

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

After an inspiring three day Society of Heads conference representing KHS, I returned to congratulate our determined U13 hockey players for their gutsy performance at the IAPS tournament, as well as being part of our World Book Day celebrations in school on Thursday; as always, there is rarely a dull moment here or something not going on to inspire us to get involved with wider aspects of school life.

Class 2M enjoyed a trip to Hobbledown—*below*—where they learnt about animals and their natural habitats and were given a private tour to meet the lemurs and meerkats up close and personal...!

I am reflecting today, on **International Women's Day #IWD #inspireinclusion** the benefits of our co-education that we now offer to all children since welcoming girls in 2021...class discussions in PSHE lessons and Teams sessions up and down the school explore both male and female perspectives, as well as giving more equal opportunities to both sexes to grow and learn and develop. We continually strive for a balanced, holistic approach at KHS and it is worth repeating a finding from the ISI inspection in April 2023, "*Pupils' social awareness is excellent. They collaborate and support each other...pupils are sensitive to the needs of others. Pupils have an excellent understanding of their place in modern Britain and a world that respects cultural diversity and gender equality*" - something I am very proud to have here in school today, and everyday.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend—those observing the start of Ramadan and celebrating any special maternal figures in our lives on Sunday.

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	MARCH	Year 8 Exam week	
Monday	11	All day 1700-1900	Year 8 exams—in classrooms until Thursday Year 9 Parents' Evening via SchoolCloud
Tuesday	12	0900-1500 0900-1600 1315-1400 1700-1745 1700-1900 1700-1900	Year 4 trip to Painshill Park Year 10 FPQ / HPQ Presentations Year 7 'Chocolate & Chat' in the Dining Room Berlin Trip—information evening (Year 9 & 10 families) Lower Prep Parents' Evening via SchoolCloud Years 5 & 6 Parents' Evening via SchoolCloud
Wednesday	13	0845-0915 0900-1600 0930-1025 1610-1700	9A Assembly Year 10 FPQ / HPQ Presentations Lower Prep Forest School Senior Lecture—Alex Hibbert, polar explorer
Thursday	14	0900-1600 0900-1600 1700-1800 1715-1800	Last day Year 8 exams in classrooms Year 10 FPQ / HPQ Presentations Tea Time concert, Langlands Barcelona Football Tour—information evening (Year 9, 10 & 11 families)
Friday	15	All day 1430-1600	Red Nose Day GCSE Drama Performance, Langlands

LUNCH MENU week beginning 4 March 2024				
Meat Free Monday	Chilli con Carne	Roast Chicken & Potatoes	Spaghetti with Meatballs in a Tomato & Basil Sauce	A selection of Pizzas
Macaroni Cheese	Rice	Peas & Parsnips	Vegetable Medley	Variety of salads
Cauliflower Cheese	Guacamole, Pickles, Cheese & Sour Cream	Carrot & Swede Mash	Variety of salads	
Peas & Steamed carrots	Variety of salads	Variety of salads		
Variety of salads/bean salads				
As above	Five Bean Chilli with Lentils	Pesto & Tomato Tart	Vegetarian Meatballs	Vegetarian Pizza
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				



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

LOWER PREP

AbdurRahman O'S (2M) for such clear, neat handwriting during class and in his homework. Mrs Martins

Year 2 for their enthusiasm and great work in French. Madame Swift

Mahe Nau A (4S) for taking so much care with her French pronunciation. Madame Swift

Dillen S (4S) for always working hard and putting in lots of effort. Miss Sumners

UPPER PREP

Alfie L (5F) for improved focus in class. Miss Forbes

Bea S, Annabelle P, Matviyy H, Phoebe W, Zayn J and Alfie L (all 5F) for stepping up and being good tour guides on the Open Day. Miss Forbes

Gregory C (6S) for staying late after the lesson and kindly helping another pupil to print out their work from the computer. Mrs Jennings

Gregory C (6S) for getting all of the grid references work correct in his Geography prep. Mrs Seiver

Leo dB (6F) for producing a wonderful piece of persuasive writing about alternative protein sources and an even bigger shout-out for finally caving and eating a cricket. You talked yourself into it with your convincing arguments! Mrs Seiver

Ryan B (7B) for always submitting prep on-time and of a high standard.

Year 7 Science with Mr Barrat mentions for - Ava M (7A) and James D (7A) for improved focus in lessons and Alex R (7B) for having more 'va va voom' in lessons!

