

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

Friday 15th November 2019

Weekly Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

We started the week with a Whole School **Assembly for Remembrance** to reflect on the consequences and deaths of war over the last 100 years. Students spoke about the impact of conflicts on different European countries: Spain, France and Germany in the 20th Century. We made a pledge for peace and to try to live our lives together harmoniously, looking at what unites us and not what divides us. At 11.00am we all stood in silence to remember and appreciate the sacrifices that have been made by people and communities in past wars and conflicts so that we have the life we have today in our school and in our country. Iris Rushbrooke, Year 12 student, appropriately and beautifully played The Last Post as we observed the silence.

On Wednesday evening we had our annual **House Music Competition** which was once again a highlight in our calendar. This year in an attempt to make the event more manageable for everyone, each House contributed three items for the competition. The standard of all the participants and the pieces that were played was amazing. Our guest adjudicator, Matt Butchers, Head of Music at Maiden Erlegh School, Reading, was most impressed! Making the decision as to which House won must have been very difficult for him, but overall the prize for House Music 2019 went to Sidmouth.

If you follow the news on our website, you will notice that we like to showcase what we do at Kendrick, from the curricular work that goes on in school, to the extracurricular activities that occur around the formal curriculum. Parents should know that students are always very busy and active and if they take part in House activities, clubs, sport and music, they can be occupied almost every day of the week. We consider that participation in activities is important for a young person's personal development and helps them find out what they like and enjoy doing, it helps them make friends, work in teams and it builds confidence and resilience. We therefore encourage a full curricular and extracurricular programme at Kendrick and it is always my great pleasure to share what we have done with you.

Aware of some of the great things going on at school, I have recently started to speak to students who have returned from a school trip or activity and asked them to tell me what they have learnt and how this learning fits in with their wider education in that subject. I had a very interesting conversation with some Year 11 students who attended a RS trip organised and led by Mr Nemeth, Head of RS and Sociology, earlier in November to Oxford to visit a mosque and cathedral. Prasadnya, Ros and Ruchika were able to tell me in great detail and with confidence why their visit was so interesting and valuable and how it related to their studies at GCSE. They explained that by listening and talking with people from the mosque and cathedral they were able to gain a better understanding of these places of worship and the beliefs of Muslims and Christians. I asked the students to write an article about their visit which you can read [here](#).

It has been **Anti Bullying Week** this week and students in Year 10 had a lesson with Mrs Lace, Head of PSHCE, on this theme. Using some materials that a student in Year 13, Kyra Hannibal, had produced on her work experience placement recently, Year 10 discussed behaviour that on the surface many seem innocent and harmless, but which can also make people feel intimidated and isolated. Everyone needs to be constantly reminded that what some people might think is gentle banter, others consider may feel it is unkind and hurtful. Our PSHCE programme throughout the school looks at the theme of relationships with one another so that we can all appreciate that our actions and words must be carefully managed so that no one feels isolated or left out.

I will end this week with a poem that was part of the Anti-Bullying report that Kyra's group put together called ***Change Starts with us: A report outlining recommendations to address bullying face to face and online.*** The poem is a message of hope and suggests that all of us have a responsibility and can change our behaviour so that no one feels bullied or left out. This is expressed in the last few lines of the poem:

*Change starts with me, us, them and you
It's up to all of us to see it through
We need to stop, think, rearrange,
It's up to us to bring about change.*

Link to rest of the poem is [here](#).

Best wishes for the weekend.

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING

Anti-Bullying Week

Below is a link to a YouTube video, which, Kyra, a Year 13 student was recently involved in researching and making.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= itaVFpSLB8&feature=youtu.be>

CALENDAR

Week Commencing Monday 18th November 2019 (A Week)

