

Kendrick School - Weekly Update

Friday 24th March 2023

LETTER FROM MS KATTIRTZI, HEADTEACHER

I mentioned Comic Relief last week and I am really proud of the student activities that took place in school for such a good cause. The finale was on Friday when students dressed in interesting costumes and displayed their clothes to an excited audience finishing with a Music video organised by members of the Kendrick Student Leaders. The theme of supporting good causes continues this week with **Fair Trade** activities and this evening the **Air Ambulance Concert** when 6th Form students from Kendrick and Reading School will put on a concert in aid of the Thames Valley Air Ambulance Service. If you are unable to attend but want to support this very important cause which depends on voluntary contributions, please do so [here](#).

Our own charity events are very important too and this is my last call to parents who have yet to buy raffle tickets for our **KPS Spring Raffle**. All funds raised will go to make improvements to the school either in the form of equipment to support learning or in the facilities, please help us get to our target of £8k. As of today, the raffle sales stand at £6380 which is amazing! Thank you to all the parents and friends who have bought raffle tickets. We are still short by £1620 which means we need to sell another 324 tickets. Those parents who have forgotten or just not got round to doing so, please support this last push, the raffle ends at midnight tomorrow, Saturday 25/3/23. You can buy your tickets and/or donate using this [link](#).

A wonderful event this week has been the launch of the **Poetry Anthology**, a publication which comprises the work of the Poets' Society led by Ms Akcay. There is an incredible passion for poetry amongst some of our students and we have a few established poets who I would like to call the Kendrick Poets! Since the start of the Poets' Society, they have written and read poetry to move and motivate us all and help us manage the stresses and strains of life. My thanks to the poets and to Ms Akcay and the English Department for regularly reminding us of the importance of literature, poetry and language in our personal as well as intellectual development.

Further inspiration this week has come from the appointment of our new **Kendrick Student Leadership Team**. Talking and listening to some of these students express their passion for their school and how they want to make the daily life of their peers better has been most pleasing. At the same time the outgoing team is preparing to sign off from their duties having completed an impressive year of work steering and highlighting the school about issues of importance and relevance in our daily lives. Acknowledgements and thanks will be given to them at our final assembly next week and next term we will announce and welcome the new team who will continue to lead and inspire the school in the activities they do.

Finally, I always enjoy attending student led assemblies and yesterday 11PS organised an assembly on **Women in STEM** reminding us that we all know great men scientists, but how many of us know and can name and recognise great women scientists. Often great women scientists have worked quietly sometimes in the shadow of men, who have taken the credit and honours for the work and inventions that are rightly theirs, including Nobel Prizes or entries in history books. 11PS highlighted several women scientists who have contributed so much to the inventions and developments that have had a huge impact on our lives. This is not an uncommon theme in the conversations and assemblies we have at Kendrick and should be on everyone's agenda, particularly this month as we continue to highlight and celebrate women's history. In focusing on women's history, we can also value and appreciate the history and contribution that our school makes to this debate. An example of this in our news this week is the competition entered by students in Year 10 called the Maths Feast. Read more about it [here](#).

Wishing everyone a great weekend.

Please continue to read the rest of the Weekly Update below which includes important information on road safety, sleep and preventing and tackling online hate against women and girls.

Ms Christine Kattirtzi
Headteacher

KENDRICK SCHOOL'S SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

Kendrick School has several social media platforms and sites. Please follow us to get the latest news and information about the school. The links are in the logos below.



SAFEGUARDING/WELLBEING

WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD?

If you have a concern about a child at Kendrick School, please email studentwelfare@kendrick.reading.sch.uk or telephone 0118 9015859 and ask to speak to a Designated Safeguarding Officer.

If you're worried about any child or young person and you are contacting us out of hours (before 8am and after 4pm and at weekends and holidays), you can contact the NSPCC helpline for support and advice for free - call us on **0800 800 5000** or **contact NSPCC online**. Children can contact **Childline** any time to get support themselves. **In an emergency please call 999 or for a non-emergency call 101.**

We have created a library of resources for parents, carers and students including support avenues which you can find on our website via this [link](#). We will be adding to these on a regular basis.

