

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

It has been another busy and inclusive week here in school which saw an incredible fireworks display last Friday—many thanks to the KHA for this - celebrations anticipating Diwali, the Festival of Light, this weekend, as well as acts of Remembrance today.

Our U13 football team played in the annual commemorative Remembrance Day fixture with Parkside, whilst the whole school came together to observe 2 minutes silence at eleven o'clock with 'The last Post' reverently played by James D (7A) - thank you James.

In and outside the classroom, Maths Enrichment activities continue, as seen by our youngest pupils running around excitedly on a maths themed treasure hunt amongst the willow village area in the playground. At the time of writing this, Drake House Afternoon activities are in full swing and in a slight change to previous such occasions, the children have a wide range of fun 'fairground style' stalls and games to join in with and chance their luck on—more details to follow next week! I honestly feel all these varied activities which you read about here and I talk about on my blog, are what makes KHS really quite unique in the education it provides.

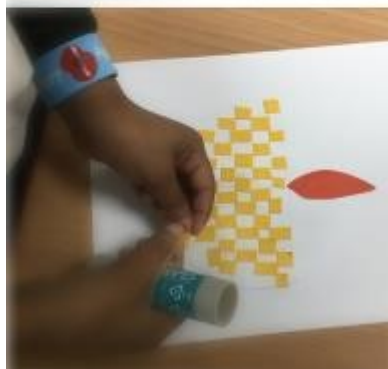
Don't forget **Anti-Bullying Week** starts on Monday and we will recognise this by wearing ODD SOCKS...time to have a rummage in the drawer and see what you can find!

Wishing you a pleasant weekend.

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	NOVEMBER	YEAR 11 MOCK GCSE EXAMS; ANTI-BULLYING WEEK		
Monday	13	All day	Tom Palmer—author—Workshops for Years 4-8	
Tuesday	14	0935-1055	Year 9 LifeLab Session 5	
Wednesday	15	0845 0930 1600-1730	7B Assembly online Lower Prep Forest School Production Rehearsal	
Thursday	16	1600-1730	Main Cast Production Rehearsal	
Friday	17			



Honour F (6S) is a very keen dancer and attends dance class several times a week; she has recently received the great news that her team has reached the National Semi-Finals dance competition to be held in Blackpool next January.

Congratulations Honour, and good luck! *Madame Swift*



Pupil Pick Up from School Car Park

Please can we remind parents / guardians that we try to operate a free-flowing pick up system in the bottom car park, whereby parents arrive at the allocated class dismissal time and their child gets sent to the correct parental car.

Parents should not be arriving early and sit waiting in their cars, as there is limited access and parking.

Thank you for your co-operation in this. *Mrs Harding*

LUNCH MENU for week beginning 13.11.2023

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Roasted Vegetables & Spicy Noodles	Fresh Fruit; Jelly	Beef & Onion Pie; Leek & Cauliflower Pie (V) with Crushed New Potatoes & Carrots	Fresh Fruit; Apple Crumble & Custard	Roast Pork & Crackling; Cauliflower Cheese (V) with Roast Potatoes & Fresh Cabbage	Fresh Fruit; Sponge Cake & Custard	Chicken Goujons; Fish Fingers (GF); Hot Dogs; Halloumi Cheese (V) all in a Wrap with Coleslaw & Salad	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	Homemade Fish Pie; Cheesey Potato Pie (V) with Peas & Sweetcorn	Fresh Fruit; Mini Doughnuts



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

Bacchus M-D(2M) for his extra homework facts on Meerkats; fantastic photos from your visit to the Zoo! Mrs Martins
Bailey M (4S) for always supporting his peers. Miss Sumners

UPPER PREP

Beatrix S for working so hard but also for always helping others. Miss Forbes
Oliver R (6F) for his ongoing efforts in football; he is getting stuck into every lesson, and is improving each week. Mr Westcott
Honour F (6S) for reaching the National semi-final dance competition in Blackpool, to be held in January. Madame Swift
Gregory C (6S) for being awarded a commendation for an excellent piece of persuasive writing in English. Madame Swift
Joey H (7A) in his Science class - what a great attitude to learning! Mr Barratt
Y7 Science – Maya A (7B) and Oli R (7B) – continued good effort in lessons. Mr Barratt
James D (7B) for always trying hard and asking sensible questions in French. Madame Swift
Angus V (8C) great effort and attitude in football matches throughout this term. Mr Cowie
Sophie T (8C) for being a great leader in Games and showing endeavour. Mrs Jennings
Harry W (8C) for working particularly hard in PSHE and sharing his ideas. Mrs Jennings
Aurelia G (8L) has started the second half of term brilliantly, she has continued to focus on her targets from before half term without any reminders. Mr Laudy
Well done to all of 8L for their class assembly last week. Mr Laudy
Aurelia G (8L) increased participation in French, and willingness to work despite her injured hand. Madame Taylor
Y8 Science – Enzo B-P (8L) Indi D (8L) and Henry S (8C) – fabulous contribution to lessons. Mr Barratt
Y8 Maths – Alex MK (8C) and Sophie T (8C) – super progress. Mr Barratt

