

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

Friday 6th March 2020

WEEKLY LETTER FROM MS KATTIRTZI, HEADTEACHER

Such joy and pleasure last night at the **House Drama** competition where once again we were treated to three superb yet different plays by Sidmouth, Palmer and Cedars. On the theme of **Temptation; *the snake beguiled me and I did eat***, we watched Simouth's psychological drama, Palmer's comedic interpretation and Cedars political view of the theme. Critiqued in detail by our guest adjudicator **Frank Whately**, former Drama Teacher and Lecturer at Kingston University, who was hugely impressed by all the plays and performances, Cedars was declared this year's winning play and therefore recipients of the impressive shield. Congratulations to them and to all the participants: writers, directors, backstage crew, lighting and sound support and, of course, Mrs Cooper, the House Leaders, Mr Simmonds, Mr Stride and Mr Duncan for their contributions to supporting this super occasion in the school calendar. An article and photographs will appear on the website shortly.

A feature of all the plays last night was the very good use the students made of the new **lighting system** to enhance dramatic moments in the plays. These lights were purchased by the **raffle funds** raised at last year's **Spring Raffle** by **KPS**. I hope parents and students are able to appreciate that the money raised by KPS goes directly to enhance students' personal development in such a practical and visible way and, as in the case of the plays last night, the lighting gave an even better professional dimension to the overall productions. The money raised at this year's raffle, we hope, will be able to buy some more enhancements to the Hall: a new projector to use in assemblies and presentation events and also new blinds for the Drama Studio. Please find the email that was sent to you and purchase your tickets; every raffle ticket sold will enable us to enhance and update the equipment that our students have available to them at Kendrick. Please click [HERE](#) for more information and to buy raffle tickets.

Preparations by our **Head Girl Team and the 6th Form** are under way for **Sport Relief** this year which takes place next week and as always there is a great variety of events for students to get involved in. At a cost of £2.50 students can watch all the activities that will be put on across the week, as well as dress up on Friday 13th March using the theme of S and R. Usual highlights will be the Staff Bake off, Staff v 6th Form Dodge Ball and Kendrick v Reading School Netball match.

All students in the school received a presentation by Widge Woolsey on Tuesday about **Period Poverty** which I believe both staff and students appreciated. Widge spends much of her time in Malawi supporting and educating young women. Her charity called **UFULU** and her website provide more information and if anyone wishes to support her and the work she does, please follow the link [HERE](#). There is a lot of other news on the website, but a particular achievement that was brought to my attention was by a student in **Year 10, Arya**, who has successfully reached **Grade 8 in Carnatic music**. An article and photo is [HERE](#). Also another student in **Year 12, Georgia**, won a **national sociology competition** and an article as well as her winning essay can be found [HERE](#). It is International **Women's Day on Sunday 8th March** and, as I have mentioned before, the theme this year is **'an equal world is an enabled world'**. Displays highlighting the theme are in the Library and in the Vestibule with photos of staff and students taking up the folded arm pose in support of the theme. I will be taking a group of students to a leadership conference given by women

leaders on Monday which I know will be interesting and exciting for the students. **National Book Day** was on Thursday and again our Librarians, Mrs Cavaciuti and Mrs Williamson and students have been celebrating all week with a book swap, puzzle time, fairy-tale competition, Kendrick Story, and World Book Day tokens.

Finally, you will have noticed that we are now sending everyone daily updates as we receive them from the DfE on the **coronavirus**. As I said last week, all of this can feel very frightening and parents are rightly worried, but I would like to once again **reassure parents** that we are responding to all the guidance being given to schools, we have increased our cleaning routines around the school (toilets, doors and handles, hand rails, surfaces etc.), we are asking visitors to apply anti bac gel when they come school, we are politely not shaking hands with visitors and asking everyone to be sensible in their daily routines and practices, as explained in the guidance, so that we can remain safe and well. Thank you for your support as we go through this difficult period.

Wishing everyone a good weekend.

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING

WHATSAPP: A GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Teenagers love WhatsApp – as do a lot of parents. Please click on the link below for what you need to know about it.

<https://parentinfo.org/article/whatsapp-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers>

Article contributed by NCA- CEOP. NCA-CEOP is a command of the National Crime Agency. As well as being a reporting mechanism, NCA-CEOP works with child protection partners across the UK and overseas to identify the main threats to children, and coordinates activity against these threats to bring offenders to account.

Coronavirus: Keep it simple, stick to facts – how parents should tell children (information from the BBC)

Please see the link below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-51734855>

CALENDAR

WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 9TH MARCH 2020 (B WEEK)

Sixth Form Charity Events/Year 11 Consultations

Tuesday 10th March

Wednesday 11th March

Thursday 12th March

Year 12 Mathematics Inspiration Trip

Year 9 Parents' Option Evening

Year 10 Parents' Consultation, 3.45pm

Governor L&T Committee, 4.30pm

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

KEY EVENTS IN TERM 4

Thursday 19th March	Governor Resources Committee, 4.30pm
Friday 20th March	Air Ambulance Concert, 7pm
Tuesday 24th March	Year 9 Parents' Consultation
Tuesday 31st March	Spring Concert, 6.30pm and draw for the KPS Raffle
Friday 3rd April	Music Trip to Belgium departs End of Term 4, 3.15pm

NEWS AND EVENTS - WHOLE SCHOOL

NEWS ON OUR WEBSITE, LOCAL PRESS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

[Badminton Team Wins Silver](#)

[Year 13 'Mrs Dalloway' Seminar](#)

[Winning Sociology Essay](#)

