

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Spring Term
13 January 2023

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Dear Parents

I trust you enjoyed a relaxing Christmas holiday with your families. It is a great pleasure to see the boys and girls back in school at the start of what promises to be a busy and exhilarating spring term.

First and foremost, I offer my congratulations to Mr Laudy and Miss Smith who have announced their engagement. I am very excited about the prospect of a KHS wedding!

Additionally, a warm welcome to our new teaching and support staff this term: Mr Cowie re-joins the school as Director of Sport and a Year 8 form teacher; Mrs Jennings starts with us as Teacher of PE and a Year 8 form teacher; Miss Livsey-Barnes, after a handover in the last half of term, commences as Director of Music and a joint Year 7 form teacher with Mr Westcott; Mr Mohamed takes on a role as Teacher of Maths - and I am very grateful to Mrs Pola who becomes our Teacher of Computer Science at very short notice after our original appointment withdrew for personal reasons. In the Study Centre, Mrs Brown joins the team as an LSA. Other new starters include: Shirin Yasin, Catering Assistant; Jemma Love, Singing & Composition Peripatetic Teacher; Bernie White, Minibus Driver & Phoebe Long, Volunteer. I wish them all a long and prosperous association with the school.

In my Headmaster's Assembly earlier in the week, as is customary in January, I highlighted the significance of New Year as an apposite time for reflection and ambition. I challenged the children to make up their own New Year resolutions and set themselves some attainable targets for the months ahead. Please do take the time to discuss this with them together with the advice that evidence suggests an effective resolution typically helps others, not just themselves, in some way. Equally, in keeping with our character value of Integrity for this term, it is perfectly acceptable not to feel that one has to 'change' fundamentally but instead 'enhance' one's own unique personality to become a better version of oneself.

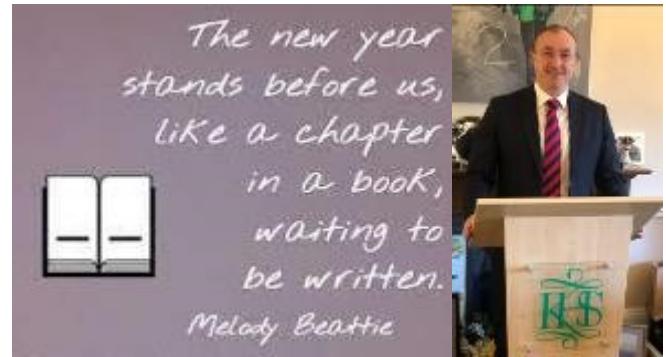
There are already some natural opportunities for new, good habits to be put into practice - our Year 11 cohort are undertaking important mock GCSE examinations over the next week and I wish all the students well in their endeavours.

I look forward to a productive term ahead and wish you a restful weekend in the meantime.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy

Headmaster & CEO



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

2023 JANUARY WEEK 1 Year 11 Mock GCSE Exam week			
Monday	16	0730 0900	SLT Meeting Year 9 DTP/MENACWY Vaccinations
Tuesday	17	0935-1055 1100 1430 1430 1615 1700	Year 9 First Aid course 2 Year 7 'Chocolate & Chat' in the Dining Room U14 & U16 Rugby vs Duke of Kent (A) U14 & U16 Hockey vs More House (H) Staff Meeting Years 9 & 10 Krakow Trip Information Evening for Parents
Wednesday	18	0845 0930 1330-1410 1430 1430 1430 1430 1430 1430 1600-1700 1700-1730	Deputy Head's Assembly Lower Prep Forest School Production Rehearsal –main cast U13 Hockey vs Box Hill (A) U13A & B Rugby vs Duke of Kent (H) U12A Rugby vs Duke of Kent (H) U10A & U11A vs Duke of Kent (A) U10/11 Touch Rugby vs Duke of Kent (H) Production Rehearsal—all cast Production Rehearsal—main cast
Thursday	19	1330-1410 1430 1600-1700	Production Rehearsal—main cast U8/9 Rugby vs Duke of Kent (A) Production Rehearsal—main cast
Friday	20	0845	Form Reps Meeting (online)

LUNCH MENU for week beginning 16.01.2023

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Roasted Chicken & Bacon Pasta; Tomato Sauce Pasta (V)	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Jelly	Sweet & Sour Chicken Noodles; Sweet & Sour Veg Noodles (V)	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Sponge Cake	Chicken or Cheese (V) Enchiladas	Fresh Fruit; Fruit Crumble & Custard	Macaroni Cheese (V) & Garlic Bread	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Cookies	Homemade Fish Pie & Peas	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts; Marble Cake



