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The Kingswood House Way







Dear Parents

I offer you a warm welcome back after half term, during which our intrepid ski party enjoyed a fabulous time both on and off the piste in Fiesch, Switzerland. A record number of 74 pupils, parents and staff (past & present) travelled and I am grateful to Liam Clarke for organising and overseeing such a successful adventure.

On Shrove Tuesday, it was lovely to see the Lower Prep children embroiled in making (and eating!) their very own delicious pancakes. Thereafter, Lent began on Ash Wednesday and I am trying hard to be a good role model by sacrificing something very close to my heart — crisps. For anyone who knows me, they will appreciate just how much of an ordeal this will be, especially at a weekend when it is usually accompanied by a strong G&T!

Well done to all of our Year 8 boys and girls who have shown great perseverance with their examinations this week; I hope that the results are reflective of your hard work and that you can set achievable targets for improvement over the rest of the academic year.

This morning saw us host a busy Spring Open Morning with over 40 families in attendance; as ever, it was a privilege to showcase the school whilst 'in session' and the students were excellent ambassadors for our KHS values.

Thank you in advance to our wonderful KHA team, led by Jean Towers and Tasneem Shafiq, who will host the ever-popular quiz night later today – good luck to all the teams!

A reminder that it is World Book Day next Thursday; I look forward to seeing some colourful, literary costumes.

Finally, in staffing news, we are sorry to be saying goodbye to Roy Regeling at the end of the summer term; he is relocating overseas together with his partner. After a strong recruitment process, I am pleased to announce that he will be succeeded by Bridget Saul. An experienced headteacher, Bridget is an MFL specialist and I know first-hand just how delighted she is not only to be joining KHS at this exciting time for the school but also to be stepping back from the rigours of school leadership into a teaching position.

I wish you all a relaxing weekend

Yours sincerely



Duncan Murphy

Headmaster & CEO



There were plenty of great netballing skills on display this week in our fixtures...







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

2023	FEBRU	IARY / MARCH	WEEK 2						
Monday	27	0730	SLT Meeting						
		A.M.	Year 10 HPQ Presentations						
		1430	U13A-C Hockey vs Homefield (H)						
		1500	U13 Girls' Hockey vs Harrodian (A)						
		From 1630	Teaching Group 8H Parents' Evening via SchoolCloud						
Tuesday	28	A.M.	Year 10 HPQ Presentations						
		0935-1055	Year 9 Emotional Intelligence course 2						
		1430	U14 Hockey vs Box Hill (A)						
		1630	Staff Meeting						
Wednesday	01	0845	Form 6B Assembly						
		0930	Lower Prep Forest School						
		1430	U10A & B Rugby vs Banstead Prep (H)						
		1430	U11A & B Rugby vs Banstead Prep (A)						
		1430	U12/13A Rugby vs More House (A)						
		1430	U13 Girls Hockey vs Duke of Kent (H)	WORLD					
		From 1630	Teaching Group 8K Parents' Evening via SchoolCloud	BOOK					
Thursday	02	All day	World Book Day—Theme of 'Literary Characters'	DAY					
		1500	U8 & U9 Rugby vs Banstead Prep (A)	2 MARCH 2023					
Friday	03	1025	House Meetings						

LUNCH MENU for week beginning 27.02.2023

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Bacon & Tomato Sauce; Spicy Tomato Sauce (V) with Pasta	Fresh Fruit; Jelly	(V) with Roast	Fresh Fruit; Coconut & Jam Sponge	Sausage Casserole; Vegetarian Sausage Casserole (V) with Mashed Potatoes	Fresh Fruit; Jelly	BBQ Chicken in a Wrap; Cheese & Onion filling in a Wrap (V)	Fresh Fruit; Apple Crumble	Fish Fingers; Frankfurters with Oven Chips, Peas & Sweetcorn	Fresh Fruit; Crunchy Cornflake Cake



