

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Spring Term
20 January 2023

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Dear Parents

I trust you are keeping warm during what has been a week of freezing temperatures - albeit these have been offset by glorious blue skies and even a glimpse of our old friend, the sun!

Well done to our Year 11 students who have set a fine example as role models for younger pupils by undertaking their mock GCSE examinations with diligence and perseverance. The beginning of the end is nearly in sight!

In assembly on Wednesday, Mr Mitchell and Mrs Black talked further about the Kingswood House Way and our spring term value of "Integrity"; they shared the key message that making small, positive changes each day will add up to a strong collective result. Please do reinforce this important concept at home with your son or daughter.

Many thanks to our dedicated form reps who attended a useful meeting online together with senior staff this morning. Do look out for a summary of the minutes which will be circulated at some point next week! If you would like to become a form rep next year, please do get in touch with Stephanie Schmitt, Exec Rep, via Mrs Harding in the front office; we are always on the look-out for volunteers!

A reminder that if you have any good evidence of your child's efforts to keep their New Year Resolution, please do share their efforts with Amanda Earl who will gladly include brief commentary and a picture in the newsletter!

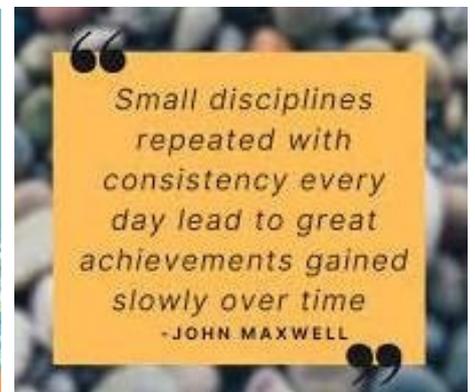
Finally, you may have seen that Floyd Steadman, a long-standing friend of KHS, was appointed an OBE in the King's inaugural New Year honours list. On behalf of the school, I offer my warm congratulations to Floyd who is an active campaigner for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion across the education sector.

I wish you a relaxing weekend.

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 2			
Monday	23	0730 0900-1530 0830-1530 1430 1430	SLT Meeting Year 4 Trip to Kew Gardens—Rainforest workshop Year 3 Victorian Experience Day (in school) U12/13A Rugby vs Homefield (H) U12/13 Tag Rugby vs Homefield (H)
Tuesday	24	am. 0800-1030 0935-1055 1100-1125 1430 1430 1630	French GCSE Mock Speaking & Listening Exams Quantum Theatre Production for Year 10 & 11pupils Year 9 First Aid course 3 Years 5 & 6 'Nibbles & Natter' - Dining Room U16 Rugby 7s vs Belmont (A) U14 Rugby 7s vs More House (H) Staff Meeting
Wednesday	25	0845 0845-1600 0930 1330-1410 1430 1430 1430 1600-1700 1700-1730	Form 6S Assembly Art GCSE Mock Exam (part 1) Lower Prep Forest School Production Rehearsal –main cast U16A vs Tiffin (A) U13 A&B vs Tower House (A) U11A vs More House (H) Production Rehearsal—all cast Production Rehearsal –main cast
Thursday	26	0845-1600 1330-1410 1430 1600-1700	Art GCSE Mock Exam (part 2) Production Rehearsal—main cast U9 Rugby vs Homefield (A) Production Rehearsal—main cast
Friday	27	All day 1025 1430	Production Rehearsal—all cast House Meetings U14A Rugby vs Harrodian (A)

LUNCH MENU for week beginning 23.01.2023

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Bacon & Tomato; Spicy Tomato Sauce (V) with Pasta	Fresh Fruit; Rice Pudding	Homemade Beef & Onion Pie; Cheese, Onion & Potato Pie (V) with Fresh Broccoli	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes & Veg; Cauliflower Cheese (V)	Fresh Fruit; Crumble & Custard	Sausage Casserole; Veggie Sausage Casserole (V) with Garlicky New Potatoes	Fresh Fruit; Jelly	Chicken Goujons; Fish Fingers; Oven Chips	Fresh Fruit; Doughnuts

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

LOWER PREP

1M

To Verity F for sequencing her own sentences and using amazing adjectives for her story of SUPERTATO. Mrs Martins

3S

Dillen S for always being respectful and working hard with all his school work. Miss Sumners

4S

Theo A for excellent coding work in computing lessons. Theo has been problem solving and debugging programmes! Miss Smith

