

# NEWSLETTER

UPDATES FOR THE PARENTS OF KINGS'



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## OPENING OF THE NEW ASTRO TURF PITCH

Kings' School, Winchester celebrated the re-laying of its astro turf pitch with a Festival of Hockey on Sunday 8th October with hundreds of participants and spectators. In temperatures peaking at twenty-six degrees and more typical of June than October, the school welcomed current and ex-pupils, members of Winchester Hockey Club and the England Over 40s Spirit of Masters Hockey team.

The day started with a minis session, involving one hundred Under 8 and Under 10 boys and girls from the Winchester Hockey Club junior section. The session was in part led by a number of Kings' pupils, many of whom enjoyed the Spring tour to The Netherlands. All of the minis are relatively new to the game but enjoyed a carousel of skills challenges and some small sided games.

Next on the programme was the Kings' U16 Boys' hockey team vs the Kings' Alumni men's side. The game was played at a fast and furious pace, with the alumni side drawing a number of excellent saves from Kings' U16 goalkeeper Finn Lacey. The alumni side have all individually enjoyed successful club and in many cases, University hockey playing careers, so established a 3-0 lead. But the Kings' side never gave up and an excellent move from Rory Jack and Matthew Richman, put England Lions player Tom Nolan through to blast a diving tomahawk into the roof of the net for the goal of the day and a respectable 3-1 score line.







# EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER



The Kings' Girls' Under 16 side were next to pit their wits against a Ladies Kings' Alumni side, featuring a number of current Kings' staff and Winchester Hockey Club players. The game ebbed and flowed but the composed, clinical finishing of the Alumni side was the difference with them eventually running out 6-0 winners. Bea Eaton and Amelia Wakely, alongside Finn Lacey, Rory Jack and Tom Nolan from the boys' side have recently made it into the South Coast Talent Academy which is a huge achievement for them individually and for the school and club.

Head of PE, Mr Alastair Birch, gave a short speech, recognising the contribution of a number of individuals whose hard work ensured that the school and the club now have a fantastic new blue hockey surface. He also thanked all the players, umpires and attendees as well as the volunteers who had cooked food or manned the various stalls throughout the day. Winchester Hockey Club chairman, Andy Craig reflected on the strong links between the school and the club and the importance of such a great facility for the school, club and community for the next ten years.

Before the final match of the day, all present first fell silent and then offered a minute's applause in memory of Nicky Ellis, Pam Fisher and John Goodman, all of whom were club stalwarts who sadly passed away this year. And the final game was a fitting tribute to all three, with the Kings' Men's Alumni going toe to toe with the England O40s Spirit of Master's side, who played in the World Master's Hockey European Championships in the summer. The Kings' Alumni side created a number of good chances before Craig Jeffrey broke the deadlock in the second half. With the bare eleven, the England side responded with a number of good chances of their own before Stuart Clark finished with aplomb to leave honours even.

Many thanks to everyone who assisted with or attended the event across the day and made for such a special occasion.



Photography by Rosie and Steve Bailey.





# BATTLEFIELDS TRIP 2023

Early on Saturday 14th October, a bunch of bleary eyed Year 9 pupils and Kings' staff set off on a coach, heading for Belgium. The long awaited Battlefields trip, the first since 2019, was underway. No one knew quite what to expect, but spirits were high as we boarded the Eurotunnel. Across the 3 day trip, visits were made to Vimy Ridge, Langemark German Cemetery, Tyne Cot British Cemetery, Essex Farm Cemetery & Dressing Station, Talbot House and Museum, Ypres for the "In Flanders Fields" exhibition and the Menin Gate, Newfoundland Park, Thiepval Memorial & Visitors Centre, and Lochnagar Crater. At each stop, the magnitude of the purpose of the trip sunk in a little further. The children were impeccably behaved, showing respect and thoughtfulness in their studies of each spot, and sharing reflections on how different the world might be without some of the brave souls who were lost in the Great War. It was an extremely moving and thought provoking trip, which will live long in the memories of all of us who attended. Grateful thanks to Mr Sharp, Miss Henshaw, Miss Banwell, Mrs Jenkins and Mr Leigh-Jones for escorting this important trip.



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE







# REMEMBRANCE DAY AT KINGS' 2023



The Service of Remembrance is a long-standing tradition at Kings' School and of all the events which take place during the year, it means the most and matters the most. As in past years, we were privileged to be joined by members of the St Thomas' Old Boys Association. A number of retired members of staff attended together with parents of pupils who are current or former members of the armed forces, our chair of the Board of Governors, Mr Richard Priestley, along with our guest of honour, Her Worship the Mayor of Winchester, Cllr Angela Clear.

Mr Dave Clarke, head of Music, accompanied the enthusiastic singing of the hymn and the National Anthem. Bridget Cooney, a Year 9 pupil, played an immaculate Last Post and Reveille on her cornet to book-end the two-minute silence that was observed throughout the school. Moving reflections written by Thea Merritt and Reuben Noott, both in Year 9, were beautifully read.

