

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

It is not often that I will be able to reflect upon a term which has seen a change in monarch as well as prime minister; for that reason alone, it is one that will live long in the memory

At KHS, we have enjoyed a very productive and successful term. Pleasingly, and in spite of growing absences in recent days due to illness, strikes and weather, we have largely been unscathed in our return to a full programme of learning for the boys and girls both in and out of the classroom.

The final week of the autumn term is always a magical affair and this year was no exception, aided and abetted by a sprinkling of snow on Monday morning. As you will see overleaf, we have had a busy and fun-filled few days!

My thanks to all the teaching and support staff for their hard work in enabling our environment to be one in which every child can thrive and feel valued. Our school possesses a rare, special alchemy and it is one of which I am especially proud.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy

Headmaster & CEO



'Christmas Wish' by Myra Scovel

God give you blessings at Christmas time;
Stars for your darkness, sun for your day,
Light on the path as you search for the way.
God grant you courage this coming year,
Fruit for your striving, friends if you roam,
Joy in your labour and love in your home.



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*Snowy scenes greeted us all
on Monday morning in
school...*



Thank you and good luck to our leaving staff:

Mr Jackson – moving on to complete his ECT training at Riddlesdown Collegiate.

Mr Farmer – moving to a cricket coaching role at Epsom College (he will still be in school as he will teach Year 11 up until June)

Miss Foster – relocating to Somerset, taking up a new position at All Hallows School.

Mr Hendry – at KHS as both man and boy, moving into a new career in the sales industry.

Mr Bennetts – moving on to be a driver for the NHS.

Congratulations to the following Year 8 and Year 11 pupils who received their Prefect badges and ties in Assembly on Wednesday:

Here they are pictured earlier in the week...

Ethan B (8F)

Sam W (8F)

Alex W (8F)

Archie E (11W)

Alex H (11H)



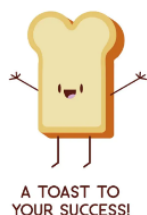
Very Well Done to the following pupils with their success in our recent Handwriting competition:

Lower Prep - Zayn J (4S)

Years 5 & 6 - Cameron E (6S)

Years 7 & 8 - Ethan B (8F)

Seniors - Sergio A-H (9B)



The winners of the LifeLab Business and Enterprise Programme are:

Most financially successful business: Athena

Best Business Presentation: 1st - Boba Boys , 2nd - String and Things

Well done to Matviy H (4S) who gained his Level 1 Foil through Fencing Club.



Class House Point Winners

Congratulations to the following pupils who have achieved the most House points for their Houses this term:

LOWER PREP

Karen L (1M)

Mahe N (3S)

Phoebe W (4S)

UPPER PREP

Zachary B (5F)

Elody T (6B)

Cyril B-D (6S)

Rhys B (7B)

Euan B & Ava D (7H)

Tristan B (8F)

William B (8J)

Darcie F (8L)

SENIORS

Zachary H (9R)

Elliot N (9B)

Youssef M (9L)

Charles L (10B)

Bogdan P (10P)

Ali A-R (11H)

Chris H (11W)



The following **Sports Awards** were made this term: Congratulations to all from Mr Hendry and the Sports Department Staff.

Football

U9C Most Improved Player—Aiden K (4S)
U9B Most Improved Player—Tsemaye B (4S)
U9A Most Improved Player—Annabelle P (4S)
Colts D Most Improved Player—Ryan B (6B)
Colts C Most Improved Player—Torin A-I (6B)
Colts B Most Improved Player—Harry R (6S)
Colts A Most Improved Player—Freddie L (6B)
Upper Prep Girls Most Improved Player—Isla M (7H)
U13C Most Improved Player—Max P (8L)
U13B Most Improved Player—Rufus J (7H)
U13A Most Improved Player—Alex W (8F)
U14A Most Improved Player—Zac M (9L)
U14B Most Improved Player—Tharani V (10P)
U16 Most Improved Player—Ben H (10P)

