

NEWSLETTER



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UPDATES FOR THE PARENTS OF KINGS'



HISTORY MADE!

KINGS' THROUGH TO LAST 16 - DEBUT APPEARANCE IN ESFA CUP

On the 9th of January, 15 year 8 boys, Mr. Marwood and Mr. Osbourne made their way to Cox Green School, Maidenhead. History awaited them. They knew that if they won this match, they would make it into the seventh round of the English Schools National cup, giving them the opportunity to play as one of the last 16 schools in all of England. No Kings' boys football team has ever made it this far. The hour trip built the suspense: the scene was set.

In the first ten minutes of the game, chances flooded in for both teams, but were wasted. As the game neared the 25-minute mark, there was a breakthrough. Our centre forward, Josh Divers played a silky through ball that had the defenders on their knees; the left winger, Macey James Leigh-Jones slotted in the opener. The team celebrated as they could see a sliver of glory; but the game was far from over.

The half time team-talk was what Kings' needed to get them through to the next round, but hopes faded when a Cox Green player scored an unsaveable goal that keeper, Oliver Booth, could only watch nestle into the top corner. The game was on. James Wait and Ryan Mulligan bossed the back, whilst Luca Martino and Umair Larrousi controlled the midfield. Then came the moment that changed the game. Archie Smith played a through ball into our left winger, who then crossed in for James Gill, our right winger, to tap the ball into an empty net. Although questions were asked for offside, the goal stood.

As Macey James won a free kick right on the edge of the Cox Green box, the only thought was to seal the game. He stepped up to make history, and calmly placed the ball into the top left corner, giving Cox Green no time to pull the game back.

They had done it, as the full-time whistle blew, the players rejoiced in happiness, but the one thing they all thought was "We're going to win the cup."

Reflecting on this famous victory Mr Marwood added 'The team deserved to win the game, it was tense with very few scoring opportunities at either end. Luckily, we took our chances clinically and defended superbly throughout the team, we probably could have scored one or two more on the counter at the end but it was a fantastic win for the team. Standout performers were Macey with his two goals and assist, James Waite at centre back and Luca Martino holding the midfield together'.



SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

MRS CLAIRE PLUMTREE
PRIMARY TRAINED TEACHER
I AM CURRENTLY IN MY
FIFTH YEAR AT KINGS.



I am one of those pupils who loved my own schooling and this led me to want to give something back and is what attracted me to teaching.

I started working one to one with a pupil requiring individualised teaching and communication. I have absolutely loved building a relationship with them and also learning about the technology used to enable speech and writing. This has enabled me to learn a whole new set of skills. Working with just one pupil for the majority of the time has also given me the luxury of having the time to think of new and creative ways of using resources to engage my student. There has been much laughter over the five years.

However, not all of my time has been spent with one pupil. Initially I had a small group of Year 7 students for Science. Coming from Primary Schools it was amazing to be "let loose" with chemicals, test tubes and scalpals! The following year I worked with some new Year 7 pupils to teach some additional English and Maths. The second group of students I have worked with from Year 7 and continue to work with through to Year 9. It has been a privilege to see them mature and develop.

As my pupil has developed more independence, I am now starting to get out and about around school a bit more. I now teach some lessons with some small groups of Year 7 students as well as some older years. Year 9 poetry and Shakespeare has been a new challenge, which I am greatly enjoying. Again with a smaller group I am able to have time preparing additional support materials for students, to enable them to access the full breadth of the curriculum..

At Kings' I have enjoyed the Una Laborantes spirit and have gradually got to know many members of staff from different departments like Pupil Support, English, Maths and more. It has been good to feel that with a unique set of skills I am able to support staff and pupils alike to achieve their best. I have also been involved with the wider life of school, helping to run two after school clubs, "Watercolour" and "Knitwits." This has enabled me to share my enthusiasm for my interests outside of schools and pupils enjoy being able to chill out and be creative at the end of the day in these sessions.

Year 7 SnowBall

As part of the Year 11's fundraising efforts toward their final celebration of Kings' at the Prom, Year 11 pupils, led by 11HAN/SNO, have volunteered to give the Year 7s a night to remember at the SnowBall.

As well as having a boogie, the pupils will be able to raise funds by taking a turn at 'Sponge a Teacher', buying party glowsticks, and stocking up at the Tuck Shop!

It is set to be a night to remember so come along Year 7s!

Tickets available on ParentPay £5. Thursday 8th February, 18.00-19.30 in school Main Hall.





SPOTLIGHT ON A PUPIL

FELIX WALKER-NIX

AGE 15



Hello! My name is Felix Walker-Nix, I am a fifteen-year-old wildlife photographer currently in Year 10. I have been photographing for 4 years, starting just before lockdown in 2020. I am very lucky to live in the countryside a couple of miles outside Winchester and spend all my weekends rambling over the hills searching for local wildlife to photograph. My favourite subject to capture on camera has been the hares on local farms. They all have unique characters and I almost get to know certain individuals that I photograph. In March of 2023, I was delighted to win the 12-14 category of the British Wildlife Photographer of the Year with my hare photo titled "What's over there?" (The hare looking over its shoulder towards me). I was invited to an awards evening in Bristol and met some incredible photographers from across the country. As well as a prize, the photo was included in a touring exhibition of the UK and in a book that is available in Waterstones. If you'd like to see more of my photos I upload them to Instagram on [@photos.by.felix](https://www.instagram.com/photos.by.felix).