All of Year 3 & 4 pupils for a fantastic effort in their first rugby match of the year, braving the lousy weather conditions – extremely windy and rainy - as well as showing integrity and respect during and after the match. Their sportsmanship was amazing and they should all be extremely proud of themselves. Mr Westcott

UPPER PREP

5F

Zachary B for being thoughtful and bringing in cakes for the class to celebrate a friend's birthday. Ms Forbes

6B

Elody T for her endeavour and effort in class since coming back from the holidays. Mrs Bastable

6S

Dexter B for an excellent Russian accent used to get into character when reading our class book in English. Madame Swift

7B

Ben C- lots of smiles and hard work this week. Mr Barratt

Ben C for great contributions and demonstrating an excellent knowledge in French and Lilly-Rose M for her excellent efforts in French. Madame Swift

7W

Darcey S for her fantastic work rate in PE and the way she encouraged her fellow class mates to keep going in the fitness test was brilliant. What a tremendous effort, keep it up Darcey! Mr Westcott

Byron M - for being a positive presence in the classroom and always doing as asked. Miss Livsey-Barnes

George P for his great work in French. His answers are on point and he is always hard-working. Monsieur Regeling

8C

Gabriel C - having a great attitude towards school life and throwing himself into lots of extra-curricular activities. Really positive and contributed well in our PSHE lesson. Mr Cowie

8J

Lauti Y for showing outstanding focus and courtesy in tutor time. Mrs Jennings

William B for working exceptionally hard and showing superb motivation in his practical PE and Games lessons. Mrs Jennings

8L

Y8 Maths; Zac G – huge confidence and motivation in class & Tom VM - increased work rate and productivity. Mr Barratt

U13A rugby team - great first match against Belmont last Wednesday with some fantastic passages of attacking play. Mr Cowie

SENIORS

9B

Liam McB for showing excellent respect and leadership skills. After the drama rehearsals, Liam helped lead the organisation of tidying up. Mrs Bray

9L

Good feedback from Mr Cowie in regards to Max Rocheron, keep up the hard work. Mrs Lindley

Ed C for his fantastic insights into the play Macbeth. Mr March

9R

Joel M or looking incredibly smart this term so far. Keep it up, Joel. Monsieur Regeling

Y9 Maths Ibrahim M for a cracking weeks work – organised and efficient. Mr Barratt

10B

Ivan T, & Nathan A - both pupils worked well to create a resilience questionnaire in PSHE. Well done to you both. Mrs Black

Tommy W - for his excellent work and determination in his music theory lesson. Miss Livsey-Barnes

10P

Archie S has been showing great growth in confidence and has been incredibly helpful in his role as a Duke of Edinburgh Ambassador! Fantastic efforts Archie! Miss Patel

11H

11H for conducting themselves so well during their mock exams. Mrs Haunstetter

Jess D for her impressive creative writing in her Language Paper 1 exam. Mrs Bray

11W

I am delighted with how the class have been so composed and taking the mock GCSE exams in their stride – all good practice for the summer! Mrs Weston

All of the pupils who attended the first Science enrichment Zombie Apocalypse session - all pupils involved worked so hard and are on their way to creating impenetrable zombie shelters! Mrs Black

House points - this week - Whole School



House points - totals - Whole School





Thank you to Elinor F (6B) who spotted these misplaced tracksuit bottoms out in the playground early one morning this week... we think they will need defrosting before being worn though!

No name, so do see Mrs Harding if you think they are yours!

Unclaimed watch!

Is your son or daughter missing a black smart watch?

This one, *right*, was handed into the Office a while back but has not been claimed.