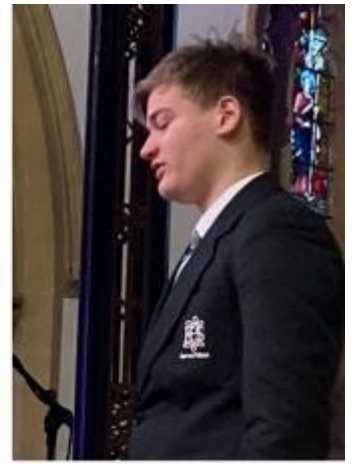
Football

U9C Player of the Year - Hattie C (3S)
U9B Player of the Year - Phoebe W (4S)
U9A Player of the Year—Matviyy H (4S)
Colts D Player of the Year - Jamie C (5F)
Colts C Player of the Year - Ciaran P (5F)
Colts B Player of the Year - Gabriella C-A (6B)
Colts A Player of the Year - Cameron E (6S)
Upper Prep Girls Player of the Year—Freija K (8L)
U13C Player of the Year - George E (8J)
U13B Player of the Year—Dan G (8J)
U13A Player of the Year - Harvey M (7B)
U14B Player of the Year—Nick H (11W)
U14A Player of the Year - Theo M (9L)
U16A Player of the Year - Max G (11W)

Netball

Upper Prep Netball Most Improved Player—Lily-Rose M (7B)
Player of the Year—Amalie L (8L)
Best Trainer—Alyssa C (8L)





Christ Church Carol Service

Despite the change of time due to the inclement weather conditions, our Carol Service, held in Christ Church on Monday afternoon, was a lovely, reverent occasion telling the story of Christmas through song and verse. Well done to the pupils who performed and thank you to Miss Foster, Mrs Weston and all staff involved.



***Please find
an end of
term
message for
all our
families
from Mr
Murphy:
[here](#)***

simonandjane_gogglebox
Michael Bublé - It's Beginning to Look a Lot like C...



With over 2,000 likes on Instagram, our amazing Chef Jane Chandler—also of Gogglebox fame! - looks the epitome of 'cool, calm, collected and in control' as she preps for two separate sittings of Christmas lunch...that's an awful lot of Pigs in Blankets!!!

Years 1—8 enjoyed turkey and all the traditional trimmings on Monday and then the Seniors had their turn on Tuesday. Terrible cracker jokes and paper hats were optional, but seized upon by many in the festive mood.

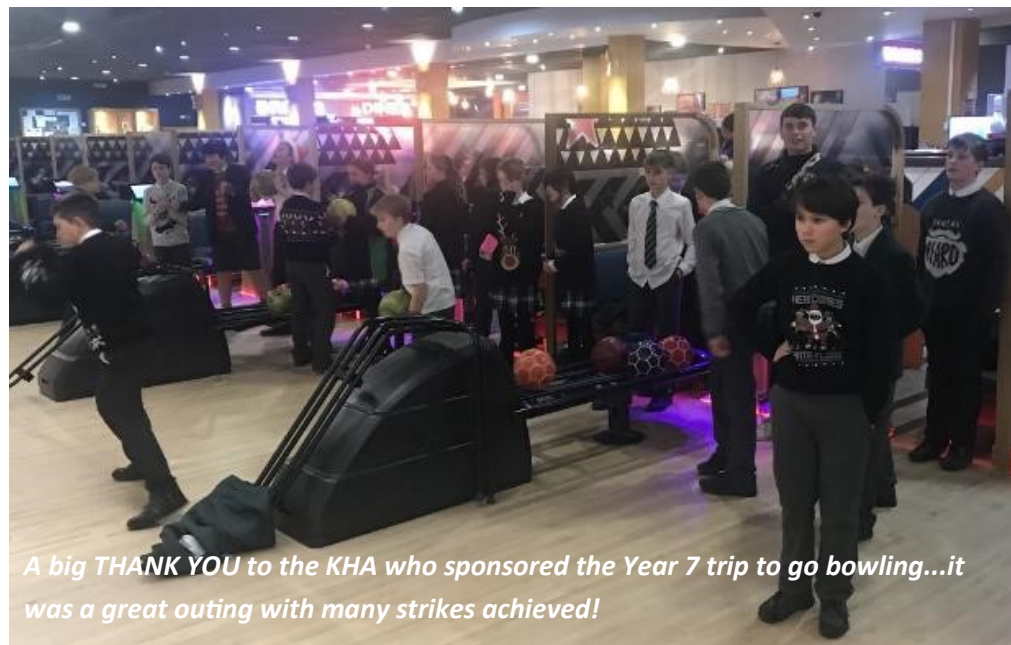
The meal was delicious and also catered for the vegetarians and other dietary requirements amongst us.