Monday 18th November

Tuesday 19th November

Wednesday 20th November

Thursday 21st November

KPS Meeting, 6.30pm

Deadline for receipt of nominations for the one Parent Governor vacancy

Autumn Profiling Day/Year 7 Study Skills

GCSE Presentation and Awards Evening. 5pm

Governor Resources Meeting, 4.30pm

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

Key Events in Term 2

Tuesday 26th November

Thursday 28th November

Tuesday 3rd December

Wednesday 4th December

Friday 6th December

Friday 13th December

Monday 16th December

Wednesday 18th December

Dance Enterprise Day

Year 13 Parents' Consultation, 3.45pm

Year 11 Parents' Consultation, 3.45pm

Evening of Dance

KPS Disco, Years 7-9

Christmas Jumper Day

A Level Presentation and Awards Evening

Last Day of Term 2, 1.10pm

KPS NEWS

It was good to see a lot of parents/carers at the School House Music Competition who came to support all the students and it was delight to see the young talent performing on stage. The KPS team provided refreshments during the evening and we wish thank all the parents and students who bought refreshments, all proceeds will be going towards the school.

We will discuss the funds raised at the Careers Event and House Music Competition day at our upcoming KPS meeting on Monday 18th November to be held at Kendrick School. The agenda has been circulated to all the KPS members and will be sent via the class whatsapp groups by the respective class reps.

The KPS Disco is on Friday 6th December for Years 7-9, please book [online for tickets](#). We need volunteers for this event too, please reach out if you have some time to help! Please see the attached poster to this newsletter.

On the same day we are planning a Christmas market. If you wish to join the Christmas Market team please let us know by emailing chair.kps.uk@gmail.com.

More details on our newsletter on Monday!

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Christmas Concert – Thursday 12th December 2019

Our Christmas concert will take place on **THURSDAY, 12TH DECEMBER 2018 AT 6.30 PM**. The whole of Year 7 will be singing, and there will be performances from all of the main school ensembles including Wind Orchestra, Vox Choir, Senior Choir, Chamber Choir, Jazz Band and Symphony Orchestra. The concert would not be complete without a visit from the notorious staff band, No Direction. Tickets for this concert will be available to order through ParentPay shortly.

We look forward to seeing you at this event.

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

Activities taking place on Profiling Day (20th November) for Year 7 (£6), Year 8 (£6), Year 10 (£2.50) and Year 11 (£5.20)

VACANCIES

Kendrick School has the following vacancies. Please click on the links for each role for more information.

[Biology Technician and Outreach Coordinator](#)

[English Teacher to cover a maternity leave](#)

[Examination Invigilators](#)

NEWS AND EVENTS - WHOLE SCHOOL

News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media

[Religious Studies Trip to Oxford](#)

Autumn Profiling – Wednesday 20th November 2019

The programme for Autumn profiling on Wednesday 20th November is below. Please refer to the recent ParentMail sent to you earlier this week which gives further information for your child's particular year group and exact timings. Please acknowledge the arrangements outlined in that email by completing the ParentMail form sent to you separately.

Year Group	Time in School	Additional Information
7	Normal school hours.	Study Skills workshop - £8.00 contribution please
8	Half a day	'People Like Me – Speed Networking' - £5.00 contribution please
9	Half a day	Induction session in Careers Library – no contribution required
10	Half a day	Religious Education workshop - £2.50 contribution please
11	Half a day	'Inner Drive' workshop - £5.20 contribution please
12 & 13	Profiling appointment	Independent study (in or out of school)

Parent/Governor Vacancy

This is a reminder that the deadline for NOMINATIONS for the election of ONE (1) PARENT GOVERNOR to the Governing Body of Kendrick School is Tuesday 19th November 2019. The successful candidates will hold office for four years from the date of their election.

A Nomination Form are attached and must be returned to Mrs Amanda Emberson, Clerk to the Governing Body, at Kendrick School (clerk@kendrick.reading.sch.uk) no later than midday on **Tuesday 19th November 2019**. Each nominee should include a short personal statement (no more than one or two paragraphs) with the nomination form. This will be circulated to voters.

If the election is contested, a poll by secret ballot will be held. The election will be conducted electronically and been designed to ensure that the election is secret and anonymous, is limited to one vote per person and ensures that only those entitled to vote can take part in the election.

