

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term
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Dear Parents

As we look back on this first half of the Autumn term I can honestly say the days have flown by in a very positive way and the smiles have outweighed the frowns! We are lucky in school that around us we have many people we can talk to, off load our thoughts and share our concerns with and this is true for both staff and pupils. Wearing yellow with our school uniform on Thursday to mark World Mental Health Day **#HelloYellow** got our conversations going and was a very visible sign of our support for each other's mental well-being. Warm thanks to our wonderful ELSA, Ms Timothy for being such a force to be reckoned with in this area and always passionately championing our mental health.

We have had a hugely successful sporting week—Mr Cowie reports back that all age groups have got through the first round of the Surrey Cup football for the first time in a while for KHS! Very well done to all players and all the best for subsequent matches. The Seniors trip to Krakow, as I write, has been a very rewarding experience for our pupils and I extend my thanks to Mrs Haunstetter, Mr Sukhdeo and Mrs Danks for accompanying them; safe travels back.

At the end of today we say a fond farewell to Mr Ian Mitchell who has been at KHS for twenty years; he has embraced all sorts of roles both in the classroom and especially outside, often standing knee deep in rivers or marching up Welsh hillsides! We are forever grateful to him that his bespoke 'Making of Modern Britain' tour was not only award winning, but enabled many of our pupils to push their own boundaries away from home on a residential. My blog today is dedicated to him, do have a listen [here](#); our Harvest Service on Wednesday also paid tribute to him and was a very fitting occasion.

Wishing you all a wonderfully relaxing half term—enjoy the break.

Yours sincerely

Mr Liam Clarke
Interim
Headmaster



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

| 2023 OCTOBER / NOVEMBER | | | |
|-------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|---|
| Saturday – Sunday | 14-29 | | HALF TERM |
| Monday – Friday | 23-27 | 0900-1600 | KINGSWOOD ACTIVE to book and for further details, see our website here |
| Monday | 30 | From 0800 | School returns, second half Autumn Term |
| Tuesday | 31 | am 0935-1055 am pm | Nasal Flu Vaccinations Year 9 LifeLab Session 3 Year 10 'Loudspeaker' Workshop Year 9 'Loudspeaker' Workshop |
| Wednesday | 01 | 0845 0930 1600-1730 | 8L Assembly Lower Prep Forest School Production Rehearsal |
| Thursday | 02 | 1600-1730 | <i>Year 11 Study Leave</i> Main Cast Production Rehearsal |
| Friday | 03 | 0900-1200 1830 | <i>Year 11 Study Leave</i> OPEN MORNING KHA Fireworks |



LUNCH MENU for week beginning 30.10.2023

| Monday | | Tuesday | | Wednesday | | Thursday | | Friday | |
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| Meatballs & Tomato Sauce; Veggie Balls & Tomato Sauce (V) with Spaghetti | Fresh Fruit; Jelly | Sweet & Sour Chunky Veg (V, GF) with Plain or Spicy Noodles | Fresh Fruit; Peaches & Chocolate Sauce | Chicken Curry; Cauliflower & Potato Curry (V) with Poppadoms, Mint Raita & Naan Bread | Fresh Fruit; Choc Ice | Vegetarian Pizza with Hash Browns & Coleslaw | Fresh Fruit; Crumble & Custard | Pasta with Salmon & Peas | Fresh Fruit; Mini Doughnuts |



Please find listed below the pupils who have been the subject of a '**Staff Shout Out**',

LOWER PREP

Haris A (2M) for challenging himself in maths with number bonds to 30. Mrs Martins

UPPER PREP

Aidan K (5F) for some lovely Science work on separating materials. Miss Forbes

Oliver R (6F) for excellent contributions during class discussions. Mrs Seiver

I would like to give a big 'shout out' to Ciaran P (6F) for his fantastic definition of 'adaptation' that he gave me in his Study Centre lesson today. Mrs Bagley

Vlad M (6S) for thoughtful contributions during our debating lessons. Mrs Seiver

7A Science – Teddy C-E, Freddie L and Harry R – great work in Electricity experiments. Mr Barratt

