

# KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

It comes as no surprise when I say it is the end of another busy week here at KHS; I'm fast learning when is it ever *not* a busy week, but what is delightful, is the variety of events and breadth of opportunities that we manage to give the pupils here. The whole school had their individual portrait photographs taken by an external company on Monday—as well as siblings pictured together—and who doesn't love such a photo to mark the passage of time and look back on in years to come? Details will be available shortly how you may obtain copies if you so wish.

House Meetings were attended on Thursday by pupils and staff and all heard about what a 'Leap Year' is about as it fell on that particular day in question. A slideshow of images from the recent production of *The Lion King* was watched and hopefully, inspired others to sign up for next year's production! There were 15 teams out at sports fixtures on the calendar and some super match play on display by many of our pupils—well done to all who represented the school in rugby or hockey this week.

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed some dedicated time together discussing ideas for socials and Summer Term fun in their 'Nibbles and Natter' session - many thanks to Jane Chandler and her kitchen team who provided treats for this and have also managed to deliver a re-considered lunch menu; look out for more favourites and pupil requests next week too!

Finally, despite the windy and rainy start to today, we had a very successful Open Morning and welcomed many prospective families and their children through our doors. We chose a number of pupils from Years 4 and 5, paired up with some from Year 8, and they all rose to the occasion and were impeccable tour guides and ambassadors for our school—a very big Thank You to all involved. Matthew Bryan was on site as well talking about his ideas and vision for KHS as we start to celebrate our 125 year heritage and plan for many more; an uplifting end to the week.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mr Liam Clarke

Interim Headmaster



*Washing machines at the ready following our sports fixtures this week...!*



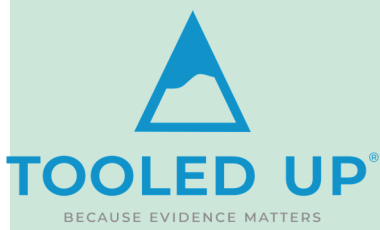
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Please find below the calendar dates for next week and any current notices:

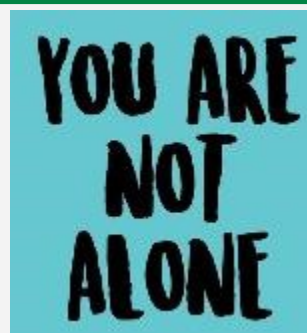
2024 MARCH			
Monday	04	0900-1300 0900-1300 1700-1900	Super Science sessions with Doug Horley Year 9 vaccinations in school—DTP, MENACY Year 10 Parents Evening via SchoolCloud
Tuesday	05		
Wednesday	06	0900-1500 0845 0930 1700-1800	Year 2 trip to Hobbledown Assembly Lower Prep Forest School Tea Time 'Rock & Pop' Concert
Thursday	07	All day	<b>World Book Day</b> —theme— <i>Literary Characters</i>
Friday	08	All day 1030-1130	Year 8 exams start—in classrooms Mother's Day / Special Female Person's Day shop in the Library, KHA

To support our PSHE focus this week on **disordered eating** the following websites and charity links have been suggested by Ms Timothy,

**Beat** The UK's eating disorder charity; founded in 1989 as the Eating Disorders Association, our mission is to end the pain and suffering caused by eating disorders and empower people to get help quickly because the sooner someone starts treatment, the greater their chance of recovery. People can [contact BEAT](#) online or by phone 365 days a year. They also support family and friends, equipping them with essential skills and advice so they can help their loved ones recover.

**SEED** Support & Empathy for Eating Disorders. A group made up of ordinary people who have had first-hand experience of eating disorders in one form or another. Online community non-judgemental help and advice; Seed feels it is essential to share experiences with others and help in any way possible. Families can [self-refer](#) if necessary.