If you do not wish to participate in the election via this method, please contact the Clerk to the Governing Body to make arrangements for a ballot paper to be posted to you and to ensure you are excluded from the online voting system.

The election period will commence at midday on **Wednesday 20th November** and will close at midday on **Wednesday 27th November**. The vote will be counted at 12.15pm on that day and the results will be published as soon as possible thereafter.

Mrs Jan Nowecki, Chair to the Kendrick School Governing Body

Fundraising for Charlie Ilsley

We have received the following email from Claire Brown who is fundraising for a local young resident Charlie Ilsley. If you would like to donate please use the link below. Please note that Kendrick School is not associated with this appeal in anyway.

I am currently fundraising for 12 year old Charlie Ilsley who lives in nearby Emmer Green, who requires immunotherapy treatment for cancer.

He is in the middle of life-saving treatment in Germany, but sadly, the family do not have sufficient funds to cover the rest of the treatment, in order for him to return for another four trips so that he can complete the treatment and live like any other 12 year old.

I saw Charlie on Channel 4's recent Stand Up To Cancer campaign and felt compelled to do something for this little boy who has been through so much. We need to raise £35,000 by the 2nd December, which is when Charlie's next course of treatment is. It's a sad fact that if we don't reach this amount, his treatment will be halted and it is likely the cancer will return. So far he has responded to treatment incredibly well and immunotherapy is considered a game-changer by leading medical specialists, including those at the Royal Marsden Hospital. You can see why the family would be devastated should they fail to raise enough money.

Charlie's Facebook page which includes updates and his appeal can be found here: www.facebook.com/charlieilsleyUK

NEWS AND EVENTS – STUDENTS

World Toilet Day - Wednesday 19th November

Have you ever considered going to the toilet to be a privilege? 2.3 billion people worldwide do not have access to somewhere safe, private and hygienic to go to the toilet. Unaware of its importance, many families do not teach their children good sanitation, which makes them vulnerable. All children are at risk of life-threatening yet preventable diseases, but girls are also susceptible to sexual violence when finding a place to relieve themselves.

Having access to a toilet makes a huge difference in people's day to day lives. In the Ivory Coast, Sita's children were often sick, unable to attend school and needing medical help that the family could not afford. However, after learning about the link between sanitation and health, she built a toilet for her family, which improved their quality of life. Now, she can afford to send her children to school.

Toilet twinning is a simple way to directly help poorer people who do not have access to basic necessities. We can link our toilets to those in another school (in a chosen country), for just £240, giving them access to much-needed facilities such as toilets and taps. By the end of the year, let's try to raise enough for FIVE school toilet blocks. World toilet day is on Wednesday 19th November, so let's be grateful and raise awareness by breaking the poo taboo!

If anyone would like to get involved with fundraising, please contact Pippa Wakelin, 12KM (14pwakelin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk) or find me in either Room D or Sidmouth basement.

Links: To find out more about toilet twinning, visit <https://www.toilettwinning.org/what-we-do/>.

Here are two links about Bridget and Rachel, whose lives changed after receiving hygienic toilets and taps: <https://vimeo.com/246802056> <https://vimeo.com/294530176>

NEWS AND EVENTS - BY YEAR GROUP

Year 12

GCSE Certificates and Awards Presentation Evening

Year 12 and their parents/carers are invited to the **GCSE Certificates and Awards Presentation Evening** on **Wednesday 20th November 2019**, 4.45pm for a prompt 5.00pm start. Please see the email sent to parents/carers for more information.

AND FINALLY.... THINKING CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK!

30 classmates went for a bonfire. While sitting around the fire, they decided to play a game. To play it, they divided themselves into 5 teams in a way that there were 5 rows having 7 people each.

The answer will be published next week

Answer to last week's challenge:

Whenever you come across such a question, keep in mind that you have to always start from the last. We have to find the letter between the letter two to the left of C and letter to the immediate of F. Thus we have to find the letter between A and G. Now the letter that lies in the exact middle will be D. Next, we have to go three times right which will lead us to G. One left is next and we will reach F. At last we have to go right twice. Doing that, we land on H.

Thus H is the required letter.