Cyril B-D(7A) and Joey H (7A) for great participation in French. Madame Taylor

Blaine D (7B) for working so hard on his Public Speaking piece. Mrs Seiver

Thank you to Byron M (8L) and Chris K (8L) for tackling the super important job of updating the rugby world cup and cricket world cup wall charts each morning! Mr Laudy

8L Science Euan B and Rufus J for their thoughtful work last week. Mr Barratt

Euan B (8L) and George P (8L) for great participation in French. Madame Taylor

SENIORS

Harry P (9A) has worked brilliantly all term and has shown excellent progression. Always working to the best of his ability. Mr Laudy

George E (9J) - fantastic work so far this term in GCSE PE - have been really impressed with his attitude in theory lessons. Mr Cowie

Alfie Y (9P) for excellent work in drama despite his broken wrists. Mrs Horley

I would like to mention the following pupils - Finlay R (9A), Harrison W(9P), Basti V (9P), Conor M-A (9A) and Freddie T (9A) – for their behaviour in my lesson which was excellent! They produced some very impressive classwork. Mrs O'Shea

Year 9 French Khishaan T and Ezra O-W for good participation and work in lessons. Madame Taylor

Benji B (10G) - fantastic performances in football matches so far this term - scoring 9 goals in 5 games. Mr Cowie

Jonny B (10G) for his fantastic effort and behaviour during a heart dissection practical! Miss Patel

Oliver D (10P) for his efforts in all subjects and putting in work at home to speed up his typing! Miss Patel

Alfie Y (9P) and Liam McBride (10G) for brilliant support in production Wednesdays. Mrs Horley



Year 4 Egyptian day, Miss Sumners tells us, "We had a fun day full of great activities and learning including making Egyptian flatbread, Hieroglyph bookmarks and Shadufs. The costumes were brilliant and even Mr Laudy got caught up in the Egyptian spirit!"



6S had fun in one of their French lessons, by matching pronouns to the corresponding parts of the verb *être*; physical, interactive learning can really help pupils remember. Madame Swift

SPORTS NEWS



Our Senior pupils enjoying their golf session



U13 football



What a wonderful afternoon of netball! The Year 5&6 team played away against Twickenham Prep (my previous school) - it was so lovely! They kindly mixed up their teams to make it fair. We played three games - KHS won 2-1, 2-0, and drew the last game 1-1. This was the first time KHS 5s&6s have played in a netball fixture; our pupils grew in confidence and were such a pleasure to watch. It was great to be welcomed back and all of the pupils enjoyed a yummy match tea together on the outside benches. Well done to Miss Abbot and Mr Westcott for their coaching leading up to the fixture. *Mrs Jenkins*



Well played KHS!



House points - this week - Whole School

Drake - 821

Marlborough - 796

Nelson - 801

Wellington - 729

House points - totals - Whole School

Drake - 2836

Marlborough - 2910

Nelson - 2895

Wellington - 2750



Well done to
Honor F,
Toby H and
Hugh H (all 6S)
for winning
'Pupil of the Week' certificates
for their houses.

Madame Swift





Year 2 pupils enjoyed making some bread based on their studies of the Pudding Lane bakery in London, 1666



Half-Term English Enrichment - Reading in Unusual Places! A note from Mr March



"Dear Parents over the half-term break, we will be rounding off our English Enrichment with the annual 'Reading in Unusual Places' initiative!

As the title suggests, this simply involves taking a photograph of your child reading in an unusual place and submitting the photograph on our return to school; aside from the fun element, our aim is also to promote reading by displaying photographs around the school.

Please submit photographs in an envelope to the school office after half-term, ensuring that your child's name and form group are written on the back of the photograph. If you are not able to print at home, then please email the photograph to your child's form teacher. Thank you for your support".

From neon to bright daffodil, pale lemon and mustard—
all shades of yellow were seen in school on Tuesday as
we wore yellow to say **#HelloYellow** and stand out and
show up for young people's mental health!



