

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Spring Term
10 March 2023

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Dear Parents

I was delighted to share good news with you in respect of our lease negotiations earlier this week. As you will have seen from the letter sent on Tuesday, our landlord has confirmed they no longer wish to contest the school's right to renew the lease and as such we can look forward to the future with clarity, exhilaration and purpose.

As you can imagine, I am indebted to a small number of people who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes in order to reach this point, none more so than our former Chair of Governors, Chris Shipley, who quite simply has been a titan for Kingswood House and given up many hours of his valuable time with typical generosity and stoicism. Equally, I am immensely proud of the KHS ethos and values which have shone brightly throughout the process; our school's integrity and reputation have flourished and we have bonded as a community.

The outcome of a new lease is a great example of teamwork, from multiple stakeholders, who pulled together in adversity and showcased that the value of an holistic education for boys and girls can never be usurped by a more material allure. Furthermore, I am gratified that our school's alchemy for a diverse range of young people is beginning to be recognised on a national level; we look forward to welcoming representatives from the Good Schools' Guide and Independent Schools' Council later in the month.

In other news, well done to Form 10P who presented a fantastic assembly celebrating International Women's Day; the students spoke eloquently and passionately about the significance of gender equality in society. Pupils across the school also enjoyed workshops with the renowned Paralympian athlete Will Bayley on Monday. Will talked with insight about his amazing journey to winning a gold medal, the difficulties he encountered along the way and strategies he used to overcome them. He loved the ethos of our school, spent lots of time talking to the boys and girls on a personal level and will no doubt come back again for a follow up visit.

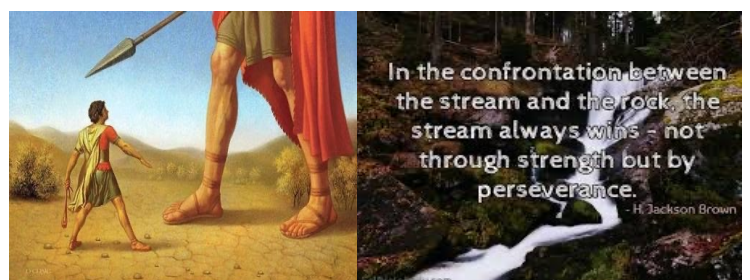
Thank you to all parents who attended Alicia Drummond's inspirational twilight seminar about how to get the best out of teenage children. Speaking as the parent of a teenager myself, Alicia is an absolute authority on the subject and it was a privilege to see her in action. Her book, *Why Every Teenager Needs a Parrot*, is well worth your time...

Finally, I am very much looking forward to taking out one or two of the senior staff to Twickenham on Saturday – it should be a terrific contest against France and an opportunity to relax for a few hours. In the meantime, I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy

Headmaster & CEO



In the confrontation between the stream and the rock, the stream always wins - not through strength but by perseverance.

- H Jackson Brown



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

2023 MARCH WEEK 2			
Monday	13	0730 0900-1530 1430 1630	SLT Meeting Year 4 Trip to Painshill Park—Ancient Greek Myths workshop Years 7 & 8 House Hockey Round 1 Years 5, 6 & 7 Form Teacher Meetings via SchoolCloud
Tuesday	14	0935-1055 1430 1430 1615 1600-1800 1730-1845	Year 9 Emotional Intelligence course 4 U14s Rugby 7s Downsends Festival (A) Senior A & B Hockey vs Cranmore (A) Staff Meeting Lower Prep Parents' Evening Year 10 Headmaster's Dinner— <i>postponed until the Summer term</i>
Wednesday	15	0845 All day 0930 1430 1430 1430 1630 1700	Form 5F Assembly Pupil E-Safety Workshops with Alan Mackenzie Lower Prep Forest School U13s Girls' Football Tournament at Belmont (A) U11 B & C Rugby Festival at Surbiton Prep (A) Years 7 & 8 House Hockey Round 2 GCSE Drama Scripted Performance Parent E-Safety Workshop with Alan Mackenzie
Thursday	16	1630	GCSE Drama Performance
Friday	17	All day Break time	Red Nose Day —Theme NHS workers / White & Blue Mufti + a red nose! Mothers' Day Shop in the Library
Saturday	18	1000	U13A Rugby vs Harrodian (A)



LUNCH MENU for week beginning 13.03.2023

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Pesto Pasta with Homemade Garlic Bread	Fresh Fruit; Peaches & Chocolate Sauce	Sweet & Sour Chicken; Sweet & Sour Chunky Veg (V) with Noodles	Fresh Fruit; Lemon Sponge with Lemon Icing	Pulled Pork; Halloumi Cheese (V) in a Bun with Lettuce and Slaw	Fresh Fruit; Carrot Cake	Spaghetti Bolognese; Spicy Garlic Spaghetti (V)	Fresh Fruit; Rice Pudding	Assorted Vegetarian Pizza with Homemade Coleslaw	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts



PARKING—WEST HILL —A reminder!

