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# NEWSLETTER



KINGS'  
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UPDATES FOR THE PARENTS OF KINGS'



## RACE FOR LIFE

On Sunday 21st May 42 of our cast/crew/band members of our fantastic production, Sister Act met in the sunshine down at North Walls in Winchester to run the Race for Life. Every student was a real credit to themselves, demonstrating determination, positivity and showing what a fantastic team they are as they supported each other around the 5K route.

So far we have raised over £3000 for Cancer Research, with more to be collected and we are so proud to be able to help raise money for this hugely worthy cause.

We value and appreciate the hard work, dedication and creativity each one of our pupils brings with them to every rehearsal as we work towards our production in July, and it was wonderful to experience this same attitude yesterday!

Special congratulations to Mr Clarke for winning the race!



INSPIRING FUTURES





## NAOMI IRWIN CUP FOR KINDNESS



As part of the lasting legacy of Naomi's time at Kings' School, her family have donated the Naomi Irwin Cup for Kindness: a cup which will be regularly awarded to pupils in the school who are recognised for their kindness to other members of the school community.

At the Memorial Service for Naomi, representatives of all the schools and colleges she had attended spoke about her character, her gifts and talents and her legacy. It was striking to us all, that from her time at Infants School through to her involvement at College, everyone - staff and friends - spoke of her unstinting kindness to those around her.

We are delighted to receive this Kindness Cup from the Irwin family as a reminder of the value of being kind to others, whether or not we know them well. We look forward to being able to award and recognise this generous characteristic and know that it is central to our ambition to develop 'exceptional character' in all our pupils.

We would like to extend our thanks to the Irwin family for their generous and thoughtful donation - what a wonderful way to celebrate the life of such a kind, thoughtful and caring member of our school community.



## PRIMARY SCHOOL MULTI SKILLS FESTIVAL

On Weds 17th May, 60 pupils from St Faiths and All Saints attended Kings' Year 1&2 multi-skills festival. Pupils were involved in a rotation of 15 stations ranging from lacrosse and basketball to polybat and boccia. All of the primary pupils were superb and the Kings' helpers were a true credit to the school.



## WINCHESTER STREET PASTORS



For more than 10 years Winchester Street Pastors have been offering reassurance, safety and support by caring, listening and helping. Although their normal hours are 10pm to around 3am at weekends, they also patrol non-city centre parks and recreation areas earlier on Friday evenings in summer months. Perhaps you've seen them, or even had a hot chocolate from one of their teams?

This summer, Street Pastors are patrolling in pairs on Friday afternoons in Stanmore just as schools are finishing. They aim to be a safe, positive adult presence in the area, and would be happy to chat with anyone (of any age) who would like to say 'hello'. Even if you haven't got time to chat, do give us a wave and say 'hi!' to encourage us. The volunteers are all trained and wear a uniform clearly identifying them. They carry ID cards.

To find out more about us, check our Facebook page or Instagram, or email [winchester@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:winchester@streetpastors.org.uk)

## ASTROTURF NEWS

We are excited to announce that we will be replacing the existing astroturf pitch over the Summer holidays!

We know it is a hub of the school - not only in use in PE lessons and after school clubs, but also as a wonderful way to let off energy at lunch time, where pupils gather to play sport with friends.

The astroturf is currently on its second pitch, having first been installed with Lottery funding at the turn of the century and then replaced in 2012. Now, having worked hard to secure funding with the partnership of Winchester Hockey Club, and with the approval from Hampshire County Council, plans are in motion to upgrade the pitch for its third instalment.

The pitch will be blue, just like in the image below. This colour change is recommended by the experts as it provides a contrast that visually improves sight of the ball, and it will mean we meet the standard advised by the International Hockey Federation. The blue colour not only enhances playing, it enhances the spectator experience as well, which means we will all enjoy it!

This is an exciting venture and continues to show the value we place on developing our pupils' wider experiences and enjoyment within school. Not only that, but it will improve the community usage of our sporting facilities. The new pitch will be unveiled at the start of the Autumn term.



## KSA QUIZ NIGHT



A fantastic night was had by all at the Kings' Quiz Night, where 10 teams vied for first place. Everyone loved the tasting round, trying to figure out which of the wines and cheeses were 'Posh or Not?' There were also two rounds of GCSE questions which the Kings' Year 12 Alumni team aced, with a full 100%. Thanks for everyone's support in raising funds to refurbish the Library. Special thanks to Julie Sablayrolles who did a fantastic job working out the scores. Looking forward to next year.



### SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER OPPORTUNITY

Would you like to be involved in helping shape the future of Kings' School?  
Do you want to ensure that our facilities and environment are second to none?  
Is keeping the school premises safe for pupils and staff important to you?

If the answer to any of those questions is yes, then an exciting career opportunity is available for you. The School Business Manager position will be available from the start of August. We are looking for someone to maintain the high standards already established alongside a vision for the ongoing development of the role and the team. If you have, or know anyone who has, business management experience, then this could be the job for you. The job description is now live on the Working at Kings' page on our website.

