

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

On reflection, this week has very much been shaped by achievements both in and outside the classroom.

It is always pleasing to learn of how our pupils get involved in the wider community, and with participation in a local Remembrance Day Parade, as well as the London Lord Mayor's Show, this is an excellent example demonstrating our Kingswood House Way in force. Well done to Dylan and Kieran! I am also immensely proud of our U13 football team on the field against Parkside school playing in our annual Remembrance Match—another great example of the Kingswood House Way value of 'Respect' in action. Besides the academics, at the heart of what we do in school is promoting tolerance, acceptance and good relationships with each other; it has been time to 'Make a Noise' about bullying this week as Form Teachers, guided by our ELSA, have reinforced the messages from the national Anti-Bullying Week campaign.

On Saturday night at the Shine Awards Ceremony not just one, but four, KHS pupils were recognised, aged from Year 2 up to Year 11, for their contributions in various categories; we are rightly very proud of them—congratulations to all. More on this in the following pages—do have a read.

It has been a pleasure to see a steady stream of pupils enter my office to receive their special 'Green Star Award' which I like to give out for outstanding work or actions in school; well done to all of them. See details further on in this Newsletter.

And finally, I know the KHA are working incredibly hard in the background to provide a great deal for the school starting with the option to order a Christmas tree, running a family-friendly Christmas Fayre at the start of December, plus a whole host of fun to help us achieve the festive spirit! Please do support them as much as you can because every penny comes straight back into school to benefit all our pupils.

Have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely

Mr Liam Clarke

Interim Headmaster

*Maths Enrichment achieving the message,
"Maths IS fun!"*



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

2023 NOVEMBER			
Monday	20	All day 1600	Maths Workshop for Lower Prep & Years 5 & 6 pupils 11W Careers Meeting
Tuesday	21	All day 0935-1055 1600	Maths Workshop for Years 7—11 Year 9 LifeLab Session 6 11H Careers Meeting
Wednesday	22	0845 0915 1600-1730	10G Assembly Lower Prep Forest School Production Rehearsal
Thursday	23	1600-1730	Main Cast Production Rehearsal
Friday	24	0900-1600	Year 11 Careers Trip to Skills Expo London

An expensive watch has been found—please ask at the Office if you think it is yours...

House points - this week - Whole School

Drake - 688
Martborough - 693
Nelson - 785
Wellington - 763

House points - totals - Whole School

Drake - 4900
Martborough - 4958
Nelson - 5178
Wellington - 4754

LUNCH MENU for week beginning 20.11.2023

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Pesto Chicken Pasta Bake; Pesto Pasta (V) with Crushed Garlicky New Potatoes	Fresh Fruit; Jelly	Spaghetti Bolognese; Veggie Bolognese (V)	Fresh Fruit; Cheese & Biscuits	Butchers Burgers; Veggie Burgers (V) in a Bun with Cheese, Sliced Onion & Tomato; Sauces; Salad	Fresh Fruit; Choc Ice	Plain Roasted Chicken; Vegetarian Roast (V) with Roast Potatoes & Steamed Veg	Fresh Fruit; Mini Doughnuts	Homemade Veggie Pizza with Salad & Crushed New Potatoes	Fresh Fruit; Crumble & Custard



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

Verity F (2M) for being a caring and kind friend during carpet time. Helping a friend with her question they were stuck on. Well done, Mrs Martins

Yarik M (4S) for excellent reading. Miss Sumners

UPPER PREP

Alfie L (5F) for offering to help with a stall on Drake House day to support someone who was anxious about running the stall. Miss Forbes

Tsemaye B (5F) for showing great confidence selling slime independently to others during Drake House Day, Mrs Jennings

Zachary B (6S) and Hugo vH (6S) for contributing so well to the visit we had from Tom Palmer. Mrs Seiver

Leo De B (6F) for his organisation skills. Mrs Seiver

Ollie R (6F) and Hayden C (7B) for working so well together in all of their respective English lessons. Mrs Seiver

Max B (6F) for good contributions in RS and an excellent work ethic. Mrs Weston

Vlad M (6S) for lovely contributions in PSHE. Madame Swift

Toby H (6S) for making an incredible camouflage periscope in Science and helping others. Mrs Jennings

Toby W (7A) for his commitment to Warhammer Club. Mr Barratt

Maya A (7B) and Imogen E (7B) for excellent efforts and hard work always shown in French. Madame Swift

Year 7 Science – Hayden C (7B) and Phoebe F (7B) for greater contribution to lessons. Mr Barratt

Zak A (8L) has been working hard since half term, putting his best foot forward in the classroom and on the football pitch. A great example of the Kingswood House Way. Keep it up. Mr Laudy

