

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

The 'festive feels' were certainly in place around school this week beginning with the fabulous Year 2—5 pupils' Christmas play—a favourite on any school calendar! It is worth remembering however, how much of a daunting prospect this can be for some children, yet we believe that in our highly supportive and caring environment, such fears can be overcome and result in pupils achieving so much more than they ever thought possible. Well done to all our star performers who re-told the Christmas story from an alien perspective with great aplomb in their acting, moving and singing performances!

Our Year 9 pupils pushed themselves this week too in their preparations and efforts for their Life Lab Perfect Pitch Enterprise Fair. They have been working collaboratively over this term to research, design and create a business model and product that was then offered to the rest of the school; success comes with the highest profit margin for each pupil 'company'—so watch this space to find out more.

The Senior Lecture given by Leah Chowdry and Year 9 Headmaster's Dinner made for a very busy week indeed for our eldest pupils!

On that note, we have lots to look forward too next week in the final two and half days, including the Carol Service which I hope to see many of our families at on Monday evening, as well as traditional Christmas lunch and wearing Christmas jumpers for pupils and staff!

Have a relaxing weekend before we go again next week!

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			
Monday	11	From 1215 1900	Christmas Lunch for Years 2—8 pupils; Carol Service at Christchurch—all welcome
Tuesday	12	All day 1030-1630 1215-1400	Christmas Jumper Day! Lower Prep & Year 7 Pantomime Trip Christmas Lunch for Years 9-11 pupils; <i>rest of school to bring in own packed lunch please</i>
Wednesday	13	1100-1200 1215 1230	End of Term Assembly at Christchurch Years 1-6 finish – no minibus runs or Clubs Years 7-11 finish—no minibus runs or Clubs
Monday - Friday	18—22	0900-1600	KINGSWOOD ACTIVE HOLIDAY CAMP —open to all bookings and info here

House points - this week - Whole School

Drake - 582

Marlborough - 607

Nelson - 625

Wellington - 517

House points - totals - Whole School

Drake - 6819

Marlborough - 6958

Nelson - 7164

Wellington - 6561

Extra Curricular Clubs Spring Term 2024

All details and booking forms now on the school website [here](#)—do book your child on before all the places get snapped up!

There is new **Yoga Club** for Upper Prep pupils being run after school on a Thursday .

Extra-Curricular Activities
GET INVOLVED!

LUNCH MENU for week beginning 11.12.2023

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday
Traditional Christmas Lunch with all the Trimmings!	Fresh Fruit; Mince Pies	Traditional Christmas Lunch with all the Trimmings!	Fresh Fruit; Mince Pies	NO LUNCH SERVICE
Vegetarian Options available too		Vegetarian Options available too		
Years 2 – 8		Year 9, 10 & 11		





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

AbdurRahman O'S (2M) for working so hard and doing extra homework, well done Mrs Martins.

All of Lower Prep and Year 5- For an excellent nativity, you all worked your socks off! Miss Sumners

Scarlett W (4S) for giving great advice about friendships. Miss Sumners

Firstly all of Year 2, 4 and 5 for such an amazing performance in their Christmas Nativity, it was a joy working with you all! Miss Forbes

UPPER PREP

Zayn J (5F) for the efforts he constantly shows in French. Madame Swift

Alfie L (5F) for his superb dancing in the Nativity and reading so clearly in Pupil Briefing. Mrs Jennings

Year 7 Science – Hayden C (7B) Imogen E (7B) and Phoebe F (7B) – for their sensible approach to lessons. And also James H (7A) and Toby W (7A) for plenty of oomph in lessons last week. Mr Barratt

Hayden C (7B) and Elody T (7B) for their contributions and efforts with the near future tense in French. Madame Swift

Blake P (7B) for being brave and showing resilience - we are very happy to welcome you back in school. Mrs Jennings

Toby W (7A) for continuing to make excellent progress at KHS, challenging himself and making positive friendships. Mrs Jennings

Imogen E (7B) for her excellent planning, collaboration and delivery of Identity Club. Mrs Jennings

Byron M (8L) has been off sport recently due to an injury, but has been keeping his spirits high in 8L by playing pool with his friends. Mr Laudy

Year 8 Science; huge shout out for Oscar P (8C) – fabulous attitude and participation in lessons on Separating Mixtures. Also for Harry W (8C) and Enzo B-P (8L) – fully focused in class.

