

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

Writing with a big smile firmly in place today—although that might just be from the sugar rush following a successful Macmillan Coffee Morning in the staff room! Thank you to Ms Timothy who rallied the baking troops and everyone who supported; the link for any further donations is [here](#) if you feel you are able to, for this worthy cause, thank you. Also, just text CUPCAKE to 70550, one text = £5 donation, with 100% of every £1 donated in this way going direct to the charity.



One of the perks of Headship is time spent with colleagues in the same role in different settings: I was happy to be in Birmingham for the day at the Society of Heads meeting this week, the focus of which was *Well-Being in schools*—for both staff and pupils. This theme is very close to my heart and I was inspired by some of the ideas shared and initiatives discussed; some of which I aim to focus on and bring in here at KHS.

We have had a very successful footballing week with wins for the U13s and U15s; I was lucky enough to be pitch-side for the U13s against Homefield and Mr Mitchell supported in the away fixture at Bishop's Stortford. Both matches were played with determination and great sportsmanship that did the KHS striped jersey proud!

My final highlight of the week was being able to present Jamie C (6F) with the very first, **Green Star Head's Award** following his brave and insightful presentation to the Upper Prep last week; he really is a very worthy recipient of these new accolades which recognise outstanding performance in any area—academic, creative, sporting or personal achievement. I look forward to awarding many more over the coming weeks.

Have an enjoyable weekend as we usher in October and a super time if you are coming to the KHA Cheese & Wine social tonight!

Yours sincerely

Mr Liam Clarke

Interim Headmaster



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

| 2023 OCTOBER | | | |
|--------------|----|---------------------------|---|
| Monday | 02 | 1530-1700 1630-1830 | Lower Prep Classroom Drop-in for Parents Years 5-11 Form Teacher Meetings on SchoolCloud |
| Tuesday | 03 | 0935-1055 | Year 9 LifeLab Session 1 |
| Wednesday | 04 | 0845 0930 1600-1730 | Assembly Lower Prep Forest School Production Rehearsal |
| Thursday | 05 | 1430 | Public Speaking Competition Finals |
| Friday | 06 | | |



All Sports fixtures, team details and latterly, results, are available [here](#) on the SOCS part of our website.

Any enquiries to [Mr Cowie](#), Director of Sport

The Office are increasingly concerned by the number of children arriving late into school; **PUPILS SHOULD BE IN THEIR CLASSROOMS BY 8:30am please.**

If they arrive past this time, they need to sign in at the Office and will be marked late with repeat offenders being spoken to and noted.

We appreciate there are a frustrating number of road closures, temporary traffic lights and diversions in the local area and as some of these are fairly long term, journey times may need to be adjusted accordingly.

Thank you for your support in this.

Pupil absences should be phoned in or emailed to office@kingswoodhouse.org by 9am.daily please.



Do these blue, small framed glasses belong to you or someone in your family???? They are in the Office.

Covid is on the rise!

Please keep your child at home if they are unwell; we do have a number of vulnerable pupils in school. Mrs Darbishire

LUNCH MENU for week beginning 02.10.2023

| Monday | | Tuesday | | Wednesday | | Thursday | | Friday | |
|--|--------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|----------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Macaroni or Cauliflower Cheese or Cheesey Potato Wedges (V, GF) with | Fresh Fruit; Jelly | Chilli con Carne; Five Bean Chilli (V, GF) with Brown & White Rice | Fresh Fruit; Crumble & Custard | Roast Chicken; Roast Tomato & Pesto Tart (V, GF) with Roast Potatoes & Veg | Fresh Fruit; Sponge Cake | Homemade Pizza (V) with Wedges, Coleslaw & Baked Beans | Fresh Fruit; Cookies | Chicken Goujons; Fish Fingers (V, GF) with New Potatoes | Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts |



Please find Mr Clarke's topical thoughts for the week [here](#) and the pupils who have been the subject of a '**Staff Shout Out**' below,

LOWER PREP

2M

Olivia J for her very creative 'Great Fire of London in a Jar ' craft response in History. Well done Mrs Martins

