

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

Friday 5th April 2019

Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

We have reached the end of term and I feel our school community is ready for some time away from school to rest and rejuvenate after a term that has been full of work and activity, but recently sadness and deep contemplation. We are all still in shock about the news of the death of dear Manasvini and again this week I am devoting my weekly message to you about Manasvini and the events of the last few days when we have grieved but also celebrated her life.

As many of you know, we have had counsellors in school since the end of last week and many people have told me how helpful that has been for them. We will continue to give support as much as we can next term. So many beautiful things have been done to remember and celebrate Manasvini's life from the flowers that have been placed around the tree to the messages that students and staff have written in cards, on pieces of paper, as well as a condolences book. We are making sure that everything we have about Manasvini will be gathered together and given to her parents in due course.

This morning, we had our usual end of term whole school assembly to which I invited Maitri and Vish, Manasvini's parents. With great bravery and courage they were with us whilst we went through our usual end of term matters, including House reports from the House and Vice House Captains covering the events that have taken place this year and awarding the House Cup which this year had gone to Sidmouth House. This was followed by a report from our outgoing Head Girl Team and Gurlina, Head Girl and Isra, Deputy Head Girl talked about the year they have had and reflected on their achievements which both they and us are very proud of. Next term I will introduce our new Head Girl Team to you who have already started preparing themselves for what they want to do for our school.

The second part of our assembly was devoted to remembering Manasvini and celebrating her life. We heard moving tributes from two of Manasvini's closest friends, her Head of Year, Miss Swaine, and we heard songs that were written by her friends in memory of her. We also heard a song by members of Palmer House, which was part of their entry in the House Music competition earlier in the year which Manasvini was part of. Here are some tributes from our assembly this morning:

Miss Swaine - *Manasvini was and will continue to be awe inspiring. She had an infectious personality and aura about her, which will be greatly missed but never forgotten. The following words I believe summarise Manasvini best: Happy, Ambitious, Self-Less. Happiness and joy poured out of her. She embraced everything with open arms and she didn't just show happiness with her beautiful smile, her happiness could be seen in her eyes. This can be seen in the various photos we have of Manasvini.*

Ms Kattirtzi - *It is clear that Manasvini was a lovely person, she was small but known to lots of people because of the very long hair she had. I think she could sit on her hair! Maitri tells me sorting out her hair and hair styles was a major campaign in their household! Manasvini had lots of friends in and outside of school and had an infectious personality*

which made people instantly like her. She was also so very kind and caring. She liked to get involved in so many things in school and out of school. We know that Manasvini loved Basketball and went to her club in Bracknell every week for two hours training. She never missed a training session. We know that Manasvini loved the colour blue. We know that Manasvini loved life and lived it to the full. This is what we are remembering of her today and celebrating her life which was full of love, light and kindness.

We ended the assembly with the following reflection which I would like to end my weekly message to you today.

*This week we have all experienced the **worst that life can bring**, the death of one of our wonderful students, Manasvini, who has **left our world too young, with unfulfilled dreams and ambitions**. Each person in this room will, over the next few weeks, months and years, try to process and understand what has happened; this will not be easy. What we do know is that in her short life, **Manasvini, touched us all** - she made us happy, she made us laugh, she made us dance, she made us sing - today she is making us cry, **but we must make sure our sadness for her death is replaced with a joyousness for her life; the smallest girl with the biggest heart**, a kind, unassuming child – let this be her lasting legacy to us.*

I wish you all a peaceful holiday.

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

[Remembering and Celebrating Manasvini's Life](#)

SAFEGUARDING

Avenues of Support

The Lullaby Trust – Bereavement Support

Tel 0808 802 6868

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Support following The Death Of a Child

Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood UK (SUDC UK)

SUDC UK increases awareness and funds research around the sudden unexplained death of children.

www.sudc.org.uk

Child Death Helpline

For anyone affected by the death of a child of any age from any cause.