**Young Minds:** You can find information about eating disorders and advice about getting the right help for your child.



LUNCH MENU week beginning 4 March 2024				
<b>Meat Free Monday</b>	Cottage Pie	Chicken Tikka Masala	Beef Lasagne	Fish pie/fish fingers
Penne pasta	Fresh broccoli	Rice & Naan bread	Garlic bread	Sweet potato wedges
Tomato and basil sauce	Steamed carrots	Mango Chutney, mint raita	Variety of salads	Peas
Spicy tomato sauce	Variety of salads	Variety of salads		Tartare sauce
Peas & sweetcorn				Variety of salads
Variety of salads/bean salads				
As above	Quorn Cottage Pie	Cauliflower, chickpea & spinach curry	Vegetable Lasagne	Crispy Vegetable Quarter Pounder
Jacket potatoes served daily with a selection of toppings including baked beans - grated cheese - tuna mayo;				
Soup served daily during colder months;				
Fresh fruit available in bowls on the table plus a selection of hot and cold puddings daily				





Rugby season is in full swing here—possibly inspired by the current, thrilling Six Nations competition that many of our staff and pupils enjoy at the weekend—we have seen some excellent play and matches out on the field.

*Left and below, U13 rugby squads played Ibstock at Roslyn Park RFC this week. Both teams playing fantastic running rugby!*



*U15 muddy warriors who, Mr Laudy tells us, “What a fabulous effort from the U15 rugby team last week vs Radnor House. They braved incredibly tough conditions with freezing weather, high winds and heavy rain, finishing the game with a fantastic try from Elliot and still in high spirits. Well done to all the boys!”*





Please find the pupils who have been the subject of a '**Staff Shout Out**' below,

#### **LOWER PREP**

Bacchus M-D(2M) great sentence starrer and sounding/ blending during our Phonics lesson. Mrs Martins

Ilyas A (4S) for persevering when learning to sew in our topic lesson. Miss Sumners

I would like to mention the entire Lower Prep for their amazing work during their recent PE lesson; we weren't able to do gymnastics, but they persevered and managed to excel at hockey. Mr Westcott

#### **UPPER PREP**

5F for producing some lovely posters on the topic of French festivals. Madame Swift

Phoebe W (5F) for some amazing maths work on fractions. Miss Forbes

6S for excellent delivery of their assembly, quite a daunting task for them in the church. Madame Swift

Alex L (6S) for great contributions in his English lesson, on relative pronouns and for volunteering to read in his French lesson. Madame Swift

In 6S, Vlad M, Arjan P and Hugo vH for excellent contributions during our debating lessons. Mrs Seiver

Ciaran P (6F) for always trying hard and giving his best shot in every lesson. Mrs Seiver

All of class 6F for their enthusiasm when we ate insects as part of our investigation into alternative sources of protein! Mrs Seiver

Oliver R (6F) for drawing a fabulous Treble Clef!!! The whole class was massively impressed with his effort! Mr Allen

Imogen E (7B) for achieving full marks in her French test, showing excellent knowledge of the near future tense. Madame Swift

Maya A, Imogen E, Elody T, Blaine D (all in 7B) for always contributing to group discussions in English. Your responses are thoughtful and show a wonderful understanding of the text we are studying. Mrs Seiver

James H, Gabi C-A, Dominic A and Elliot W (all from 7A) – excellent contributions in lessons and application of structures. Mme Rudenko

Shout out for Joey H(7A) – the best prep in the class by a mile! Mr Barratt

Blaine D (7B) for showing outstanding resilience in Games - falling over and getting back up. Mrs Jennings

Alex R (7B) for being fully committed in Games this week - getting stuck in and supporting his peers. Keep it up! Mrs Jennings

I would like to mention the following pupils - Lily-Rose M (8C) Elody T (7B) Tilly W (7A) Ben C (8L) Blake P (7B) and Elinor F (7B) for their fantastic efforts in their hockey match against Homefield. Mr Westcott

Bertie L (8C) for being a superstar in Games and really stepping up! Very pleased! Mrs Jennings

Mr Barratt's Year 8 maths groups; firstly Peter S (8L) and Zak A (8L) your Maths has been so good for weeks now and also, Sophie T (8C) and Izzy D (8C) both calm, sensible and accurate with your work every day. Well done!

