

NEWSLETTER



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UPDATES FOR THE PARENTS OF KINGS'



Congratulations to our new Pupil Librarian Team. They work incredibly hard to support Mrs Miles in the Library. They can often be found shelving books, clearing the returns trolley or generally helping out to keep our busy library the friendly and welcoming place it is.

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

After a deserved half-term rest for staff and pupils alike, Kings' immediate focus has been the Year 11 mock exams which will run up until the 11th November. Pupils are finding the experience of the mock exams invaluable and are approaching them with maturity and purpose. Also on the 11th, we will hold our Remembrance Day service, with a whole-school event on the middle field, to commemorate the end of hostilities during the Great War in 1918. This will be the first time since 2018 that we have been able to hold this event on this scale, and we are hoping for the weather to be kind to us so that we do not have to revert to a more streamlined indoor version. This will be presided over by the Reverend Neil Birkett, former Deputy Headteacher at Kings', and Steve Brine MP will be in attendance.

Looking towards Christmas, there are many other exciting events happening, including the KSA Comedy Night, The Kings' Carol Service at Winchester Cathedral, and our Christmas Fayre.

At the end of the summer term, we held an open event to discuss the school toilets with parents and we continued these discussions with pupils last half term. We are looking at two aspects relating to the feedback we received. Firstly, we will ensure that our current facilities are as good as they possibly can be at all times; and secondly to explore increasing the capacity of our toilet facilities. In response to the first part, we will be increasing the cleaning / checks on pupil toilets so that they are all checked after each movement time. We are investing in additional staffing capacity to support this. Regarding toilet use, you will be aware that we strongly encourage pupils to use the toilets during movement time, rather than during lessons. However, we recognise the need for flexibility with this. Our review of toilets is being conducted by our new School Business Manager, Ben Culleton, who was introduced to you in the Vol 2 - 23rd September newsletter. This work is part of the generation of our strategic site development plan. This includes considering: additional classroom space, additional small group working spaces, toilet capacity, updating the library, updating the Astroturf, updating the changing room facilities, updating the front entrance area of the school and reviewing our IT infrastructure. More details of the plan will be shared early in the Spring Term.

I am delighted with the start to this half term and am very much looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Best wishes
James

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

We would like to introduce Mr Chisholm, one of our new members of the Science department who has also taken on the role of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Manager. Mr. Chisholm is a keen outdoorsman with a passion for the D of E programme having completed all levels of it. Over the next few years, he and the school have the ultimate goal of making the Bronze D of E programme available to all Year 9 students with the intention that all students will take part and complete this fantastic programme. This is a challenging goal, but one that we hope the students and parents alike are keen to buy into. If your child is keen to be involved with this fantastic and rewarding programme, please contact Mr.Chisholm. Additionally, if you would like to volunteer to assist on the expeditions, being an award verifier, or helping to promote the programme to the students, please feel free to email Mr.Chisholm. We look forward to the exciting years of DofE ahead!



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Mr Wooldridge, our Catering Manager and his team of awesome assistants, pulled out all the stops with these terrifying treats at Halloween. So delicious it's frightening!





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EDEN PROJECT

On Friday 21st October thirty Year 9 pupils visited The Eden Project led by Miss Gibbs and three other members of staff. The aim of the trip was to inspire our pupils about Biology and start them on their GCSE journey. Lots of fun was had by all. After a 4 hour coach ride, we had a quick lunch and then took part in a fascinating workshop called 'Going to Extremes'. We got absolutely soaked by the rain moving from the education centre to the rainforest biome to carry out some research on plant adaptations, but it didn't 'dampen' our spirits.

After a tasty meal and a night in the Premier Inn, we spent most of Saturday enjoying a look around the site at Eden. Highlights included going up to the viewing platform at the top of the rainforest biome, the steam bridge, the massive model cyanobacteria that produced smoke rings in the core building, the animals living in the biomes and of course the amazing plant life all around us. Pupils got to see and do so much - the coach ride home was a lot quieter! Thanks to all who came along on the trip - what a huge success!