Elody T (7B) for her Strava scores – aiming to beat Mr Cowie in the Sports Enrichment challenge by the end of term! Mr Barratt

Maya A (7B) for her Green Star Award for showing outstanding commitment and resilience in Games. Mrs Jennings

Toby W (7A) for really getting stuck into his Games lesson this week to the point of exhaustion! Mrs Jennings

In Year 8 Science with Mr Barratt a mention for Ben C (8L) and Jensen W (8L) for full fat application in revision sessions WOW!

Oscar P (8C) impressive concentration in revision. Mr Barratt

Y8 Maths – Indi D (8L) – having high aspirations. Mr Barratt

Tom F (8C) for continuing to make thoughtful contributions in PSHE. Mrs Jennings

Delighted with the progress Isla M (8L) has made this year in History. Her notes are very thorough and her prep (which is now always on time) shows really good understanding and structure. Mrs Haunstetter

Well done to all of Year 8 for two fantastic revision sessions in Geography. Good luck with your exams! Mr Laudy

Jensen W (8L) has been putting his best foot forward across the board this week by making a conscious effort to be his best self. Well done. Mr Laudy

Sophie T, Harvey M, Max K and Oscar P (all 8C) for their excellent contributions in the English lesson yesterday. Mrs Weston

I would like to shout out the following pupils who participated in IAPS Hockey, which is the first time Kingswood House has ever entered IAPS Hockey. The pupils played extremely well. They represented the school in a positive way. As well as goal of the tournament by Chris K. Unbelievable finish! Mr Westcott

Pupils were: Pippa T (9J) Indi D (8L) Chris K (8L) Rufus J (8L) Max W (7A) Alex M-K (8C) Cyril B-D (7A) and Hugo H (7A)



More 'Staff Shout Outs'

SENIORS

Big mention for Dan G (9J) his work on Polygons recently was most impressive. Awesome accuracy and attitude. Mr Barratt

Thomas L (9P) amazing goal in basketball! Miss Hylands

James M (9J) for working extremely hard in Games and making excellent progress in Hockey. Mrs Jennings

Y9 Maths – Oscar D (9P) – Mr Cool in every lesson! Mr Barratt

Khishaan T (9P) Alex W (9P) Hannarah C (9A) Ruby B (9P) and Alyssa C (9P) for their excellent work ethic in Science! Miss Patel

Alfie Y (9P) has shown a huge increase in focus during his science lessons this week, well done and keep it up! Miss Patel

Michael S (10R) for his consistent efforts in English. Mr March

Joel M (10P) for excellent practical work in Science and Oliver D (10P) has been growing in confidence in his lessons, lovely to see and please do keep it up! Miss Patel

Mingwan K (11W) Henry S (11H) and Ivan T (11H) for their ongoing effort and focus in Science lessons – they are truly modelling the value of endeavour! Miss Patel

Archie S (11W) for his hard work and commitment in Classics. Mrs Weston

Excellent work in today's History lesson from Idrees A-K (11W) – head down and didn't moan once! Mrs Haunstetter

Joe S (11H) – well done for generally being much more engaged and focused. It will pay dividends. Mrs Haunstetter

My Year 11 GCSE Music group please, for mature rehearsal skills preparing for their ensemble performance. That's Charlie L (11H)

Oscar D'A (11W) Tommy W (11H) Tedd B-A (11H) and Patrick G (11W). Mr Allen

House points - this week - Whole School

Drake - 622

Marlborough - 655

Nelson - 671

Wellington - 663

House points - totals - Whole School

Drake - 3682

Marlborough - 3965

Nelson - 3898

Wellington - 3747

Dear Parents

Please try to inform the Office re.any **pupil absence** by 830am each day, or 9am at the very latest. Thank you for your support in this.



