

# KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term  
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Dear Parents

The halls have been decked with boughs of holly...well not quite, as that may present a health and safety issue with sharp foliage and poisonous berries (!) but school is certainly looking very festive for the start of Advent—thank you to everyone who has helped around the school site with this.

I was privileged to overhear the staff choir rehearsing for their part in the Christmas Carol Service which we are looking forward to in the final week of term—do see a note about arrangements for this later in this Newsletter—hoping to see many of our KHS parent and family community there to celebrate the traditions associated with this time of year and hear the timeless story once more.

We are of course all eagerly awaiting the Christmas Junior Production. I know the pupils and staff have put so much into their show and are really looking forward to showcasing their singing, dancing and acting talents on Monday to you all; huge thanks to all the staff involved with that, as these productions do take a vast amount of input and work behind the scenes but bring so much to our children's appreciation of the festive season...and last, but by no means least, we all have the KHA Christmas Fayre to look forward to on Saturday morning! The forecast is for dry, bright and cold weather—perfect for the collection of your Christmas tree and enjoying a glass of mulled wine or hot chocolate with us!

Happy Advent and wishing you a wonderful start to the festivities!

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 DECEMBER—RUGBY & HOCKEY SEASONS BEGIN			
Monday	04	0930	Junior Christmas Production 1
		1400	Junior Christmas Production 2
Tuesday	05	All day	Year 9 LifeLab Enterprise Fair
		1830-1800	Study Centre Parents' Evening
		1700	Year 9 Headmaster's Dinner
Wednesday	06	0845	9J Assembly
		0900-1600	Year 11 History Walking Tour— <i>postponed due to train strike</i>
		0915	Lower Prep Forest School
		1630-1800	Study Centre Parents' Evening
		1600-1730	Production Rehearsal
		1610	Senior Lecture—Leah Chowdry
Thursday	07	0930	Year 9 Drama Performance to Lower Prep
		1630	Year 10 Drama Practical Mock Exam Performance
Friday	08	0930	Lower Prep Christmas Trip

#### House points - this week - Whole School

Drake - 736

Marlborough - 800

Nelson - 778

Wellington - 679

#### House points - totals - Whole School

Drake - 6237

Marlborough - 6351

Nelson - 6539

Wellington - 6044

Many thanks

for your support of our Drake House Day last week; we were delighted to send off

£328 to the House's chosen charity

[World Vision](#)

aiming to get children out of poverty.

#### LUNCH MENU for week beginning 04.12.2023

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Chicken Goujons; Fish Fingers; Hash Browns & Baked Beans	Fresh Fruit; Jelly	Sausage Casserole; Veggie Sausage Casserole (V) with Roasted Potatoes & Steamed Carrots	Fresh Fruit; Mini Doughnuts	Pulled Pork; Plant Power Strips (V) with BBQ Sauce in a Bun	Fresh Fruit; Sponge & Custard	Mexican Enchiladas with all the Accompaniments	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	Chicken or Halloumi (V) in Soy Sauce with Garlic, Ginger & Chilli with Spicy Noodles	Fresh Fruit; Rice Pudding



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

Haris A (2M) for his creating his name in an Islamic calligraphy style. Mrs Martins

Hattie C (4S) for excellent effort with her assessments. Miss Sumners

George W (4S) for being more thorough when checking his work. Miss Sumners

### UPPER PREP

Oliver R (6F) for his fantastic effort and participation in Games – coming out of his comfort zone and giving it a real go! So proud of you. Mrs West

Leo D B(6F) and Zach B-A (6F) for both contributing well in their Science lessons on fossils. Mrs Seiver

Arjan P (6S) for his thoughtful contributions during our debating sessions. Mrs Seiver

Hugo v H (6S) for being so kind to a taster boy and looking after him all day. Madame Swift

Fraser S (7A) loses 1 lesson per week due Study Centre, yet still gives lessons his best efforts. Madame Taylor

Tilly W (7A) always studies weekly French vocab and consequently scores high marks every week. Madame Taylor

Alex R (7B) for working extremely hard in his French lesson. Madame Swift

Jaydon K (7B) for an excellent start in French, doing great work with regular verbs. Madame Swift

Imogen E (7B) for always producing work of a high quality and showing diligence in all of her English lessons. Mrs Seiver

Imogen E (7B) for confidently standing up during Upper Prep Pupil Briefing to read out a poem; thank you for your contribution. Mrs Jennings

A shout out in Year 8 Maths to, Max Kenna (8C) hard work every day and Byron Miller (8L) for his perseverance and grit. Mr Barratt

### SENIORS

In Year 9 Maths a mention from Mr Barratt for Oscar D (9P) - improved performance and Dan G (9J) – increased effort in class.