Main Hall capacity was such that it was filled with some 300 staff, pupils and guests but grateful thanks to Mr Sam Palmer, head of Media Studies, who live streamed the proceedings into all the classrooms, ensuring every pupil and every member of staff was able to feel a part of the event.

Once again, we are indebted to the Rev Neil Birkett, a former Deputy Head of the school, for leading us in prayer and reflection. Following the service and the reading of the Kohima Epitaph and Exhortation, by chairman of St Thomas' Old Boys Association Mr Tony Dowland, our guests, cadets and senior prefects retired to the library. Grateful thanks, too, to Mr Steve Jarvis, an expert on World War 1 History, who brought part of his extensive collection of memorabilia to school and provided an outstanding display.

Our school chef Mr Ian Wooldridge, and his catering team, provided a perfect centrepiece in the form of a beautifully iced cake and a selection of poppy seed cupcakes.

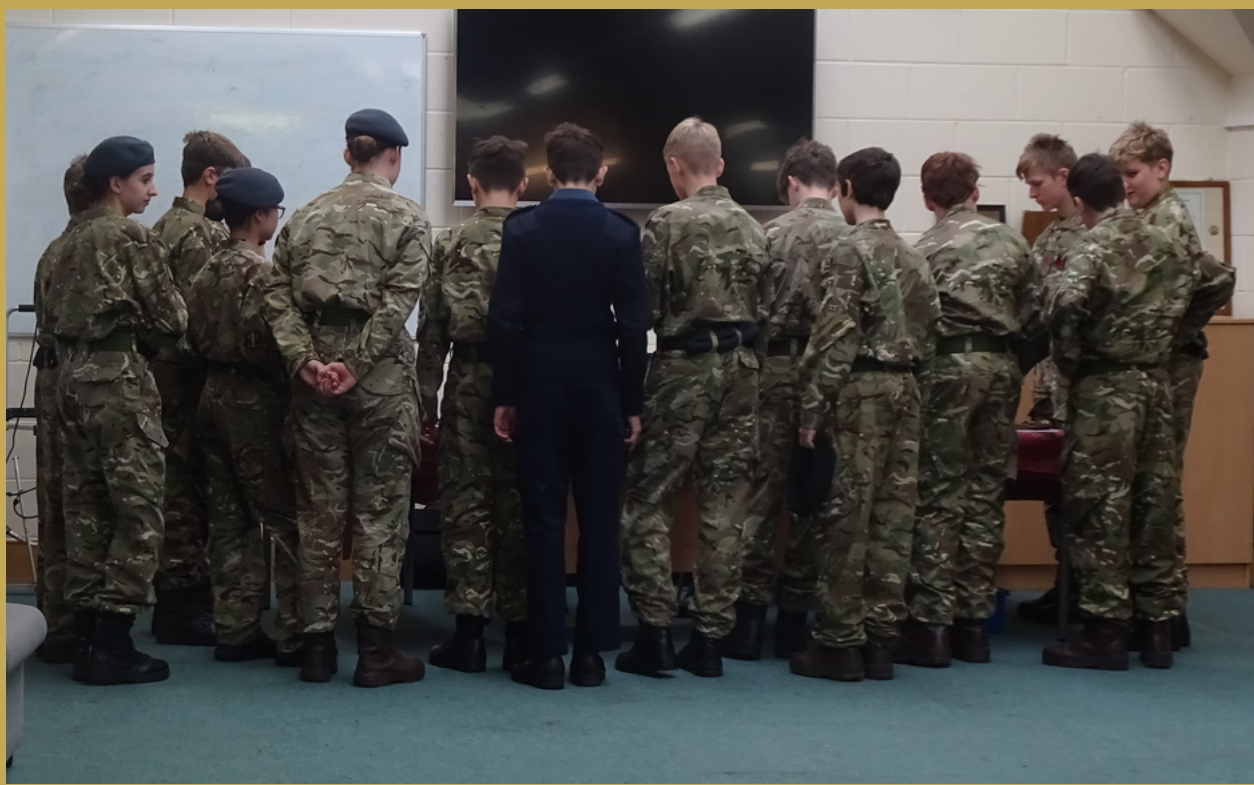
Once again I am so proud of the way in which our pupils conducted themselves. It is a privilege to organise this important event in the life of Kings' School.

Mrs Edyth Miles





# REMEMBRANCE DAY AT KINGS' 2023





## SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

MRS LEANNE MILLS

COVER COORDINATOR

What attracted you to the role?

Previously, I worked for a small local pre-school for 10 years, then joined a Primary school where I spent nearly 2 years. When Miss Merrett told me she was leaving the primary school to return to work at Kings', I asked her what was it about Kings' that made her want to go back. Simply put she sold it! and I have not been disappointed.

While it is a big school, with so many different staff, there is still the feeling of 'Working together as a Team'. This ethos is important to me. The office staff I work directly with have been so friendly, welcoming & patient as I learn my new role. Thank you to them, for this.

