

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, as parents, for your continued support throughout the term. So much has been achieved and I am delighted with the term as a whole and look forward to many exciting plans for the coming weeks and months ahead.

In staffing news we say farewell to Mike Bailey, Stella Taylor and Richard Annang. Mike is semi-retiring after nearly ten years at Kingswood House as a teacher and before that a parent; I know Mike will remain a friend of the school for years to come. I fully expect to be calling on his many skills when something breaks around school as he is simply the man that can fix things. Stella kindly came out of retirement to teach French this term until the new Head of MFL starts in January. Our thanks go to Stella and since we already have her booked in to come back as an invigilator and more over the next few months it is 'Au Revoir' as opposed to 'Goodbye'. Richard moves on after a term and a half at Kingswood House. We thank him and wish him well for the future.

Jacqueline Rudenko joins us in January as Head of MFL, Carrie Miller as an English and HPQ teacher and Chris Belcher as Head of DT. I am sure they will be great assets to the school as we continue to strive for the very best quality teaching for your child.

Lastly I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope you all get some rest and I look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

Yours sincerely

Mr Liam Clarke

Interim Headmaster



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House points - this week - Whole School

Drake - 468

Marlborough - 465

Nelson - 394

Wellington - 408

House points - totals - Whole School

Drake - 7287

Marlborough - 7423

Nelson - 7558

Wellington - 6969

Calendar

Don't forget parents can access all details about the Spring Term through calendar.kingswoodhouse.org in any browser or through our website [here](#)

2024



Year 8 had a fantastic afternoon bowling at Guildford Spectrum thanks to the KHA.

Well done to everyone for being fabulous ambassadors of the Kingswood House Way and a special well done to Mr Cowie for his victory.

Mr Laudy, Mr Cowie and Mrs Jennings



Prizes and End of Term Awards

The following pupils received various awards at our End of Term Assembly at Christ Church earlier today.

Congratulations and **Well Done** to all!

- Nathan A (11H) was awarded his **Senior Prefect** tie and welcomed to the Prefect body.
- Max K (8C) was awarded his **Upper Prep Prefect** tie and welcomed to the Prefect body.
- Hattie Clark has been made a **Lower Pep Monitor** for the Spring Term.

Sports Team & Awards to the following pupils...

Golden Boot (average goals per game) Harvey M (8C)

U16A—Player of the Season, Theo M (10R) Player of Potential, Johnny B (10G)

U16B—Player of the Season, Josh McC (10P) Player of Potential, Zac M (10R)

U15A—Player of the Season, Benji B (10G) Player of Potential, Alex W (9A)

U15B—Player of the Season, Khishaan T (9P) Player of Potential, Conor M-A (9A)

U14A—Player of the Season, Finlay R (9A) Player of Potential, LeRoux vH (9P)

U14B—Player of the Season, Henry R(9A) Player of Potential, Thomas H (9P)

U13A—Player of the Season, Eddie B (8L) Player of Potential, Oscar E (8L)

U13B—Player of the Season, Cyril B-D (7A) Player of Potential, James H (7A)

U13C—Player of the Season, Max W (7A) Player of Potential, Angus V (8C)

Colts A—Player of the Season, Freddie L (6F) Player of Potential, Zach B (6F)

Colts B—Player of the Season, Hugo vH (6S) Player of Potential, Arjan P (6S)

Colts C—Player of the Season, Ciara P (6F) Player of Potential, Leo dB (6F)

Colts D—Player of the Season, Honor F (6S) Player of Potential, Eliza B-P (6S)

U9A—Player of the Season, Yarik M (4S) Player of Potential, George W (4S)

U9B—Player of the Season, Arthur H-H (4S) Player of Potential, Dillen S (4S)

Sports Values Medals to,

Year 7 - Imogen E; Year 8—Ben C; Year 9—Ruby B; Year 10—Arlo S; Year 11—Ozzy S

Green Star Awards from Mr Clarke went to the following pupils this term,

Jamie C (6F) for his presentations to the whole school in Assembly about his hearing condition.

Byron M (8L) for excellent presentation in his French book.

James D (9P) for excellent presentation in his Classical Civilisation book.

Honor F (6S) for brilliant story writing in English.

