

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

Friday 29th March 2019

Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

Remembering Manasvini

In my message to everyone this week, I would like to remember Manasvini Kaushik, a Year 8 student at Kendrick School who died suddenly and unexpectedly on the evening of Tuesday 26th March 2019.

Manasvini was a bright, kind, fun loving, smiley, and beautiful 12 year old. She was a member of 8V and had many friends, some very close friends, who she shared a lot of laughter and joy with in her life. Manasvini loved her school and her mother told me how happy she was every day at Kendrick. At age 11, Manasvini had a choice of three secondary schools to go to but she told her parents, quite clearly and confidently, that Kendrick was the choice for her and both they and she were very happy with how she settled, made friends and progressed in her school life. Manasvini loved the friends she had in her form and they loved her. They made each other happy with their dancing and playing during break times and Manasvini's general optimistic and happy outlook on life. In everything she did Manasvini seemed to enjoy life and brought joy and happiness to those around her; she was always a source of great pride to her family.

Manasvini's parents Maitri and Vish were loving parents and like Manasvini loved Kendrick for how it made their daughter feel. Last year, Maitri, with her friend Gayatri, were elected as co-chairs of the Kendrick Parents' Society. Their first major and most successful fund raising event was the Cultural Evening that was held last autumn. An evening of Dance, Music and Food which so many people came to and enjoyed and brought our community together. Like Manasvini, Maitri and Vish were proud to be associated with Kendrick and pledged that they would support the school and the students as much as they could. Modest and kind in their way, they politely and generously gave their time and efforts to support our school for which I am most grateful.

The last two days have been very difficult for our school community; we have cried and we have laughed, we have seen photos and videos of this happy young girl, dancing and playing with her friends and we have felt the love and laughter she generated with the people around her. Her friends have written messages to her and about her and have brought in flowers and ribbons which they have decorated a tree on our front lawn to express their affection for her. Today Year 8 students have come to school wearing blue, Manasvini's favourite colour. I know this and all the other gestures they have done will give us all some comfort as we manage the grief and loss of Manasvini from our community. The tree that has been decorated is one of the biggest trees on our site, chosen to remember one of the smallest girls in the year group but one with the biggest heart.

We know that the coming weeks and months will not be easy for our school community, but Manasvini's death, incomprehensible as it is, has brought a sense of unity and perspective to our community, as well as an expression of love throughout the school. I would like this to be the lasting legacy of our dear, loved and hugely missed, Manasvini.

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

[Remembering Manasvini](#)

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

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.

"You never know how strong you are until being strong is the only choice you have" Bob Marley

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media

SCHOOL CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 25th March 2019 (B Week)

Thursday 4 th April	Spring Concert
Friday 5 th April	Last day of Term 4, finish at 3.15pm

Key Events in Term 5, 2018-19

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
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 23 rd May	Last Day of Term 5 for Students
Friday 24 th May	INSET day for Years 7, 8, 9 and any Year 11/12/13 students who do not have external exams

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

KPS NEWS

Kendrick Parents' Society expresses sincere condolences to Maitri and Vish on the loss of their daughter Manasvini Kaushik, student of 8V. We will keep them in our thoughts and prayers and stand together to support the family in their toughest time. In the coming weeks, we wish to help celebrate Manasvini's life and show our appreciation for the valuable contributions that Maitri makes to the school through the KPS.

Here's a quick update on the raffle tickets:

The sales and donations currently stand at just under £7,690 which is approximately 51% of the target of £15,000. Whilst the target is some way off, there has been a significant increase in the number of families, across Tutor Groups in all years becoming involved. We truly thank and appreciate you all for this. There are now just a few days to go for raffle ticket sales and donations as the raffle draw will be on Thursday 4th April during the Spring Concert. We sincerely hope you will help achieve this target. We thank everyone for their support.

The KPS Raffle Team
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PARENTPAY REMINDERS

- Year 13 English – 'An Ideal Husband' (at Newbury Vue) on 27th March (£17.75) – there are a few payments outstanding