Parents, if you are picking up form out the front please do ensure that you find a suitable place to park that isn't West Hill, as this is a private road and an inconvenience to residents. Thank you for your co-operation.

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

LOWER PREP

1M

Verity F for her great understanding of multiplication strategies such as equal groups and repeated addition. Well done! Mrs Martins

3S

Leo J for excellent work with fractions. Miss Sumners

Scarlett W - excellent enthusiasm in music - great to see how quickly you have settled. Miss Barnes

4S

Aidan K for excellent perseverance in lessons recently. Aidan has made a great effort to ensure he keeps trying, even if he is not sure! A great skill to have, keep it up! Miss Smith

Alfie L for showing outstanding effort and commitment in his dance lesson this week and performing some particularly impressive 'freestyle' moves! Mrs Jennings

UPPER PREP

5F

My whole class for trying so hard with their assessments this week. Ms Forbes

Gregory C and Leonardo A for being such good friends to their classmates. Ms Forbes

6B

Ryan B and Elliot W for their integrity displayed during circle time this week. Mrs Bastable

Oli R for a fantastic performance in the U11 rugby match vs. Banstead Prep last Wednesday. He showed real integrity and resilience to channel his energy and frustrations of the game into some fantastic running and tackling throughout the second half. Great sportsmanship at the end of the game also for thanking the referee for the match. Mr Cowie

6S

Dexter B for volunteering to be a buddy to a taster boy who joined 6S on Monday. Madame Swift

7B

Sophie T for a calm and productive week. Mr Barratt

Harrison W for his excellent oracy skills. I was so impressed by how he altered his tone of voice for effect and showcased a range of linguistic techniques in his speech. Mrs Bray

Oscar P and Angus V for writing excellent postcards in French showing good use of the near future tense. Madame Swift

7W

Darcey S for her good work in both PE and PSHE even motivating the other pupils to keep going. Mr Westcott

8C

Freddie T and Howard K for cleaning up so well at the end of the lesson and making the end of class a lot easier! Mrs Bastable

8J

Ezra O-W for being an incredible support in tutor time, showing impeccable behaviour and excellent attitude. Mrs Jennings



UPPER PREP continued...

8L

Y8 French – a mention for the level of seriousness that the Y8s have shown in our Francophone Culture lessons on the topic of the Rwandan genocide. Monsieur Regeling

SENIORS

9B

Dylan B for his constant punctuality and professionalism. Mrs Bray

9L

At Kingswood House, we are particularly impressed with and proud of Youssef M (9L) who has been selected by King's College London Mathematics School to attend the weekly Outreach programmes: GCSE+ Maths and GCSE+ Physics.

9R

Josh I for being so proactive with Duke of Edinburgh. Keep it up! Monsieur Regeling

10B

Charlie L is always on time and prepared for the day. Mrs Black

10P

Archie S has been very helpful in preparation of the 10P assembly and in showing around a student on their taster day. Miss Patel

All of 10P for their efforts in the form Assembly. Miss Patel

A huge thank you to all the Y10 Silver D of E students who helped with the trangia training for the Bronze cohort – it was lovely to see them sharing their knowledge! Miss Patel

Patrick G and Bogdan P - both pupils are showing endeavour with Science. It is good to hear them talk about revision and what they are doing to prepare for their exams. Mrs Black

Year 10 GCSE Music students - great work on your recording last week - we are all looking forward to your end of term performance! Miss Barnes

11H

Alan R for articulating so well just how powerful and inspiring Will Bayley's story is, and how much we can all learn about resilience. Mrs Haunstetter

Ted R for his honest conversation with Will Bayley, after his talk, about shared experiences. Mrs Haunstetter

11W Tyrwhitt B and Will H have been working hard in Classics. Mrs Weston

Charity Contributions—Thank you!

We were delighted to send off a donation for £361 to the tennis charity [Bright Ideas for Tennis](#) following the recent mufti day and sky dive voting.

