

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

Friday 28th September 2018

Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers, Students and Staff

We started our week with a whole school assembly to celebrate our birthday. This year Kendrick School is 141 years old! Our celebrations are very much more low key than they were last year when we celebrated 140 years, however, the sentiment and meaning behind our celebrations still remains strong and possibly more charged given the plans we have for the future of our school.

As always the students rose to the challenge of making cakes for the Cake Competition. Every form made a cake on a given theme and the ideas chosen were fantastic. Year 7, who come to this event for the first time, excelled themselves with a wonderful display of cupcakes, whilst students in Year 9 focused on subject themes with an outstanding cake from 9A which was in the design of an electric keyboard complete with its plug! The Upper School showed off their technical skills with some super cakes, one featuring students made by 11S, another displaying the banner and colours of the suffragettes by 11P, which of course caught my eye! The Sixth Form surpassed themselves with a contribution made by every Tutor Group and it was no surprise that the winning cake came from 13JF made by one of our most experienced cake bakers! Claire and her form chose the theme of **Nelson Mandela** and a sculpture cake of the great man was their contribution. On it was the memorable and vital quotation: **'education is the most important weapon which you can use to change the world'** - it is not surprising that it was the winning cake! Click [here](#) to view the photos.

We shall be welcoming former students to the school on Sunday afternoon as part of birthday events and will be hosting a small tea for them. Thank you in advance to the staff, students and members of the Head Girl Team who will be supporting us on Sunday.

A number of students have been to see me so far this term to tell me about things they have done in their summer holiday. A few applied and were given a Kendrick Trust Award and we hope to feature their reports when I receive them. In addition, some students are telling me about a **'small great thing'** they have done, an idea I talk to students about regularly and so we will be featuring their stories too. You may also know that we have a **Lead, Inspire, Make a Difference** board in the Library and every month we feature a prominent individual (usually a woman) who we feel really has made a difference. As we approach the **centenary of the end of the First World War** our focus will be on people related to that event. We are beginning to plan what we want to do as a school to mark that occasion and I will let you know of our plans in due course. A link to our Lead, Inspire, Make a Difference board is [here](#).

This afternoon we are hosting an event for our **KPS volunteers** to say thank you to them for their work supporting our school. Without the efforts and contributions of this small group of people, many items of equipment, as well as lovely events would not take place. Everything they do is for the benefit of all students and so it would be wonderful if more parents were involved. If you feel that you would like to be more involved with KPS because you could make a contribution to our school, please come to the **KPS AGM on Monday October 15th at 6.00pm**.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING

If you're worried about a child or need advice or information about child protection, contact the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000 or visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-you-can-do/get-advice-and-support/>.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The following quote is one of the '140 quotes for 140 years' collected by Year 9 students on the occasion of Kendrick School's 140th birthday.

"When it rains look for rainbows, when it's dark look for stars"

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media

[Kendrick School Birthday](#)

Term Dates for 2019-20

Our Term Dates for 2019-20 can be viewed on our website via this [link](#).

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join the Governing Body this term. Information on how nominations can be made and the election process have been sent out by email and can be accessed via this [link](#). Nomination forms should be returned to Ms Amanda Emberson, Clerk to the Governing Body (clerk@kendrick.reading.sch.uk) by Friday 5th October 2018.

We are fortunate to have parents/carers with a wide range of skills and talents, who are able to contribute to the Governing Body. In these challenging financial times and in the current political climate, our governing body is having to make some significant strategic decisions, not just for the students that are with us at the moment, but for the cohorts of students that will come to Kendrick in the future. Recently appointed parent governors have said that they enjoy their role as a governor; it gives them an insight into the workings of the school and how the school is accountable to the governing body. In addition, it enables them to be involved in setting the strategic vision of the school by working closely with Ms Kattirtzi and the Senior Leadership Team. They are proud to be part of a school that is relentless in its pursuit of excellence.

If you have an interest in education and have skills that you feel could contribute to the work we do, please put your name forward to be considered for the role of Parent Governor at Kendrick. We are particularly interested in financial and legal experience and also property/estate management skills

SCHOOL CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 1st October 2018 (A Week)

Tuesday 2 nd October	Year 7 Welcome Evening, 6.45pm Year 12 Geography Urban Trip Maths Olympiad for Girls
Wednesday 3 rd October	Hockey U16 Bradfield (P2-5)
Thursday 4 th October	Governor Resources, 4.30pm
Friday 5 th October	World Smile Day

The full school calendar can be found via this [link](#)

School Reunion – Sunday 30th September 2018, 2pm to 4pm

This year our School Reunion for former students and staff will be on Sunday 30th September 2018 between 2pm and 4pm. There will be an opportunity to tour the school, have a look at archive material and chat with friends and staff over light refreshments.

It would be appreciated if you could complete the form on our website so that we have an idea of numbers. Unfortunately we cannot offer parking on the school site.

We look forward to seeing you!

<https://www.kendrick.reading.sch.uk/page/?title=Alumnae&pid=21>

KENDRICK PARENTS' SOCIETY (KPS)

Many thanks to all the new parents who have joined KPS as members. Any queries on how to join can be forwarded to our membership secretary at kpsmembersec1@gmail.com.

Planning is well underway for our upcoming events, please come along and support us.

12th October YEAR 7 Film Night contact: Maggie kpsmembersec1@gmail.com

2nd November Kendrick Diwali Mela contact: Maitri maitrivish@gmail.com

The KPS AGM is scheduled for Monday 16th October at 6pm. All parents are invited to attend. We are looking to recruit a new chair, vice-chair and secretary for the coming year. These are key roles liaising with Ms Kattirtzi, students and staff to ensure KPS is operating to the best of our ability. Full support and training will be provided. If you are interested in a role and have any questions, please contact us at una.tietema@hotmail.com. Applications for job-share are welcomed.

KPS Film Afternoon – Friday 12th October 2018, 3.30pm to 5.45pm

KPS are holding a film afternoon for the Year 7 students on Friday 12th October, 3.30pm to 5.45pm in the Kendrick School hall, straight after school. The students can bring into school their onesies/PJ's and pillows/blanket and get changed after school. Mats will be laid out in the hall and the students can lounge around watching a suitable film with their friends, safe at school (a sleepover style without the sleepover). Cost is £5 including a snack. There will

also be refreshments/snacks/sweets for sale so students should bring extra money that day if they want to buy items. Tickets are on sale at school. Please either give your daughter the exact £5 cash or a cheque for £5 made payable to Kendrick Parents' Society. Last year nearly all the Year 7 students attended and it was a great way for them to get to know each other better. Please visit the [KPS page](#) on the website for the flyer and ticket form.

PARENTPAY

- GCSE Music Anthology £20
- Music Composition Workshop on 9th October 2018 £12.50
- Year 12 Geography Field Trip on 2nd October 2018 £12.50
- GCSE Drama Theatre trip to 'Henry II' on 17th October 2018 £10.50

Last chance to order MFL magazines and Year 12/13 Chemistry books/revision guides.

VACANCIES

Cover Assistant Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Cover Assistant for 32 hours a week to join us in October. Please see our website for more information on the role and how to apply. Please pass this information on to friends or family who may be interested. Deadline for applications is Sunday 30th September 2018.

<https://www.kendrick.reading.sch.uk/page/?title=Support+Staff+Vacancies&pid=149>