0800 282 986

www.childdeathhelpline.org.uk

Child Bereavement UK

Supports families when a baby or child of any age dies or is dying, or when a child is facing bereavement.

0800 028 8840

www.childbereavementuk.org

Cruse

Offers bereavement support after the death of someone close

0808 808 1677

www.cruse.org.uk

No 5 Counselling Service

Young people and adults

Tel 0118 9015668

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“If there ever comes a day when we can’t be together, keep me in your heart, I’ll stay there forever” A A Milne
(Winnie the Pooh)

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media

[An Ideal Outing](#)

[Berkshire Book Awards](#)

SCHOOL CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Calendar for Week Commencing Tuesday 23rd April 2019 (B Week)

Tuesday 23 rd April	Start of Term 5, 8.25am
Wednesday 24 th April	RYPEWP Parent Workshop on Exam Anxiety
Thursday 25 th April	Open Event, 5pm to 8pm

Key Events in Term 5, 2018-19

Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday, school closed to students and staff
Wednesday 8 th May	Lower School Music Concert, 5pm
Thursday 9 th May	Year 11 Celebration Day
Friday 10 th May	Year 13 Celebration Day
Monday 13 th May	Public Exams start

Thursday 23rd May

Last Day of Term 5 for Students

Friday 24th May

INSET day as follows:

- School closed for Years 7, 8, 9
- Year 10: School Examinations
- Year 11: GCSE Public Examinations
- Year 12: Study Leave
- Year 13: Public Examinations

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

Open Evening – 25th April 2019, 5pm to 8pm

Our Open Evening takes place on **Thursday 25th April 2019**, between 5pm and 8pm. This is the one opportunity this year for parents and prospective students to visit the school and we anticipate an extremely large number of visitors. In order to make the evening run as efficiently and successfully as possible we will need the help of our students to act as ambassadors and guides.

We would like students to be available as follows:

Years 7, 8, and 11	4.45pm to 6.45pm
Years 9, 10, 12 and 13	6.00pm to 8.00pm

If your daughter is unable to help at the time indicated for her year group, then please could she be available for the other session. If she is able to help at both sessions, this would be much appreciated. Students helping during the evening will be given detailed instructions nearer the time. Students in Years 7, 8 and 11 who are unable to go home and get back to school are welcome to stay in the Library until the event begins and help out with preparation.

Please complete the form which was sent by ParentMail to confirm which session your daughter can attend.

If you are going to meet your daughter at the end of her session, please collect her from Main Reception (East Street entrance) or make arrangements for where and what time you will meet her. **Please do not come into the main school.** There will be no parking available on site.

In order to organise the evening all students will be dismissed after the end of afternoon registration (1.05pm). **School will begin with registration the next day at the normal time of 8.25am.**

Thank you for your co-operation.

Change of Contact Details

In the interests of Safeguarding, please notify the school immediately if your contact details change. Please email admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk to inform us about any changes to your home address, phone numbers or email address, even if the change is temporary. **Please note that changing your details on Parentmail does not automatically update the school systems.**

School Uniform

Please can you check your child's school uniform over the Easter holiday. Please ensure skirts are the correct length and shoes are appropriate for the Summer term (ie no boots please).

Thank you for your support.

KPS NEWS

We wish to thank all the parents/carers who came to the School Spring Concert yesterday, which was dedicated to Manasvini, and everyone who has supported the KPS Spring raffle.

We are delighted to share the good news that we have raised above £10K. The raffle team is working on the prize list, numbers and stats at the moment and we promise to share more on this in our next newsletter.

Wishing you all a happy Easter and see you next term!

KPS Team

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

- Please keep paying instalments for residential trips (Year 7 Bushcraft, Year 9 PGL Devon, Year 12 Biology Dale Fort) and do not hesitate to contact the Finance Department if you have any problems with these payments.

Please take the opportunity to check your accounts for any trip payments that you may have missed and to top up Dinner Money and printing accounts.