Parents, please find the link to Mr Murphy's latest written blog post—considering the pros and cons of initiative ChatGPT replacing traditional homework—on our website here

Mr Murphy's



Please find Mr Murphy's topical thoughts for the week and the pupils who have been 'Mentioned in Dispatches': here

LOWER PREP

1M

Well done to Karen L for learning a new skill on the school trip - Skiing - she said it was "super fun and cool, I was able to balance by myself"! Mrs Martins

Year 1 for their fantastic line dancing and being able to keep it synchronised throughout the entire routine. Mr Westcott

35

Scarlett W for an excellent start to KHS and to Hattie Clarke for being an excellent buddy and helping her settle in. Miss Sumners

45

Maye B for excellent work with fractions and finding equivalent fractions of numbers! Miss Smith

Aidan K deserves a big mention for the effort he has put in recently in the Study Centre where he has worked so hard over the last three weeks to improve his cursive writing — he tells me he wants to be a perfectionist! Mrs Wood

UPPER PREP

5F

Oliver R for excellent engagement in lessons. Ms Forbes

Alex L for making a big effort in his French lessons, especially in his written work. Madame Swift

Zach B offered to carry Mrs Bray's books to Langlands after Pupil Briefing – nice to witness a random act of kindness. Mr Clarke

6B

Elliot W for being engaged and answering lots of discussion questions in PSHE. Mrs Bastable

Ben S for being a fabulous Screen Printing assistant in art this week! Mrs Bastable

6S

Josh G for excellent knowledge of French verb conjugations. Madame Swift

7B

Dollie M so settled and happy at school! Mr Barratt

7W

Eddie B for fantastic behaviour and as the ski instructor said, being the most polite boy he has ever taught. Also Indie D for brilliant work on the slopes. Mr Westcott

8C

In advance of Kieran S's proposed talk to the Lower Prep pupils about awareness of online bullying and the Breck Foundation, Mr Sukhdeo would like to extend a big thank you to him for this selfless act.

8J

Olly F for always being enthusiastic and eager to take part in tutor time activities. Mrs Jennings

8L

Pippa T demonstrated every aspect of the Kingswood House way on the ski trip, despite a broken arm she was determined to have a brilliant holiday! Mr Laudy

Well done to Dylan N, who, throughout the week was cheerful and happy and clearly having a wonderful time with a smile on his face! Mr Laudy

Mr Murphy's



SENIORS

9B

Isaaq G - I am really impressed with how he welcomed Jamie into our form; Isaaq is an asset to Kingswood House. Mrs Bray

9L

Well done to 9L for improved organisation of their bags, better lining up and listening skills overall. It certainly does to help make things go smoother and it sets a great example to our younger pupils. Good job! Mrs Lindley

Youssef M for always putting his hand up to answer questions. Mrs Black

9R

The Y9 Frenchies for their lovely game of *pétanque* before half term where they played beautifully together as the strong team that they are. Monsieur Regeling

Sam C and Ethan C for being incredibly welcoming to new pupils who come in for a taster day, showing them how kind we are here at KHS. Monsieur Regeling

Ibrahim MY9 Maths - Huge consistent effort in the weeks before half term. Mr Barratt

Josh McC for remaining focussed and working well in Science. Mrs Black

Toby C for working well and showing endeavour with radiation half-life calculations. Mrs Black

10B

Tedd B-A; even though he was tired from the ski trip, Tedd has remained positive and in good spirits this week. Mrs Black

10P

Ben H for always being polite and helpful during form periods. Miss Patel

Tharani V for working exceptionally hard in GCSE PE and making excellent contributions in class. Mrs Jennings

11H

Miss Timothy passed on extremely positive feedback about how engaged and respectful the students were during the talk by Jeremy Indika. Great to hear - well done! Mrs Haunstetter

Pete D has been really helpful recently in collecting and reminding others of the need to hand in History prep, yet done in a very unassuming manner. Mrs Haunstetter