We like to celebrate student successes in and out of school and rely on parents/carers to pass us this information so we can publish it on our website under [Students/Student Achievements](#). Please send any articles and photos to aemberson@kendrick.reading.sch.uk. However, please ensure you have your child's 'permission' to do so! Thank you

KPS NEWS

The exciting new on-line raffle was launched on Monday. Firstly we THANK those parents who have already bought tickets or made donations, thank you very much! We have also had some very positive feedback about how easy and quick it is to use the system. As of this morning, we are at less than 4% of the £15,000 target, though we appreciate that it is early days. If you haven't yet supported the raffle with tickets or donations, please do this, here's the link for you www.jumblebee.co.uk/KPS-raffle - a wet weekend is the perfect opportunity to try out the on-line raffle system:-)! We have a fantastic list of prizes to suit everyone and remember that all proceeds of the raffle go directly to the school for much needed the equipment. Thank you once again in anticipation of another successful raffle year! If you have any questions/feedback please feel free to email Raffle.KPS@gmail.com.

We are looking for your help with matched funding. Many companies have pots of money which they want to give away to charities like ours – they are just waiting for us to ask. They will ask you for a letter which we are more than happy to provide confirming your participation and in return you will have to fill a form for them. Please ask your manager or your HR department, it is as simple as this. Vodafone, Microsoft, Visa, Thames Water, National Grid, IBM, RBS, Shell, BP and many such companies do offer matched funding to their employees. We want to hear from you if you work for one of these companies. Please email Raffle.KPS@gmail.com.

It was a lively and wonderful evening yesterday at the House Drama competition. KPS volunteers were again busy serving refreshments to everyone. We made a superb collection of £135 last night which wouldn't have been possible without your generous contributions.

We are accepting all used, good conditioned uniform and PE kits from parents on any day of the week. Students can drop them in the KPS second hand uniform collection box which is in the lost property cupboard.

We plan to provide refreshments at Parents evening on 10th March from 3.30pm to 5.30, if you can spare an hour that afternoon, please email secretary.kps.uk@gmail.com.

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

- A Level Biology Dale Fort Residential Field Trip – 25-29th June 2020 – please continue to pay instalments – please contact the school if there are any queries
- Year 12 UCAS Exhibition – please pay £8 contribution to coach costs if you have not already paid

VACANCIES

Kendrick School has the following vacancies for September 2020. Please click on the links for each role for more information. Please forward this information on to friends and family that you think may be interested.

[English Teacher](#)

[Mathematics Teacher](#)

[Examination Invigilators](#) **We are in urgent need for enthusiastic and confident exam invigilators** to join our friendly team, helping to supervise students during the examination periods. The ideal candidate will have experience of working in a school or similar environment and an interest in education, however persons with backgrounds in administration and the medical profession are also highly sought.

We are looking for individuals who can relate positively to all students, have good verbal communication skills and be comfortable in addressing large groups of students. Previous experience would be an advantage, however full training will be available. Employment will be on a casual basis, with days of work subject to timings of each exam. You will need to be available from 08:00am for morning exams or 12:45pm for afternoon exams.

If you are successful, you will be required to come into school every 3 months for a meeting and be available for a minimum of ten invigilating sessions.

If you are interested please complete the application form on our website. We are interviewing on Friday 6th March in the morning so please do apply as soon as possible.

Reading School has the following vacancy for September 2020:

[Teacher of Philosophy and Theology Advert](#)

[Teacher of Philosophy and Theology Details of the Post](#)

NEWS AND EVENTS - STUDENTS

WORK RELATED LEARNING

UNIFROG

Unifrog is a career platform tool which has been rolled out to all year groups. It includes a careers library, subjects library, know-how library, MOOC, and a personality profile.

Click [here](#) for more information. All students have been given their own log in details to access all of the resources.

WIDENING HORIZONS HOMEWORK CLUB – VOLUNTEERS FROM YEARS 9-13

We are looking for volunteers to help at a homework club for local Year 3-6 students in receipt of pupil premium, service premium or a child in care (held at Kendrick School).

It runs every Tuesday in Term Time 4.00 to 5.15pm and aims to support students with their homework, reading, maths and English. We will also provide activities that they can do.

For students who volunteer for 4 or more sessions we will be happy to provide evidence of this which could be used as part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme or in support of other future opportunities.

If are interested in volunteering and able to commit to a number of sessions (minimum 4) please sign up [here](#).

SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN

From Tuesday 10th March, Dianne, the School Nurse, will revert to being here on a Tuesday. She will be using SB2, Sidmouth basement, for a drop in clinic during 2nd break each week, no appointment required.

SPORTS RELIEF EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK!

Monday	Kendrick Olympics obstacle course	Sports Hall	2 nd break
Tuesday	New HGT vs Old HGT	Main Hall	2 nd break
Thursday	Students vs Teachers Dodgeball	Sports Hall	2 nd break
	Kendrick vs Reading Netball Match	Sports Hall	3:30 – 5:00pm
Friday	Whole School Non-Uniform / Dress up day		
	Kendrick Bake Off Showcase	Main Hall	2 nd break

- Wristbands for all events and non-uniform day (except K-fest) £2.50
- Non-uniform day ONLY: £2.00
- Donations to enter for individual events

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

Can you decode the gravity rebus below? A **rebus** is a puzzle which combines the use of illustrated pictures with individual letters to depict words and/or phrases.

GRAVITY
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Answer to last week's challenge:

The last marble will be yellow.

Since marbles can only be taken out in pairs and you started off with an odd number of yellows there is always going to be one yellow left over that you'll keep putting back in the box until it's left on it's own.