Please find Mr Murphy's topical thoughts and the pupils who are 'Mentioned in Dispatches' for something noteworthy: [here](#)

LOWER PREP

1M

Haris A for his confidence and communication skills during "Show and Tell". Well done for the cooking video tips! Mrs Martins

3S

Hattie C for starting school with an excellent attitude. Miss Sumners

Ted R for gaining confidence in maths. Miss Sumners

4S

UPPER PREP

5F

William N-B for a great first day back. Lovely answers and questions in Science and Geography. Ms Forbes

6B

Elinor F for settling in so well and quickly! Well done to the rest of the form, particularly her buddy Phoebe, for helping her feel so welcome. Mrs Bastable

6S

6S the whole class for enthusiastic contributions in our English lesson on how to write a book review. Madame Swift

7B

Bertie L for his positive attitude to learning at the start of a fresh term. Mr Barratt

Ben C – a great first lesson from Ben. Engaged, contributing and showing good levels of comprehension. Worked very diligently throughout. Mrs Haunstetter

Dollie M, Lilly-Rose M, Max K, Tom F for excellent contributions in PSHE. Madame Swift

Rhys B has been a great help to Ben who has just started in 7B. Rhys is making sure our new pupil knows where to go and who to speak to if he isn't sure. Mr Clarke

Henry S has started the term brilliantly in Maths – keep up the good work Henry. Mr Clarke

A great start for Ben C who is working diligently in maths. Mrs Lindley

7W

Jensen W and Eddie B for a good start and good answers in PSHE. Mr Westcott

Isla M for clearing up someone else's mess in the dining hall without being asked. Madame Swift

Jensen W for being able to translate 13 countries into English without even seeing them beforehand. Everyone in 7H was very impressed! Monsieur Regeling

8C

Kieran S - very helpful helping Mr Cowie settle in with his new form, giving him lots of information and being very approachable. Mr Cowie

Kieran S is planning some workshops for pupils in the Upper prep during wellbeing week. Fabulous to have pupils bringing outside interests into the school community. Mr Clarke

Dollie M, Folu A and Aurelia G helped Mrs Jennings settle in on her first break duty. It was great to see them showing her around.

Rex T for pushing his learning in the 'Area and Perimeter' topic. Mrs Lindley

UPPER PREP continued

8J

Josh S for being exceptionally helpful in tutor time and making a great first impression. Mrs Jennings

Stanley B-D for showing outstanding effort in tutor time and in his hockey this week. Well done! Mrs Jennings.

8L

Bastian V – a great first geography lesson of the term. Bastie worked hard to identify OS map symbols and his team won the Kahoot quiz at the end of the lesson. Keep it up. Mr Laudy

Jason S for good work in Science this week. Mr Barratt

SENIORS

9B

Liam McB for coming back with such a mature and reflective attitude. Mrs Bray

Max W for his great contributions in PSHE where he was very reflective of his strengths and weaknesses. Thank you, Max. Mr Regeling

9L

Theo J for his outstanding analysis skills in English. Mrs Bray

9R

Toby C for being a loyal and kind friend to his classmates in 9R. Toby helped another student when he had some issues with his locker key. Mr Regeling

Oli D for a positive attitude to Maths in the New Year. Mr Barratt

Dylan B (9B) and Tai B (9L) both pupils regularly put their hands up to make fantastic contributions in the Science lessons this week. Mrs Black

In Year 9 Maths - great work from Ayaan S, Avaneesh G and Charles R during Further Maths. Mrs Lindley

In Year 9 Geography – Ayaan S, Noah S & Ollie D worked very hard to produce their presentations on climate change management. Mr Laudy

10B

Tommy W and Tedd B-A have returned from the Christmas break with enthusiasm for the start of term. Mrs Black

10P

Lukas C has made a great effort improving his punctuality this term – we hope he keeps up the positive start! Miss Patel

Lukas C has made excellent contributions during the Science lesson, he has put a lot of effort into his holiday prep. Mrs Black

In Year 10 well done Rory S, some great collaborative work from him and Mrs Rahman. Mrs Lindley

11H

11H for returning to school in a calm and mature manner. Lovely to see them all. Good luck for mocks over the next week or so.