Pete D, Folu A Max G and Jess D for the effort they showed in completing their half-term homework essays. I am sure that that their excellent attitude to learning will pay off in their upcoming GCSE exams! Mrs Bray

11W

Archie E is to be congratulated for achieving a place at Seaford College for his post-16 choices. Mr Sukhdeo

Jack B-A who has started this half-term with his customary enthusiasm and engagement. Mr March

Also – a huge well done to Tyrwhitt B, Nick H and Barney H (11W) and Tommy C (11H) for completing their D of E expedition presentations yesterday! Their expedition sections have now been signed off and Tyrwhitt is one report away from completing his whole silver award. Miss Patel

A note on the ski trip from Mr Clarke...

The ski trip was fabulous; Pippa T (8L) fractured her wrist on the first day of skiing – she was up and skiing again by day 3 – true Kingswood House Way spirit in action– well done Pippa!

Sam and Ethan C (9R) Eddie B (7W) and Jasper W (9B) became adopted members of the Clarke family last week – it was sad to hand them back at the end of the trip.

Jamie C (5F) started the week as a first time skier – by the end of the week he was fabulous!

KHS vs Lingfield—Rugby

 ${
m U16A}$ lost; Player of the Match awarded to Barnaby H (11W); try scorer was Ted R (11W) and Pete D (11H),and Ben Hu (10P) deserve a Special Mention for their match play.



KHS vs Belmont—Hockey

U13A 2-2 and 5-0 wins; Player of the Match went to Indi D (7W) and Chris K (7W); our goal scorers were Indi x2, Chris K x3, Alex M-K (7B) x2 and Special Mention to Freddie T (8C) for his fantastic defence. Mrs Jennings says of the match, "Playing their first hockey game of the season, without a goalkeeper due to injury, the pupils got off to a slow start conceding early. However, they battled back strong and scored two fantastic goals. Belmont came back into the game in the last minute to score an equalizer. In the second game of the afternoon, the pupils worked the ball around well and managed to score within 30 seconds. From then on they were determined to keep going and using the ball well and utilizing the space available to them. The pupils then managed to score 4 more quite quickly and were pushing for the sixth goal. Overall a fantastic effort. Well done to them all!".

U13B 12-2 win; Player of the Match awarded to Conor M-A (8C) with a Special Mention to Ethan B (8C). Ms Forbes who watched the game commented, "The B team had a great game. The pace was fast and exciting. They all worked well together as a team. Conor was amazing managing the team on the pitch and was everywhere!".

Colts A 5-3 loss; Player of the Match went to Hugo H (6S), our goal scorers were Cyril B-D (6S) x2, and Seb P (6S), and a Special Mention to Elodie T (6B). Mr Cowie reports back from the fixture, "Playing our first game of hockey this term, the team really impressed with their formation and defensive skills. Throughout the game, Hugo was a rock at the back in defence, stopping many attacking cross from entering our D. Having gone down 3-0 at half time, a few technical and tactical adjustments allowed the team to understand how to attack better and resulted in Cyril and Seb scoring three fantastic goals. Seb finished a fantastic ball into the D with one foul swoop of the ball. Bringing the scores back to 3-3 KHS could not quite hold on for the draw, allowing Belmont to score 2 whilst pushing for the winner themsevles. I was extremely impressed with the team having only had one training session prior to this game and a lot was learnt in preparation for their next hockey game. Well done all!"

Colts B 4-2 loss; Gaby C-A (6S) & Zach B (5F) shared our Player of the Match award; with a Sp[ecial Mention to Gregory C (5F). Mr Laudy says of the game, "Well done to all of the B team who enjoyed a tough fixture this week. It was wonderful to see everyone working hard as a team. Despite conceding two early goals, they kept their spirits high and quickly scored two in return. Some outstanding defending and ball control kept us in the game right to the end".