Congratulations to all of Year 2 for completing their Blue level Phonics; they are now on the final Grey level! Mrs Martins

4S

Hattie C - for asking helpful questions in class. Miss Sumners

UPPER PREP

5F

All of 5F for a great discussion on Mental Health in PSHE and for their amazing poster work produced after. Miss Forbes

6F

Huge Congratulations to Jamie C for delivering a fabulous presentation in Upper Prep Pupil Briefing last week – to the entire cohort – about his Williams Syndrome and how it affects his daily life. Mrs Jennings

6S

Toby H for a lovely piece of creative writing, showing good use of rhetorical questions, alliteration and adjectives. Madame Swift

Freddie L and Oliver R (6F) plus Hugo v H, Honor F, Alex L and Eliza B-P (6S) all for being such stars on the Geography field trip. They listened carefully and carried out the field work with focus and attention to detail. Mrs Seiver

7A

Tilly W for showing patience and kindness towards pupils who are also new to KHS. Ms Timothy

James H, for his fantastic performance in the U13C fixture vs Homefield this week, becoming the hat trick hero! Mr Westcott

Toby W - super-enthusiastic and a natural linguist. Fab progress so far in French! Madame Taylor

Max W and Tilly W for their hard work in our circuits work this week. Mr Barratt

7B

Alex R – more focus. Mr Barratt

James D, Elinor F and Imogen E for excellent work using irregular past participles in French. Madame Swift

Blaine D - for the excellent effort he has shown in French. A great start! Madame Swift

A special mention for Elody T who was complimented by a prospective family who enjoyed her tour around school enormously on our Open Morning. Mrs Ashton



'Staff Shout Out' continued...

8C

A big shout out to the form for delivering their Assembly on World Tourism Day; all researched and presented by them! Mr Cowie

8L

Zac Ali fantastic performance in the U13 A fixture against Homefield - voted Player of the Match by the rest of the team! Well done, Zac! Mr Cowie

Year 8 Maths – Sophie T and Harry W – pushing themselves. Mr Barratt

Jensen W for his brilliant attitude in the U13C fixture, as well as having a positive impact as the captain. Mr Westcott

A really big 'Well Done' to Ben C on Open Morning who greatly impressed Mrs Ashton and Mrs Earl, with his quiet charm, wit and gentle enthusiasm doing three tours throughout the morning. Mrs Ashton & Mrs Earl

SENIORS

9A

Alex W - fantastic performance in the U15 A fixture against Radnor Sevenoaks last Thursday - scored a great goal and showed fantastic resilience throughout the game. Mr Cowie

9J

Kittie C - great work in GCSE PE last week learning the different types of movement at each joint. Mr Cowie

9P

Dan G for being so mature in his approach to his GCSE subjects and always being calm and considerate to other pupils. Mrs Jennings

My shout-out is Dylan N for the enthusiasm he brings to English lessons. Mr March

The majority of the Y9 French group; Alyssa C (9P) already crashing through her GCSE course and voluntarily completing extension tasks! Madame Taylor

10G

Max W always works extremely hard in English and the presentation of his work is consistently excellent. I was also very impressed when he challenged himself to complete his entry for the handwriting competition, despite finding it challenging to begin with. Miss Smith

Arlo S (10P) and Jasper W (10G) for finding a mobile phone on the astro, handing it into a member of staff and making sure it didn't get wet in the rain! Mrs Jennings

11W

Ben H for taking the initiative and signing off at the end of Y11 assembly so proficiently. Mrs Weston

To Bogdan P, Owen C, Patrick G, Tharani V, Ruari F, Archie S and Oscar D'A for attending Open Morning and giving up their time on a Saturday morning. They were all well turned out and gave informative tours. Well done. Mrs Weston

Mingwan K's presentation of work in his English book is consistently excellent and his exceptional note taking means he is able to complete the written tasks that he's given brilliantly – thank you Mingwan. Miss Smith

Y11 historians for achieving some very respectable scores in their Knowledge Test on Medieval Migration. Mrs Haunstetter