Mrs Haunstetter

11W

It was pleasing to see the class return from the Christmas break fired up and all raring to go, ready for mocks – good luck to them all, keep calm and carry on! Mrs Weston

Thomas G has had an excellent start to the term and contributed greatly to discussion. Mr March

In Year 11 well done Alan R who is pushing himself in algebra, asking insightful questions. Mrs Lindley

A very warm KHS welcome to the following new members of staff—we are delighted to have join us:

Mr Cowie—Director of Sport & Year Form Teacher

Mrs Jennings—Teacher of PE & Year 8 Form Teacher

Miss Livsey-Barnes—Director of Music & Year 7 Form Teacher (shared with Mr Westcott)

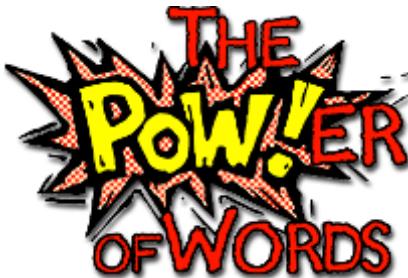
Mr Mohamed—Teacher of Maths

Mrs Pola—Teacher of Computer Science

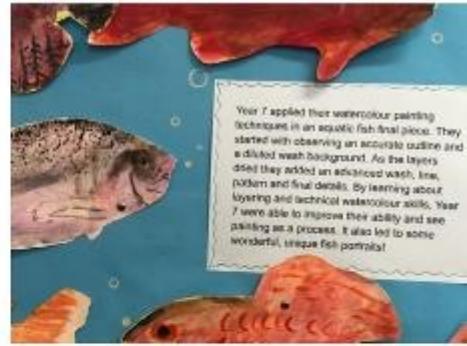


welcome
TO THE TEAM

Here we are at the start of 2023 and some of us may have made some **New Year's Resolutions**, but do you know where the idea of resolutions came from?



The ancient Babylonians are said to be the first people to make new year's resolutions, about 4000 years ago. They were also the first to hold recorded celebrations for new year, although for them, the new year began in mid-March when the crops were planted. During a massive 12-day religious festival called Akitu, the Babylonians crowned a new king or confirmed their loyalty to the reigning king. They also made promises to the gods to repay their debts and return objects they had borrowed; these promises could be considered the forerunners of our new year's resolutions.



It was a lovely, temperate day on which to welcome back staff and pupils to the start of Spring Term 2023; we are looking forward to a busy, action-packed few weeks and hoping the weather stays kind to us. There were new displays up to enjoy, sport and Computer Science lessons and lots of learning in Lower Prep going on straight away...and of course, we were all treated to a delicious lunch to raise the spirits on the first day back!

All information about **Spring Term Clubs** can be found [here](#) and **Mr Murphy's start of term letter** to families is also available on our website [here](#)

*Did you know that January 23rd is **National Parent & Carers Mental Health Day**...*

Ms Timothy refers to our 'adult in charge' as we all have different set ups at home, but whoever it is, in this new year as adults, we need to think about taking care of ourselves if we are to have the capacity to catch and support young people in our care when they need us. A free webinar is available [here](#) which focus on how parents and carers can successfully adapt to challenging life situations, and deal with their own stress and anxiety, while navigating their family through difficult times.



Do you know of anyone who may be interested in supporting pupils, working 1:1 and in small groups within the classroom, as a Learning Support Assistant? Mrs Angus, Head of Study Centre, is looking to expand the team, working to support pupils in class.

What do our current LSAs have to say about working at Kingswood House School?

"We work within a stimulating and nurturing environment."

"Being an LSA is a rewarding role. It's great to be able to work 1:1 with pupils and watch them achieve, no matter how big or small the achievement may be."

"My colleagues are really supportive and encouraging, I've made really good friends within the team."

"There's a real sense of team."

"We have the ability to make a difference for pupils."

"Every day is different: no two days are the same at KHS."

If this sounds like it might be of interest to you, or someone you know, get in touch with [Mrs Angus](#) for more information and an application pack.

Also, please note Helen Arkell Dyslexia charity offer a range of courses and information sessions for parents. In March they are running a series of online sessions to **help parents understand ways to support their child with SEND**—see [here](#)

Helen Arkell are also offering an 'on demand' **course for young people, focused on GCSE and A-Level Study Skills**. If you think this may be beneficial for your child, more information can be found [here](#)

Poppy Appeal 2022

The Royal British Legion have written to thank us for our generous donation to the Poppy Appeal which raised **£286.60**; they said this was an amazing total from a single collection point and the charity were so grateful!