PHOTOGRAPHY BY
FELIX
WALKER-NIX

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SPORTING SUCCESS STORIES



U14 Boys Basketball, Currently undefeated in the Southampton Schools League at the top of the league and also through to the Finals of the County Cup.



U16 Boys Basketball, These boys have been out-performing most schools in the Southampton Schools League to sit in third place (Hoping to reach the Cup Finals).



10 Pupils were carefully selected to represent Kings' School Winchester in an Inter Schools Competition at Boulder Brighton. Currently waiting on the results.



Sunday 28th January, 45 pupils and 5 staff travelled to Birmingham Utilita Arena for the British Basketball Womens & Mens Trophy Finals. A great day out was had by all.

DID YOU KNOW ...?

The Pupil Daily Bulletin is published on Satchel One every morning. You can check it yourself, and keep up to date with what's happening around the school.



Do you know who our school governors are?
You can find out more on our website -
just click here:



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WE ARE RECRUITING:

Cover Supervisor
Exams Coordinator
Data Coordinator
Invigilators

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR
FURTHER DETAILS

<https://kings-hants.com/register-an-interest/>



Our Music and Drama departments are proud to announce our major production for 2024 ...





DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 6th February - Year 8 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 7th February - afternoon tea for Base parents, Tower Base

Wednesday 7th February - D of E Silver - Planning Meeting

Thursday 8th February - afternoon tea for Base parents, Tower Base

Thursday 8th February - Art Paper Crafts Valentine's Workshop Room 39

Thursday 8th February Year 7 SnowBall 6 - 7.30pm, Main Hall

Friday 9th February - Close for half term break

Monday 19th February - School opens after half term break

Monday 19th February - Year 10 D of E celebration evening

Monday 19th February - Shaping the Future Forum 5.30 - 6.30pm

Training Suite - parents invited to discuss Site Development at Kings' School.

Wednesday 21st February - Year 9 Parents' Evening

Friday 23rd February - Year 10 reports sent home

Friday 23rd February - Year 11 Poetry Live! London



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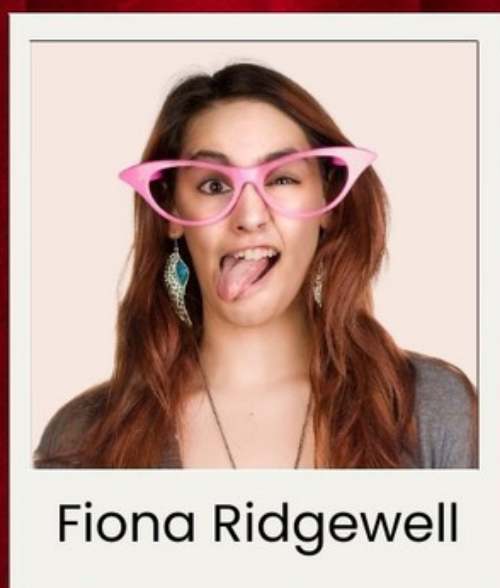


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COMEDY @KINGS'

HOSTED BY MC TOM DEACON



FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND 2024

DOORS OPEN AT 6.15 PM
EVENT FINISHES AT 10.30PM

£25.00

**THIS PRICE INCLUDES A DELICIOUS
FISH, VEGAN SAUSAGE OR GLUTEN
FREE FISHCAKES &
CHIP MEAL**

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or for a direct link click Kings' School Association via
the Parent tab on the school website or scan the
QR code in the right corner



Winchester PeaceJam Conference

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th March 2024

Get ready for an action-packed weekend, empowering youth to be the change they want to see in the world through **hands-on workshops, near-peer mentoring groups and a social action planning session**. To facilitate sustainable change, schools and youth groups will also have **access to a six-week programme** that complements the Citizenship GCSE curriculum.

It will be held at **Winchester University**



Our inspirational keynote speaker will be Harshwardhansinh Zala!

As a young teen, he created a drone that can detect landmines and now he runs his own organisation called Aerobotic7. He embodies the next generation of peacemakers, taking after our amazing **Nobel Peace Laureate Jody Williams**. We cannot wait for him to work with our youth at this conference, and connect with Jody, who will be joining virtually to talk about her work and answer questions.

Registration will open soon! However you can register your interest and make enquiries by emailing: unitedkingdom@peacejam.org

The cost to attend and be part of the action will be **£60.00** per young person. **Teachers and Youth Workers are free**. This can be paid for by schools, clubs or sponsoring Rotary Clubs. We also have access to other alternative funding streams.

Further information about PeaceJam can be found at: <https://peacejam.org.uk/>

We're investing between £700 million and £900 million in hospital services in Hampshire.

We'd like to know what you think about our plans to build a new hospital, invest in Winchester hospital, and our proposals for where services are provided from in the future.

This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to improve your hospital facilities and services for decades to come.

Have your say and help shape tomorrow's hospitals

To find out more visit
www.hampshiretogether.nhs.uk
or scan the QR code



You can also email hiowicb-hsi.mohhs@nhs.net
call **0300 561 0905** or write to us at
Freepost HAMPSHIRE TOGETHER

Our public consultation is open until midnight on 17 March 2024. We'd love to hear your views