Colts C 2-0 loss; Player of the Match Hugh H (5F); Special Mention to Oli R (6B). Mr Cowie comments on the game, "The Colts C's enjoyed a really competitive fixture against Belmont, having only had one training session the day before as a result, all the players enjoyed learning more about the game of hockey. Mr Cowie was particularly impressed with the defensive skills of Hugh and the dribbling skills of Oli throughout the game. We had many scoring opportunities but not only could we not beat there goal keeper, some of our shooting was not quite accurate enough. All players showed fantastic endeavour throughout the game and tried right up until the final whistle!".



KHS vs Belmont—Hockey

U9A 4-2 loss; Player of the Match Yarick M (3S) and a Special Mention to George W (3S). This was the U9As first game of the season and they played exceptionally well! Great teamwork, great communication. George W even got a handshake from the referee for good sportsmanship and play—great to see!

U9B 4-0 loss; Player of the Match Zayn J, (4S) and a Special Mention to Mahe B (4S). This was their first game of the season, and without any practice, the pupils played well, and managed to focus on the match in hand. Tackling was brilliant and there was some good passing on display too. They played with real integrity and respect. What a fantastic effort by them all.



KHS vs Boxhill —Netball

U13 Mrs Jennings reports back, "On Wednesday 22nd February the Year 7&8 girls played in their first home netball fixture of the Spring term against Box Hill. After much rain in the morning, the weather fortunately brightened up allowing the game to go ahead. The girls played really well and showed superb determination on court. It was a challenge, but they kept their heads up right until the end. The final score was 15-0 to Box Hill and I am so proud of the way Kingswood House girls conducted themselves in such a challenging situation. Alyssa did a splendid job as captain for the team and she was even voted Player of the Match by the Box Hill team! There will be more opportunities for the girls to train together and compete in more fixtures and I look forward to seeing how they progress in the future! ".



Don't forget we are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday next week, 2nd March...

Time to raid the dressing up box, dig out those onesies and come dressed as a favourite Literary Character!





We are deeply saddened by the major earthquakes that have hit the southern-eastern part of Turkey and northern Syria. Several major towns in the area have been destroyed as an effect of the initial earthquakes with magnitudes of 7.5 and 7.8. A humanitarian crisis is developing where many people have lost their homes and their nearest relatives; currently it is thought that more than 40,000 people have lost their lives with millions also displaced from their homes. Immediate relief in the form of food, shelter, water and medicine to help the areas that were hit by the massive earthquakes is urgently needed.

JustGiving Menu ∨ Start Fundraising



In the spirit of the Kingswood House Way, we are fundraising to provide immediate relief and long-term recovery for survivors of the earthquake. This is a way for the school community to show its global reach and support where it is most needed.

Kingswood House School Charities
Kingswood House School's fundraiser
for Turkey Mozaik Foundation

Kahramanmaras Earthquake Emergency Relief Fund has been set up by the Turkey Mozaik Foundation, which is a UK-registered charity (registration no: 1174968) that gives grants to grassroots and civil society organisations in Turkey. Some Kingswood House parents personally know the founders of this organisation and trust their transparency and accountability implicitly. The foundation's generous donations have so far participated in search and rescue operations, provided food, clean water, clothing, mobile toilets, heaters, tents, hygiene kits, power banks, shopping

cards, toys & books, psychological first aid and counselling to the survivors in the affected areas.

Your donations will save and improve lives. Thank you in advance for your kind consideration—please click <u>here</u> if you can give any amount.



As we approach *Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2023*, we are pleased to inform you of a parent/carer webinar run by the charity STEM4, Supporting Teenage Mental Health Helping Parents and Carers Manage Eating Disorders and Body Image Issues in Young People.