SENIORS

George E (9J) fantastic work in GCSE PE so far this school year. Constantly volunteering to answer questions and performing well in tests. Mr Cowie
Will B (9J) for showing great focus and commitment in GCSE PE theory - great job! Mrs Jennings
Y9 Historians had a very mature and instructive discussion about the conflict in the Middle East. They showed excellent levels of engagement and interest. Mrs Haunstetter
Y9 Maths - Freija K (9J) and Rex T (9A) for focus and effort in Maths. Mr Barratt
A big up to 10G.....what a fabulous form to have! Mrs Garrib
All of 10P for their efforts towards assembly and particularly Arlo S, Zac H, Enzo R and Joel M for some fantastic public speaking! Miss Patel
Arlo S (10P) for excellent work in Drama and the production. Mrs Horley
A huge shoutout to my science groups.....11W, 9s, 10H and 10K. You have been wonderful in lessons! Mrs Garrib

House points - this week - Whole School

Drake - 684

Marlborough - 680

Nelson - 725

Wellington - 567

House points - totals - Whole School

Drake - 4212

Marlborough - 4265

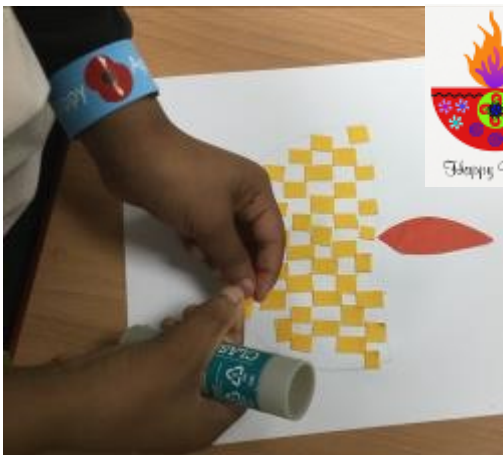
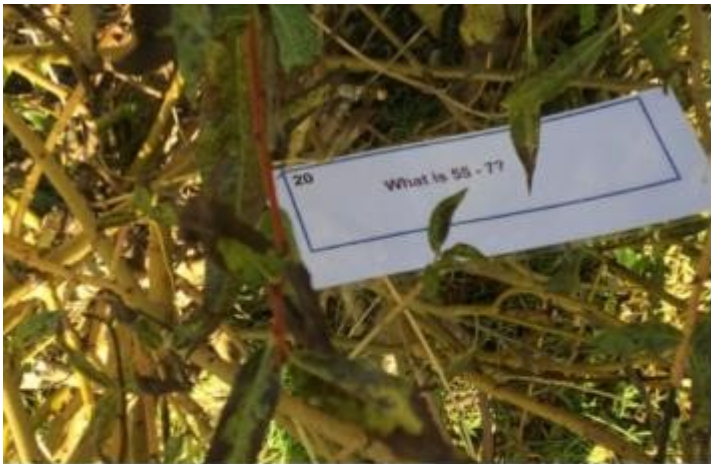
Nelson - 4393

Wellington - 3991



*Fireworks fun last Friday thanks to the KHA –it was a **SPECTACULAR SUCCESS!** Many thanks to all involved to make the event happen.*

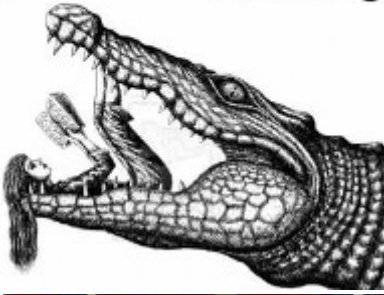
Mrs Martins tells us, "Year 2 have been super busy this week with, amongst other learning objectives, a Maths Enrichment treasure hunt and making Diya lamps for the Diwali celebrations at the weekend; well done for all your efforts class!"