Oscar P (8C) excellent transference of knowledge with the 'futur proche'. Mme Rudenko

Ben C, Oscar E, Euan B (all 8L) excellent focus and progress since January. This has been down to consistent hard work from these students. Mme Rudenko

Lily-Rose M (8C) for being so kind last week towards a pupil in Year 7 last week. Mr Sukhdeo

All of the Upper Prep pupils for their contributions during the e-safety workshop. Our guest speaker was impressed with the level of engagement and your thoughts about navigating the perils of technology and online safety. Mr Sukhdeo



More **'Staff Shout Outs'** continued...

## SENIORS

Huge shout out to Rex T (9A) – a most impressive week's work, last week! Mr Barratt

Harry P (9A) excellent progress in conjugating tenses in French. Mme Rudenko

Pippa T and Freija K (both 9J) for continuing to work exceptionally hard in GCSE PE and being organised with their work on chrome books. Mrs Jennings

To the Year 9s for their superb Science projects over half term- particular mention to Derin U and Stan BD Mr Sukhdeo

Year 11 Computer Science group for their engagement in a lesson that I observed during a learning walk. Mr Sukhdeo

Charles R (10P) Theo J (10R) Avaneesh G (10R) and Ayaan S (10R) for their attainment in the end of topic test in maths. Mr Sukhdeo

The Year 11 GCSE PE group for their effort with their NEA component - climbing at the White Spider centre. Mr Sukhdeo

Dan P (11H) for his improved focus and effort in maths lessons. Mr Sukhdeo

Huge progress recently from Faizahn Jawed (11H) producing far more detailed exam answers, which are well evidenced and explained. Mrs Huanstetter

Henry T (10G) for his increased focus in maths which is having a great impact on his attainment and is a brilliant role model for his peers. Mrs Pengelly

Oscar D'A (11W) for his excellent effort in maths – in lessons and with his prep. This was particularly evident when tackling simultaneous equations this week where he achieved a high level of success. Mrs Pengelly

Henry S (11H) for his continued efforts and diligence in History. Always trying so incredibly hard and completing some very good exam answers recently. Mrs Haunstetter

Archie S (11W) for his unerring commitment to furthering his English skills as we prepare for GCSE. Mr March

Nathan A (11H) for his input and enthusiasm he brings to Drake House. Mrs Jennings

Lukas C (11W) Daniel P (11H) and James C (11H) – they all work really hard helping each other studying for their Geography vocab test – great teamwork! Miss Hylands

Ivan T (11H) I had the pleasure of listening in to Ivan's LAMDA lesson, he read the text brilliantly! Miss Hylands

Henry S (11H) is working so hard on his Drama performance, read really well. Miss Hylands

Nathan A (11H) for looking to include a wider range of structures in his French work and for answering an unprepared question on Emanuel Macron's educational reforms in French! Madame Rudenko

A further Shout Out for Y11 Crew please from Mr Barratt; Yaseen Khan (11W) what a great sense of humour; Dan P (11H) for his cheeky smile when he thinks no one is watching! Ivan T (11H) excellent manners and positivity around the school; Rory S (11H) such excellent conduct in the Dining Hall.

I would like to also mention, Ben H (11W), Rory S (11H) Elliot N (10G) and Max R (10R) for running a fantastic sports leadership session for the Year 5 & 6s. Mr Westcott

Incredibly detailed notes from Matthew M (11H) in History – he is working so hard. Well done Mrs Haunstetter



Year 2 have been creating poems in English and lanterns inspired by Florence Nightingale, the Lady with the Lamp. They created first aid kits and incorporated role play with questions we would ask her. *Mrs Martins*



### House points - this week - Whole School



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*Well done to 10R who presented their Assembly all about the Olympic and Paralympic Games this week; we heard about the historical origins, some famous Olympians and how the principles of the Games—excellence, respect & friendship—are very much reflected in our ethos here in school.*





*Are you going to Heaven or Hell?*

A fabulous 'Doom Painting' by Toby H (6S) who produced the work learning about how such images were used in Medieval churches to remind people to live a good life and go to heaven, otherwise they would spend eternity in hell!

