

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

We have had a good week in school with lots going on as usual; looking back it seems much was History related and it is interesting to note how we strive to instil a love of the subject here at KHS. It is so relevant and critical to engage our pupils with knowledge of the past with which to inform their understanding of the present.

Our Year 6 pupils have enjoyed creating castles out of a whole range of materials and I was mightily impressed by some of the models I came across in school; what a wonderful practical way to learn!

Today our Year 11 GCSE pupils are participating in a walking tour of the East End of London with Mrs Haunstetter to enrich their understanding of migration and population growth. We also recognise that tomorrow is National Holocaust Memorial Day; our Senior Pupils heard about this in their Pupil Briefing this week. If you are in the area tomorrow, Epsom Clock Tower will be lit up purple in recognition of this and all victims and survivors of genocide worldwide. In today's fast changing and swiftly paced world, which is so often fixated on the instant 'likes' and reactions going viral, it is increasingly important that history is acknowledged to enable us to be more empathetic and appreciative of our society and our place within it.

And last, but by no means least—**Lion King** tickets...have you got yours yet??? The production is entering into its final rehearsal stage, starting this Sunday at the Adrian Mann Theatre and continuing through till Wednesday before the two shows on Thursday and Friday nights. This is 'Production Week' at school and a very exciting time for all involved ; we have a strong, dedicated cast and crew of over 60 pupils and staff involved as they strive to achieve their very best—singing, dancing, acting—in this ever-popular musical which we are all highly anticipating. Do go along and support your friends in the production—it may even inspire you to audition for next year's show! At Kingswood House we put a lot of emphasis on nurturing the individual child and recognising each pupil's gifts and talents; these may not always be seen in the classroom, or evident on the sports field, and so the stage becomes another venue in which a KHS pupil can shine... *enter stage right and GO!*

Yours sincerely

Interim Headmaster

Mr Liam Clarke

*Norman History brought to classroom-scaled
life in Year 6!*



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

2024		JANUARY / FEBRUARY		Production Week at Adrian Mann Theatre, NESCOL!	
Monday	29	0830 1600	Production cast—meet at school for travel to and day then spent at Adrian Mann Theatre Production cast—pick up at Adrian Mann Theatre		
Tuesday	30	0830 0935-1055 1600	Production cast—meet at school for travel to and day then spent at Adrian Mann Theatre Year 9 Emotional Intelligence & First Aid Course—session 3 Production cast—pick up at Adrian Mann Theatre		
Wednesday	31	0830 0845 0930	Production cast—meet at school for travel to and day then spent at Adrian Mann Theatre Assembly Lower Prep Forest School		
Thursday	01	1900-2100	School production of The Lion King, Adrian Mann Theatre		
Friday	02	1900-2100	School production of The Lion King, Adrian Mann Theatre		

We need your help!
We are holding a Kids and Teens Pre-Loved sale to raise money for National Autistic Society Sutton and need your good condition clothes, shoes, books, games and toys.

NAS Sutton is an organisation that supports more than 800 autistic children, teenagers and adults, in the local community. We are collecting pre-loved items for an upcoming sale. There will be a box in Reception for your donations.

Thank you,
 Jamie (10G)
 On behalf of National Autistic Society



As part of his D of E volunteering award Jamie S in 10G has organised a charity sale of children and teens pre-loved clothes, books and toys etc. It is for the National Autistic Society Sutton branch and he is appealing for any donations from our families...so time to clear out your cupboards and bring in anything he could sell!

Thanks very much in advance for your support.

LUNCH MENU for week beginning 29.01.2024

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Bacon & Tomato Pasta; Roasted Tomato Pasta (V) with Garlic Bread	Fresh Fruit; Jelly	Veggie Cottage Pie with Peas & Sweetcorn	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	Lasagne; Roasted Chunky Vegetable Lasagne with Steamed Broccoli	Fresh Fruit; Apple Crumble & Custard	BBQ Chicken or Halloumi Cheese (V) in a Wrap with Coleslaw & Salads	Fresh Fruit; Mini Doughnuts	Fish Fingers in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts



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 his use of adjectives and a great recount of the story 'Handas's Surprise' for English. Well done! Mrs Martins

Haris A(2M) for excellent contributions on the topic of colours in French. Madame Swift

Mahe Nau A(4S) for being polite and holding the door open for everyone to leave the room at the end of the lesson. Madame Swift

Annabelle P (5F) for volunteering to read and translate in French. Madame Swift

UPPER PREP

In Year 7 Science with Mr Barratt, Gabi C-A and Fraser S (7A) for being fully focussed in class; Kaydon J and Alex R (7B) for improved work ethic

Rhys B and Ava D (8C) – wow what a week – on fire in Science with Mr Barratt

Zak A and Isla M (8L) for pushing themselves more. Mr Barratt

Maths Y8 – Enzo B-P and Chris K for pace of work and good understanding. Mr Barratt

Mrs Pengelly's Year 7 maths group – I had the pleasure of observing this group last week- they were all on task and worked so well in this lesson! Mr Sukhdeo