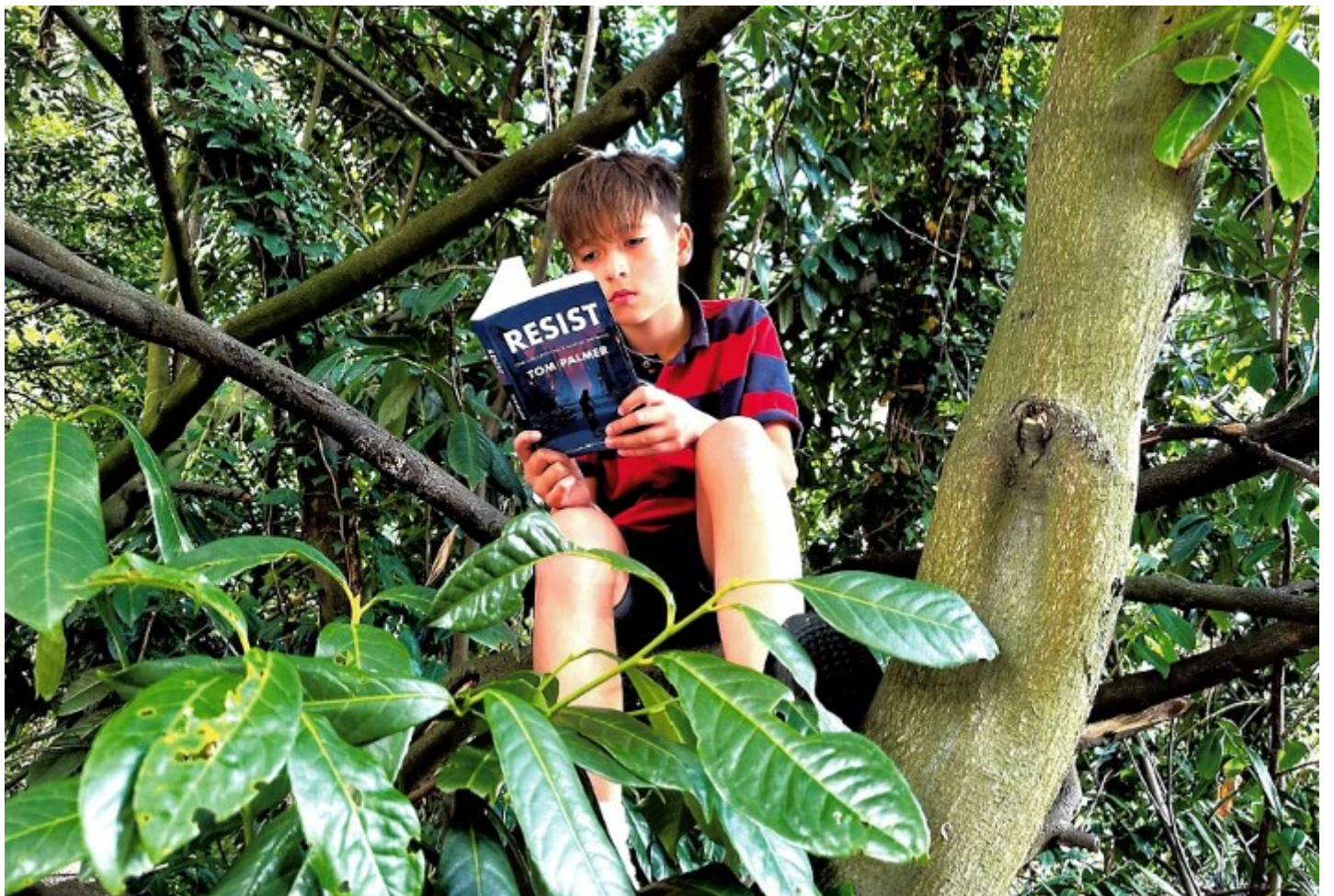
Extreme reading

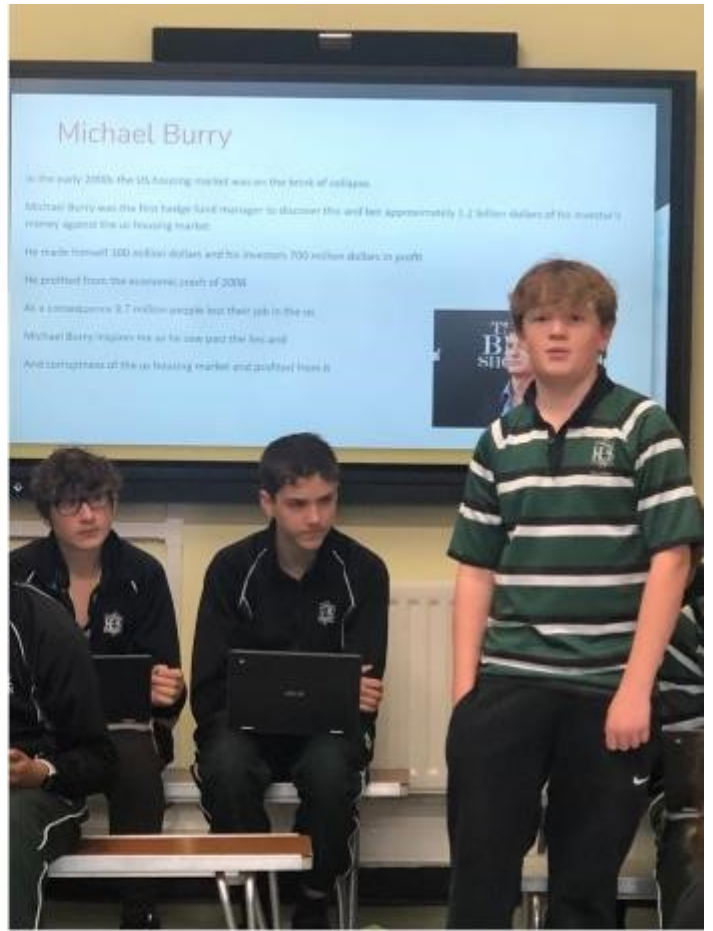
Some more great examples of '*Reading in Unusual Places*'!

Do send any other entries in to [Mr March](#) by email or in hard, paper copy! Thanks.



Can you spot a bit of pre-publicity for our visiting author next week?





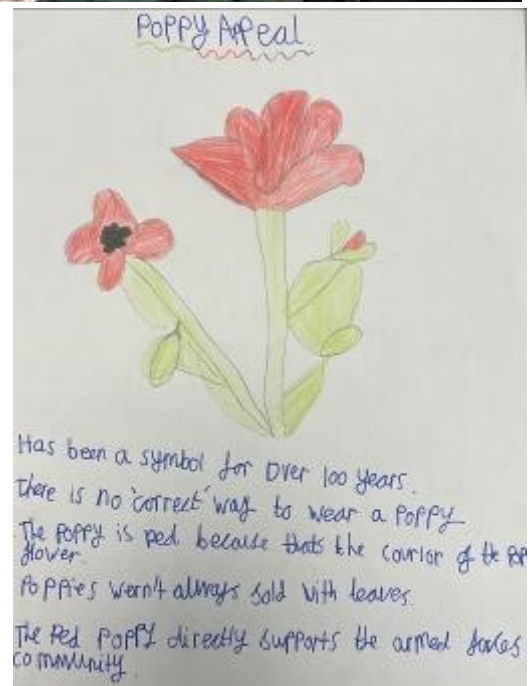
This week was the turn of form 10P to present our school Assembly, students shared information about different people who worked in STEAM careers (science, technology, engineering, art and maths).

We invited everyone to reflect on how STEAM innovations benefit our lives; from something as big as life-saving medical advances to something as small as increased charging speed of our phone batteries!

The form spoke well and showed great courage whilst presenting in front of their peers – well done 10P!

Miss Patel

A lovely hand-drawn poster from Lily-Rose (8C) reminding us about why we wear poppies and what the poppy appeal is all about...





Anti-Bullying Week 13-17th November 2023

This national campaign starts next week and is always a firm fixture on our calendar here at KHS. We hope school feels a safe and inclusive space for all our pupils but we do recognise this is not always the case and education, workshops, open discussions and raising awareness around the topic of bullying is key to moving forward together and peacefully. Too often, we are silent when we see bullying take place, silent about the hurt bullying causes, and silent when we hear bullying dismissed as 'just banter'. It doesn't have to be this way. Of course, we won't like everyone and we don't always agree, but we can choose respect and unity.

This Anti-Bullying Week let's come together to have discussions about what bullying means to us, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying. Together, we can make a difference and take a stand against bullying. From the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, let's make a noise about it!

Ms Timothy our ELSA has equipped staff with a whole range of resources and activities for next week and hopes we can all start the week on Monday with our **ODD SOCKS** proudly on display with our uniform (no fundraising, just awareness).



The screenshot shows a presentation slide with a chessboard in the center. On either side of the chessboard are two figures in traditional Middle Eastern or North African attire. The figure on the left wears a yellow robe and a wide-brimmed hat, while the figure on the right wears a red robe and a turban. The chessboard is set up with various pieces.