Pippa T (9J) and Freija K (9J) for making a positive start as Year 9 Mentors for our younger pupils. Mrs Jennings

Year 9 French group – generally great progress. This week a special mention for Ben H (9A) Khishaan T (9P) and James M (9J) – always attentive, conscientious and polite in lessons. Madame Taylor

I would like to give a 'Staff Shout Out' to Max L (10G) Tai B (10R) and Harry L (10R) for all teaming together to help another pupil with his HPQ. Real teamwork! Miss Hylands

Enzo R (10P) for being a supportive friend and helping others with his organisation! Miss Patel

Sam C (10P) for his kindness and going out of his way to include all members of the form in activities. Miss Patel

Golfer of the Week - Ethan C (10P). Best session by far. Mr Barratt

Miss Timothy was delighted with all pupils who were so sensible when Jackson the Therapy Dog came in to visit us this week. He was a delight to have in school and proved a wonderfully furry four legged friend with those who wanted to interact with him.

The following pupils have impressed Mr Allen with their performance's in the Tea Time Concert this week; James D (7A) Phoebe W (5F) Hugo H (7A) Maye B (5F) Leo J (4S) Sam W(9A) Oscar D'A (11W). They all played wonderfully!





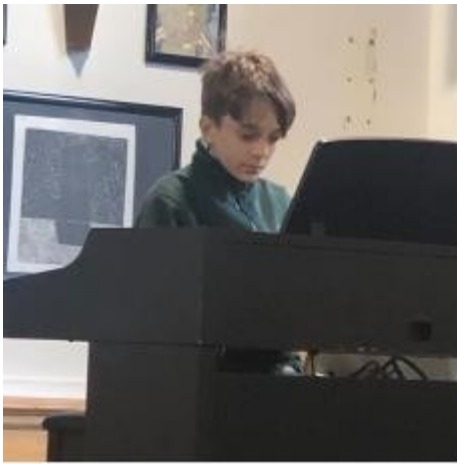
## STAFF SHOUT OUTS!

### SENIORS continued...

Seniors - Fantastic performance from the U15A team to go through the 2nd Round of the ISFA cup. The team played extremely well and held their nerve to win the game in penalties. We are now through to the quarter finals which will be played after Christmas. Well done to: Theo W (10R) Archie N (10R) Theo M (10R) Harrison W (9P) Finlay R (9A) Rex T (9A) Max R— Captain (10R)) Alex W (9A) Benji B (10G) Jonathan B (10G) Sergio A-H (10G) Mikey S (10R) Tai B (10R) and Zac M (10R). Mr Cowie

I was really impressed with feedback from two of my pupils who greatly benefitted from the Year 11 Careers trip; thank you to the staff who accompanied the group and I'm so pleased to hear of their exemplary behaviour as well. Mrs Weston

Nathan Ashwell (11H) for tucking his shirt in without being asked! Mrs Haunstetter



*Many celebrations in Assembly—from music to sporting success and fund-raising activities! Well done all pupils pictured here.*

# SPORTS NEWS

Mr Bailey tells us, "Well done to the Colts C team in their final game of the season vs Belmont Prep at Parsons Mead; they produced a sold draw 3-3. It was an exciting end to end game with Kieran P (6F) scoring two goals and Toby H (6S) scoring the equaliser. A great end to the football season!"



