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NEWSLETTER



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UPDATES FOR THE PARENTS OF KINGS'



TURKEY/SYRIA EARTHQUAKE



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Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal

We have all been shocked by the devastating scenes emerging from southern Turkey and north-west Syria, where a series of catastrophic earthquakes have laid waste to whole communities. The death toll exceeds 21 000 and is rising. Millions more have been injured or left homeless.

People are without shelter in freezing winter conditions, with humanitarian needs expected to grow in the coming days. Access to clean water will likely be a challenge, bringing the risk of cholera and other diseases.

As a school, Kings' would like to support the fundraising efforts of the Disasters Emergency Committee. The DEC brings together 15 leading charities, including Oxfam, the Red Cross and Save The Children, to enable the swift and efficient raising of funds in times of crisis. The UK government has pledged to match £5 million.

DEC charities and their local partners are among the first responders, working with locally led relief efforts in Turkey (now known as Türkiye) and Syria. Immediate priorities are search and rescue, medical treatment for the injured, shelter for those who have lost their homes, heaters for spaces and winter kits with blankets, and warm clothes, and ensuring people have food and clean water.

Collection buckets will be placed in the school foyer. Please donate if you can. Our school council will be meeting to discuss further fund-raising ideas to take place after half term.

Thank you.

GOVERNOR NEWS - RICHARD PRIESTLEY

I have the pleasurable and daunting challenge of taking over as Chair of Governors from Colin Williams, who has provided leadership as Chair for the last six years.

I have been a governor at Kings since 2013 and have been the Lead Governor for Finance since 2015. I have a son in Year 10 and have three other children who have all benefited from Kings'. I have also been a Duke of Edinburgh Leader at Kings' for 10 years. Professionally, I am an accountant with over 30 years' experience in the life insurance industry. I am currently the Chief Accounting Officer at Aviva. Personally, I grew up in Winchester and was at school at Harestock and Henry Beaufort. At that time Kings' predecessor schools, Montgomery and Danemark were still in place.



I am enormously impressed with the dedication of Kings' staff to providing the best education for our children and I look forward to helping at all levels of the school towards continually improving the experience of all our students, both academically and towards producing well-rounded and resilient members of the community.

As a governing body, we need to have a good understanding and knowledge of the school in order to provide effective governance. Part of that is about having engagement with stakeholders, not least staff and I hope to get your input and to meet with many of you.

Here's looking forward to an enjoyable, challenging and stimulating rest of the academic year.

If you are interested in becoming a governor, please visit our website for details

EARA – Equality and Rights Advocates

EARA is a Hampshire-wide initiative, under the auspices of the Hampshire County Council, which seeks to encourage our pupils to lead and be advocates for equality and the rights of the child, as enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

In article 12 (respect for the views of the child) of the UNCRC it states: Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child's day-to-day home life.



Our EARA group has chosen to focus on exploring attitudes towards members of the LGBTQ+ community within school. They have spent many weeks creating a survey for pupils within school to complete, which will provide them with some accurate feedback. The voluntary pupil survey is now live and it is intended that the data they collect from it will form the basis of their presentation at the next inter-school EARA meeting in March.

PRIMARY SCHOOL EVENTS - SPRING TERM

We have held 5 events for our Primary Schools so far this term including Yr 5/6 Badminton for our Eastleigh cohort at Thornden, Yr 5/6 Girls Football at Toyndee and 2 Yr 5/6 Hockey events, one at Kings' and one at Thornden. These are all qualifiers for the County level competitions and have allowed over 300 pupils from 19 different schools and of all abilities, to participate. We have used Young Leaders from Kings' (along with others from Thornden and Toyndee) at several of these events to officiate and help, which they have done with great spirit and competence. It has been great to see their enthusiasm and willingness to help the younger pupils participate.