I would like to congratulate all Senior drama classes for working hard during Mrs Horley's absence. Every pupil has worked independently and made fine progress. In particular, Alfie Y(9P) has impressed everyone with his understated yet convincing Liverpool accent while reading scenes from 'Blood Brothers'. His delivery of lines and comic timing was wonderful. Mr Mitchell

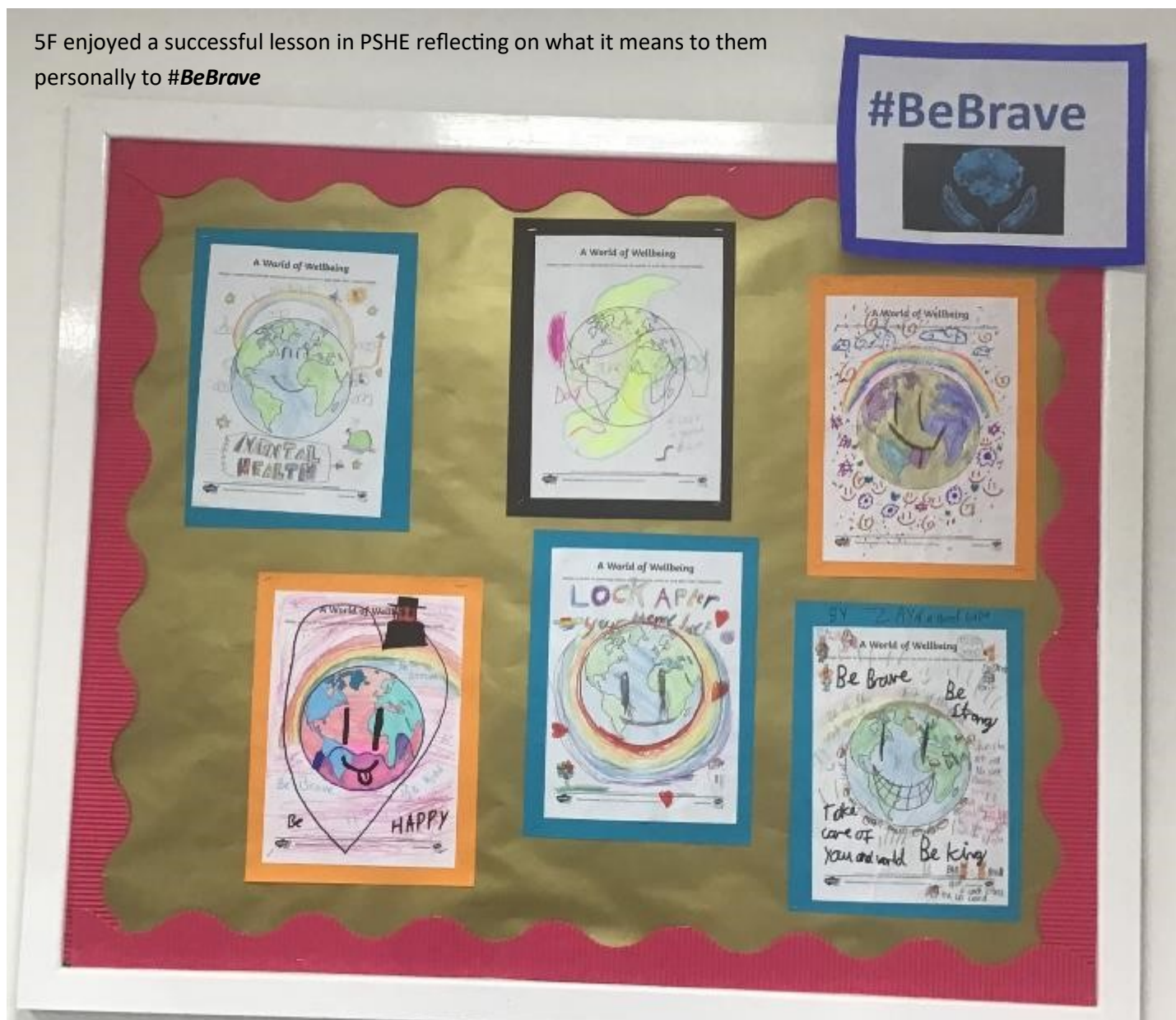
SPORTS NEWS

Our U13As had a great game against Homefield this week; we quickly went 1-0 up and finished with a strong 3-0 win with goals from Harvey, Rufus and Indi.