Dear Parents

If you are interested in hearing Mrs Haunstetter's Assembly giving some background to the current situation in Gaza, and a breakdown of the history surrounding this area, **do log in to your child's Office 365 account with them and access it via the school's Teams platform.**

It is sensitively presented and well researched; our thanks extends to Mrs Haunstetter for delivering this for us. The Seniors heard the assembly last week and our Upper Prep pupils this week.

A very timely reminder for us as we approach Remembrance weekend; a digitally drawn heart shape poppy by Izzy D (8C) on her Chromebook. We have also been selling the new poppies made entirely out of paper, replacing the single-use plastic elements that they have carried for so long.

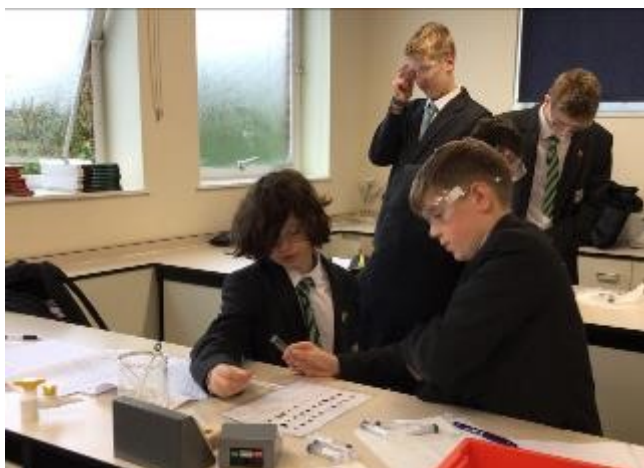


Our U13 football players went off to Parkside School to play in the annual commemorative Remembrance Match held between our two schools, whilst the whole school gathered to remember on the playground. We stood in our House groups, marked out by the yellow mufti worn by Drake pupils who were fundraising later in the day. Mr Clarke spoke and 'The Last Post' was played beautifully by James D (7A)

"...At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them..."



Seniors in Science



Enzymes practical: Y9 have been investigating how different pH's can affect the enzymes in our bodies during a required practical. The students exposed the enzyme amylase to different pH solutions to determine how well it was able to break down starch to glucose.

A huge thank you to Alex W who was able to bring in some stomach acid for us to test as well as the usual buffer solutions!
Miss Patel



Class 9K were able to get creative with their plenary and reflective learning this week by creating some digestion doodles on the desk surfaces in the Science Lab!

It was a brilliant chance for the students to work together as a team, recall previous lesson content and have fun whilst learning.
A fantastic job by all—well done 9K!
Miss Patel





Year 4 very much enjoyed their Geography 'learning walk' around Epsom exploring what the area offers as a settlement. The children were a delight to take out! *Miss Sumners*



A Note from the KHA...

Order your real quality non-drop Nordmann Fir Christmas tree with KHA and help raise funds for KHS this Xmas! In collaboration with Kittie's parents, Melanie & Spencer from the major wholesaler of Xmas trees in South London, Crossways Nursery, Woodcote Road, Purley. Sizes ranging from 3ft-10ft and competitively priced, see below:

Nordmann Fir Tree Size and Price

3-4ft / 100-125cm £26

4-5ft / 125-150cm £33

5-6ft / 150-175cm £45

6-7ft / 175-200cm £60

7-8ft / 200-250cm £80

8-10ft / 250-300cm £140



Pre order on this [form](#) until 22nd November 4pm after which time we cannot take refunds/exchanges. Cost will be added to fees.

Your tree will be hand selected by the KHA at [Crossways Nursery](#) to guarantee the freshest and highest quality; your tree is then netted, delivered to KHS and collected by you at the KHA Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2nd December 10am-12pm.

Thank you for your support of this initiative—we hope it ticks one thing off your festive 'To Do' list! *The KHA*

Bourne Hall Museum Kids Club

bringing history alive

World on Fire Discover WW2

Saturday 11 November

1pm to 2.30



World War II was the most deadliest war in history, involving more than 30 countries. Sparked by the 1939 Nazi Invasion of Poland, the war dragged on for six bloody years until the Allies defeated the Axis powers of Nazi Germany, Japan, and Italy in 1945. Discover how the war began and how the blitz that followed affected people in their everyday lives from travel to joining one of the emergency services and learn about the dangerous job of bomb disposal. Or coming home to find that your home had been destroyed Find out how and why children and older people were evacuated and why food was rationed. and what this meant for families. How people would join queues outside a shop just discover what people were queuing to buy.

Entry £5 per child, Further information available from

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