SPORTS NEWS



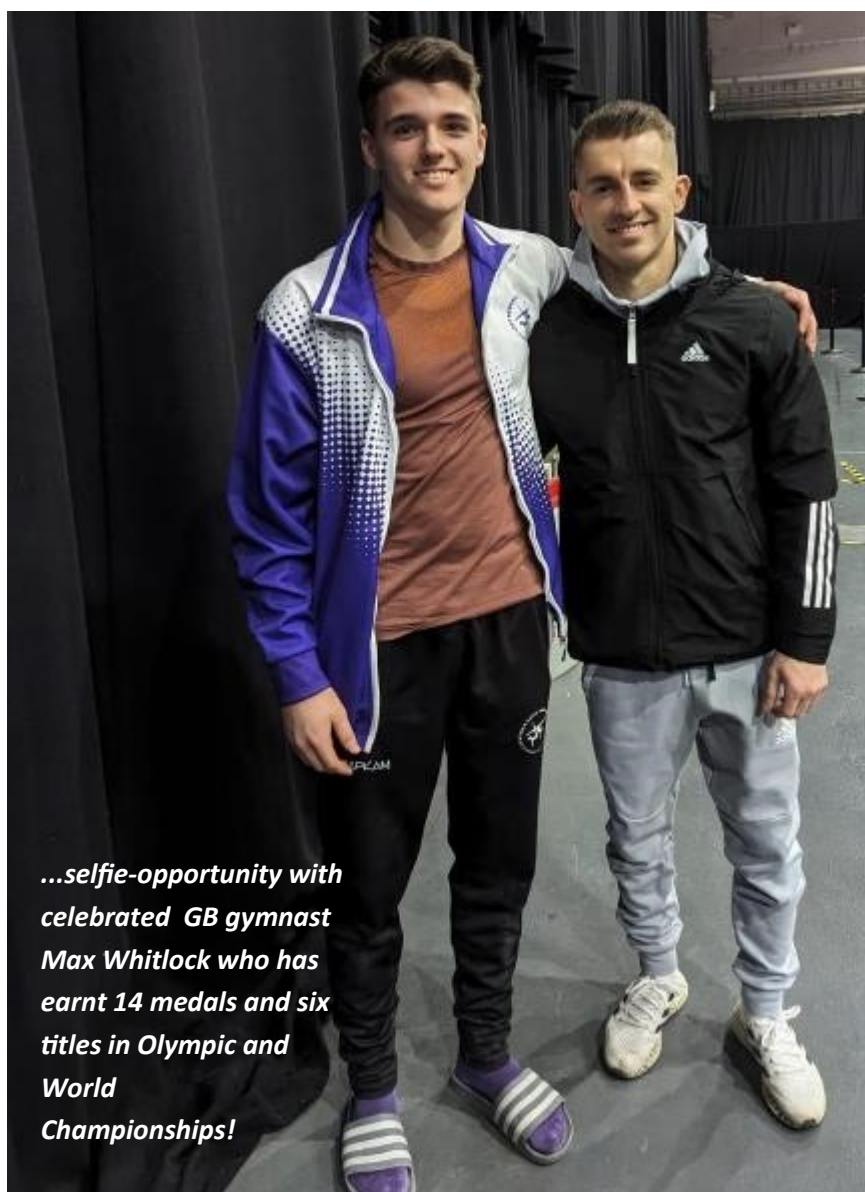
Congratulations to Blaine who was awarded a gold medal in a national Taekwondo competition he took part in!



We also heard this week about Owen who competed at the English gymnastic championships in Telford last weekend and finished 22nd overall in the under 18 category, with a best result of 10th on vault.

This means that he has qualified for the British Championships in Liverpool on the 16/17 March, and he now has a British gymnastics UK ranking of 35th in the country in the under 18s!

Well done Owen a super achievement.



...selfie-opportunity with celebrated GB gymnast Max Whitlock who has earnt 14 medals and six titles in Olympic and World Championships!

Mr Cowie reports back, "The U13 Hockey Team travelled to Hurstpierpoint School to take part in the IAPS Regional Competition on Tuesday.

The team started the tournament slowly in the freezing cold and rain, but came alive in the 3rd game scoring 5 goals in 15 minutes. The team qualified for the Quarter Finals and went into the knock-out section of the tournament. In the QF's, we went 2-0 ahead with two fantastic goals from Chris but unfortunately could not hold onto our lead and drew the game 2-2, and eventually lost the game on penalty shuffles. The highlight of the day was a reverse stick shot from Chris that all players on the astro admired and were shocked to see in the QF. Mr Cowie and Mr Westcott would like to thank all the players for battling through the competition in the rain and for their hard-work all season; particular thanks to Indi—our Captain, for his leadership throughout the tournament".

The team were: Indi D—Captain (8L) Rufus J (8L) Chris K—Vice-Captain (8L) Pippa T (9J) Cyril B-D (7A)
Hugo H (7A) Max W (7A) Alex M-K (8C)



SPORTS NEWS





The Year 6 Junior Citizenship trip—the pupils learnt lots of important life skills such as the dangers of drugs, alcohol awareness, first aid and safety on the railways.



Our pupils in Years 2-6 enjoyed a thrilling morning with [Dougie Dug Dug](#) as part of their **Science Enrichment** this week. They learnt songs and actions which explored some of the wonders of the Natural World as well as witnessing (controlled!) explosions and bubbles and all sorts of interesting lotions and potions!



We invited x40 Year 4 pupils from St Martin's Primary in Epsom to join us, along with their staff, and they were a delightful audience as well!