Shoot
for
your Goals!

5F enjoyed a successful lesson in PSHE reflecting on what it means to them personally to **#BeBrave**





House points - this week - Whole School



House points - totals - Whole School



Needs versus Wants...

A great topic for debate in PSHE this week with pupils asking each other and discussing amongst themselves what we *need* for a physically healthy and emotionally fulfilling life eg. food, shelter, clothing, security... compared to what we might think we *want* to improve our life—basically everything else we can think of!



8C Assembly—World Tourism Day!

We all enjoyed Form 8Cs Assembly on Wednesday when they presented their own research and findings on **World Tourism Day**! They had us all dreaming of exotic destinations as they explained some of their ambitions to travel and see the world—from Japan and Canada, to Brazil, Portugal and Ireland amongst other countries and places. It is great to see our pupils dreaming big and having a goal in mind to work towards. Mrs Jennings, as Head of Upper Prep, was very impressed with them all. Well done Mr Cowie for guiding your class in their assembly topic.

15 Minutes With... Mrs Rachel Pengelly, Year 9 Form Teacher & Maths Teacher

- Favourite car – any reliable one!
- Favourite place – the gym
- Favourite food - chocolate
- Favourite band or singer - Erasure
- Favourite film – The Matrix
- Favourite smell – clean washing
- Favourite sport / team or player – Team Gym
- Who in the world would you like to be? – although I'd always like to improve myself, I value everything I've experienced up to now in life so am ok with being me...
- What were you like at school? – So quiet!! My English GCSE teacher had to phone my parents as she couldn't give me a grade for my oral exam as she hadn't heard me speak in the 2 years I'd been in her lessons!
- What is an interesting fact about yourself? – I am a qualified ballet teacher and love going to West End musicals with my daughter. I also play the clarinet, saxophone and piano!



And 12 choices 'either / or'

Dog / Cat

Netflix box set / **Cinema trip**

Phone Call / **Text**

Facebook / Twitter

Swimming / Sunbathing – neither, I'd rather be at a workout or yoga class!

Take away / **Fine dining out**

Skiing / Surfing – I've never done either!

Passenger / Driver

Pen / **Pencil**

City / **Countryside**

Paperback book / **Kindle** – I love both of these – can't choose!

Colourful / **Monochrome** – oh, this is tricky! I studied Art to A Level and love both!



TYPING'S COOL **TOUCH TYPING SCHOOL**

A note from Mrs Angus...Autumn half term advanced touch-typing course for 8 - 16 year olds.

Learn to type 40+ words per minute using correct fingers and posture. Beginners to advanced typists, warmly welcome.

Typing's Cool mixes formal technique with gaming apps to make learning efficient and fun. Child care vouchers accepted. (10% sibling/ bring a friend discount). Duke of Edinburgh skills assessor. More information / apply at www.typingscool.co.uk



River Tillingbourne Trip

Year 6 enjoyed an exciting trip to investigate the River Tillingbourne this week. The pupils worked together in groups and were busy collecting data in and around the river. Despite some leaking wellies and very wet feet, everybody got stuck in! In the afternoon, we headed up Leith Hill to enjoy lunch and explore the area. Overall, an excellent geography field trip in the sun. *Mr Laudy*

Dear Parents—Homework Survey

We are constantly striving to improve the educational experience and outcomes for all our students. To this end, we are seeking your valuable input on the topic of **homework**. We would be grateful if you could take a few moments to **complete this survey**, which is designed to garner further information regarding homework. Your feedback will play a crucial role in shaping our approach to homework and ensuring that they align with the needs and expectations of both students and parents. Thank you to those parents who have already responded. Please [click here](#) to access the online form which needs to be completed **by Friday 13th October**. Thank you in advance for your on-going support and input. *Kind regards, Mr Sukhdeo*