Below is an example from Salisbury Cathedral which is [considered to be outstanding](#) in its type!! Mrs Haunstetter



The **KHA Quiz Night** was a hugely successful and quietly competitive affair last Friday.



The teachers' table won and knocked the reigning parent group off the top spot. It was a very close call between the Year 10 and 7 parents' as well. Good effort everyone that came along!



*Jean Towers—  
KHA Chair*





Year 5 & 6 pupils enjoying, *nibbles and natter* on Tuesday - a chance to have a biscuit and hot chocolate and enjoy each other's company! Mrs Jennings



A few teachers went along to Epsom Playhouse last night to see 'Back into Hell' a tribute to Meatloaf. Staff went to support our very own talented Peripatetic Music Teacher, Miss Love who was performing as backing vocalist and saxophonist...it was a fabulous night out everyone agreed!







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# COME TO CODE CLUB!

Do you have a favourite computer game? Would you like to learn how to make your own computer games?

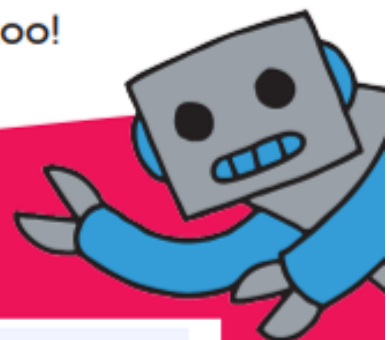
At Code Club, you can learn how to make cool games, animations, and websites too!

Code Club takes place here on:

Day: Tue - Yr 7.    Weds - Yr 8.    Fri Yr 5&6

Time: 1300 - 1400 hrs

Contact: Mr R. Anthony





KHA PRESENTS

*The Mothers and  
special people  
Gift Shop*

FRIDAY 8th MARCH  
MORNING BREAK IN THE  
LIBRARY

BODY CREAM | CANDLES | NOVELTY GIFTS  
GREETINGS CARDS AND MORE

GIFTS PRICED  
£1.00 - £3.00 EACH



**PLEASE BRING CASH UP TO £10**



*A letter from our incoming Head, Matthew Bryan (Parentmailed to you this week)*

Dear Parents and Guardians

It really is a pleasure and a privilege to be writing my first letter to you – still a little premature, but spring is in the air and I'm counting down the days until the summer term starts!

There are two reasons to be writing to you: firstly, I would like to announce that Liam Clarke, who has done such a great job these past two terms as Interim Head, has accepted the role of Deputy Head at Kingswood House, effective from the summer term. It is testament to the whole of the school staff, and especially the SLT, that the school has run so well since the retirement of Ian Mitchell late last year, but it is now time to put the correct management structures in place as we look forward to an exciting future. On a personal note, I have hugely enjoyed working with Liam since last summer and look forward to this continuing. Staff were informed yesterday, and the delighted response from the common room speaks volumes about the regard in which Liam is held by colleagues.

My second purpose is to thank you all for your feedback, honesty and engagement with the various surveys and requests for thoughts that have gone out in recent times. I have been keen to hear from you, from the pupils and also from all the staff about your feelings regarding this marvellous school as it settles into its 125th year. Feedback in the form of online surveys and some face-to-face meetings has been invaluable in helping me, the school's Senior Leadership Team and the Board, to review and refine our priorities and strategy as this new chapter begins. Since the summer, I have worked closely with the school's outstanding Board of Governors to review the school's position and establish a strategy for the future. You will be aware of how much the Board did to secure the school's long-term future on West Hill, and I also thank them for their generous and priceless ongoing investment of time and expertise.

I know that you feel as strongly as I do about the vital role which Kingswood House plays in our area, providing children with a positive, kind and progressive educational environment, one which is incredibly proud of the care it takes over each and every individual in our community. My job is to ensure that KHS sits at the forefront of inclusive, adaptive, ambitious schooling: giving students the skills which they need for this 21st century world and the confidence to know that they can go out there and make a difference. I look forward to having an opportunity next term to explain my vision for the school in more detail, the aspects of KHS life which have been refined through the generations and must not change, as well as the areas where I see opportunities to make things even bigger and better.

Best wishes



Matthew Bryan