Thank you all for your generosity supporting this vital cause.

**THANK
YOU**

SPORTS RESULTS

KHS v Belmont

U13As won 25-15; Player of the Match was Finlay R (8C), the try scorers were Finlay R Basti V x2 (8L) Harvey M (7B), a special mention to both Finlay, Basti and Alex M-K (7B). Mr Cowie reports, “*Although we were disappointed to not be playing contact rugby, the boys played some fantastic running rugby and showed great organisation in defence. Highlights of the match consist of Basti's two tries that were run in from the entire length of the pitch! Finlay R organised the team fantastically in attack and showed great vision with attacking kicks and chips in the opponents half.*”

U13Bs won 40-25; Player of the Match was Jason S (8L) who also scored three tries. Tom R (8J) also scored a notable three tries—both Jason and Tom were excellent throughout. Good team performance. Mr Clarke overseeing the game said, “*A great start to the season with a solid win against Belmont. The game started very evenly before a break away try from Jason S, followed up quickly by another score from Tom R to put some space between the two teams on the scoreboard. It was 20-10 at half time but still a great opportunity for Belmont to get back into the game as they were now playing downhill, notably a 2 try hill! However, much to Belmont's surprise Kingswood defended stoutly in the early stages of the second half before scoring three tries in quick succession. A well-deserved final score of 45-25 is a great way to start the season*”

More results continued overleaf...



Our keen U13, U11 & U10 teams were in action against Belmont this week...



SPORTS RESULTS

KHS v Belmont continued...

U11As won 25-15; Player of the Match was Ollie R (6B) also a try scorer with Cameron E (6B). Special Mentions go to Hugo H (6S) - excellent ball carrying and Teddy C-E (6S) - great work in the scrum. Mr Laudy reports, "Despite the disappointment of not being allowed to play contact rugby, the U11 A's rose to the occasion brilliantly with an excellent win in the first game of the season. The first half consisted of some outstanding attacking play, the majority of which was in the opposition's half. The second half started with two early tries from Belmont; however, in true KHS spirit, the team rallied and countered with two more outstanding tries. Overall, an excellent team performance and excellent ball handling from every player".

U11Bs lost 9-0; Player of the Match awarded to Torin A-I (6B)with a special mention to Elody T (6B) for her increased team spirit and positive attitude even when the odds were against us. Mr Brown comments on the game, "The impeccable attitude of U11 B's was clear to see as the pupils started their first game of the season with strong breaks from Torin and Elody. However, our dreams of a startling victory were cut short by a strong Belmont side, aided by the treacherous conditions, who grew into the game after a slow start. Unfortunately, KHS could not respond, going down a few tries despite some valiant efforts. However, we will go into the next game with some much needed experience under our belts. Well done to everyone involved!"

U10As won 15-5; Player of the Match awarded to Zach Bo (5F) who also scored two tries. Henry W (5F) also got points on the board. A special mention from Miss Luff to Vlad M (5F) for his participation who noted, "... under wet conditions the U10's played some fantastic running rugby. The boys were disappointed it was non contact, nonetheless they gave 100%. Zachary Bl (5F) was spotted for his positivity throughout the game. The rest of the U10 players enjoyed a mixed game with the Belmont players".

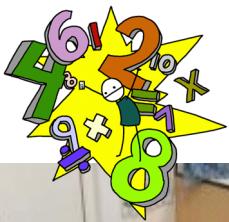
U9As lost 4-2; Player of the Match with two tries was Alfie L (4S). Special Mentions to Phoebe W (4S) and Bailey M (3S) for their excellent work rate. Mr Westcott comments, "The U9s played a good game, after going 3-0 down in the first half, they put in a fantastic shift to get 2 tries. The pupils played really well in wet and windy conditions and fought hard all through the match".

U8As lost 10-7 Player of the Match Yarik M (3S); **U8Bs** lost 13-11 their Player of the Match was Aiden K (4S) Both U8 teams were on fire, despite the final scores, and worked really hard throughout in wet and windy conditions. Great confidence boosting play by Zayn J (4S).



Year 3 have been exploring doubling and halving in maths in lots of different ways including selling items from Miss Sumners' classroom!

Doubling the Fun in Maths!