Jensen W (8L) – best science lesson this year – cool! Darcey S (8C) – Improved effort. Mr Barratt

Year 8 Maths – Zak A (8L) and Harvey M (8C) for consistent hard work. Mr Barratt

Ben C (8L) for always offering his support to teachers and for reading brilliantly during Pupil Briefing. Mrs Jennings

Rhys B (8C) for always being so positive around school and for reading so confidently in Pupil Briefing. Mrs Jennings

Byron M (8L) - a very impressive term in Science. Mr Barratt

SENIORS

In 9P – for all their great work in volunteering with Eco Club; Dylan N, Leroux V H and Khishaan T. Miss Hylands

Dylan N (9P) and Derin U (9P) – for their great help organising props for 'The Lion King'. Miss Hylands

In 9J for his great work in volunteering with Eco Club, Dan G and in 9A another great volunteer, Finlay R. Miss Hylands

Also in 9J, Kittie C for her amazing work in Life Lab last week. Miss Hylands

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

Year 9 Maths – Will B (9J) and Dan G (9J) – who have upped their game over the past two weeks – top lads! Mr Barratt

Kieran S (9A) for his excellent work in PSHE this term. Mrs Jennings

William B (9J) for his super progress in GCSE PE this term. Mrs Jennings



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SENIORS *continued...*

All of Year 9 for their fantastic Life Lab presentations! Mr Sukhdeo

Tommy van M (9J) for his excellent planning, collaboration and delivery of Identity Club. Mrs Jennings

Harry L (10R) for his recent contributions to our study of 'A Christmas Carol'. Mr March

Well done to Charles R (10P) our latest Golfer of the Week! Mr Barratt

Year 10 Geography - Well done to Ayaan S (10R) Enzo R (10P) Archie N (10R) and Jamie S (10G) for doing so well in their end of topic test in Geography. Hard work is paying off. Mr Laudy



Class 9J stepped up to the mark to deliver their Assembly about 'Christmas Traditions Around the World' despite being 5 members' short in class.

We all enjoyed hearing about fried chicken meals in Japan and record breaking temperatures on the beach in Australia!

It made us all reflect on where actually we would like to spend the 25th December in the future...



Thank you to all pupils, Mrs Jennings and Mrs Sundaresh for their part in a great assembly!

AND THE
WINNERS
ARE...

SPORTS NEWS



Tournament Winners!! Huge Congratulations to our U13s who won their tournament on Friday last week without conceding a goal!!! Well played, Tom F (8C) Indi D (8L) Christopher K (8L) Oscar E (8L) Harvey M—Captain - (8C) Ed B—Vice Captain—(8L) Alex M-K (8C) Peter S (8L) Zak A (8L) Rufus J (8L)



We are hearing great things about Indi playing hockey with his team London Hockey—well done Indi, keep it up!



The Year 5s and Year 6s played some super netball on Wednesday at Chinthurst. KHS had a glorious 8-0 victory!

Players of the Match were Hugo and Bea. It was a pleasure taking the team! Well done to,

Theo A (5F) Bea S (5F) Phoebe W (5F)
Captain Hugo VH (6S) Henry W (6S) Toby H (6S) William N-B (6F)



Mrs Jennings

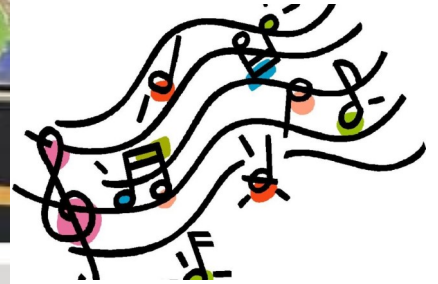




Well done to all our performers at the recent Tea Time Concert...and we look forward to more musical delights on Monday at our Carol Service!



See you there 1840 onwards for a prompt 1900 start.



Here our are great Year 9 cohort who enjoyed their Headmaster's Dinner this week with Mr Clarke, Mr Sukhdeo, Mrs Jennings, Mr March, Mrs Witts, Mrs Pengelly and other staff.

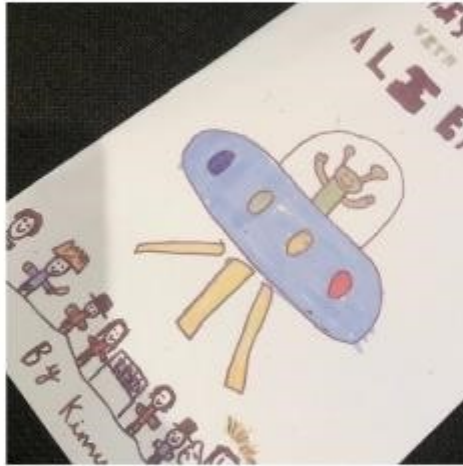


It was lovely to all sit together after school and chat about the school year so far and some of the highs and lows they have experienced.