HOLLAND FOOTBALL TOUR

Over the half term break we took 96 pupils from Kings' and Oskings' to Holland on a football Development tour. It was an amazing experience, with the highlights being superb coaching sessions at Vitesse Arnhem and PSV Eindhoven's training grounds. The facilities were incredible, and it was great to have their academy coaches running the training. We got a 'behind the scenes' tour of PSV's stadium and even met Netherlands' football legend Robin Van Persie! All 7 Kings' teams also played a local Dutch opposition team. The pupils had a fantastic time and learned a lot throughout the trip, so it was certainly a worthwhile experience. We now look forward to returning to Holland with the Hockey teams in April.





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C'EST LA VIE - IT'S PARIS

Thirty one Year 11 GCSE Art , Textiles and Photography students travelled with us to Paris at the start of the half term break for a three day visit. The aim was that they would be able to use the trip as part of their research for their mock exam and collect valuable resources from their time in the galleries and their tours around Paris looking at the fantastic architecture. The itinerary was absolutely packed with sightseeing and gallery visits along with a chance to sample lots of lovely food. Highlights of the trip were the Louvre, the Musee d'Orsay, Sacre Coeur and Montmartre, where we were able to stroll amongst the artists and enjoy the glorious sunshine. Pupils went on a bateau mouche along the Seine and enjoyed the sights along the Champs Elysees and the Eiffel Tower. On the last day of the trip, pupils were able to view the whole of Paris from Montparnasse Tower before the trip home. The pupils were an absolute credit to the school and were a joy to travel with. Well done Year 11 and thank you for making the trip such a memorable one. You are awesome! Huge thanks to Mrs Dawe, Mrs Parsons and Mr Cazalet for accompanying us on this trip.



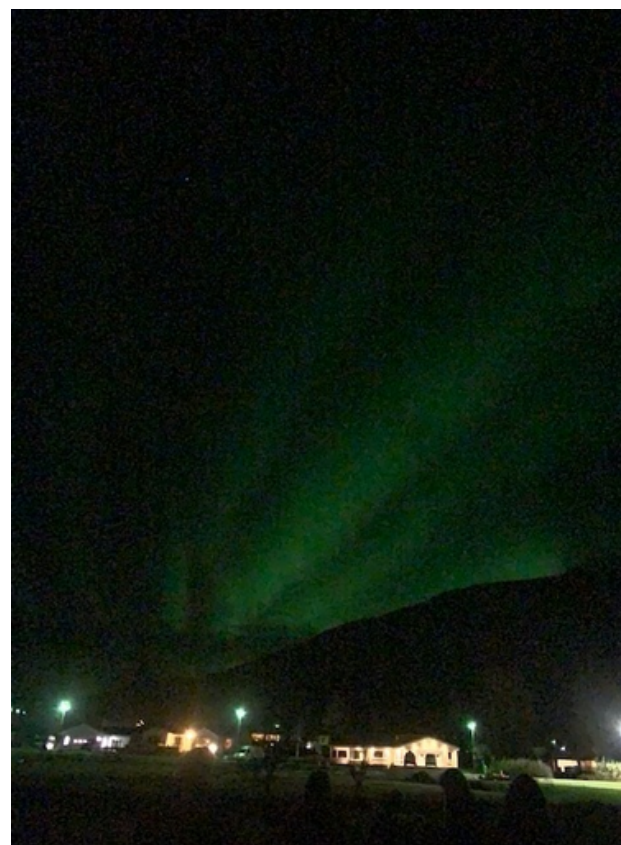


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ICELAND

Students and staff had a fantastic time in Iceland. Visits included the classic 'Golden Circle' to see Thingvellir National Park, Gullfoss waterfall, geysirs and volcanic craters. The glacier walk on day 3 was awe inspiring and finished off with a drink of fresh glacial water. The black sand beach outside Vik and Skogafoss waterfall finished another thrill packed day. Heimaey island completed the excursions, the site of a volcanic eruption in 1972 that engulfed many of the homes on the island. Students explored the museum which was built around an excavated house that had been buried in volcanic ash. A touch of luxury was had at a local thermal spa and finished off with a visit on the last day to the Blue Lagoon. A truly memorable experience that we hope has made a lifetime of memories. Oh and we saw the Northern Lights





REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Just a little reminder of our Remembrance Day Service next Friday 11th November.