Congratulations to Matviy H (5F) who participated in the Leon Paul Junior Series Fencing competition at the weekend and reached second place! *En garde!*

## RUGBY & HOCKEY SEASONS BEGIN...!



Mr Cowie reminds us that the football season in school is drawing to a close as we make the switch to playing rugby and hockey instead, to give all pupils exposure to a range of different Autumn / Winter Term sports.



Please remember rugby boots and mouth guard for rugby, and shin guards and mouth guard for playing hockey. We are looking forward to learning new skills, developing techniques and playing a range of fixtures next term. *Mr Cowie*



### Year 5 & 6 House Football

According to Miss Forbes who oversaw the competition, it was a brilliant afternoon, with some fantastic sportsmanship during the games, and everyone playing their best getting stuck in!

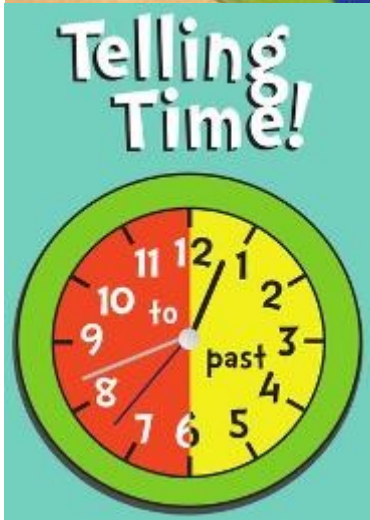
**1st - Nelson**

**2nd - Drake**

**3rd - Marlborough**

**4th - Wellington**





Mrs Martins tells us,

*“Year 2 have been learning all about time in Maths; a tricky concept to grasp so a good place to start was modelling the small hour hand and the big minute hand in play dough and putting them on the shown time correctly”.*



Year 4 have been getting ready for 2024 by making seasonal themed calendars, Miss Sumners tells us—they look like it was a lot of fun!







A cold, grey start to the week was certainly made a whole lot warmer and nicer with a visit from Jackson the Therapy Dog and his handler Georgina (who was actually an ex-KHS parent!).

Jackson was wonderful walking round the school and responding to any interest in him from children who wished to interact with him; he does actually have a certificate that acknowledges his gentle temperament that makes him ideal in this sort of role. He has been fully trained by the charity organisation [Pets as Therapy](https://www.petsastherapy.org.uk/)

The organisation relies on the hard work of the dedicated volunteers – and their pets – who generously give up their spare time to help others; we all were certainly very grateful for Jackson's company in school.

Many thanks to Ms Timothy for providing this opportunity having all pupil and staff well-being close to her heart all the time—this is an initiative she would be very keen to expand upon...!





# The Peterloo Massacre



I was standing in the crowd. Everything seemed normal, although the square was crammed with hot sweaty people. It smelt horrid like damp sardines. There were thousands of people, they were bashing each other shoulder to shoulder. I was squashed and couldn't move. Everyone was cheering. I saw Henry Hunt

horses in the distance. The crowd made way for them then suddenly a 2 year old child was run over by the horses the crowd made way. Everything was happening very quickly. They are Henry for no reason. Then I was forced

## THE PETERLOO MASSACRE Slaughter at St Peter's Field by Alex Weslon 17th August 1819.

Yesterday on 16th of August 1819 in Manchester Lancashire, 18 innocent people were killed with 650 injured in the Peterloo Massacre. A mass rally was organised by the Manchester Patriotic Union on August 16th organised by Henry Hunt (politician).

As a bystander I Alex saw it with my own eyes as the cavalry charged into the 60,000 people leaving 650 injured and 18 people killed. Shortly after the meeting the yeomanry called on the Manchester Yeomanry and others on

the platform with him. The Yeomanry charged through the crowd killing a woman and a child in a frenzy before arresting him. Some people will blame the magistrates for this barbaric event. The reason for this tragic event was that working class people marched to St Peter's Field in central Manchester to demand political representation. After these tragic events I'm lucky to be alive. There was a rumour that the Hussars were drunk during these events. The weapons they used consisted of horses being very

## The Peterloo Massacre: August 16th 1819 by Khishan Tranushan



Yesterday was a terrible day for ordinary people like me. A peaceful speech turned into the bloody murder of thousands of people. The cavalry and the Yeomanry, those we trusted to protect us, turned against us.

