

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

It seems the cold, bright weather has inspired us all to reach for new heights of success this week, both inside and outside the classroom, which is what KHS is supreme at doing! From participating in a youth choir singing at the O2 Arena, to playing on the football field in the quarter finals of a prestigious independent schools tournament, it has been an uplifting week for staff and pupils alike as a sense of pride and team spirit have been firmly locked in place.

It has been encouraging to see how seamlessly the new staff and pupils that joined us last week have slotted into the fabric of the school and are up and running already; well done. You will find staff contact details on our school website [here](#) and more information over leaf. I hope you are also finding the new SOCS integrated school Calendar easy to use and navigate available either by typing calendar.kingswoodhouse.org into any browser or again, through our website [here](#).

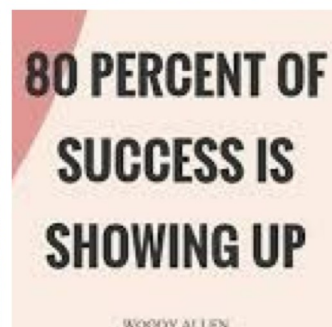
Our production is getting ever closer as the rehearsal schedule is ramping up and making demands on the children who are taking it in their—African, lion stride—and often hard singing snippets around school! Tickets are on general sale now—£18 each to include a free souvenir programme— and selling fast; don't miss out on yours as numbers are creeping up for each evening. It promises to be a wonderful showcase of our pupils' acting, singing and dancing talents and another indicator that puts KHS top in measuring success in non-academic terms.

Have an enjoyable 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:

2024 JANUARY			
Monday	22	0730 1230-1400 1700-1900	SLT Meeting Year 11 GCSE PE students climbing at White Spider Centre 7B Parents' Evening via SchoolCloud
Tuesday	23	All day 0935-1055 1630 1700-1900	Year 4 trip to Kew Gardens—Rainforest Workshop Year 9 Emotional Intelligence & First Aid Course—session 2 Staff Meeting 7A Parents' Evening via SchoolCloud
Wednesday	24	0845 0930 1215-1600	5F Assembly Lower Prep Forest School Institute of Cancer Research Visiting Speaker Q&A session & workshop for Year 9
Thursday	25	0900-1330 1600-1730	Year 5 & 6 trip to Hobbledown Lion King rehearsal
Friday	26	All day	Lion King rehearsal Y11 History Migration Tour, East End London
Sunday	28	1330-1700	Lion King rehearsal at the Adrian Mann Theatre, Nescot



Many ***Congratulations*** to the Fitzgibbon sisters who have had a very successful weekend dancing up in Blackpool; three group dances made placing and two of those making the finals back at the Winter Gardens, Blackpool – the home of all things dancing - in March.

We wish them every continued success!



LUNCH MENU for week beginning 22.01.2024

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Meatballs & Sauce with Spaghetti; Veganballs with Tomato Sauce & Spaghetti (V)	Fresh Fruit; Jelly	Five Bean Chilli (V) with Brown & White Rice	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	Roast Pork & Crackling; Halloumi & Pesto Pie (V) with Roast Potatoes & Carrots	Fresh Fruit; Choc Marble Cake & Choc Sauce	Chicken Pasta Bake; Tomato Pasta Bake (V) with Crushed New Potatoes	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	Homemade Fish Pie with Peas	Fresh Fruit; Cheese & Biscuits

A very warm KHS Welcome to our new members of teaching staff:

Mr Chris Belcher—Head of DT, Games Teacher & 9A Form Teacher; Miss Carrie Miller—English & HPQ Teacher



Ms Jacqueline Rudenko—Head of MFL & 10R Form Teacher; Miss Deepa Williams—English Teacher



U15 Football ISFA Quarter Finals!

Many congratulations to, and much admiration for, our U15 footballers who had got through to the Quarter Finals of the Independent Schools Football Association tournament in Dorking on Tuesday. Year 8 pupils went to watch and support them, along with a number of staff who were in awe of their valiant performance. Despite a loss of 1-7 the score sheet did not reflect the strength of our team.

Well done to Theo W (10R), Tai B (10R) Archie N (10R) Theo M (10R) Finlay R (9A) Rex T (9A) Max R, Captain (10R) Harrison W (9P) Alex W (9A) Benji B (10G) Jonathan B (10G) Mikey S (10R) Zac M (10R) Sergio A-H (10G)



Fantastic match play KHS!