[CAMHS Resources](#) - This site was created for young people, carers and professionals to pool together lots of helpful resources from across the internet that are available to help support your mental health and well-being.

For well-being support in school please visit the Student Welfare Team in the General Office or Sixth Form Office or email studentwelfare@kendrick.reading.sch.uk.

SAFEGUARDING – HOW TO TACKLE ONLINE MISOGYNY

PREVENT AND TACKLE HATE ONLINE AGAINST GIRLS

Misogyny is, in simple words, the hate against women and girls. It also includes prejudice and promotes harmful gender stereotypes. Online, it is found in different communities through social media, video games and other spaces.



What misogyny looks like offline

Catcalling, physical abuse and exclusion by men from certain spaces are all examples of misogyny offline. It can cause women and girls to feel powerless, afraid and angry.

What misogyny looks like online

Online, misogyny is largely found in videos, images and forums or comment sections. It includes name-calling or slurs, language suggesting women are lesser than men, vulgar images or photos and content that puts down women.

Tips to tackle misogyny

For many children, following influencers like Andrew Tate might be a phase brought on by his popularity. However, others might latch onto ideas of misogyny in different and more long-term ways. Regardless of how they come across the content, here are some actions you can take.

<https://www.flipsnack.com/internetmattersorg/how-to-talk-about-misogyny-guide.html>



For more information on misogyny visit [Internet Matters](https://www.internetmatters.org/).

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING – EAT, SLEEP, BREATHE

Our wellbeing theme this term is "Eat, Sleep, Breathe" and we will be sending students, parents and carers, and staff information throughout the term on why eating well, getting good sleep and relaxation is so important to good mental health and wellbeing.

5 TIPS TO FALL ASLEEP FAST



SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR TERM 4, 2022-23

Saturday 25th March	KPS Spring Raffle closes at midnight
Sunday 26th March	KPS virtual raffle draw, 4-5pm
Thursday 30th March	End of Term 4, 3.15pm

The school calendar for the academic year can be found [here](#). For the Term Dates for 2022-23 and 2023-24 please click [here](#)

NEWS, NOTICES, COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS


ROAD SAFETY

Yesterday, one of our students ran into the road in front of a staff member who was driving; the student came alarmingly close to being run over. Thankfully, the student in question escaped without injury. They have since been spoken to and said they were running to catch their bus. Please can you remind your children to take extra care when coming to and from school. The roads around school are extremely busy, particularly at these key times, and not all drivers will be as vigilant. Thank you.


Please share the short video below with your child.



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH POETRY COMPETITION



Women's History Month Poetry Competition



 **Deadline: 28th March 2023**
Theme: #EmbraceEquity

Imagine a gender equal world. A world free of bias, stereotypes, and discrimination. A world that's diverse, equitable, and inclusive. A world where difference is valued and celebrated. Together we can forge women's equality. Collectively we can all #EmbraceEquity. Celebrate women's achievement.

Write a poem or short prose to commemorate Women's History Month
It will be judged by the English Department.
Include your name and form.
Prizes will be awarded for the winner and runners up.

Please submit to the Library either by hand or via email:
Library@kendrick.reading.sch.uk

For further information please contact:
16ckiew@kendrick.reading.sch.uk and 16ilefleming@kendrick.reading.sch.uk



END OF TERM 4 – THURSDAY 30TH MARCH 2023

Please be reminded that the end of term is 30th March 2023, so the school will be closed on 31st March.

AIR AMBULANCE CONCERT – FRIDAY 24TH MARCH 2023

Tickets for the Air Ambulance Concert are now on sale! This annual tradition will be taking place next week on Friday the 24th of March from 18:30. Organised by students from Kendrick and Reading School, all proceeds will be

donated to the Thames Valley Air Ambulance, who provide advanced critical care by helicopter to patients within Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire.

Tickets can be bought through ParentPay <https://www.parentpay.com/> and are going fast, so be sure to get them soon. Come along and listen to our hard work this year performing pieces from artists such as Beethoven, Shostakovich and Avicii. Refreshments will be available, and there will also be a wonderful raffle drawn by Reading's own Deputy Mayor.