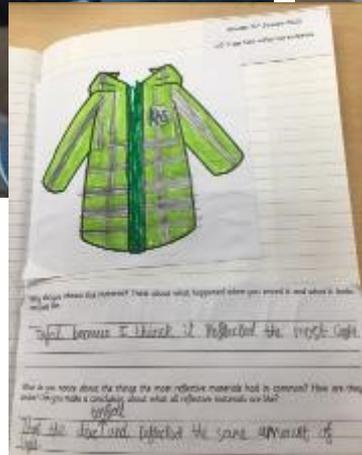
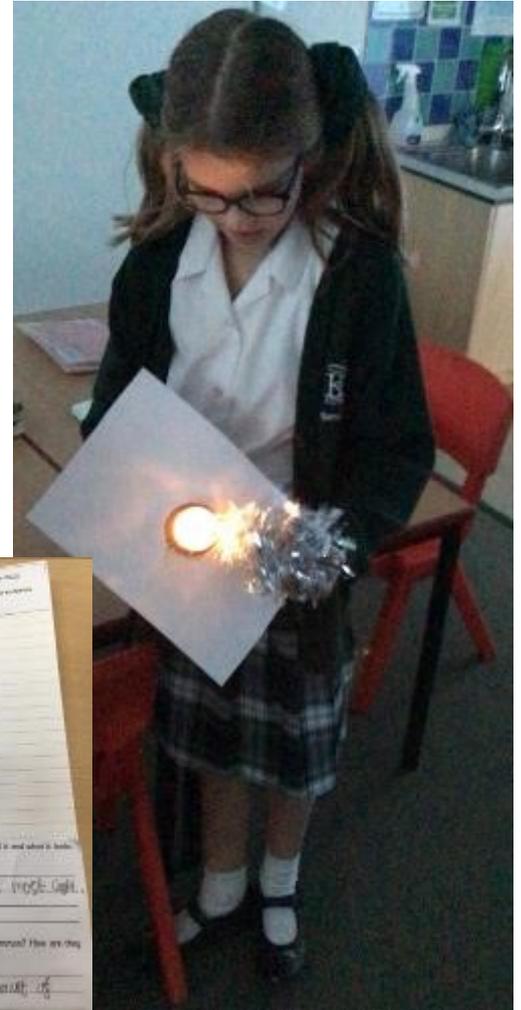
There are no external markings and it does not turn on anymore. Please come and speak to Mrs Harding if you think it might belong to you...



Supertato!

Year 1 are learning about writing fiction and their own stories, sequencing sentences to form short story narratives. This week we have been retelling the story of 'SuperTato'. We created our very own supertatos to retell our stories using drama and to help us think up adjectives to make our sentences more exciting for the reader. *Mrs Martins*





High Viz!

In Science, Year 3 have been exploring reflection in their 'Light and Shadow' topic; they designed some really eye-catching reflective KHS coats!

Miss Summers



This week in school...

From our Year 11s gallantly ploughing their way through their GCSE mock exams, to our pupils in Years 6—11 busy rehearsing for our annual production, it is full swing into the Spring Term...

“The variety in life is what makes it interesting.”





Fizzy Pop in Year 4!

Year 4 have been learning about states of matter—solids, liquids and gases—in their Science lessons recently.

This week they focused on Carbon Dioxide, a gas that makes carbonated drinks fizzy.



They explored making a mini fountain using mints, dancing raisins and compared a variety of fizzy drinks which developed their prediction and questioning skills. *Mrs Martins*

INTEGRITY
IS DOING THE
RIGHT THING.
EVEN WHEN
NO ONE IS
WATCHING.

C.S. LEWIS

Assembly

Thank you to Mrs Black and Mr Mitchell who delivered our online Assembly on Wednesday.

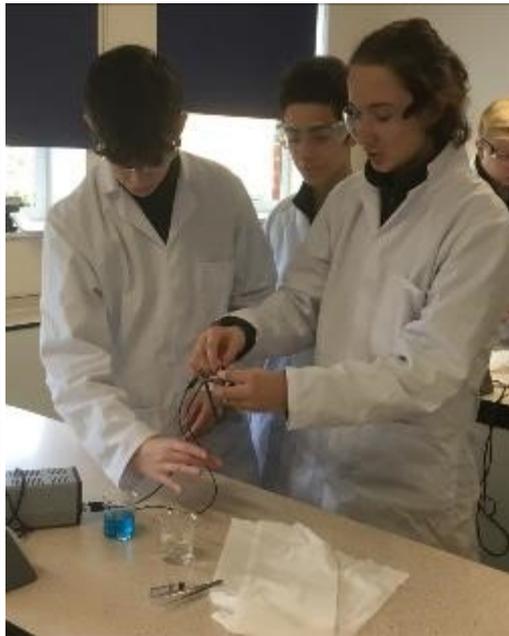
Mrs Black introduced this term's Kingswood House Way value of '*Integrity*' whilst Mr Mitchell spoke at greater length of ways in which we can all show more integrity including how to avoid the rise of rudeness that is so prevalent in today's society—especially in the online world. We shout at each other and call each different name's, and allow irrational emotional reactions to define the way we interact with the world—but people with true integrity avoid these situations. They know how to disagree civilly; they even know when it's better just to walk away.





Year 9 & 10 Science

Year 9 have been using microscopes to observe and draw different cells. Great work everyone!



Also this week, Year 10 carried out the electrolysis practical. They observed copper forming at the negative electrode and could test for the gases being made. The whole class worked sensibly and should feel very proud of themselves.