Ms Garrib tells us, "My Year 9 Science ambassadors have raised the bar.....Such fabulous half term projects have come into school and even the Battersea Power station made an appearance at KHS. I am so very proud of their hard work and their effort. 9s YOU ROCKED this assignment. I could not be more proud".



Mrs Martins was delighted to try Year 2s herbal tea they had blended as part of their learning about [Mary Seacole](#). They found out how she was a herbalist and cared for injured British soldiers in the Crimean War, as well as travelling and practising medicine.

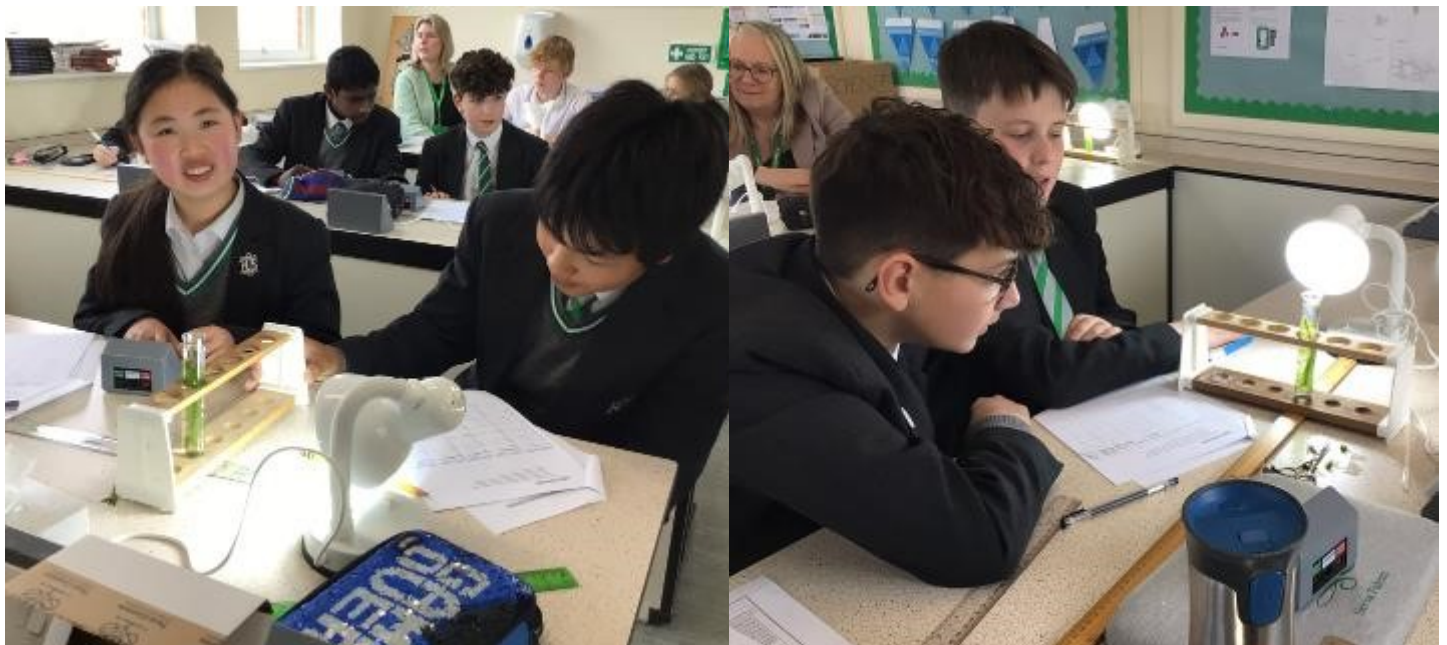


Above, one of the last known pictures of Mary mixing her medicines c.1873



Senior Science News

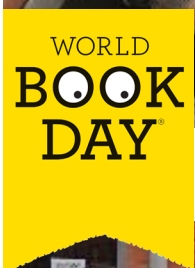
Ms Garrib asks, "Have you seen Photosynthesis taking place? I am sure not.....Our Year 9s had the incredible experience of watching plants do their thing. We were able to count the number of oxygen bubbles produced by pondweed during the process of photosynthesis". Miss Patel adds, in her group, "...They all completed the practical well and suggested improvements to the method for increased accuracy. Great work Y9!"