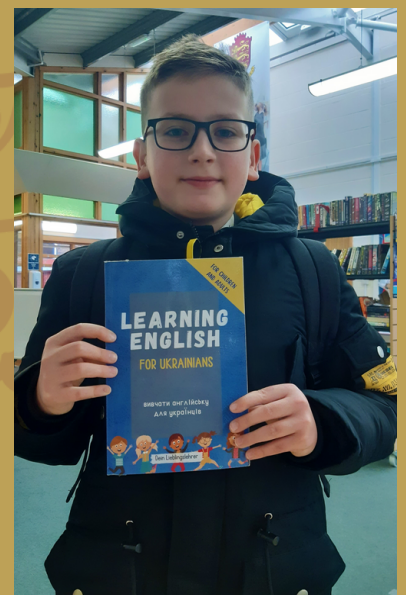
CHERBOURG - YR 5/6 HOCKEY WINNERS



ST FRANCIS - YR 5/6 BADMINTON WINNERS

LIBRARY NEWS

There are numerous pupils at Kings' School for whom English is an additional language. To support them in their learning and to help them to integrate fully into the life of the school, the library has invested in a number of dual language books, including fiction and dictionaries in Ukrainian-English, as well as Mandarin-English and Cantonese-English. The collection is growing all the time and is augmented by the eReader SORA where pupils can find popular titles in Ukrainian, as well as many in French, Spanish and German.



The House team woke up today exhausted, smelling of batter and with our belts feeling uncomfortably tight, which can only mean one thing: House Bake Off was a huge success! The students had only two hours to complete their projects, plate them and prepare them to be judged by a selection of discerning staff and students, including Dr Adams himself. The judges then voted on two categories: Best Presentation and Best Taste.

This year may have been our best Bake Off in the history of Kings' Bake Offs, with students showing off their amazing baking talent, and with many pulling off some incredible cakes in both design and flavour. In fact, all of our judges struggled to come to a decision! But the votes have been collected and tallied, and the results will be shared on Satchel One and House screens this week.





ACTIVITIES DAYS

Following on from the success of Activities Days in 2022, we are pleased to be running this event again in 2023. There is a slight change from last year, as this year's activities will run on Wednesday 19th July and Thursday 20th July. Friday 21st will be a half day with all pupils being in school.

There is a broad and balanced range of activities available from which you and your child can choose. We are sure that our Activities Days will give your child the opportunity to work with staff and peers in an enriched, more relaxed and practical environment.

These amazing, sometimes life changing activities, are a very important part of our school curriculum and as such, full attendance is both essential and mandatory. Pupils who are absent will be processed through the normal attendance school policy.

You will need to list at least 5 of your child's activity preferences, using our parent evening booking system, before Sunday 19th February <https://kingswinchester.schoolcloud.co.uk/>. The system will then allocate pupils places on both days, from their chosen activities. Some trips and activities are specific to year groups and the residential trips are also year group specific, so you will only be able to see the activities available to your child.

KINGS' KSA- QUIZ NIGHT, 17TH MARCH 2023

It's back again, get ready for a fantastic night out on 17th March, it's Kings' Quiz Night.

For those of you new to the school, this is a fun Quiz, which is accessible to all, everyone can have a go. You don't have to be super brainy, all questions are either multiple-choice, percentages or guess the year. There's lots of fun and laughter.

Tickets are £15 and include a Chicken Balti Supper or a Vegan option. There's a bar all night.

Doors open at 6.30pm, supper is at 7.15pm and the Quiz starts at 8pm. We usually wrap up by 10.30pm. For those wanting to block book, it'll be tables of 8.

It's a popular event, so get your tickets quickly from the PTA website:

www.pta-events.co.uk/kingsssa

KINGS' QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 17TH MARCH 2023, 6.30PM

FUN, FILLED QUIZ AND A CURRY SUPPER FOR £15.00.

SUPPORT THE SCHOOL AND BUY TICKETS

FROM THE EVENTS LINK IN OUR BIO.