Eating disorders are complex mental ill health conditions and often require specialist treatment. Early intervention is key to minimise the impact. Whilst eating disorders arise due to a complex network of factors, low self-worth is seen as a core contributor. There are also a range of eating difficulties associated with sensory or neurodevelopmental issues which cause parents and carers significant concern. Register for the free webinar here

House points - this week - Whole School

Drake - 454

Marlborough - 383

Nelson - 445

Wellington - 397

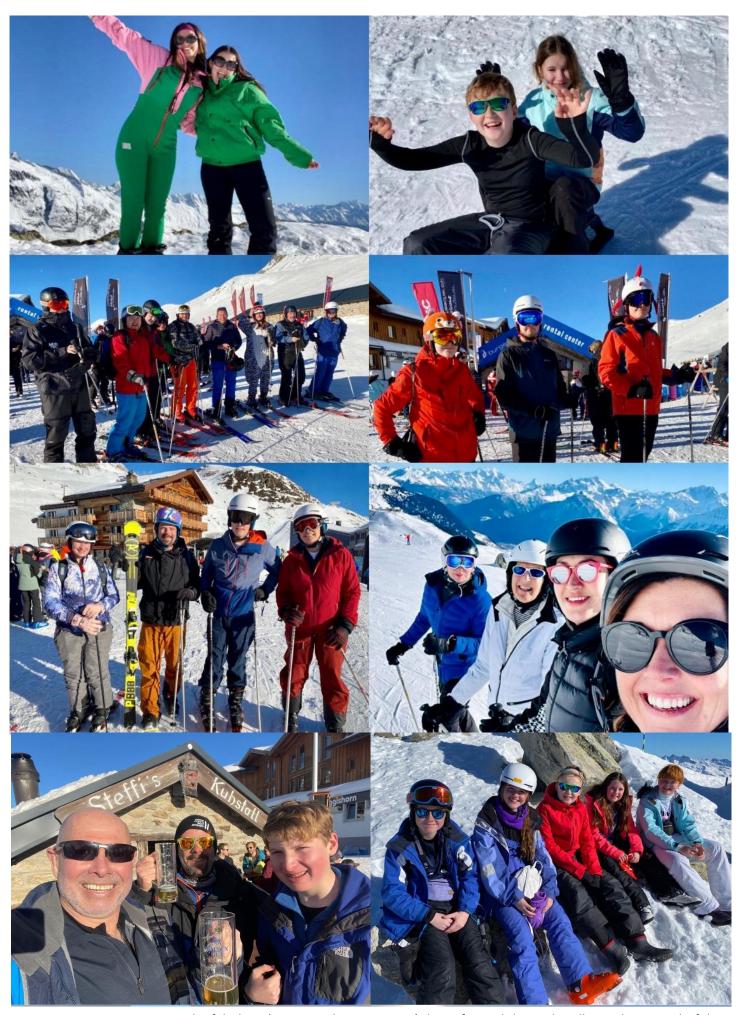
House points - totals - Whole School

Drake - 1878

Marlborough - 1832

Nelson - 2042

Wellington - 1924



FIESCH SKI TRIP 2023: Note the fabulous 'Kingswood House green' ski outfits and the smiles all round... a wonderful week in Switzerland! A big 'Thank You' to all the staff who went on the trip and accompanying parents for your good company and of course well done to all our skiiers!





DT News...

Year 5 have been experimenting with making their own wooden catapults in DT. This involves the safe use of the workshop tools and machines, as well as linking cross-curricular to their History topic studying Roman machines of war. The boys completed their project by holding a Smartie (other sweets are available!) throwing competition, to see whose catapult was the most effective.

Meanwhile, our Year 11 pupils studying the Design and Technology GCSE course, were fortunate to gain entry to the Farnborough Engineering and Technology Exhibition before half term. This show is normally open to trade customers only who would be looking for new equipment and products for their businesses. The students spent the day talking to trade exhibitors and witnessing some every advanced machinery linked to their GCSE studies. A little insight in to what is available when they move on to further studies after their GCSEs this summer.



Mr Bailey







History Brought to Life!