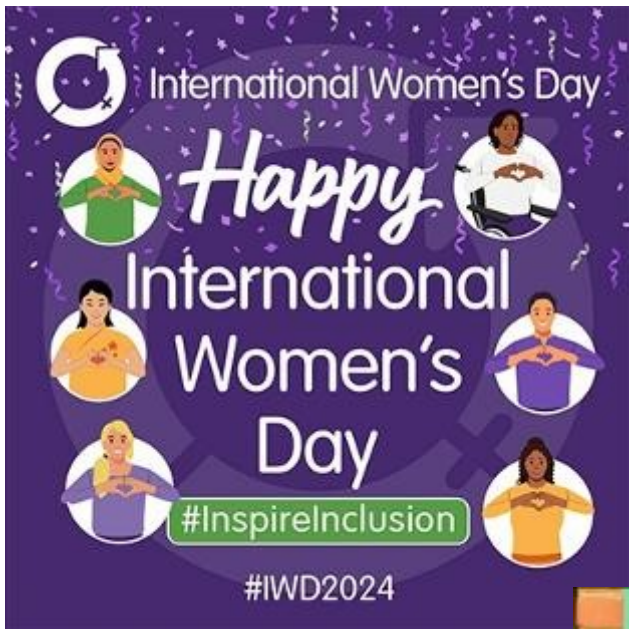


Meanwhile the Science debates continues to rage... teaching group 10H took on 10S and explored "Why Vaping Should / Should Not Be Banned". Both sides put through their strongest arguments, backed up by some impressive research and data. The stronger team on the day was 10H—well done boys. They will now take on a Year 11 science debating team....



Enough literary characters to fill an entire library on Thursday as pupils and staff celebrated [World Book Day](#)! #Iamareader





*To all our pioneering girls...
Thank You!
Happy IWD*



*Please support a Y10 pupil
of ours who has organised
this sale as part of his D of
E volunteering...*

*Well done Jamie—we hope
it is a huge success!*

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INCLUDING KIDS/TEENS CLOTHES,
SHOES, BOOKS, GAMES ETC

MAR 9, 2024

11:00 AM TO 3:00PM

DRINKS AND CAKES AVAILABLE, COME JOIN US FOR A CHAT
AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT US

All proceeds go to



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Easter Camps Near You!

We are excited for another school holiday 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:

[Spring Into Action Camp at Bell Farm School](#)

[Bell Farm Football Camp](#)

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



A vibrant yellow and green poster for the 'Spring Into Action Easter Camp'. At the top, five children in blue t-shirts are jumping joyfully in a playground. Below them are three circular icons: 'Learn' showing a child at a desk, 'Develop' showing a child running on a path, and 'Play' showing a child in a superhero costume. The text 'SPRING INTO ACTION EASTER CAMP' is prominently displayed in red and orange. A green starburst in the top right corner says 'FUEL PROVIDER'. At the bottom, it provides details: Dates 2-12th April, Time 9:30am-16:30pm, and Places & take homes available each day. The website 'WWW.PLATFORMSPORTSCOACHING.CO.UK' is at the very bottom.

Learn Develop Play

SPRING INTO ACTION EASTER CAMP

Get ready to embark on an epic journey and spring into action at our high energy immersive easter camp. Join us for an action-packed holiday camp filled with thrilling outdoor adventures & sports activities for endless fun.

Dates 2 - 12th April Time 9:30am - 16:30pm Places & take homes available each day

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A poster for 'Girls Training Camp' featuring two girls in white t-shirts with 'InPos' logos. The text 'GIRLS TRAINING CAMP' is in large, bold letters. Below it, a 'PLATFORM' logo is shown. The details are: 6-14 YR OLDS, 9:30-15:00, 2-4 APRIL, Esher College, 9-11 APRIL, Cobham Rugby Club, 2-4 & 9-11 APRIL, Whitton Sports Centre, and the website PLATFORMSPORTSCOACHING.CO.UK.

GIRLS TRAINING CAMP

PLATFORM

6-14 YR OLDS 9:30-15:00

2-4 APRIL

ESHER COLLEGE

9-11 APRIL

COBHAM RUGBY CLUB

2-4 & 9-11 APRIL

WHITTON SPORTS CENTRE

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A poster for 'Football Camp' featuring two boys in red and black football kits. The text 'FOOTBALL CAMP' is in large, bold letters. Below it, a 'PLATFORM' logo is shown. The details are: 4-13 YR OLDS, 9:30-15:30, 2-5 APRIL & 8-12 APRIL, Cobham Rugby Club, and the website PLATFORMSPORTSCOACHING.CO.UK.

FOOTBALL CAMP

PLATFORM

4-13 YR OLDS 9:30-15:30

2-5 APRIL & 8-12 APRIL

COBHAM RUGBY CLUB

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