James D (7A) for his superb trumpet playing for the Remembrance service.

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

Sebastian H (7A), Izzy D (8C) & Oscar P (8C) for their House art competition individual entries.





Lower Prep pupils enjoyed the Winter Trail at Polesden Lacey last Friday



There were a lot of 'good children' on Santa's list the other day when he called into Lower Prep...! They enjoyed a story and were lucky enough to receive a small gift as well...a very Merry Christmas to all!



"Oh yes they are, oh no they're not...!"

KHS pupils poised to enjoy the Peter Pan panto at Woking Theatre with Mr Anton du Beke as Smee!



*Can you spot who got called up on stage...?
Much to the pupils' delight!*



There were certainly a lot of custard pies in the face!



*Mrs Ibbitson
definitely got her
own back on Mr
Clarke!*





A candlelit procession, hand bell ringing, readings from the Bible and more modern sources, our Chair of Governors, pupils, Mr Clarke, staff, Senior and KHS choirs—our Carol Service really did showcase so much talent last night! The event took place after an absence of three years and was a very welcome return.

Many thanks to all involved and especially Mr Allen and Mrs Pengelly for their musical leadership and directorship.



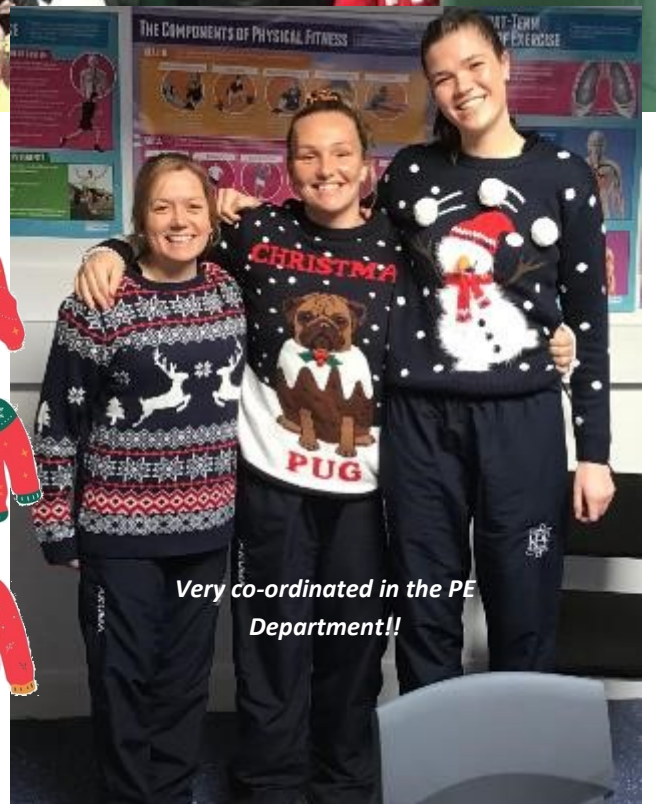
HUGE THANKS to Jane Chandler and her brilliant kitchen team who pulled off not one day of Christmas lunches, but two, this week!!

The catering staff were in last Sunday to prep all the veg, potatoes and most importantly the 'Pigs in Blankets' - over a thousand of those mini chipolata cocktail sausages wrapped in streaky bacon, in case you were wondering numbers?!!! It was all a truly delicious feast.

The good food was enjoyed by staff and pupils alike, alongside pulling crackers, wearing silly hats and sharing the bad jokes! All fabulous festive fun.

**THANK
YOU!**





Very co-ordinated in the PE Department!!

School was all the 'festive feels' on Tuesday when staff and pupils alike wore their best Christmas jumpers, and in so doing were able to send off £222 [Save the Children](#) and £222 to [Alternatives Trust Ltd](#). Thank you for all your support!



Despite the rain and slippery conditions on court the last eagerly anticipated fixture of the term was the Staff Netball Match.

It was **Kingswood Candy Canes** vs. **Kingswood Cookies** in a fiercely contested game that had umpire Mrs Jennings relying heavily on her whistle!!

The Kingswood Candy Canes triumphed, captained by Mr Cowie, despite Mr Barratt's futile attempt at using a ladder to secure some goals!

Well played everyone and in true KHS spirit of endeavour and resilience.