Please note that it is cash only on the night, and parking cannot be provided within school grounds.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Heather Li
Sixth Form, Director of the Air Ambulance Concert

ATTENDANCE

As the next holiday period is approaching, please can we remind you that students should not be taking time off school either side of the holidays for travel abroad/holidays. Missed school days impact on students' learning and can cause added stress as the student has to catch up what they have missed, alongside other school work. In line with Brighter Futures for Children guidance, we make referrals for unauthorised absence, for consideration of the issue of a fine. Thank you for working with us to support good attendance at school.

SCHOOL PHOTO – DEADLINE TO ORDER IS TUESDAY 28TH MARCH 2023

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Tuesday 28th March**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

SEND SHORT BREAKS – EASTER HOLIDAYS 2023

The programme for the SEND Short Breaks funded by BFFC over the Easter holidays has been published and sessions are now available to book:

- [Make/Sense Theatre](#)
 - [Multi-Sport Camp](#) run by RFC Community Trust (8-18 years)
 - [Easter Play Camp](#) (5-7 years)
 - [Easter Holiday Sessions – Reading Play](#) – Ranger Stations
 - [Chance To Dance Stars CIC](#) – Dance and Multi Activity
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FESTIVAL OF INCLUSIVITY – FRIDAY 14TH APRIL 2023

A Festival of Inclusivity is taking place at Palmer Park Leisure Centre and Stadium on **Friday 14 April, 9am-4pm**. The event, organised by GLL, is for anyone aged eight or over with a physical, learning or neurological condition. There is an opportunity for individuals to participate and try out a mix of sports, including athletics, football, rugby, wheelchair rugby and cricket. There will also be a fundraising element, with a sponsored mile taking place to close the day. This promises to be a fun day out, with families welcome to come and watch. Organisers are encouraging participants to bring a picnic and spend the day there. Registration for this event is now open:

<https://sport2getherberks.org/>.

VACANCIES

We have the following vacancies at Kendrick School. Please click on the links for more information on the roles and how to apply and please share with friends and family.

Kendrick School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any successful applicant will be required to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure check by the Disclosure & Barring Service. Kendrick School is an Equal Opportunity employer. Please read the information on our Safer Recruitment procedures [here](#).

Part-time [Music Teacher](#) to cover a maternity leave – for end of February 2023 or September 2023 to December 2023. Applications will be dealt with on receipt.

[Exam Invigilators](#) – for the 2023 exam season

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

We would like to bring to your attention the following ParentPay items which are due for payment, please login to your ParentPay accounts for details. Please could you check your child's account and ensure that any overdrafts are paid. Thank you.

Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE English set texts
Year 12 and Year 13 A-Level English set texts
Year 7, 8 and 9 Food and technology contributions
Year 10 and 11 Art and Textiles contributions
Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award
Year 9 and Year 10 French Play - 7th March 2023
Year 9 and Year 10 German Play – 25th April 2023
Year 10 and 11 GCSE Music Anthologies book purchase
KPS department birthday gift - celebrating Kendrick's 145th year
The Poets' Society Anthology - £3 per copy

Trips

GCSE and A level Art visit to Tate galleries Thursday- 2nd February 2023
Year 11 History visit to The Corn Exchange Theatre Newbury -28th February 2023
Geography Field Trip to Hengistbury Head and Hurst Castle Spit - 20th March 2023
Year 12 and Year 13 Classics and Latin students trip – 6th March 2023
Year 12 UCAS Discovery trip – 20th April 2023
Year 8 Bushcraft Residential - May 2023
Year 12 French and History trip - June 2023.

KENDRICK PARENTS' SOCIETY (KPS)

SPRING RAFFLE

The Spring Raffle has currently **raised £6380**. We are hoping to reach our target of **£8000** but we can only do it with your support. You can buy your tickets and/or donate using the following link: <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CCQI>

The deadline for the raffle is **Saturday 25th March at midnight**, to allow parents who may be working to buy tickets on Friday night and during Saturday.

The draw will be on **Sunday 26th March from 4-5pm** and you can attend the virtual draw using this link:

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/tvn-ehkk-ucj>.

During the draw we will announce the form that has raised the most money and won its own clothes day and pizza lunch. All raffle winners will be emailed after the draw to inform them of their prize. If you have any questions please email kpsraffle@kendrick.reading.sch.uk.