**



Asisto al club de Español con la Señorita Sandra




Feliz Día de San Valentín
Es una festividad que se celebra el 14 de febrero y se debe al Santo valentín de roma, por sus buenas obras. Hoy en día se celebra con cartas de amor y cariño.

Happy St Valentine's Day
It is a festivity celebrated on the 14th February thanks to St valentine of Rome, for his good causes. Today it is celebrated with cards of love and affection.

Hay más de 400 millones de hablantes nativos de Español, lo que lo convierte en el segundo idioma más hablado en el mundo, después del chino. El inglés está justo detrás del español, con aproximadamente 360 millones de hablantes nativos.

There are more than 400 million native speakers of Spanish, making it second only to Chinese in terms of the most spoken languages in the world. English is just behind Spanish, with approximately 360 million native speakers.



Días de la Semana/Days of the Week

- lunes
- martes
- miércoles
- jueves
- viernes
- sábado
- domingo



Meses del Año/Months of the Year

- enero
- febrero
- marzo
- abril
- mayo
- junio
- julio
- agosto
- septiembre
- octubre
- noviembre
- diciembre





Run, Run as Fast as You Can...You Can't Catch Me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!

The Reception children's fairytale this week has been the *Gingerbread Man*. They enjoyed making their own gingerbread man in a house during Art and got to play with ginger smelling playdough—they love all the sensory play. We will have a special treat during cooking and will make our own gingerbread men to eat. Yum Yum! *Miss De Klerk*



Ann's black cat Lucky began to run as well.

"Stop!" yelled Seth.

"Stop!" yelled Ann.

"Step!" yelled Lucky.

But the gingerbread man ran on.

"Run, run, as fast as you can!

You can't catch me. I am the gingerbread man!"



FEBRUARY HALF-TERM



Days of Cricket
3 days holiday camp
U8-U13 players
14-16 February 10am-3pm

Wicket Keeping
Wednesday 16 February 3.30-5.00pm

U14-U16 group session
Friday 18 February 3.00-4.30pm

Book at www.starcricketacademy.co.uk/courses

@ Jarrett Cricket Centre, Reed's School, Cobham

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Some families may be interested in this cricketing camp that is running next week... more details are available [here](#) for boys and girls, a variety of ages, with our partners, Rajasthan Royals.