#HelloYellow

Stand out and show up for
young people's mental
health by joining
**#HelloYellow for
YoungMinds.**

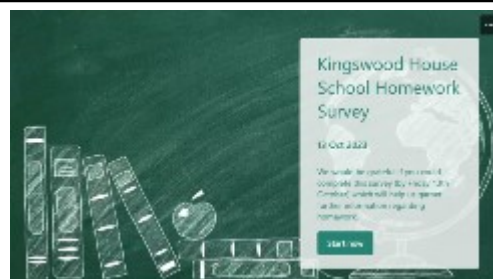


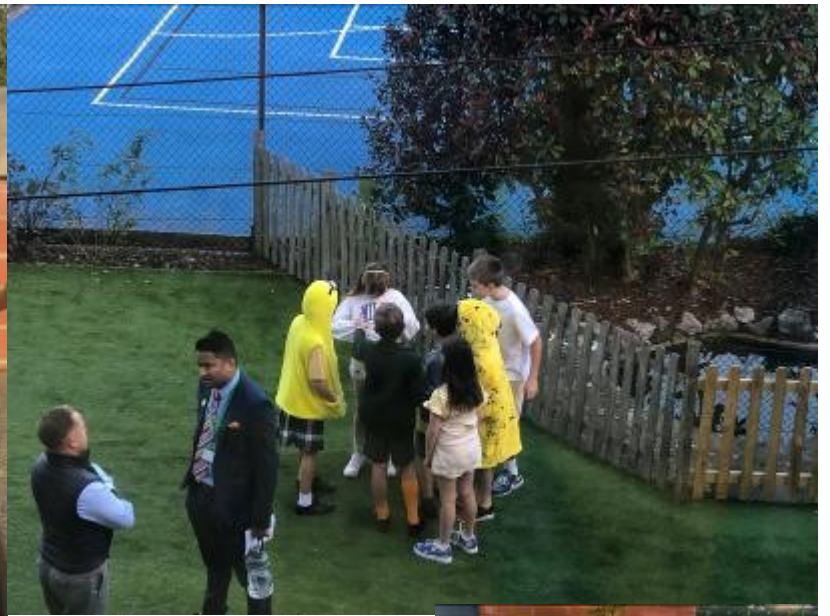
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Last chance to respond to the **Parent Homework Survey** please...

thank you for those that have completed this already, your responses have
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Mr Sukhdeo





It's #HelloYellow!

Today we're celebrating #HelloYellow to show young people they're not alone with their mental health.







In our Teams lesson, Year 6 engaged in [neurographic art](#) linking to World Mental Health Day on Thursday.

This art is a simple way to work with the subconscious mind through drawing, by drawing freeform lines, choosing colours and transferring any stress into creating a beautiful piece of art. It was a really enjoyable, and contemplative, experience for all

Madame Swift and Mr Fitzgerald

Don't forget....

WELLBEING COLOURING CLUB

Will be run by our lovely Upper Prep Prefects Lily and Ben... do go along for a colour and chill!

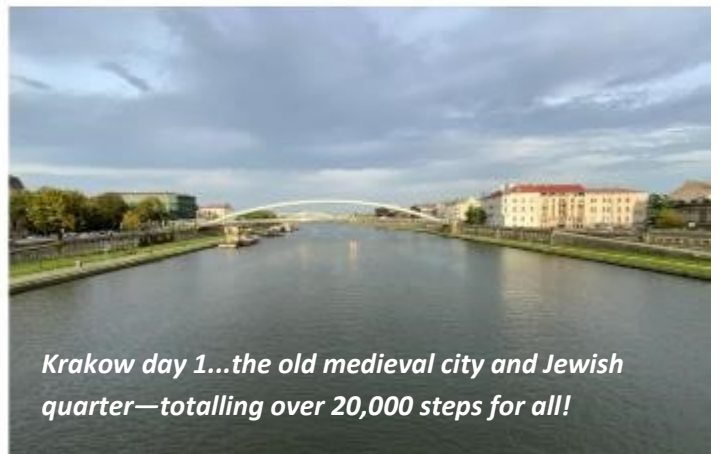
WELLBEING COLOURING CLUB

WHEN?
Starting Tuesday 31st October from 1:20-1:50

WHERE?
The Seminar Room/ PB3

WHAT?
A Colouring Club for Years 5-7

**ONLY
18
Spaces!**



Krakow day 2 saw staff and pupils visit the site of the Auschwitz-Birkenau camps—see photos over—followed by a traditional Polish meal out at a restaurant in the evening.