MRS ZOE CHURCHER

TIME AT KINGS' - 15 YEARS

HEAD OF ART



What attracted you to a career in teaching?

I have always been a firm believer in the positive impact that the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme can have on young people's lives. As a Girl Guide I did D of E and became a Cub Scout instructor as part of my voluntary service. I enjoyed it so much that I continued in this role for six years and it was this experience that inspired me to become a teacher. Without the opportunities that D of E afforded me, I don't think I would ever have had the confidence to believe I could be a teacher. Encouraging youngsters to try new things, providing them with opportunities to grow, seeing them overcome their fears and achieve success, has to be the most rewarding job on the planet

Tell us why pupils enjoy coming to your lessons?

I am very lucky that most pupils enjoy art. I hope that my passion for my subject provides inspiration for the pupils and that in my classroom they can find the confidence to use their imagination and explore their creativity freely. We also get to play with glitter!

What do you enjoy most about working at Kings'

I have been teaching at Kings' School for fifteen years and the thing that I enjoy most is the variety of the role. Every day is different and there are always new and exciting projects to challenge me. I have an exceptional team of staff in the Art Department and they provide the expertise, commitment and support, which makes us a brilliant team that I am so proud to be a part of. I have been extremely fortunate to have taught some exceptionally talented pupils here at Kings' and every year I am astounded by their ability to produce such stunning Art and Textiles work. It is an absolute privilege to work with these pupils.



Dance Club

This term has seen the welcome return of Dance Club on Thursday lunchtimes.

It has been wonderful to see so many talented and enthusiastic dancers from both Kings' and the OsKings' provision, coming together to explore different styles of dance, boost self-confidence and offer the space to be creative. It is proving to be a popular addition to the extra-curricular timetable and an opportunity for relationships to be formed.

We hope to be able to present a dance showcase in the Summer term, so watch this space.!

DTPMEN Catch up vaccinations NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY!

The catch-up DTPMen vaccinations are now planned to take place on Tuesday 7th March for those pupils in Year 9, 10 and 11 who have consent but missed out previously.

INSPIRING FUTURES



EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

DATES FOR THE DIARY

20th February - English Debate Club
21st February - Pancake Day
22nd February - Primary Festival Netball
22nd February - Yr9 Parents Evening
23 February - Yr10 Interim Reports
23rd February - PE U15 Girls Indoor Cricket
23rd February - House Minecraft
23rd February - PE PGL Parents Information Evening
27th February - Alternative Year 9 Options Event
1st March - Yr11 Apprenticeship Workshop
1st March - Spanish Exchange Parent/Pupil meeting
2nd March - Proposed Industrial Action
3rd-5th March - PE Netball Tour
3rd March - Drama Workshop - Barton Peveril College



We are recruiting;

Teaching roles
Head of Faculty – MFL
Teacher of Business
Teacher of English
Teacher of Geography
Teacher of PE

Support staff roles
Learning Support Assistant
Dining Room Assistant
Cleaner
Cover Supervisor

Casual & Volunteer role
Invigilators
Community Supervisors
Governor

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR FURTHER
DETAILS



Winchester Youth Counselling

The cost to attend the session is £5, please see our website to book your place. If you need help towards costs, please let us know



Parent Support Programme

for parents/carers who support children or young people aged 11-25 experiencing mental health and/or emotional difficulties

Monthly information sessions
6pm on the first Tuesday of each month
Quakers Meeting House, Winchester

If you would like to more information, please contact
psp@winchyc.org



Promote positive relationships
Chance to meet other parents
Delivered by clinical experts
Different topics each month
Signposting to other support
In partnership with Solent Mind

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ANNOUNCING OUR GRAND

SUMMER FAYRE

SATURDAY 10TH JUNE 2023

10.30 - 2.00PM

KINGS' SCHOOL,

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THE BEST DAY OUT IN WINCHESTER

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