I am very impressed with the 8L drama production crew – Byron M, Jensen W, Ben C, George P, George W and Peter S for showing dedication to school activities outside the classroom. Mr Laudy

Rufus J (8L) for increased performance in Science. Mr Barratt

Oscar E (8L) by far the most improved player in the U13A team this term. He has consistently improved his performances in one of the most difficult positions on the pitch - Centre Back. Mr Cowie

Indi D (8L) fantastic performance against Parkside in the Memorial Football Game on Friday last week. Mr Cowie

Euan B (8L) for kindly offering to help me when I took a fall last week. He ran straight over to me to check I was ok and it meant a lot. Thank you, Mrs Jennings

Max K (8C) and Alex M-K (8C) for getting very cold and wet in 'Splash the Student' for Drake House Day; but staying high spirited! Mrs Jennings

Ben C (8L) - I popped in to an RS lesson last week and was super impressed with Ben's fantastic presentation. Mr Sukhdeo

SENIORS

James M (9J) for taking the lead during Drake House Day and organising a brilliant Gaming stall. Mrs Jennings

Big shout out for my Y9 mathematicians for great work in Algebra – Kittie C (9J) Conor M-A (9A) Harry H (9J) Zac M (9A) and Oli F (9J). Mr Barratt

Shout out to James D (9P) and Fraser S (7A) for good effort in their English lessons. Mr Annang



'Staff Shout Out' continued...

SENIORS

Year 9 have got off to a flying start in their new Geography topic, the hard work is paying off. Mr Laudy

Year 10 Geographers are beginning to demonstrate a more mature attitude to learning and starting to show what they are truly capable of, keep it up. Mr Laudy

From Mrs Sundaresh for consistently working hard in Maths lessons: Max L (10G) and Sam C (10P); as well as Alyssa C (9P) Ezra O-W (9P) Gabriel C (9A) Pippa T (9J) Ruby B (9P) and Khishaan T (9P)

Year 9's for their engagement in the Anti-Bullying week during Monday's Senior Pupil Briefing. Mr Sukhdeo

Avaneesh G (10R) Max R (10R) Theo M (10R) Theo W (10R) Enzo R (10P) Joel M (10P) Archie N (10R) Ethan C (10P) and Henry T (10G) for their help with the Anti-Bullying Assembly. Mr Sukhdeo

Johnny B (10G) - consistent performances in the U15 A team over the last few weeks and has massively improved his all-round game becoming an integral part of the team. Mr Cowie

Max R (10R) - great performance at Centre Back for the U15 A team against Lingfield. Controlled the game and lead by example as captain. Mr Cowie

To everyone in Drake House for running a super House Day last Friday! Miss Hylands and Mrs Jennings

Tooled Up platform—a note for Parents...

If you have been signed up to our free online platform of various resources under the umbrella, Tooled Up, they have emailed users directly informing them about some improvements and changes they have made to their main site. They comment,



"Our Tooled Up platform has recently undergone a complete overhaul to significantly improve the service that we provide. To log into your account you no longer need to enter a password as we have installed Magic Link technology for your convenience and improved security. To log into your account:

Go to the Tooled Up page on the Kingswood House school website [here](#), enter your email address then click the 'Send Magic Link' button.

Check your email and click on the 'Sign In' button to gain instant access to our evidence-based resource platform. Other changes we've made that you may notice are:

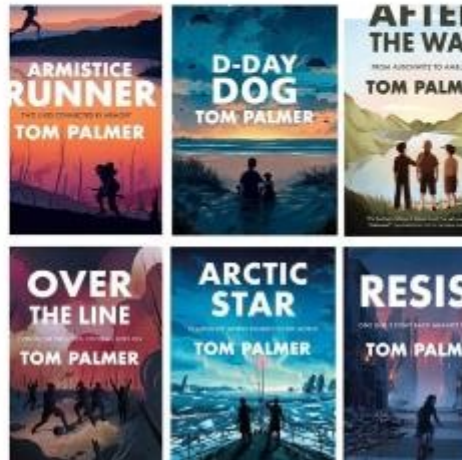
New User Interface: If you joined Tooled Up before 11th September 2023, then once logged in, our site will look different to what you are used to and the web address of all of our resources and 'members-only' pages now start with "https://members.tooledupeducation.com"

Finding what you need: We have changed the search engine used on our site and combined the quick search, browse, advanced search and index functions all into one single view. This change has been applied to increase the speed and accuracy of the results being returned. We hope you find the site more valuable than ever".

SPORTS NEWS



Our annual Remembrance Football match against Parkside school—well played both teams...