About me? My husband and I have been married 23 years, we have 2 older teenagers who keep us on our toes As a family we enjoy doing escape rooms together. I am rather rabbit mad! I currently have 2 indoor bunnies, that are my fur babies. I love getting out in my garden, not that I really know what I am doing out there, but I like to have a go.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Saturday 18th November - D of E Silver Day  
Walk and Night Navigation

Monday 20th November - Eastleigh and  
Winchester District Cross Country

Tuesday 21st November - Scholastic Book Fair  
arrives

Wednesday 22nd November - Soccer Field  
Academy

Thursday 23rd November - INSET

Monday 27th November - Inter Schools Cross  
Country Championships

Saturday 25th November - KP Cup - Kings' vs  
Perins

Thursday 30th November - Christmas Cracker -  
school hall.



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Dear Dr Adams,

By now, I hope that you have seen my national campaign The Big Ambition. Please ensure you have shared this survey with the children and parents within your school community.

Children or parents can complete the survey here:

[www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition). Further resources are available on our website.

It is really important that the pupils at Kings' School have participated in The Big Ambition survey and had their say.

I want to ensure that the voices of all children in the Winchester area are fairly represented in the findings so that I can share their views with the most senior members of the country.

I must reiterate that it is vital that all children have their voice heard through this survey because, as Children's Commissioner for England, I have a statutory duty to protect and promote the views and interests of children. The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. I will be sharing their responses with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard.

Please share the survey and resources with teachers in your school and encourage them to use it in their lessons. Children can complete the survey in assemblies, form times, PSHE or in other lessons this term. The survey can also be done as homework and parents can assist children who cannot complete the survey themselves (children under 5 and children with Special Educational Needs). This is a great opportunity to teach children about politics and why it is important for them to use their voice. Be sure to check out the lesson plans on my website if you want to teach your pupils more about politics before they fill in the survey!

Please do get in touch if you have any problems. My team is happy to support with the roll out in any way we can.

Yours sincerely,



Dame Rachel De Souza

Children's Commissioner for England







# SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The ever-popular Scholastic Book fair returns to Kings' School on Tuesday 21st November and will be here, in the Library, until Monday 4th December.

Pupils may visit the fair before and after school, as well as during lunch breaks. High quality, age-appropriate books and fun stationery will be available to buy. Pupils may bring in cash, or, you might like to buy vouchers online for your children to use. We all benefit from your purchases, as the school earns commission based on sales, in the form of books for the school library.

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## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR PARENTS!

Our amazing pupils have amazing parents and we would love to shout about your achievements!

Have you run a marathon? Or several? Climbed Kilimanjaro? Raised vast sums of money for charity?

We are planning to shine a spotlight on our exceptional parents in future editions of our Newsletter.

If YOU have done something exceptional, please get in touch with Mrs Miles.

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CRAFTS - HANDMADE GIFTS - LOCAL HONEY  
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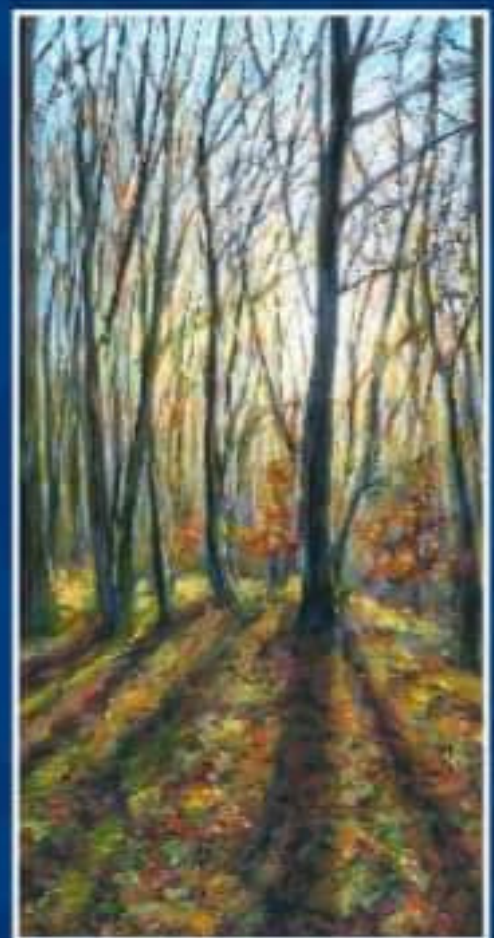
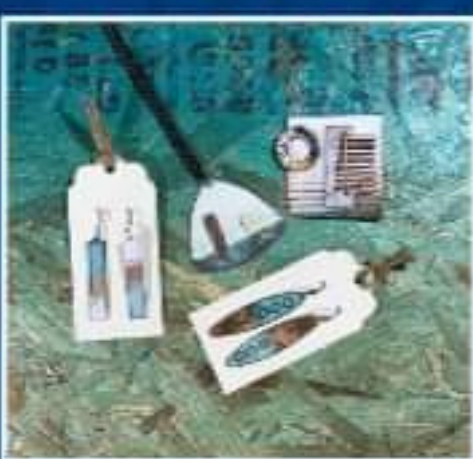
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# THE GREAT HALL

## Maker's Fair

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