Mr Westcott, who organised our some of our pupils' participation in the recent tennis marathon at the LTA, will be revealing the results of the sky dive vote very soon... *watch this space!*



15 Minutes with... Miss Barnes - Director of Music & 7W Form Teacher

Favourite car – *Any car that gets me from A to B*

Favourite place - *Barcelona*

Favourite food – *Mexican or Indian food*

Favourite band or singer – *At the moment... Léon/Harry Styles*

Favourite film - *The Truman Show*

Favourite smell – *Warm pine trees*

Favourite sport / team or player – *Any Leicester team!*

Who in the world would you like to be? – *I'm happy being myself*

What were you like at school? *I loved all creative subjects - music, art and design and technology. I was very well behaved and I was never once given a detention!*

What is an interesting fact about yourself? – *I love solo travel and I spent a month in Costa Rica last year*

And your 12 choices 'either / or'...

Dog / Cat

Netflix box set / Cinema trip

Phone Call / Text

Facebook / Twitter

Swimming / Sunbathing

Take away / Fine dining out

Skiing / Surfing

Passenger / Driver

Pen / Pencil

City / Countryside

Paperback book / Kindle

Colourful / Monochrome



GTi News... Maths wizard!

We are particularly impressed with and proud of Youssef M (9L) who has been selected by King's College London Mathematics School to attend the weekly Outreach programmes: GCSE+ Maths and GCSE+ Physics. Both programmes of enrichment are for students who enjoy the subjects and wish to explore ideas that surprise, intrigue,

and inspire them to make unexpected connections between various topics and concepts.

We asked Youssef how he feels about this achievement and he shared how he's very excited to learn more about the 'deep mathematics' and about how many doors this is going to open up for him in the future. We wish you all the best with the programme, Youssef! *Mr Regeling*



SPORTS RESULTS

KHS vs Chinthurst—Hockey

Mrs Jennings tells us: "On Wednesday 8th March we took the Colts A,B and C teams to play mixed hockey away against Chinthurst. Due to the snow, the games took place inside and everyone adapted brilliantly to the different surface and modified rules of the game. The matches were fast paced and highly entertaining, with spectators enjoying the play from the viewing balcony.

Every player supported their teammates, worked hard and were an asset to KHS! The scores were very close: the A team lost 3-1, the B team were narrowly defeated 3-2, the C team took a nail-biting 2-2 draw! Cyril B-D (6S) Elinor T (6B) and Ryan B (6B) were our Players of the Match—well done!"

All the other fixtures were cancelled due to the weather conditions this week; however, we are hoping—at the time of writing—for the Rugby Festival to go ahead later at Ibstock Place...results to follow next week!



House points - this week - Whole School

Drake - 345

Marlborough - 386

Nelson - 413

Wellington - 371

House points - totals - Whole School

Drake - 2627

Marlborough - 2565

Nelson - 2820

Wellington - 2725

A message from Avaneesh in Year 9: *"Hello everybody, as a part of my Duke of Edinburgh Volunteering, I am doing a family-friendly 'Little Steps of Hope' 10k walk on Saturday 18th March to fundraise for the National Autistic Society, Sutton Branch, as well as to raise awareness about neurodiversity.*

This cause is extremely close to my heart. Please can I ask for your kind support by donating any amount, big or small, to my fundraiser, link [here](#)

Thank you so much in advance. Let's all make a world that's inclusive to everyone, by taking little steps of hope..."

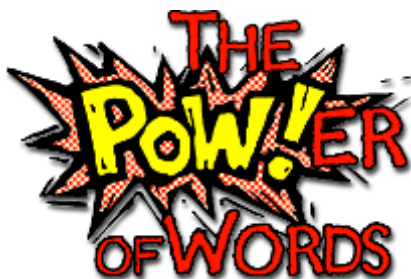


Last week, **House meetings** took place where all the children met in each of their four Houses. The meeting was about important charity days that are coming up for everyone at KHS.

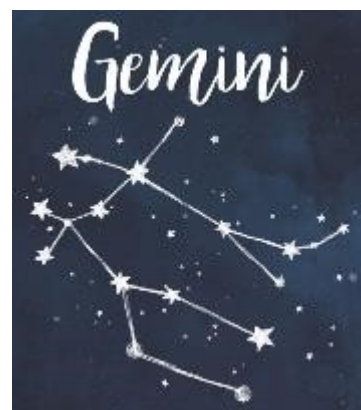
The first is **Red Nose Day** on 17th March. The mufti theme has been decided by our School Council which is blue and white, to represent and show thanks to our wonderful NHS. Add a red nose to your outfit too! This can be a real red nose or a painted one if you want to be eco friendly....it is all for a great cause: Comic Relief. On Red Nose Day, we will also be splitting the money raised to another important cause. There have been major earthquakes in Turkey and Northern Syria. The Turkey Mozaik Foundations' generous donations has 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 areas affected. Your donations will literally save and improve lives. (add in the link here!)