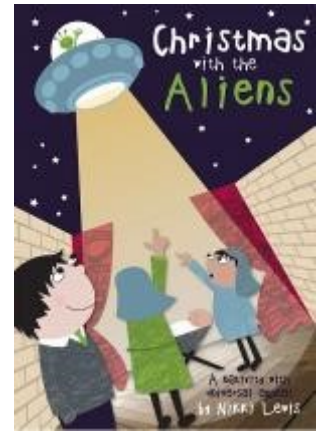
Many thanks to Jane Chandler and her team in the kitchen who provided a delicious curry dinner for all.





Christmas With The Aliens!

Our fabulous pupils in Years 2, 4 and 5 put on a super show for their parents at the start of this week retelling the traditional Christmas story with an 'out of this world' twist...!



...and following on from all the Christmas production excitement, Mrs Martins tells us some of the many things her Year 2 pupils have been up to this week in class including,

“As part of their ‘World Religions’ topic, the class looked at the Sikh symbol Khanda—meaning charity. This seemed very apt for this time of year and we discussed gratitude in their PSHE lesson and linked this to the school’s ethos of respect, giving and helpfulness.

We also had a great science lesson on ‘water’ exploring water wise content, with tips on saving water. We pretended we had to fetch water from a well on a hot day! The class had to collect some precious water in a bucket and carry it on their head and walk around the Lower Prep area outside. They then wrote a diary describing their walk and how much water they managed to collect without spilling any for their family”.



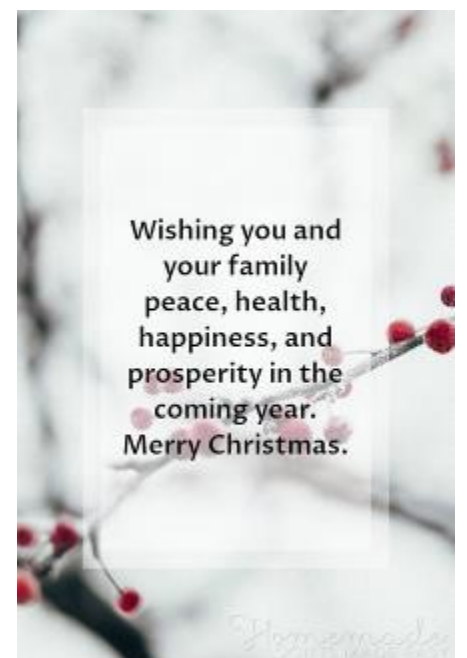


A message from the KHA Chair Jean Towers,

"The KHA inaugural Christmas Fayre was held on Saturday and we would like to thank all those who helped make the event such a great success. Thank you to everyone you joined us on the day, volunteered their time, baked wonderful cakes, donated gifts for the raffle and helped clear up. The festive music and buzz of the morning certainly helped spread the festive cheer!"

A special mention must go to the following pupils who also turned up and gave their time willingly... D of E volunteers Enzo R (10P) Conor T (10R) Sam C (10P) & Ethan C (10P) who helped run stalls, and Lily-Rose M (8C) who was tireless in her help on the very busy cake stall, giving those parents a much-needed break at times!

The KHA were delighted to receive such positive feedback from families over this event and hopes it will become an annual fixture on the school calendar going forward...!"



Mrs Weston tells us, "Year 8, as part of their revision of the Greek Gods topic in their Classics lesson with me, made their own 'Top Trumps' cards based on the different characters. We organised a tournament and the whole year group played in good spirits. Harvey won in 8C and Byron in 8L and hopefully all benefitted from this fun, learning exercise!".