Year 8 children enjoyed a thoroughly engaging and informative session delivered by Mrs Newman on artefacts from the First World War. Mrs Newman's husband is an avid collector of items from the Great War and regularly visits the battlefields around Ypres in Belgium and the Somme in northern France. The students were fortunate to see a variety of objects including helmets, bottles that would have been used for gassing and shrapnel from inside shells - a tiny fraction of Mr Newman's collection - complementing their current learning about the First World War. They asked some brilliant questions and were clearly fascinated by all that they saw and heard. *Mrs Haunstetter*















Aries is the next star sign, for those of you who have a birthday between March 21st and April 19th. The constellation was first catalogued by the Greek astrologer Ptolemy, in the 2nd century. The sign is represented by a ram, which identifies with the Egyptian god Amon, and in Greek mythology Aries was the god of war. Those born under the sign of Aries are known to be bold, ambitious and always up for a

challenge, and they make confident leaders. If you are an Aries can you identify with these characteristics? Madame Swift



As a follow-up to the talk given by Jeremy Indika to our Senior pupils, here are some links with more information about our speaker and his backstory. Jeremy talked about his childhood experience of sexual abuse and the challenges he faced as an adult in seeking some form of 'closure' in tracking down and facing his abuser. His message was all about speaking out and telling somebody if this is happening to you...

Website: https://jeremyindika.com

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeM5j3x68j8gq3MHPSLzjmQ

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/jeremyindika/

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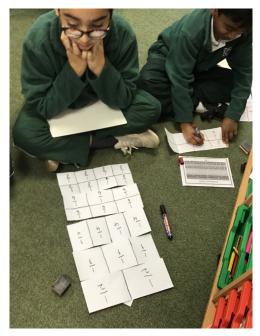
















Miss Smith's maths group have been excellent mathematicians when working out equivalent fractions. They made their own fraction walls out of paper to find out which fractions were bigger or smaller; they were using unit and non unit fractions and Miss smith was very impressed—top work!





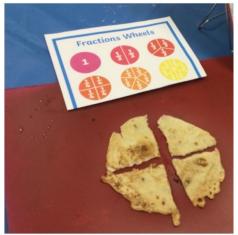




Class 1M thoroughly enjoyed Shrove Tuesday when pancakes were subject to lots of cross curricular learning including maths fractions and following recipe instructions.















VICTORIOUS—Rugby Success!

Well done to the KHS U13s Rugby Sevens team who played hard and won every game at the Belmont Rugby Festival just before half term; Mr Mitchell thoroughly enjoyed his time on the touchline with them well played, everyone!





Further opportunities within the arts at KHS next half term...

Blood Brothers Trip

Year 9, 10 and 11 drama students will be visiting the Theatre to see Blood Brothers. Information for this trip has been sent out by Mrs Horley.



Young Artists' Summer Show

The Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for students aged 4-19 studying in the UK. Artworks are judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals, with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.

We would like to champion and enable anyone at Kingswood House School to create and submit their artwork. Time can be spent in the Art room at break times where Ms Bastable will be on hand to help.

There is no theme and they accept artworks of any kind. A drawing, painting, print, photograph, sculpture, textile piece, video, performance piece, or surprise us! Submission is open until 29 March 2023.

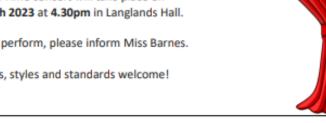


Tea Time Concert

This term's Tea Time concert will take place on Thursday 23 March 2023 at 4.30pm in Langlands Hall.

If you would like to perform, please inform Miss Barnes.

Any instruments, styles and standards welcome!



Instrumental and Vocal Lessons

We have a team of highly skilled teachers at Kingswood House School who offer lessons on piano, guitar, trumpet, drums, saxophone, clarinet, flute and your own voice! Lessons cost £22 per half-an-hour and shorter trial lessons can be arranged.