We also have **Nelson House Day** coming up – this is a DATE CHANGE from the calendar; it is now on Tuesday 28 March. We look forward to seeing what Nelson pupils will be setting up for others to raise money for another important charity – NSPCC.

This week we are looking at the Zodiac sign of **Gemini**—21st May to 21st June.



In Latin, Gemini literally means 'twins'. In this case, the twins were Castor and Pollux. Castor was the mortal son of King Tyndarus, while Pollux was the immortal son of Zeus. Pollux asked Zeus to let him share his own immortality with his twin to keep them together, and so they were transformed into the constellation Gemini.



Those born under the sign of Gemini are said to be intellectually curious, they are social butterflies, quick-witted and have the ability to talk to anyone about anything! Is this you???? *Madame Swift*

"Form 7W have embraced the topic of **Gothic Literature** and produced their own tales. To say they nailed it would be an understatement". Mrs Seiver. She has collated a sentence or two from each pupil to share with us here:

I sat there as my jaw dropped. "You monster." I repeated, "You monster, you monster. How could you?." (George W)

It was a delightful sight to see; he loved the sight of gore in the morning. (Christopher K)

The weeks passed and strange things started to happen in the castle. Knocking was heard at doors and windows, but no one was ever there. (Peter S)

The local villagers told strange stories about ghostly happenings. (Elliot H)

With a dry, rasping stutter he muttered,
"Come to me. Come now."

As if stuck in a block of ice, I froze. Paralysed, I was unable to move, I was unable to speak. The being was in front of me. I had no way out.

With a snarl and a sneer, The Being spat,
"You puny little human, entering my house, my place of living. How dare you" (Jensen W)

A mischievous smile was on her lips;
"Do I look like your mum?" (Euan B)

Frozen with fear, she stared. His skin was dried up and flaky, silver streaks of hair stuck up wildly across his head. The man's eyes were bloodshot and long, slanted fingers hung loosely from his cracked hands. Chloe stood motionless. (Byron M)

It was a lonely, dim night as the moon shone on the fields below. Grass rustled. The breeze blew carefully. (Aurelia G)

It lived for millions of years in its dark, creepy, long-forgotten castle, sitting on its leaden-diamond throne. (Enzo B-P)

His heart was pounding as he crept downstairs trying not to awaken the sleeping floorboards or the eyes on the walls that he felt were watching his every move. (Indi D)

The sky was as dark as oil and clung to the haunted house. (Rufus J)

The monster started pulling out her insides, carving up her torso like a pumpkin. (Darcey S)

Once on the boat, the sky was a dim and heavy grey, filled with rain. While he was on board he thought he saw through the dark, murky water something that looked like long, twisting tentacles. All around the boat. (Eddie B)

Horne resided in a cracked Victorian mansion in Wiltshire. (George P)

The couple lived in a dark, creepy house with their baby who had magic hair. The monster wanted the baby's magic hair which could help it to stay young. (Ava D)



The cut drilled deeply through her blazer and T-shirt into her skin, leaving a terrible piece of art openly painted on her body. (Isla M)

With its blood red eyes staring into Quandale's soul... (Oscar E)

Wednesday 8th March marked **International Women's Day** (IWD) – a day to celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women.



The aims of IWD are to create awareness of the progress made throughout the years toward achieving gender equality in work spaces and at home, as well as in society.

The first official IWD was celebrated on 19th March 1911 in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland. It is now a global campaign, with this year's theme being all about embracing equity. The aims of this year's theme are to encourage conversations on why equal opportunities aren't enough and why equal doesn't always mean fair.

So what is the difference between equity and equality? Equality means each individual or group of people is given the same resources or opportunities, but, equity recognises that each person has different circumstances, and allocates the exact resources and opportunities needed to reach an equal outcome.



HERE'S TO
STRONG WOMEN
MAY WE
KNOW THEM
MAY WE
BE THEM
MAY WE
RAISE THEM

To truly embrace equity, means to deeply believe, value and seek out difference as a necessary and positive element of life.