Many, many thanks to our hard working kitchen team!





*Year 9 pupils
enjoying their
Christmas
lunch...*



A big THANK YOU to the KHA who sponsored the Year 7 trip to go bowling...it was a great outing with many strikes achieved!

Extra-Curricular Activities

**GET !
INVOLVED!**

SPRING TERM 2023

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Please be aware that all information and details for Spring Term Clubs, including booking forms with external providers, is now available on our website [here...](#)



Christmas jumpers in Lower Prep!



Staff and pupils alike enjoyed wearing all manner of Christmas jumpers on Tuesday with their uniform; they certainly kept us all wrapped up and warm! We also raised £222 for each of the charities we chose to support— [Save The Children](#) & [Alternatives Trust](#).





Before...and After!



Mr Westcott comments:

"Our willing and able Year 11s chose to spend their time clearing the Astro on Tuesday morning (instead of watching a Christmas DVD!) just so the Staff vs Pupils football match could be played later on that day. They were determined to have their match; what fantastic effort they put in! From an ice rink to a playable surface **#teamwork**

Now they need to prove themselves on the pitch..."

P.S. The teachers won by 6-3!

Lower Prep enjoyed their trip to the panto on Tuesday!



Mr Claus
The Ice Place
North Pole
Antarctic Ice Street

6th December 2022



Dear Mr Claus

I have been informed by my mum that if I am good this year then I can get a Nintendo Switch Mario game. Please may I have it on Christmas Eve.

This year my Grandpa and Grandma went to Nigeria and I miss them a lot. However the Mario game would cheer me up a great deal. I would be very thankful for this.

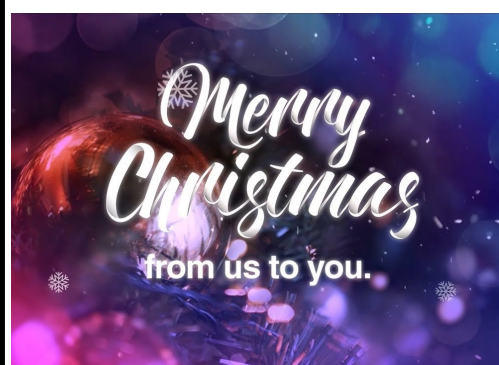
Yours sincerely

Torin x



Seasonal Writing Tasks!

A lovely example of a letter to Father Christmas... let's hope Torin receives the Nintendo Switch Game he hopes for! Mrs Seiver was delighted he also achieved all the learning objectives for this task!



On behalf of Mrs Ibbitson and all her team down in Lower Prep, they would like to thank our families for all their support over this busy Autumn Term and wish them a happy and relaxing festive break... see you in January 2023!

Festive PSHE

In Form 7B's PSHE lesson this week, we discussed what Christmas means to each of them, these are some of the words they thought of: giving, family, happiness, friends, warmth, stress, snow, presents. The class then put together a list of things they could do over Christmas to show their gratitude. We called it the **12 Acts of Christmas**:

1. Help with the cooking.
2. Visit a lonely neighbour.
3. Help with younger siblings.
4. Don't cause parents stress by arguing with siblings.
5. Have a cosy family afternoon.
6. Buy small presents for your family.
7. Help tidy around the house or your room.
8. Look after younger relations when they come to visit.
9. Make mum a cup of tea.
10. Babysit.
11. Help with the washing up.
12. Don't moan, but be grateful for what you have.

THROW
kindness
AROUND LIKE
confetti

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. *Madame Swift*