Mrs Black



Sunday 22nd January is **Chinese New Year** and the **Year of the Rabbit**, but do you know why each of the Chinese years is depicted with an animal?

According to myth, the 12 animals of the Chinese zodiac were selected by a race organised by the Jade Emperor, an important god in Chinese religion. He decided that there should be a race, and the first of the twelve animals to cross the fast-flowing river would be the winners and each would have a year of the zodiac named after them. The animals are: a pig, dog, rooster, monkey, goat, horse, snake, dragon, rabbit, tiger, ox and rat.

gong hei fat choy!



Year 7
 'Chocolate &
 Chat' ...another great
 session with our Upper
 Prep pupils and Mr
 Clarke discussing social
 plans and ideas for the
 Summer Term... watch
 this space!



A group of our Senior pupils are attending Ascension Training for weekly fitness classes in the Spring term.

Their sessions cover a safe introduction to weight training and gymnastics, as well as plenty of cardio. Within their training, they will develop qualities such as trust, cohesion, self-accountability and confidence.



The primary aim for all pupils is to learn how to have fun in exercise through functional movements. *Mr Cowie*



Parents and staff of Kingswood House are able to access a 10% discount on all monthly memberships at [Ascension Training!!!](#)



This House Believes...

In RS, teaching group 8h staged a debate on the question of capital punishment and the implications of serving the death sentence.



Having divided into two teams, one put the case forward for agreement, whilst the other team spoke against it. It was a lively debate with clear proposals and argument resulting in an overwhelming majority against bringing it back.
Mrs Weston

Our Year 11s enjoying some hot chocolate at break time, in between exam papers, to help ward off the cold and keep blood sugar levels up!

A big 'Thank You' to Mrs Chandler in the kitchen for providing the welcome refreshment.





Science Enrichment



This week we had the first meeting of the **Zombie Apocalypse Science Enrichment Club**! All pupils showed such creativity when designing their zombie shelters and had a fantastic time. Next week they will have the opportunity to finish their designs and then their shelters will be tested against the zombies!



The next activity for the Science Enrichment Club will be to design and create zombie proof neck protectors.... watch this space. Well done to everyone who came to the club it was wonderful to see such enthusiasm for the

subject. Mrs Black





Dramarama!

Ahead of our school production which opens next month, Mrs Horley found time out of her busy rehearsal schedule to showcase the dramatic talents of her Year 9 Drama students this week.

They put on three entertaining sketches for our Lower Prep pupils, over in their classroom, covering the important topics of fire awareness, 'stranger danger' and anti-bullying.

Our younger pupils thoroughly enjoyed the presentations that were alive with action, singing and even a quiz section!

Well done everyone for your hard work on this.

CHEESE THE DAY!

This Friday, 20th January, is National Cheese Day! It's no secret that Mrs Angus loves a cheeseboard, so she has gathered some of her cheesiest facts to share with you all!

Wensleydale cheese, made famous by Wallace and Gromit, has been given protected status by the European Commission.

There is an annual cheese-rolling competition in Gloucestershire.

Cheese can be produced using a variety of different milks including, cow, buffalo, goat, reindeer, even camel and hippopotamus!

People who love cheese are called 'turopiles'.

It takes around 10 litres of milk to make 1kg of hard cheese.

Epoisses de Bourgogne is the stinkiest cheese in the world – it is not allowed on the Metro in Paris!

The Credem Bank in Italy accepts high-quality Parmagiano-Reggiano from cheese makers in exchange for loans. They have a special vault to keep the cheese in!



CHEESY PUNS
CRACK-ER ME UP!



Have you got a brie-lliant, cheesy joke? Come and share it with Mrs Angus, but remember, it's gouda make her laugh!