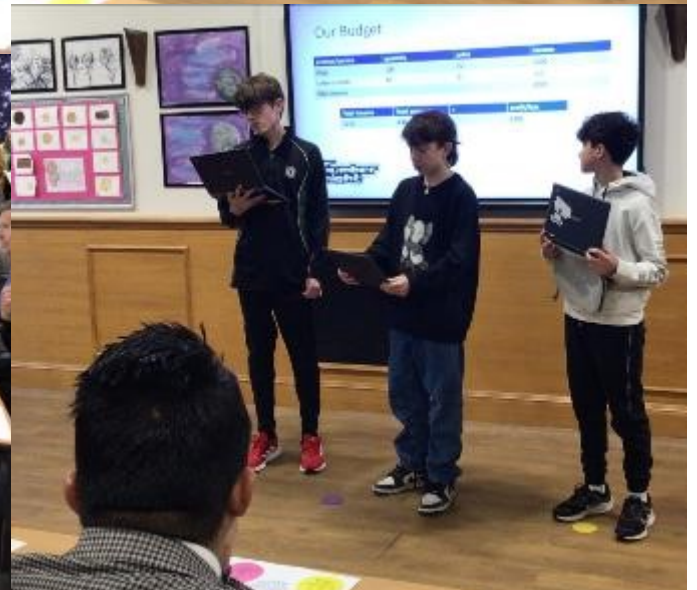
LOST PROPERTY!

The Office still have an expensive looking watch and now a pair of wireless ear phones as well...please do check you / your child has all their property and if you think they are yours, come and see Mrs Harding / Mrs Miller. It would be a shame to leave them here over the Christmas break...





Year 9 Perfect Pitch



Mr Clarke, Mr Sukhdeo and former Headmaster Mr Brooks were the panel that our Year 9 pupils had to present their 'LifeLab' business ideas to at the start of this week, before going on to set up their products at the Enterprise Fair...see over!

This sort of learning outside the classroom draws upon, and develops, so many 'soft skills' that helps equip our pupils for many areas of real life, beyond the school gate.





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Calendar

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Monday, 4 December 2023

09:30 - 10:30 Lower Prep Nativity
Location: Langlands
External Visitors, Lower Prep, Year 2, Year 4, Year 5

Tuesday, 5 December 2023

Today

14:00 Year 9 Lifesab Enterprise Fair
Charity Events, Seniors, Year 9

Day View

14:30 - 18:00 Study Centre Parents' Evening
Parent Meetings

Week View

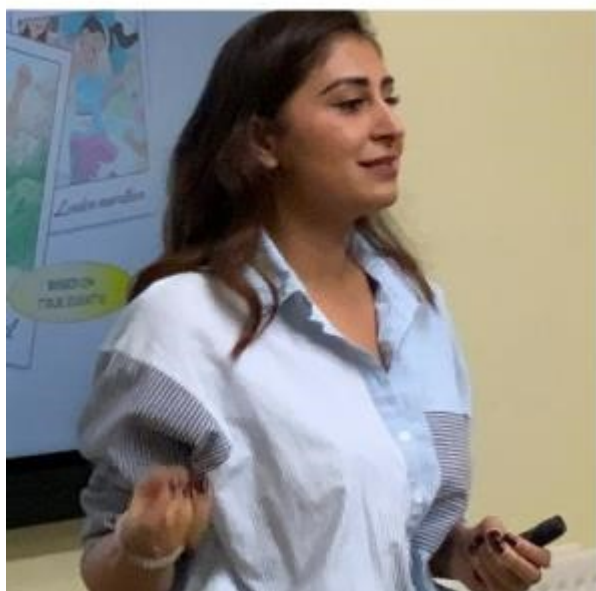
Month View

17:00 - 18:00 Year 9 Headmaster's Dinner
Seniors, Year 9

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NEW SOCS SCHOOL CALENDAR!

We have transferred our main school calendar to the SOCS platform which is directly accessible on line from any browser or device, simply type in calendar.kingswoodhouse.org and you will see the screen as above with all details. These can be set to a week or month view and filters selected to search by your child's year group or division. The calendar is also available by clicking on 'Calendar' tab on the school website [here](#)—top right, black banner, second one in.



Our Senior pupils were lucky to have **Leah Chowdry** for their **Senior Lecture** this week; on July 4th 2018 she became one of the first young British Asian women to swim the English Channel at 26 years old taking under 15 hours to complete the 30 mile swim despite obstacles like jellyfish, ship tankers and seasickness! She was very inspirational with her message of "I can" and "Dream big..."

Her young children's book is available [here](#)

Parents please note, the physical uniform shop in Epsom—Stevensons—will be shut over the festive period from 18th December until 1st January, however you can still order online [here](#).

Our next KHA Second Hand Uniform Sale is 18th March 2024 1500-1700 in the Dining Room.



Opening Times

From everyone at Stevensons, we're sending you our best wishes and a little note to say that we are closing our stores over the Christmas holidays so staff can spend time with their family and friends.

We're closed from 18th December until 1st January.

We re-open on the 2nd of January

You can still order for home delivery or Click and Collect once the store re-opens.

Festive.