*Please note our Kingswood House Way character value for this Spring Term is **Integrity** with our subject enrichment belonging to The Arts and Science in the first half of the term with Creative and Performing Arts to follow...*

INTEGRITY



**Honesty – Trust – Empathy – Loyalty – Dedication – Discretion – Kindness – Maturity –
Wisdom – Judgement – Reason – Prudence – Friendship – Sincerity - Being Your Best Self**

I try to see the whole picture before making a judgement

I concentrate and pay attention so that I can think clearly

I use reasoning to guide my decisions

I am sincere in my dealings with others

I am inclusive rather than exclusive

I try to be a good listener

I share my time, ideas and feelings

I appreciate the good in others and share compliments

I am happy for others when good things happen to them

I show concern for others and try to be supportive

I look for ways to express kindness to others

I am forgiving instead of holding a grudge

I do my fair share when working with others

I am able to work effectively as a team leader or to let others lead

I am agreeable and able to make appropriate compromises

Menopause and the Workplace



All-Party Parliamentary Group on Menopause

Inquiry to assess the impacts of menopause and the case for policy reform

Concluding report

12th October 2022

CIPD (The Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development) outlined 4 pillars of support that organisations should focus on:

- 1) opening up the culture, to provide information and encourage conversations about the menopause among all employers, managers, men and women
- 2) developing a supportive framework such as specific menopause policy or guidance
- 3) treating an employee with menopause symptoms in the same way as someone with any long-term health condition or absence
- 4) educating and training of line managers



Menopause Matters

Our Year 9 pupils began the first of their essential life-skills course, basic First Aid training, this week led by our lovely School Medical Administrator Mrs Darbshire. We are sure the pupils will find the course engaging and interesting with its hands on approach to the learning content, plus they never know if they may get called upon in the future to use the skills presented in it!



Just before we broke up for Christmas, Claire Mills, one of our LSAs, gave a very informative staff INSET on the topic of the Menopause in the workplace.

This was sensitively done and raised much discussion in the room.



'Tea & Talk' Evolving... Year 8 Breaktime Brunch

Year 8 boys and girls met with their form teachers, Mr Clarke and Miss Timothy this week to discuss some social plans for the upcoming term. It is exciting to be looking ahead and planning a social event in the summer term, as well as hearing many good ideas from the pupils themselves for break and lunchtimes once the field is back in action. All those present enjoyed refreshments and the chance to chat and be listened to in their year group forum.

The following dates are on the calendar for the rest of Upper Prep:

Tuesday 17.01.2023 'Year 7 Chocolate & Chat'

Tuesday 24.01.2023 'Years 5 & 6 Nibbles & Natter'

These sessions have evolved out of our 'Tea & Talk' sessions which were introduced when we changed to co-education to give our new cohort of girls a forum to get together and chat. Look out for more details soon...



Save the Date!



The KHA Quiz Night returns on Friday 24th February in Langlands—time to brush up on your general knowledge and get your table of brains together! Details to be sent out soon.

A note from Mrs Bray:

Dear Parents, RE: Upcoming webinar for parents – *How to Help Your Child Make Better Notes*

We're excited to announce that Elevate Education's first free webinar of the Spring Term will be taking place on Tuesday 17th January. Elevate Education works with students, delivering high impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing, and exam preparation. By tuning into their webinar series you will learn how you can help better support your children at home through reinforcing the skills they learn at school:

Tuesday 17th January 6-7pm '*How to Help Your Child Make Better Notes*'

Here's what we'll be covering on the night:

- The most effective way to structure notes
- The 3 levels of acquiring knowledge and how to implement this with your child at home
- The power of deliberate practice and the fastest way for your child to improve their marks.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR FREE](#)



Updated Sports Information

Parents, please note that all our sports information is now on our website and pulled together in one place [here](#)

<https://www.kingswoodhouse.org/parents-information/sports/>

Any queries can be directed to our new Director of Sport [Mr Cowie](#)

A note from Mr Sukhdeo for our Year 11 pupils

For students interested or wishing to apply for a **Chessington School Sixth form** place with our **sports academies** starting September 2023:

Please fill in [**THIS FORM**](#) to book your place on our trials.

FOOTBALL - Wednesday 25th January - 4pm to 5:30pm - with coaches from Chessington & Hook United FC

CRICKET - Friday 24th February - 4pm to 5:30pm - with coaches from Twenty20 Cricket

Trials take place at Chessington School. You will be sent a confirmation and reminder nearer the date.

For more information or to request a tour of the school, please email tdale@chessington.kingston.sch.uk

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Maths Times Table Rock Stars Christmas Competition Year 5 -Year 8!