The inspirational and engaging children's author, [Tom Palmer](#), joined us in school on Monday this week speaking to pupils in years 4 –8. He spoke about his inspirations as an author and the process of his writing as well as signing books for those who wanted. Most of our pupils knew him for his historical works of fiction based in WWII— they had a lot of favourites to choose from as he has written SIXTY books so far! His novel, 'Resist' is one of our Class Readers in the Upper Prep.

Mobile Phone Usage in School...as per the School Rules

A reminder for parents that your son / daughter should not be contacting you during the day on his / her mobile phone, as the devices should be handed into the School Office or be placed in their personal locker once they are on school premises. Texting, or calling home, should wait until pupils are off the school site. If home wishes to make contact with a child they should do so via the School Office; office@kingswoodhouse.org 01372 723590



No mobile phones

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter and reinforcing the School Rules with your child. *Mr Clarke*



*Drake House Day
fun and games...!*



Drake House Day

Our pupils enjoyed a great afternoon of traditional 'fairground' style games and activities for Drake House including a Tin Can Alley, Beat the Goalkeeper and Nerf Gun Target to test the pupils' physical accuracy skills, an apple bobbing station and 'Splash The Pupil' which proved very wet and wild (!) A Lucky Dip stall, Jelly Bean Taste Test and 'Guess the Sweets in the Jar' proved very popular attractions too!

Well done to all pupils who ran a stall and provided the entertainment, which was a welcome relief from simply buying sweet treats as previously. *Mrs Jennings & Miss Hylands*



RIVERHOUSE BARN ARTS CENTRE walton on thames

Christmas production
20 - 23 December 2023

SCOOT THEATRE
presents

THE SELFISH GIANT

by Oscar Wilde

in association with

SCOOT

Wed 20 Dec - 6 pm
Thur 21 Dec - 6 pm
Fri 22 Dec - 4pm & 6 pm
Sat 23 Dec - 11 am & 2 pm

We are delighted to announce that one of our pupils in Year 9, Pippa, has secured a place in this production which promises to be a great watch over the festive holiday period.

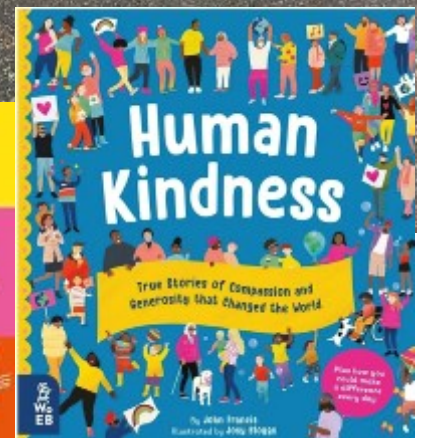
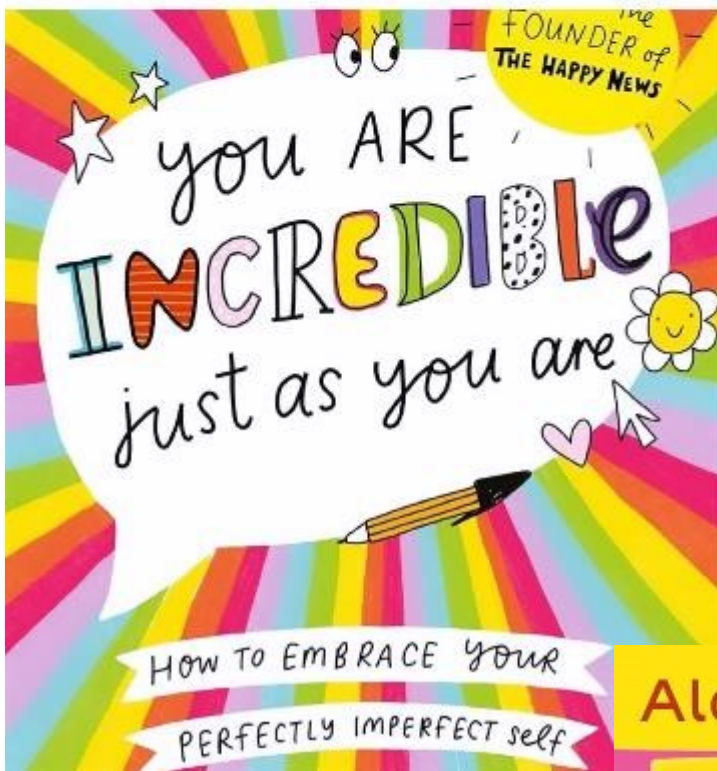
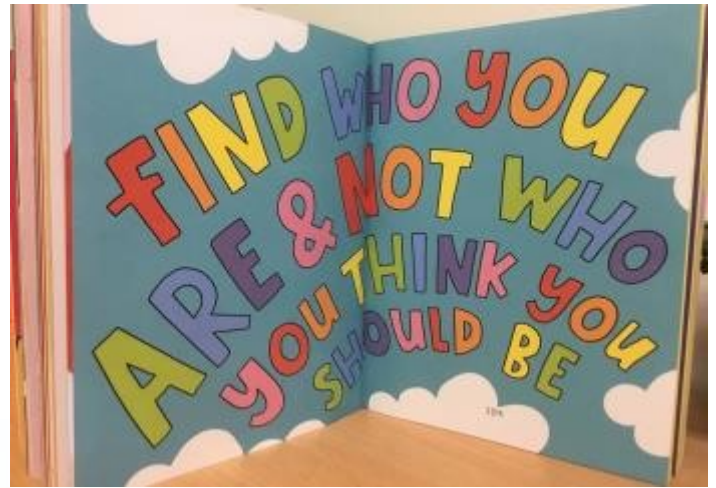
Pippa is going to be playing the part of a child and also is part of the puppetry team playing and voicing the Giant.