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD



Over the first May Bank Holiday weekend 15 Yr11 Silver DofE participants successfully navigated through Brecon Beacons National park suffering some extremes of weather for 3 days, in order to complete their practice expedition in preparation for their assessed expedition. Groups must demonstrate a high standard of navigation and camp craft in order to qualify for their assessed expedition in Dartmoor in July. Day 1 was a delightful spring day with participants arriving into camp in high spirits and a spectacular sunset. Day 2 was an entirely different story with a deluge of rain falling over night and making for some tricky navigation in the low cloud and fog. The routes took them through some boggy moorland navigating by compass through the fog to the top of Cadair Fawr and Garn Ddu. Spirits remained high, despite rain sodden kit and a twilight arrival to camp. Day 3 saw the sun shine again and all teams had a successful day with their navigation and met their check point times on time. This means that they have been successfully signed off having met the standards to complete their final expedition on Dartmoor after their GCSE exams. A really big well done to all those who took part.





Over the second Coronation May Bank Holiday weekend 45 Yr10 Bronze DofE participants successfully completed a 2 day expedition in the New Forest. It was a rain sodden Saturday as the groups set off for their campsite 11 miles away. The New Forest seemed oddly deserted whether people were deterred by the rain or glued to the TV watching the Coronation! All groups were successful in managing the torrential rain, bogs and navigating the sometimes confusing paths through the forests, avoiding the ground nesting birds. Not to miss out on the occasion the campsite was decked out with bunting and flags and a huge coronation cake was consumed to a rounding rendition of "God save the King"! The second day the sun shone and there was a more cheerful mood as the groups set off to consolidate their navigation with nervous leaders waiting at check points for their anticipated arrival. All groups successfully completed their practice expedition and have been signed off for their final assessed expedition in July when hopefully the sun will shine all weekend! Hats off to the participants for coping so well, with what was agreed as the worst day's weather known for the Bronze practice.



MRS E FERNANDEZ

TEACHER OF SPANISH & FRENCH

TIME AT KINGS' - 7 YEARS

What attracted you to a career in teaching?

I want to make people interested in other languages and cultures. Learning a new language opens up your mind!

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

Kings' is a multicultural school with pupils from different backgrounds. Most pupils are lovely and very keen to learn. Staff are very friendly and help each other.

What is unique about your role in the school?

I am Spanish and went to a French school so I am fluent in both languages. I have a PhD in Mexican-American literature and I am very interested in Mexican culture, especially the painter Frida Kahlo.



INSPIRING FUTURES



EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

5 JUNE - YR7 FOXLEASE PARENTS' INFORMATION EVENING

6 JUNE - YR5/6 SGO GIRLS CRICKET

7/8 JUNE - YR9 HPV VACCINATIONS

7 JUNE - PE HAMPSHIRE CRICKET TWENTY20 MATCH

9 JUNE - -DOFE SILVER PLANNING AND KIT MEETING

14TH JUNE - YR4/5 SGO ORIENTEERING

15 JUNE - HOUSE SPORTS DAY POSTER MAKING

WE ARE RECRUITING;

SCHOOL BUSINESS  
MANAGER

IT TECHNICIAN

COVER COORDINATOR

/ADMIN ASSISTANT

DINING ROOM ASSISTANT

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR  
FURTHER DETAILS



# SPOTLIGHT ON A PUPIL

## TAYLOR JOHNSTON

### AGE 14



Taylor started Gymnastics when she was 6 years old. She wanted to get into gymnastics after seeing the older girls doing gymnastics at school and watching gymnastics on television. "It was just something I thought I could be good at," she says.


Taylor competes in Team Gym and loves being part of a team where they rely on one other. She says they are all close friends and always there for each other at gymnastics and every day life. They compete in the Southern Region and last year won a silver medal at the British Championships in Sheffield.

They have also qualified for the British Championships again this year which will take place on July 29 in Newcastle. Taylor is hoping that they will place in the top 3 and have the opportunity to represent Great Britain in the European Championships.

Gymnastics is a huge commitment and Taylor travels to Basingstoke to train four days a week for a total of 17 hours and competes on average once a month.

Her goal is to win the British Championships and represent Great Britain. Kings' School will be rooting for her and her teammates.





A promotional poster for Kings' School Summer Fayre. The background is light blue with gold bunting at the top. The text is in gold and black. It features a woman shouting into a megaphone on the left and a shield with three lions on the right.

KINGS' SCHOOL  
SUMMER FAYRE  
YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS OUT!

TRADITIONAL STALLS  
ENTERTAINMENT CLASSIC CAR MEET  
FUN & GAMES FOOD & DRINK

ARMY HELICOPTERS  
A GREAT DAY OUT FOR ALL THE FAMILY

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SATURDAY  
10TH JUNE 2022  
10.30AM - 2.00PM

FREE ENTRY

Our grand Summer Fayre returns on Saturday 10th June 2023. Once again we have an incredible line-up of fun for the whole family – all we need is for YOU to turn up and enjoy yourselves. There's something for young and old, delicious food and drinks, ice cream, sweets and fudge, all of which will keep your energy up as you wander around the stalls, admire the classic cars, try your luck at the traditional games or grab a selfie with the army helicopters which are due to drop in during the morning. Yes! Two army helicopters will be flying in and spending the day with us. Look out for more information in the parent bulletins straight after half term.

Once again, we are grateful to our wonderful Kings' Families for their marvellous spirit of Una Laborantes – we really are all working together, and year after year you come up trumps with your marvellous donations of prizes for the tombola and toy stalls. Please send your gifts, bottles, or any items in good condition, to the library.

On Friday 9th June you will be able to drop off cakes and bakes for the ever-popular cake stall.

Thank you for your continued support, and see you at the Fayre!