If you know any Old Boys of St Thomas's please get in touch. Similarly, any former pupils of Danemark and Montgomery of Alamein Schools who may wish to be included in our Remembrance.

A number of Kings' parents have affiliations to the armed forces. If you are a serving member of any branch of the armed forces, or a veteran, we would love you to attend. As in past years, the presence of uniformed members of the community adds a certain gravitas and dignity to the day.

If you wish to attend, please email Mrs Miles on the address

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See also our article in the Hampshire Chronicle

MARIO KART

Thursday 3rd Nov marked our first ever video games tournament for Year 7 and 8 pupils. Set up on the hall projector and speakers, the catchy tunes of Mario Kart could be heard throughout the foyer accompanied by the cheers and chants of the enthusiastic audience. 32 pupils battled across a variety of tracks in a bracket format, culminating in a frantic final in which Reuben from Stuart house captured the crown and the house points. Next week we are welcoming Year 9 and 10 pupils for our final Mario Kart tournament of 2022.



SPOTLIGHT ON KINGS' STAFF

MRS CARLY ROSSITER

HEAD OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE/CHILD DEVELOPMENT



What attracted you to a career in teaching?

I have always loved sport and used to play football for Portsmouth Women (and maybe Saints for a couple of seasons but I keep that quiet!). Being a professional was not an option for women back then so I decided to become a PE teacher. I have a love and passion for sports and encouraging children to lead active and healthy lifestyles.

What inspired you to teach at the school? What makes this school different?

Kings' is renowned for its sport. The facilities are fantastic, the vast extra-curricular clubs on offer far exceeds other schools and the school is known throughout the county for having strong teams in all sports. This school is the pinnacle for sport in schools in Hampshire, it was a strong factor in me applying to teach here.

Tell us why pupils enjoy coming to your lessons?

I now teach Health & Social Care and Child Development, which are option subjects for KS4. I try to make my lessons as interesting as possible, using lots of real life examples and practical activities to help engage pupils. I like to think this makes pupils enjoy coming to my lessons – a vast majority of my pupils go on to study these subjects at college which is really pleasing.

INSPIRING FUTURES



EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

DATES FOR THE DIARY

8 Nov - u13 Girls' Hockey County Tournament

10 Nov - u16 Girls' Hockey County Trophy

11 Nov- Remembrance Day

15 Nov - u14 Girls' Hockey County Trophy

18 Nov - KSA Comedy Night (tickets still available)

23 Nov - Year 10 Parents Information Evening

24 Nov - Old Year 11 Leavers Presentation Evening

1 Dec - Christmas at Kings' Fayre

6 Dec - Carol Service Winchester Cathedral



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WE ARE RECRUITING;

Design Technician
Dining Room Assistant
Learning Support Assistant
Lifeguard
Community Supervisor
Teacher of Design Tech
Teacher of Food Tech
Teacher of Business
Teacher of ICT & Computing
Invigilators

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE
FOR FURTHER DETAILS



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THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2022

5.00PM - 7.00PM

IN THE SCHOOL HALL

Christmas at Kings

COME ALONG AND
GET INTO THE
SPIRIT OF THE SEASON.

CRAFTS - HANDMADE GIFTS - LOCAL HONEY
GIN TASTING - MULLED WINE
CAROL SINGING - SWEETS & TREATS
FESTIVE FACE-PAINTING

Free entry