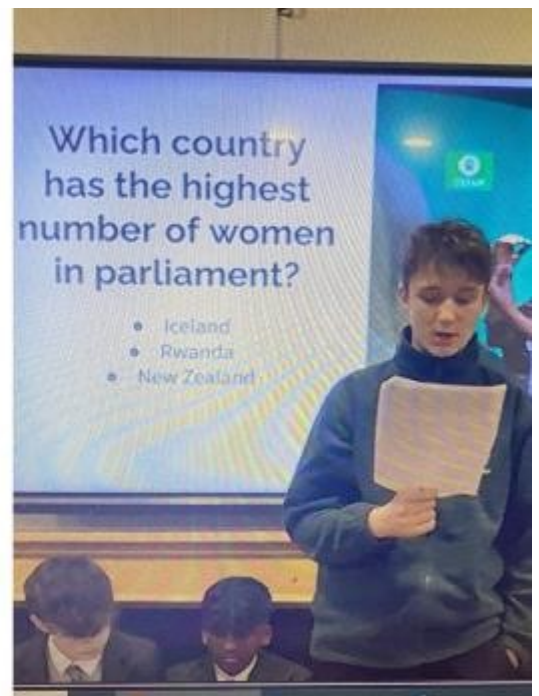
To embrace equity means to understand the journey required to achieve women's equality. *Mrs Angus*

“
Every woman's
success should be an
inspiration to another.
We're **strongest** when
we cheer each other on.
”
SERENA WILLIAMS



Staff and pupils alike received a fabulous lecture and Q & A session, plus a demonstration from Will Bayley MBE—GB gold medal winning Paralympian—when he visited this week and spoke of his resilience and endeavour from a young age to achieve what he has done; a very inspiring afternoon which was enjoyed by all!





Thank you to Form10P for presenting their Assembly on [International Women's Day](#)—Wednesday 8th March—in which they spoke with clarity and insight about the importance of diversity, equality and inclusion in society at large. The theme this year for IWD was **#Embraceequity**

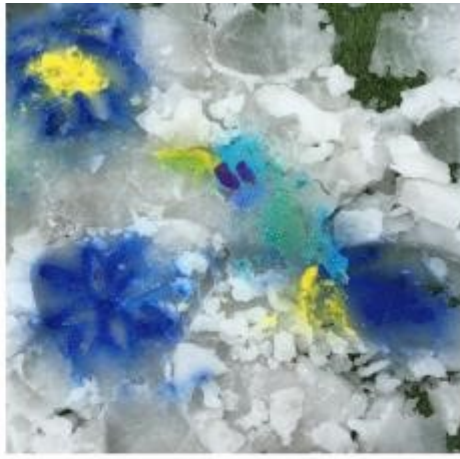
A note from Miss Patel, 10Ps Form Teacher: "10P's assembly this week fell on March 8th and so we chose to celebrate International Women's Day within our school community. 10P students undertook research on the history of international women's day, famous figures and the reasons why we should all celebrate the women in our lives! As part of our assembly we were lucky enough to receive a video from some female Army paramedics in Ukraine to highlight the importance of International Women's Day around the world". Miss Patel

Mr Regeling further comments: "During this week's Assembly on the topic of International Women's Day, Bogdan shared an inspirational video of female soldiers of the Ukrainian National Army who personally addressed their video to our school and our pupils in particular, and reminded us that 'the darkest hour is always before the dawn'. Very brave words - thank you for sharing these words of wisdom with us, Bogdan! "





Ladoo Coconut balls!



Year 1 Topic work...in the Snow!

In class, some of our youngest pupils have made Coconut Ladoo which are traditional sweets, coloured with food dye, in celebration of the Indian Holi Festival. Responding to the weather Year 1 then decide to take their learning outside and use the snow as a brilliant canvas to make Rangoli inspired patterns with paint. Both activities were part of their RE topic exploring different cultures, faiths and places of worship. *Mrs Martins*

On Monday evening, our parents benefited from the vast experience and expertise of Alicia Drummond—The [Well Being Hub, Teen Tips](#)—who talked them through techniques and tips to support their teenagers' emotional health and well-being.



Her popular 2013 book, *Why Every Teenager Needs a Parrot* is a positive and practical guide to understanding and parenting teenagers. It is an easy to use manual that will help you find the right balance between letting your teenagers go and keeping them safe as they negotiate all that the modern world will throw their way.

Senior Science Last week, Year 9 carried out their photosynthesis practical. They used two methods to measure the rate of photosynthesis by counting and collecting Oxygen gas produced by the pondweed. Well done Year 9! *Mrs Black*



The *Eco Club* are very excited to announce that we appear to have some blue tits that are nesting in the new bird box at the back of Lower Prep!

Thank you to Mrs West who is keeping us updated on their movements; they seem to be coming and going with lots of bits for their new home. We have not been out with the camera yet, as we were keen not to disturb them or frighten them off, until they are well established in their residence! *Miss Hylands*



Our enthusiastic Colts Rugby team are bonding well off the pitch and improving their play on the pitch!



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