**YOUR
OPINION
MATTERS**

A reflection on child poverty in William Blake's London.
by Jensen 8L

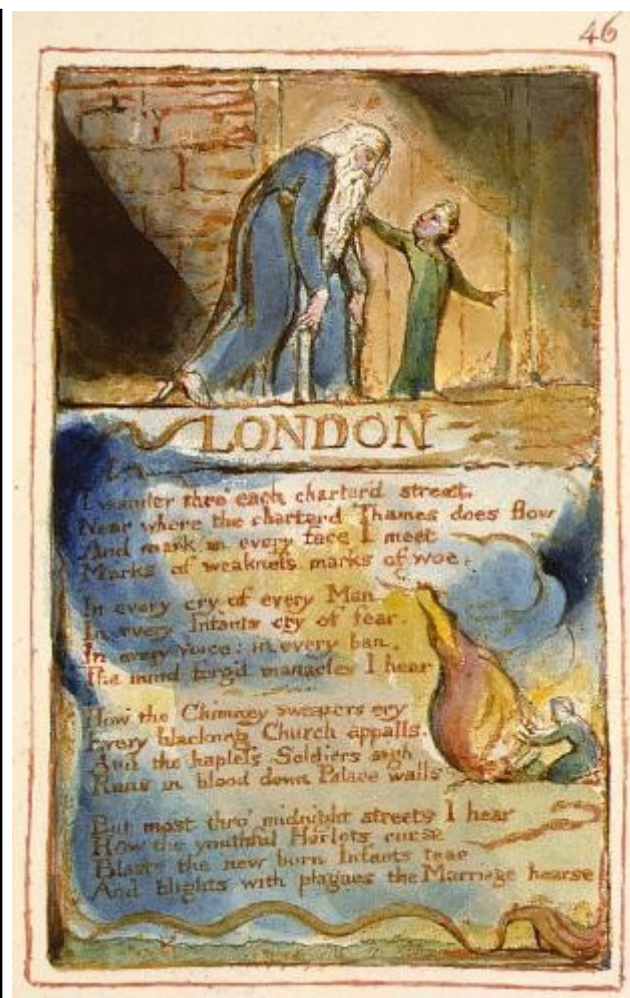
Child Poverty

Cold, Worried, Forgotten
Just to earn money they work the cotton
Stealing bread
Not looking at what is ahead

Cold, Worried, Forgotten
Just to earn money they work the cotton
Eating gruel
Didn't know better, even though it's cruel

Cold, Worried, Forgotten
Just to earn money they work the cotton
Others forced to climb the furnace
Thinking 'be careful the fire could burn us'

Cold, Worried, Forgotten
Just to earn money they work the cotton
Barely staying alive
Trying to survive
They strive.



Are you imaginative? Always talking? Have some great ideas?? Been inspired by Jensen's poem above...?

If so, get them down on paper in 500 words and enter the BBC competition for young writers aged 5-11 years old.

Deadline for submission is Friday 10 November so you could have a go in half term...

All details [here](#)

There is no restriction on the theme to write about, but it must be an original work of fiction and not contain any information which identifies the child author. A parent or guardian must submit the work with the author's permission.

This competition celebrates children's writing creativity so stories will NOT be judged on spelling, grammar or punctuation...go on, put in an entry!



Upper Prep Prefects

Mrs Jennings was delighted with her team of Upper Prep Prefects and Sports Captains this week when they introduced themselves to their peers and spoke about their role in school. They are hopefully a friendly, recognisable face around school, on hand if wet break / play time arises in classrooms as well as conducting tours for prospective families and generally being good role models.

It was pleasing to hear about their different interest in and outside school and which Houses they belonged to as well. Thank you to all who spoke and especially Indi D (8L) and Isla M (8L) who make up our Head and Deputy Head Upper Prep Prefects.

Mr Clarke also took the opportunity to present Jamie C (6F) with his *Head's Green Star Award* for his personal presentation last week—well done!