Please email Miss Barnes at r.livsey-barnes@kingswoodhouse.org if you would like more information.



The Young Songwriter 2023 Competition

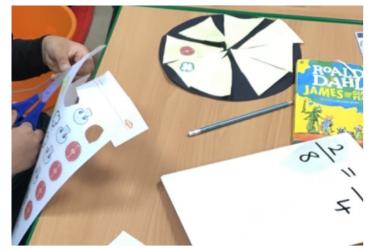
Written your own original songs? Fancy writing your first song? Then get ready to enter The Song Academy Young Songwriter 2023 competition! Now open for entries until the 31st March 2023 (Age 8-13).

Star-studded judges and fantastic prizes including a Yamaha instrument worth up to £1,000, home studio setup, a recording studio session with a top producer and performing at The Young Songwriter 2023 showcase!

If you would like to enter, please speak to Miss Barnes.



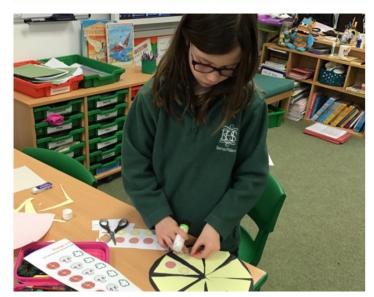
Year 4 got to grips with fractions through creating paper pizzas! Miss Smith comments, "Year 4 have been pizza making...and working out fractions at the same time! The children enjoyed making their pizzas and adding toppings before working out the fraction of toppings per slice of pizza".















Teachers are incredibly proud of Joel M in 9R who has, in general, been taking very mature and thoughtful decisions this term so far.

We are particularly impressed with his respectful decision to help an elderly lady in a wheelchair who was struggling to get out of her chair at the theatre, whilst our pupils were on a school trip this week.

This is the exact embodiment of our term's precept of **Integrity**: doing the right thing, even when no one is watching. Keep it up, Joel!



Mrs Bray's English Year 7 English class had lots of fun acting out Romeo and Juliet. They were looking at the key themes of love and death, understanding how complicated true love can be!









Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition Presentations

A huge well done to Tyrwhitt B (11W), Tommy C (11H) Nick H (11W) and Barney H (11W) for completing the last bit of their silver expeditions – the

presentation. The boys spoke well about their aim of Nature Photography and what they had learnt from the expedition. The students said their favourite part was being able to make a fire and toast s'mores! This completes their expedition section – now all they need to do is get the other sections signed off which I am confident they will do imminently! *Miss Patel*



They have also produced some fantastic green houses to maximise the growth of cress seeds – we are harvesting their cress on Friday to determine the winner (see next week's Newsletter for pictures!) *Miss Patel*



LGTBQIA2S+ HISTORY MONTH



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BEING GAY IS OKAY

A service that gives online information and advice for under 25-year olds. Website - www.bgiok.org.uk

THE BEAUMONT SOCIETY

A national transgender support network offering emotional support via a weekly helpline, as well as general information and support groups. Website - www.beaumontsociety.org.uk

Provides information and support for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender young people.

Website -www.stonewall.org.uk

Offers support to anyone under 25 about anything that's troubling them. Website - www.themix.org.uk

PINK THERAPY

Pink Therapy has a directory listing qualified therapists throughout the UK who work with the LGBTQ+ community from a positive stance.

Website - www.pinktherapy.com

LGBT FOUNDATION

Support services for lesbian, gay, bi and trans people, which are delivered by a team of dedicated staff and volunteers.

Website - www.lgbt.foundation

MERMAIDS

Family and individual support for gender diverse and transgender children and

Website - www.mermaidsuk.org.uk

browse or borrow if there is an issue they would like to find out more about...?

There is a huge wealth of literature available these days covering a wide-age range...

Do speak to her to find out more!









LGBTQ+ BOOKS

for toddlers to tweens