It's a production for the community, children and giants alike but especially those aged 4-10. It's shaping up to be a really lovely adaptation celebrating children's power to change the world.

Ticket details and booking [here](#)

A very colourful start to the week in school for some pupils —and not a laundry mishap! - to recognise **ODD SOCKS DAY** at the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week nationally.

Such an important topic to raise awareness of and Miss Timothy has lots of resources to help and inspire all ages of pupil...



Two of the many great books we have in school to help us with this topic...

BEING A POSITIVE BYSTANDER: SCENARIOS TO TALK THROUGH WITH TEENS

Scenario 1

Patrick is chatting with three of his friends when the conversation turns to a girl they all know in their year at school. Two of them say how annoying they find her and then one of them comments that she's a bit of a 'slut'. Once before, Patrick challenged his friends on this kind of thing and they just laughed and told him to lighten up. What can Patrick do? What might make it hard? What could he try?



Scenario 2

Fauzaan is at a party with his friend Michael who sees a girl from school who has fallen asleep after too many drinks. Michael laughs and takes a picture of her before posting it on Snapchat. What can Fauzaan do? What makes his choices more difficult? How might he overcome these challenges?

Scenario 3

Joanna is trying a new activity with a group of her oldest friends. They visit a climbing wall. Whilst there, Joanna hears a friend make a homophobic comment about one of the instructors. The other friends don't hear it. What can/should she say or do?



Scenario 4

Mark attends the prom with a group of school friends. One of his friends drinks too much alcohol and is intoxicated. Whilst drunk, he stumbles across another teen at the party and grabs their hand pulling them into the garden. The teen clearly doesn't want to go and is tugging in the opposite direction. What can/should Mark do to intervene?

This Anti-Bullying Week,
let's make a noise about bullying.

MAKE A
NOISE
ABOUT
BULLYING

As part of **Anti-Bullying Week** in school our lovely ELSA Miss Timothy has suggested resources to the classes that can be used as part of their PSHE learning and Form Time this week... the information above asks pupils to think about how they can be a positive bystander, nudging them to call out behaviours that they don't agree with and acknowledging that standing up for others can be tough, but worth it. This links in nicely with the theme this year which is 'Make A Noise About Bullying'.

More good resources for parents to initiate discussions at home, can be found [here](#) on

We were delighted to learn of the success and recognition of a number of KHS pupils at an event held last weekend in Surrey. School had been contacted by the [Shine Awards](#), set up by two dedicated young people (*see below*, Onkaar and Avneet) who wanted to make a difference and recognise achievements by similar aged school children in the following categories; Entrepreneur; Environmental; Sporting; Expression ; Drama and Community.

Names were suggested from KHS and we were thrilled to hear that MaheNau (4S) Dillen (4S) Hannarah (9A) and Ivan (11H) swept the board and picked up winners' awards in all their categories!

Massive ***Congratulations*** to them all, very well deserved and hopefully an enjoyable evening to be proud of with your families!



Congratulations



Sew Good!

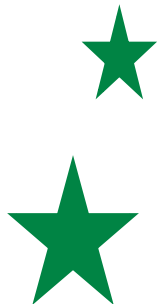
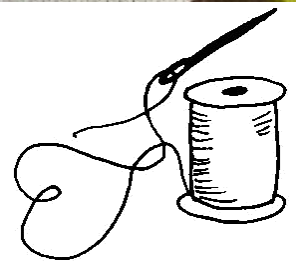
In their RE / Creative topic this week Year 2 pupils learnt a new skill—sewing—to create a star (referencing the Star of David in Judaism) which was great for their fine motor skills.