Jensen W (8L) I observed Jensen in an English lesson – I was very impressed with his responses and his ability to explain the term "juxtaposition"! Mr Sukhdeo

8C showed a good work ethic last week both in class and with their written prep. Well done, keep it going 8C! Mrs Weston

SENIORS

Games shout outs from last week – Years 9&10 - Tommy VM Yousef M and Ezra OW – all showing great sportsmanship and enjoyment. Mr Barratt

Maths Y9 – Conor M-A (9A) and Oli F (9J)– impressive understanding with stem and leaf work. Mr Barratt

Enzo R (10P) for making excellent progress in maths and his positive approach to all lessons. Mr Sukhdeo

Lukas C (11W) for his super effort in lessons and for being so self- assured with his maths. Mr Sukhdeo

A nomination for Archie N (10R) for his outstanding start to the term in English. He is making a big effort and has turned his behaviour around completely. He is now able and willing to show what he is capable of! Mrs Curnin

How lovely to have Archie Nichols (10R) fully equipped and fully engaged in his History lesson – even able to lend a ruler to a fellow student! Mrs Haunstetter



...around school this week...

8L have been busy working on their geographical skills in their Geography lesson. This week they have been learning about 4 and 6 figure grid references and putting their skill into practice by finding locations on OS maps. These skills will be incredibly useful as they move into the senior school and tackle the challenges of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. *Mr Laudy*

Year 2, *below*, combined their Mathematical patterning and sequence skills along with some creative visual learning designing woven paper patterns based on Kenyan examples. They also completed a safari animal scene in their topic work considering silhouette shapes and blending warm colours. *Mrs Martins*





5F lead a fantastic assembly to pupils in Years 2-8 in Langlands on sharing and appreciation, with lots of audience participation!

Well done to Mrs Forbes and Mrs Mc Gill and all of 5F for their presentation which was done within a very short time to practise and prepare - you were all amazing! ...and it was great to hear the whole of Langlands filled with a loud chorus of 'Happy Birthday Mrs West' who was celebrating today... *Mrs Jennings*

Congratulations to Jensyn W (8L) who was presented with his Science pin badge for showing outstanding support to the Year 5s during Science Enrichment. *Miss Patel*



Year 4 had a Science master class on DNA from our Head of Science Miss Patel as part of Science Enrichment. They found out how much DNA we share with a banana! It was fascinating!!



Miss Summers



House points - this week - Whole School



House points - totals - Whole School



LOST PROPERTY

Is this watch yours???

Still unclaimed in the Office, someone must be missing it!

Do get in contact with [Mrs Harding](#)





Castle Howard? No, Castle Kingswood!



Year 6 have produced some absolutely wonderful castle models to complement their learning about the Norman Conquest and how William of Normandy kept control once he had become King of England.

They used such a fabulous variety of materials (including cinnamon sticks and cumin seeds) to create very authentic versions of both Motte and Bailey and Square Stone Keep castles, with working drawbridges and portcullises. There were even some medieval toilets and an *oubliette*—for the forgotten prisoner!

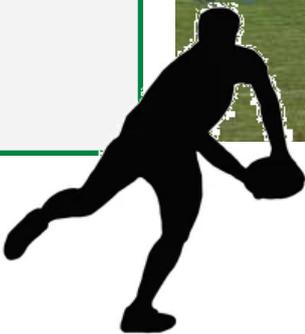
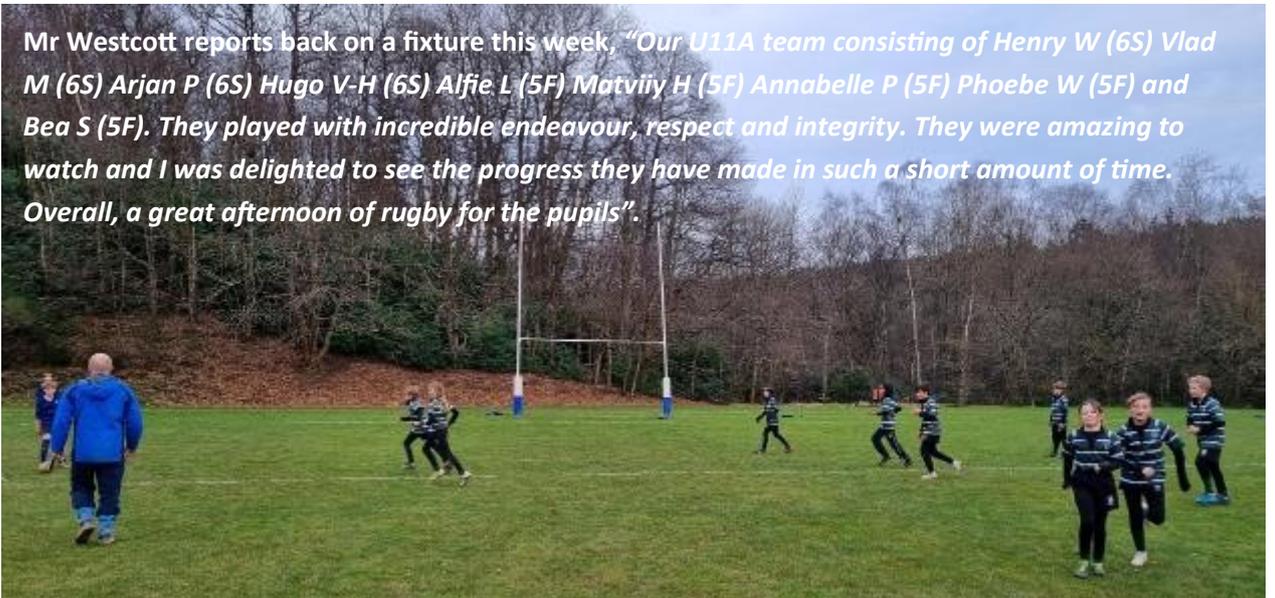
It was wonderful to see the students enjoying the models each other had produced and their pride in their own work.