WELL DONE EVERYONE...



A HUGE 'thank You' to Richard Laudy for taking these fabulous action shots at the game.



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 O'S for his sequencing through role-play during English for our new topic book 'Handa's Surprise'. Well done! Mrs Martins

Scarlett W (4S) for excellent contributions in lessons. Miss Sumners

UPPER PREP

The Year 6s for their outstanding performance in the Young Voices at the O2 on Monday night - what an incredible night! Mrs Jennings

Toby H (6S) for his fabulous Shadow Theatre Christmas break prep work. Mrs Jennings

William N-B (6F) for giving a very good definition of what he thinks 'success' is. Madame Swift

All Year 6 for their excellent behaviour on the trip to the O2 for Young Voices. Madame Swift

Shout out too for Mr Allen for organising the Young Voices trip, it was an amazing day, it gave me a real sense of pride for having been involved in such an event. Madame Swift

Eliza B-P (6S) for knowing all the actions to the song from Moana. Madame Swift

Pupils in Year 6 that took part in Young Voices at the O2. What an incredible day and an amazing show to be a part of. You should all be incredibly proud of yourselves! Miss Hylands

Another mention for all of Year 6 who went on the Young Voices trip. They sang beautiful and showed the school in a wonderful light!! Mr Allen

Y7 Science – Dexter B (7A) Ava M (7A) and Blaine D (7B) for a cracking start to the new year. Mr Barratt

Well done to the U15 rugby boys last Thursday who demonstrated great enthusiasm and positivity despite the cold conditions and depleted numbers. A great start to the season! Mr Laudy

Y8 Science – Henry S (8C) and Harvey M (8C) for awesome acid investigation; Rhys B (8C) and Etienne W (8C) for great team work. Also, Ben C (8L) and Byron M (8L) for rising to the top in lessons this week. Mr Barratt

Y8 Maths – Peter S (8L) and Enzo B-P (8L) for exceeding expectations this week. Mr Barratt

SENIORS

Dylan N (9P) for his fantastic efforts being a revision quiz master! A very clever way of making preparing for exams entertaining! Miss Patel

Dylan N (9P) for being an ambassador of the school and always lending his support. Mrs Jennings

Stanley B-D (9J) for gaining his golf handicap which just been confirmed by England Golf as 23.9 - well done! Mrs Jennings

Y9 Maths – Oscar D (9P) and Stanley B-D (9J) for expertise in Stem and Leaf diagrams. Mr Barratt

Our Year10 Historians for some very focused work since we came back this term. Mrs Haunstetter

Faizahn J (11H) – improved and excellent attitude towards his History studies. Some great holiday work. Mrs Haunstetter

Aaryan K (11H) – a very positive mindset from him in History recently. Mrs Haunstetter

Congratulations to Henry S (11H) who has been shortlisted for the accolade, 'Police Cadet of the Year'. He is in the top five in the country out of hundreds of young cadets.

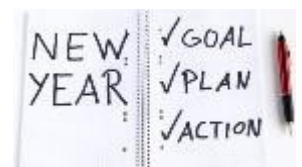


House Meetings across the school at the start of term... lots to look forward too!



Thank you to Form 9P who delivered our Assembly this week urging us to set realistic expectations with our New Year's Resolutions...!

We are nearly two thirds of the way through the month and if we break them down into small, manageable chunks we are more likely to succeed with them—very encouraging to hear.



House points - this week - Whole School

Drake - 362

Marlborough - 373

Nelson - 356

Wellington - 323

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Dear Parents, a note from Ms Timothy. Please find below the link for a free webinar on January 25th 2024 at 1900. This year, stem4's Parent Mental Health Day, is focussing on **Creating Positive Relationships** (#CPR). If you are a parent whose relationships have flat-lined, or need a reboot, join us as we explore how to help your relationships flourish.