It all started with a peaceful protest led by our spokesman and politician, Henry Hunt. He believes that everyone should have a vote, even working people. There were thousands there, the biggest demonstration Manchester has ever seen, all of them cheering and agreeing with Henry.

As he called for three cheers we heard screaming so loud that it shook the ground. We then saw the cavalry and the Yeomanry slashing at the innocent, and in cold blood. There were people running in all directions and all exits were blocked like they wanted us to die and

## DEATH STRIKES PETER'S

17th August 1819

The events strike fear in the hearts of the yeomanry and the Hussars. Over a thousand people were slaughtered. I heard the air and blood

"...it was awful my breath was thin and my movements were quick. My poor husband is in hospital from a stab wound from these horrible men. Thank God I wasn't next to him or I would be injured too. I was saved by God. I will say the Yeomanry was this close to killing me, but a Hussar and this mighty horse stood in the path of both of us pulling him a barbaric gleam, a coward and ruthless"

That is all we could get from this true soul the real question is though will the people be able to do anything to stop this barbaric action

Henry Hunt has done chaotic stuff because the horses had killed the people because of Henry Hunt. Suddenly Henry Hunt was making the community and I heard people screaming very loudly behind me. Henry Hunt has made all the community very mad because the horses had killed many people. The yeomanry used the sword, horses, and musket with bayonets to kill many people. The yeomanry has made carnage and barbarism to the people. The yeomanry had stopped fighting because the yeomanry was very ruthless and sadistic to the people. The Peterloo Massacre was catastrophic and the Yeomanry instigated fighting. It was very brutal, abominable and barbarous.

By Hannahah Choi



Year 9s have been working very hard in their **Making of Modern Britain** sessions. We have been studying Democracy in Britain and these diligent students have produced newspaper articles to memorialise the events of the Peterloo Massacre of 1819. Please join me in congratulating them on their excellent writing skills! Snippets of their work can be seen here...

Ms O'Shea

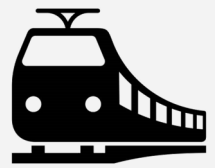


Mrs Garrib comments, "It was wonderful watching both my Year 10 science groups take each other on in their first debate for the year.....**Should smoking be banned?** There were excellent arguments for and against but there could be only one winner. Congratulations to 10H science—Ethan C Tobias C, Zachary H & Avaneesh G. A huge well done to Jamie S, Joshua I, Sam C & Enzo R for being such worthy opponents. Our winners will now face Miss Patel's science group in the next round.....**WATCH THIS SPACE!**"



### **Train Strike - Please make alternative arrangements for your child's journey to school**

Dear Parents, from tomorrow until the 9th December there will be disruptions unfortunately to the train services which may affect your child's journey to school. Mr Clarke has asked that you kindly make alternative arrangements for your child's journey to school if they are affected by this. Thank you in advance. *Mrs Harding*



*Enjoying Folu's performance at Nescot last night!*

A number of staff enjoyed an evening out at Nescot's Adrian Mann Theatre watching an ex-KHS pupil perform as part of the Year 1 and 2 Creative Arts Course Musical Theatre group. They sang, danced and acted their way through a plethora of vignettes from theatre shows.

*"Folu was bursting with energy and was obviously delighted to be performing, and was the star dancer for sure as he got so many cheers at the end of his performances. The obvious support and friendship from his peer group was totally heart-warming to see and we left feeling joyful that he has found his niche at college"*



*Two other notices for parents please; details went out in Parentmails earlier this week...*

### **KHS Carol Service**

**Monday 11th December 2023**

Minibuses will be leaving school at the early time of 4pm—no later service will be running. Children can stay on site till 5pm, but there will be no other Late Club provision.

Pupils and parents to arrive at 6:40pm; parking available in local roads or at KHS. Full school uniform to be worn including blazers; this is a compulsory event

### **Year 9 LifeLab Enterprise Fair**

**Tuesday 5th December**

Please send in your child with a small amount of cash to support the products on offer, designed and made by the Year 9s, in their business entrepreneurial activity next week. Thank you.