Mrs Haunstetter



SPORTS NEWS

Mr Westcott reports back on a fixture this week, "Our U11A team consisting of Henry W (6S) Vlad M (6S) Arjan P (6S) Hugo V-H (6S) Alfie L (5F) Matviyy H (5F) Annabelle P (5F) Phoebe W (5F) and Bea S (5F). They played with incredible endeavour, respect and integrity. They were amazing to watch and I was delighted to see the progress they have made in such a short amount of time. Overall, a great afternoon of rugby for the pupils".



The U16 hockey team played brilliantly on Wednesday afternoon in their home fixture against Radnor House. A superb 11-1 victory with an outstanding effort from everyone. A particular mention must go to Daniel P (11H) for stepping up and being sensational in goal and to Ben H (11W) for demonstrating excellent leadership skills as captain. Mrs Jennings





Year 4 had a super time at RHS Wisley's Rainforest Workshop this week!



Mrs Jennings comments, "The Year 5 and 6 trip to Hobbledown was absolutely brilliant! Our pupils were so well behaved - even a member of the public commented on how polite the children were. They enjoyed following the animal trail and learning about different habitats, getting active in the adventure castle and finished the afternoon off in the education centre learning about adaptability and even met Steve the blue tongued skink!"



Rehearsals in full swing for our Lion King production next week... huge GOOD LUCK to all involved—we know you will shine on stage and be just brilliant!



LION KING TICKETS

West End Show comes to the Adrian Mann Theatre at NESCOL...

THURSDAY TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE!

Dear Parents

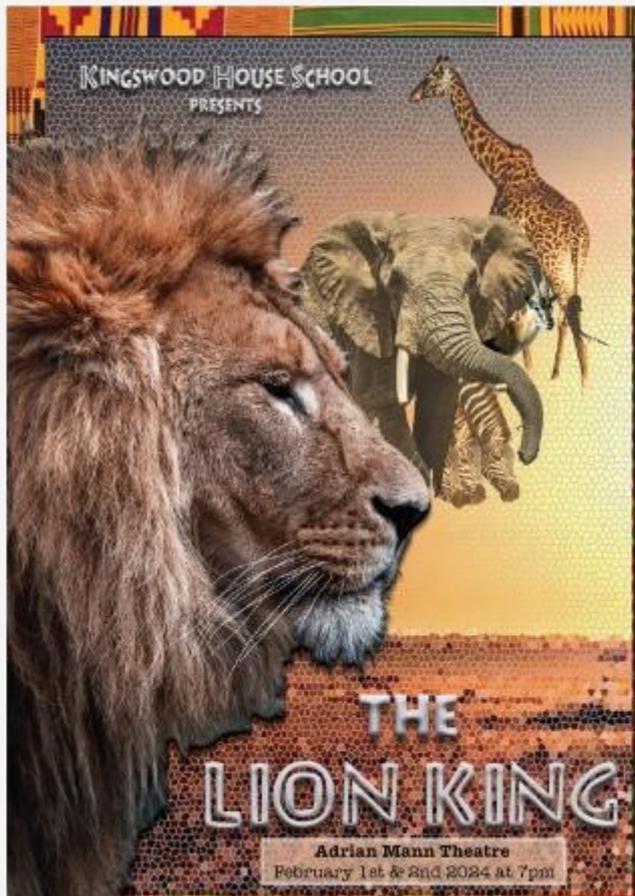
We still have some Lion King Tickets left for our Thursday night performance, and it would be great to see you and your family there. We are sure you will all love the show! It starts at 7pm and will finish by 8.15pm.

Tickets cost £18 and payment will be added to fees.

If you would like any tickets please email me office@kingswoodhouse.org with your child's name and class and the number of programmes you would like (included in the price). Tickets and programmes will be sent home next week.

Kind regards,

Mrs Karen Harding



Thank you to Mrs Haunstetter who spoke in our Senior Pupil Briefing this week about National Holocaust Memorial Day—27th January

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

27 JANUARY

#OneDay
#LightTheDarkness