Expert speakers and young people with lived experience will focus on concepts of Connecting, Playing and Resting (#CPR) to provide practical tools to help you in #CreatingPositiveRelationships.

https://stem4-org-uk.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ANIQGV07QeagoQrWPNTTNw#/registration

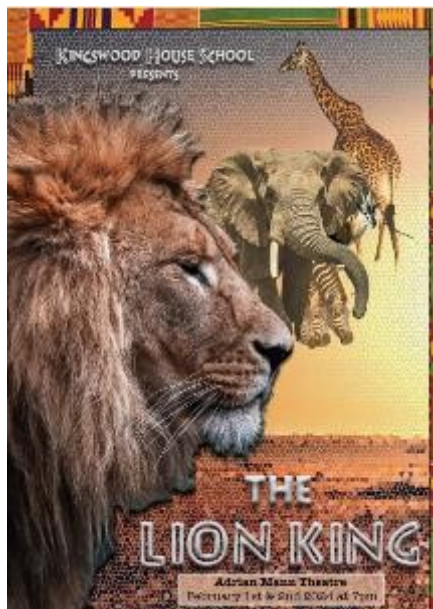
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Thank
You

As a school we raised £160.93 for the RBL Poppy Appeal in 2023.

Thank you to all families that donated, we have been thanked for our support. Together, Epsom & Ewell schools raised £4,285.97—an amazing amount of money for those in the Armed Forces community.



The Lion King Production 2024!

Thank you to all those families who have supported our Lion King production and bought their tickets already—they are selling out fast so do apply for them if you want to come! Tickets are priced at £18 and charged to your fees invoice; this year you will receive a souvenir programme included in that price.

For all ticket enquiries please email [Mrs Harding](#) in the Office.

ALL TICKETS AND YOUR SOUVENIR PROGRAMME WILL BE ISSUED TO YOUR CHILD WEEK COMMENCING 29.01.2024; see you for curtains up!!



A fabulous event at the O2 Arena on Monday for our Year 6 pupils who joined in '[Young Voices](#)' - the largest children's choir performances in the world! This year saw over 4,000 schools register to perform at one of five venues in the UK. Mr Allen registered our pupils back in September and has since been working hard to prep them.



All the accompanying staff really enjoyed the event and said our KHS pupils were impeccably behaved throughout the day and sang their hearts out for the evening performance. It was an incredible 'buzz' and fabulous experience for them all.



Year 2 enjoying enacting and role playing the story of *Handa's Surprise* to extend their Geography learning in their 'Kenya' topic, Mrs Martins tells us.



Meanwhile, Year 4 with Miss Sumners explored the climate throughout America. They had a go at being weather presenters and wrote a forecast which they showed to the rest of the class.



Left, a game of UNO is fast becoming our latest playground 'trend' for some whilst below, Year 9s Assembly encouraged us to participate and get active!

...around school this week...



The Year 7 trip took place today to the Winchester Planetarium & Science Centre and our pupils enjoyed being engineers and designed their own rockets, reports back Mrs Jennings. They tested them to see if they could launch successfully without injuring the astronaut!



GENERAL TICKET SALES for The Lion King...

We have less than 20 tickets left for the Friday night and only a few more for the Thursday night—don't be disappointed, contact [Mrs Harding](#) in the Office now! Tickets are £18 each and include a free Souvenir Programme!



KINGSWOOD HOUSE SCHOOL
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**Tickets selling fast...get
yours now from the Office!**

**THE
LION KING**

Adrian Mann Theatre
February 1st & 2nd 2024 at 7pm

February Half-Term Camps Near You!

We are excited for another half-term break where we can help young people get active at one of our many camps!

All of our dedicated coaches at Platform Sports & Platform Active are waiting to give your child the best half-term break! We are just waiting for you to book your place before we sell out! Click here to book our [football camps](#) and [activity camps](#)! We have a range of exciting camps to suit the needs of your child and all of our camps have the same high quality provision and are run by our passionate, professional coaches who want to make a real difference to young people's lives. Activities that we have on offer this half-term are:

[Bell Farm School Active Camp](#)



[Bell Farm Football Camp](#)



[Girl's Training Camp, Advanced Training Camp & Keeper Camp at Esher College](#)

[Football Camp & Keeper at Cobham Rugby Club](#)

Are you looking for something extra after school for your child?

Throughout the week we run football sessions for boys and girls on every single day! If your child is interested in playing more sports or joining a team then please visit our website to sign up and we will give you the first session for FREE!