SPORT NEWS

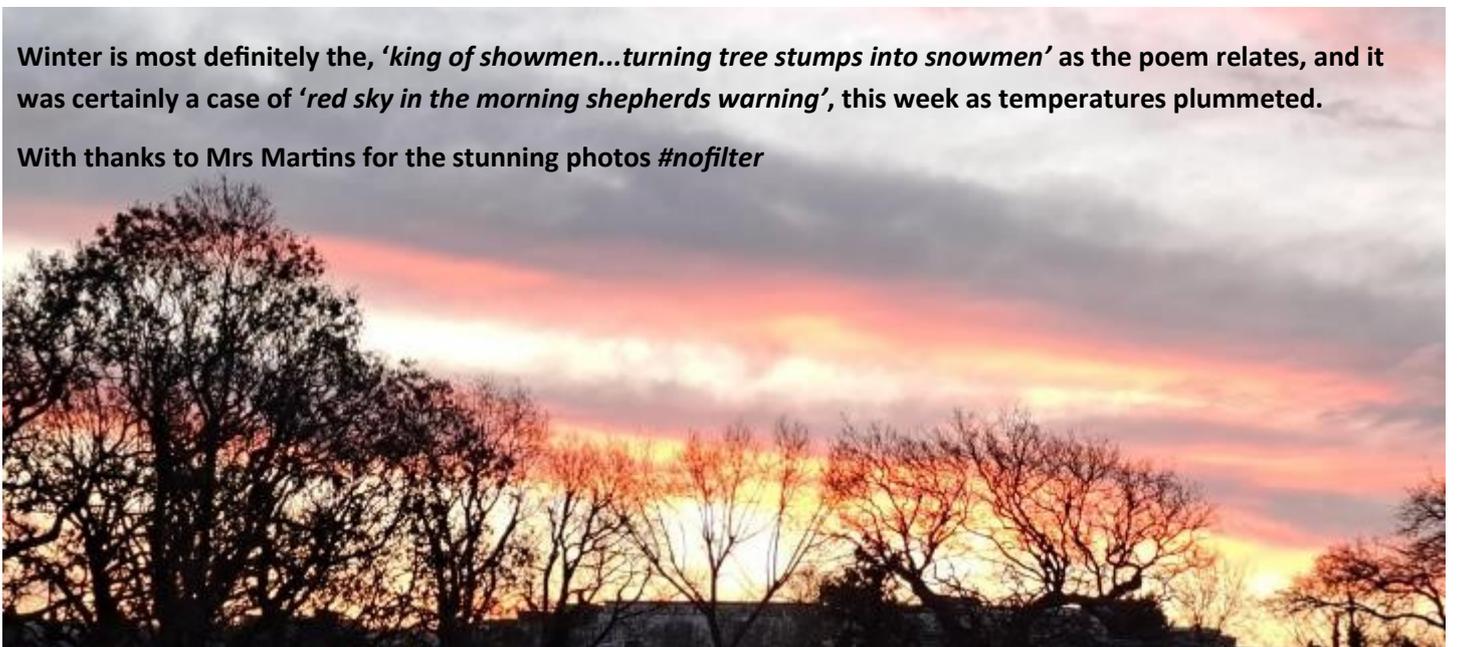
Due to freezing weather conditions this week, all our sporting fixtures were cancelled—both home and away—as pitches and playing surfaces were deemed too icy and frozen therefore, dangerous to play on for pupils. We are hopeful next week's fixtures will go ahead as planned as the cold snap breaks.

All up-to-date information is made available through Parentmail, or on the SOCS website linked to our school website [here](#)



Winter is most definitely the, *'king of showmen...turning tree stumps into snowmen'* as the poem relates, and it was certainly a case of *'red sky in the morning shepherds warning'*, this week as temperatures plummeted.

With thanks to Mrs Martins for the stunning photos *#nofilter*





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Hello Parents

We hope you've had a great start to the new term. Thank you all for completing our KHA Parent Survey last term. We are working through the responses and will use your feedback to help inform our upcoming events.

In the meantime, the KHA committee has been busy planning an exciting calendar of events for the rest of the year. We heard through the survey that you wanted to know of upcoming dates sooner and so we've pulled together a list for your diaries below. Please make a note for now, there will be more detail on each to follow in due course.

We're looking forward to meeting many of you at the quiz night on the 24th of February - look out for booking details via Parentmail next week!

Spring Term	
Friday 24 February	KHA Quiz Night
Friday 17 March	Mother's Day Shop
Monday 20 March	KHA Uniform Sale
Summer Term	
Friday 26 May	Sports Day & KHA Uniform Sale
Friday 16 June	Father's Day Shop
Saturday 24 June	Summer Ball
Friday 7 July	Jollies

Best Regards

The KHA



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Form Taster would
recommend Halliford
to a friend

If you are a family with a Senior age pupil, it is never too early to be considering your post-16 options once your son or daughter has taken their GCSEs with us.

We will be hosting a Sixth Form Information evening for Year 9 and 10 families in June this year - more details will be sent nearer the time—but we are hoping to attract a wide range of local, and further afield state and independent school sixth forms, as well as college settings and apprenticeship opportunities.

Meanwhile, there are a number of schools holding Taster Moments or Information evenings, *as left*, which may be of interest.