Mr Sukhdeo writes from Krakow,

“Our second day’s itinerary began with a guided tour of Auschwitz I, where students saw the preserved barracks, exhibitions, and the remnants of the Holocaust. This was followed by a visit to Auschwitz II-Birkenau, where they gained a deeper understanding of the sheer scale of the tragedy that unfolded there. Our boys conducted themselves with utmost respect and sensitivity throughout the visit, and their questions and observations were a testament to their engagement with the trip and this facet of History”.

Hot off the press... Year 7 enjoyed an afternoon at Hollywood Bowl just before breaking up—thank you to Mrs Jennings, Mrs Angus, Mr Barratt and Mr Allen for accompanying pupils. Strike...!





House Assemblies

Our first round of House Assemblies were held this week, at which pupils got the chance to meet their new Year 11 House Captain, plus the staff associated with their House; thank you to

Nathan A for Drake

Ivan T for Marlborough

Matthew M for Nelson and

Henry S for Wellington.

They chose a children's charity to fund raise for during the year and opened up the debate on selecting new names for the Houses going forward to reflect our co-ed status. They also discussed other ideas for House days and how these could be run.

It promises to be a busy and fun year ahead! *Miss Hylands*



Y10 are getting into the heart of their learning!

Y10 were able to successfully and safely dissect some sheep hearts this week.

They thoroughly enjoyed being able to see the structures they had been studying for themselves. Well done!

Miss Patel



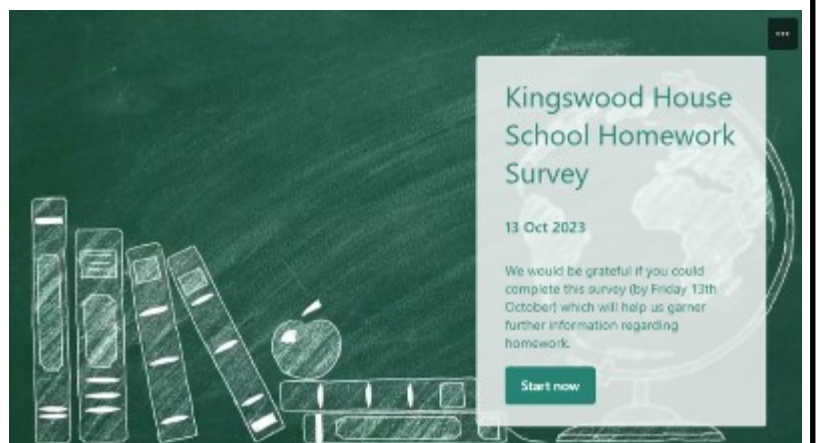
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Mr Sukhdeo



Don't forget the KHA Fireworks on the Friday we return from half term...! All families welcome.

Well done to Hattie C (4S) for her colourful winning poster design—"Do not miss out"!





Our **Harvest Service** at Christ Church was a celebration of so much including Mr Mitchell's 20 years of service to the school!



From Christmas Quiz hosting, outward bound trip leading, jumping in rivers, walking up hills, to SLT meetings and online Assembly delivery...and not forgetting the incredible Making of Modern Britain trip, Mr Mitchell has certainly been a HUGE part of KHS in the last 20 years.

We wish you well in your new ventures and thank you for all you have done ...you will be missed!



THANK YOU



...the many guises and roles of Mr Mitchell over the years at KHS!





Fond farewells despite the damp conditions...

Mr Mitchell was sent off with a spitfire weather vane, a very nice bottle of red and a watch from staff...oh and not forgetting the mug with the sentiment, *RIGHT*...