They showed great control in placing the thread and thinking about the outline of the shape they wanted to achieve.

There was also dexterity in threading the needle!

Well done. *Mrs Martins*



Mr Clarke was delighted to be able to present more **Green Star Awards** this week to the following pupils:

Byron M ((8L) – excellent presentation in his Classics book

James D (9P) - excellent presentation in his French book

Honor F (6S) – brilliant story writing in English

James D (7B) – superb trumpet playing for the Remembrance service

Toby W (7A) – excellent piece of writing in French, about himself.

Well done

The Kingswood House Way value of Respect—in action!

We have learnt that Kieran S (9A) was selected as one of three Surrey Police Cadets to take part in the annual Lord Mayor's Show last Saturday. He was part of a 50 strong contingent of police cadets from around the country. They marched for 6 miles with thousands of other people and floats through the streets of the City of London; a tiring but very worthwhile experience.



Well done to Dylan B (10G) who took part in his first Remembrance Day Parade on Sunday with his RAF Air Cadets regiment. Looking very smart in his uniform here and demonstrating he Kingswood House Way value of 'Respect' in the widest community sense.





Our **Maths Enrichment** programme has been in full swing since the start of this half term, with children across the school enjoying taking part in challenges such as exploring mathematical mazes, mathematical treasure hunts, and code breaking.

In addition to this, last week our Year 5 and 6 pupils entered the **Primary Maths Challenge**, which is an exciting national competition, focused on assessing children's problem solving and reasoning skills.

We are very proud of the following students for gaining certificates in this challenge:

Gold Awards:

Gregory C (6S)
Phoebe W (5F)
Vlad M (6S)
Arjan P (6S)

Silver Awards:

Toby H (6S)
Zachary B (6S)
Leonardo A (6S)
Theo A (5F)

Bronze Awards:

Henry W (6S)
Hugh H (6S)
Honor F (6S)
Oliver R (6F)
Zach B-A (6F)
William N-B (6F)
Max B (6F)
Matviy H (5F)



Congratulations to all our Primary UK Maths Challenge pupils from Years 5 and 6

With the Problem Solving Company coming into school next week to deliver specific workshops to each year group, we look forward to continuing to reinforce the key message to students that maths is fun!!! *Mrs Pengelly*

Sample questions from the recent PMC paper:

7. A youth club has three unicycles, five bicycles and four tricycles. How many wheels are there in this club?

A 21 B 22 C 23 D 24 E 25



20. The sum of the digits of 2023 is a prime number. How many years will it be until the sum of the digits of the year number is a square number?

A 1 B 2 C 3 D 4 E 5





Maths Enrichment with a Maze & Treasure Hunt fun for pupils in Years 6-9...

KHA PRESENTS

The Christmas Fayre

10-1pm Saturday 2nd December
Kingswood House School



Browse a selection of stalls selling children's books, cheese, cakes and more. Take a Mulled wine or hot chocolate, whilst enjoying festive games, family crafting and a Christmas raffle.

A Festive Message from the KHA

Lots of fun, games and crafts and sweet treats for all the family will be on offer at our KHA Christmas Fayre on **Saturday 2nd December 10am-1pm.**

Book your £1 ticket for pre-paid entry to the Christmas Fayre [here](#).

Pre-order your quality non-drop Nordmann Fir Christmas Tree [here](#) by 22nd November to collect at the fayre.

Book your place to make a Real Christmas Wreath [here](#) with all natural materials in our craft class - limited to 10 places so BOOK NOW by 22nd November to avoid disappointment!

Carol Service Cover - Art Competition

Complete a design for the cover of the annual carol service booklet

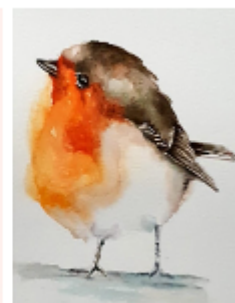
Your design can be anything that you associate with carols, winter or christmas

Your design can be black and white or include colour but try to keep the design simple and 2D as your work needs to be scanned and printed for the carol service booklet

You can use any art medium that you would like



The deadline is **Friday the 1st of December**
Your work needs to be submitted with your name and class on the work to Mr Fitzgerald



*...and
calling all
pupils!!!!*

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Wreath making class. Please use QR code to book before 22nd Nov



Christmas tree collection. Please use QR code to order before 22nd Nov



£1 ENTRY

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BOOK TICKETS