During the holidays, rather than resting and kicking back with a mince pie, some of our Upper Prep pupils were eager to continue practising their mathematical skills with Times Tables Rock Stars. The battle between the year groups was close but the results show that Year 7 have come out on top this time. **Well done Year 7!** The contributions from all were impressive, but here are our MVPs for the competition:

Byron M (7W)

Ryan B; Ben S; Torin A-I (6B)

Ben S (6B)

Toby H (5F)



Each of our MVPs will receive a certificate and a commendation for their hard work, well done!

Our next competition is to raise awareness and money for NSPCC. On 3rd February, also known as Number Day, the whole school will take part in NSPCC Rocks. If you would like to take part, simply login in to your Times Tables Rock Stars account on 3rd February and play any one of the games. The year group with the highest average wins! *Mrs Lindley*



Congratulations to Isaaq G (9B) who was recently awarded an All-rounder and Academic Exhibition to recognise his effort and attainment across the school curriculum.

We look forward to seeing him continue to flourish in all areas of school life, as he progresses through his GCSE program of study.



Science Enrichment—Spring Term

In order to celebrate the subject enrichment focus of Science this term, KHS pupils will have the opportunity to take part in a number of thrilling opportunities.



Science enrichment begins with a 'Green Careers' focus! Pupils in KS3 and 4 will explore what it takes to have a career in Space and the UK Space agency followed by STEM learning opportunities, Careers in Nature (including information about Green Apprenticeships), the Edinburgh Climate Institute (understanding what Scientists are currently doing to care for our planet) learning from the MET office (what will the weather be like in 2050?) and so much more.

Alongside the Green Careers workshops, pupils will have the chance to take part in a weekly Zombie Apocalypse Club. Through the theme of Zombies, pupils will use scientific techniques, follow methods and learn through fun. The schedule for the half term can be found below. Each session will take place on Monday from 1:30 – 2pm:

Week 1 (16th) – Making a zombie shelter

Week 2 (23rd) - Making neck protectors

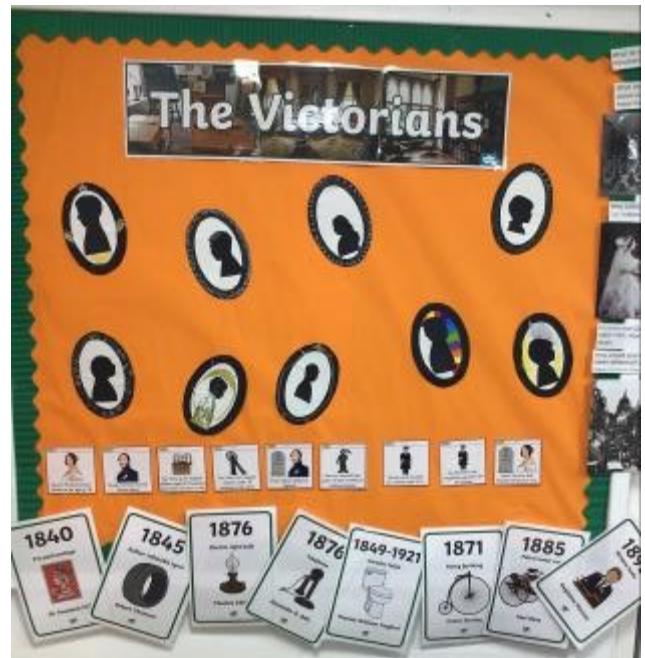
Week 3 (30th) – Testing the neck protectors

Week 4 (6th) – Making Slime



As well as all of the above, information will be shared across the school about famous Scientists and their many accomplishments. Lower Prep pupils will also have a chance to bring the topic of dinosaurs into their learning.

I hope all of Kingswood House has a fantastic half of term whilst celebrating Science! *Mrs Black*



Year 3 children have been exploring various forms of Victorian artwork including silhouettes, which were a more affordable alternative to photographs which had only just been invented. Here are some fabulous examples from the class!

Castles!

Y6 brought in their magnificent castle projects that they have been working on over the last few weeks. They have been extremely imaginative with the materials they used to construct the castles and have clearly put a huge amount of time and energy into them. Much fun was had looking at what each other had created. Some more edible models even came under attack at the end of the lesson! *Mrs Haunstetter*



Mapping the Way in Year 8...

In Geography, Year 8 have just started their new topic, Geographical Skills. They have been looking at OS maps, investigating the different map symbols and tackling all the information an OS map displays. Year 8 will soon be looking at 6 figure grid references and compass directions. *Mr Laudy*

