

Kendrick School - Weekly Update

Friday 11th March 2022

LETTER FROM MS KATTIRTZI, HEADTEACHER

We started the week celebrating **International Women's Day (IWD)**, another annual event that means a lot to us at Kendrick. Championing the rights of women everywhere is still a cause we need to fight for and raising awareness of it is something we always do. Pausing on this day every year and thinking about the position of women in society is an imperative. The theme this year '**Break the Bias**' may not be something that resonates so much at Kendrick but bias against women certainly exists outside our walls which we must continue to address. This year four students in Year 9, Koyenum, Joanna, Elise and Jyia and Year 12 students, have led the way in organising presentations, posters, and activities to mark the day. Daisy and Aneesa in Year 12, who are also the founding members of Kendrick's National Young Women's Society, prepared a Powerpoint presentation which was distributed to all the students to be watched and discussed at registration time on Monday and Tuesday. Our report on this year's IWB can be found [HERE](#)

On Tuesday we had our annual **Dance Enterprise Day**. All students in Years 7-11 were off timetable and worked in their form groups planning and choreographing a dance based on a theme which they then had to perform to their peers in an interform competition. If selected, the winning forms will be able to perform their dance at the **Evening of Dance** next week, Tuesday 15th March, a live event for parents. As always this is such a fun day for everyone; an opportunity to be creative, work in teams and be active.

I have often mentioned the valuable community work that our **Kendrick Student Leaders (KSL)** do both in and outside of school and the contribution they make to the school's community spirit. **The Community Committee** recently visited the Reading charity they chose to support this year, **New Beginnings** to find out more about how the charity works and how we can continue to support them. In a report of their visit [HERE](#) you can read about the conversations they had with the organisers about the issue of Homelessness in Reading and the challenges faced by homeless people who also often struggle with mental health issues and drug abuse. **The Student Welfare Committee** of KSL have also been active, and they have prepared an assembly to be shown to all students on one of our Kendrick values, **Tolerance**, a most pertinent issue in our current times.

Finally, yesterday we welcomed a visitor to Kendrick, **Mrs Angela Strach, daughter of a Holocaust Survivor** and a former Head of Drama at the school. Mrs Strach gave a most moving and inspiring presentation to the 6th Form about the life of her father, Eric Strach who was born in Czechoslovakia in 1914 and who with his family suffered persecution by the Nazis before and during the Second World War. By chance Eric was in France in 1938 and did not return to his homeland, but his family, his sister and her husband and children and his mother and father, remained there and were eventually taken to Auschwitz where they were gassed. The situation that Mrs Strach talked to us about in Eastern Europe in the 1930s and 1940s regarding her father and his family and the invasion of their country does not sound dissimilar to the news we are hearing of the atrocities being committed in Ukraine today: the bombing of civilian dwellings, hospitals and homes and the displacement of people. A link to the report written by our Holocaust Ambassadors, Janhavi, Eshal, Sanya and Izzy, about Mrs Strach's visit and presentation is [HERE](#).

I will end this week again by sharing links to the charities supporting the victims of the war in Ukraine.

<https://www.unicef.org.uk/donate/donate-now-to-protect-children-in-ukraine/> <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>

Supporting these charities and others is how we can convey small acts of kindness to the people of Ukraine.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

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.

If you're worried about a 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 **0808 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.

WELLBEING: TALKING TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT WAR AND CRISES – MORE RESOURCES

Please see below further resources to help you talk to your child about the war in Ukraine.

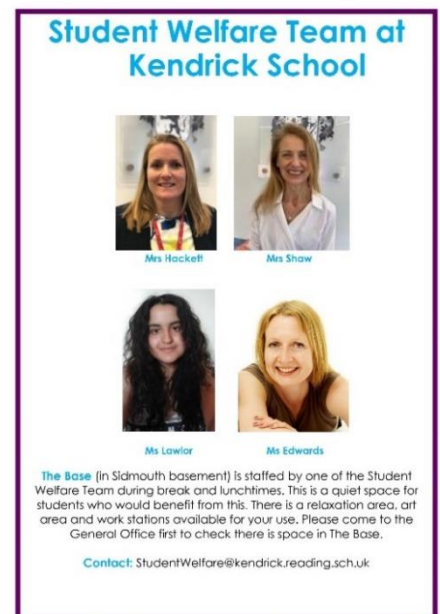
Parent information and support pack from The Key: <http://key.sc/3IKqZtw>

How to talk to your teenager about the invasion of Ukraine (BBC Bitesize/Anna Freud Centre)
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zbrdjsg>

How To Talk To Your Child About The War In Ukraine (YoungMinds)
<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/blog/top-tips-for-talking-to-your-young-person-about-the-events-in-ukraine/>

Worrying about Russia and Ukraine (Childline)
<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-involved/articles/worrying-about-russia-ukraine/>

Worrying about war and conflict Sarah Dove (Phoenix Education Consultancy)
<https://www.phoenixgroupqh.com/tools>



WELLBEING: FRIDAY LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES IN THE BASE RUN BY THE STUDENT WELFARE COMMITTEE (SIXTH FORM STUDENTS)

- 18th March- Positivity poster making
- 25th March- Jigsaw puzzles
- 1st April- Origami
- 8th April- Colouring in

SAFEGUARDING – EMOTIONAL ABUSE

For Mental Health Awareness week, one Anna Freud Young Champion wrote a blog about what **emotional abuse** is and called for more public awareness. You can read the blog via this [link](#).

If you are in need of help or support please visit the Anna Freud [urgent help page](#) which lists organisations that are available, including ones available 24/7.

CALENDAR

Tuesday 15 th March	Evening of Dance
Wednesday 16 th March	GCSE Options Evening, 6pm, in school (Year 9 parents and carers only)
Thursday 17 th March	Resources Governors, 4.30pm
Friday 18 th March	Comic Relief Day
Tuesday 22 nd March	Year 10 Parents' Consultation Evening, remote
Wednesday 23 rd March	KPS Meeting, 6.30pm
Friday 25 th March	Governor Day
Monday 28 th March	Profiling Day
Tuesday 29 th March	Spring Concert
Thursday 31 st March	Year 9 Parents' Consultation, remote
Friday 1 st April	Air Ambulance concert
Friday 8 th April	End of Term 4, 3.15pm
Monday 25 th April	Start of Term 5, 8,25am

NEWS, NOTICES AND EVENTS

COMIC RELIEF – WEEK OF 14TH MARCH 2022

Wristbands for Comic Relief are being handed out today. If a student has not bought a wristband and would like one they are available for purchase (£3) on the door at Monday's event in the Hall. If a student does not get their wristband today they can collect it on the door on Monday lunch too. The KSL look forward to seeing all students get involved next week and raising as much money as we can!

AIR AMBULANCE CONCERT – FRIDAY 1ST APRIL 2022

The Air Ambulance concert is on Friday 1st April at 7pm at Reading School, and the ticket link is [here](#).

Please click [here](#) for a flyer for the event.

ENGLISH AND CLASSICS COLLABORATIVE CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

The English and Classics Departments are collaborating on an exciting creative writing competition where students are invited to write a creative piece (no more than 400 words) from the perspective of a classical figure. Some options of creative writing may include, but not be limited to, poetry and short stories.

Miss Akcay and Mr Duncan will judge it based on the following:

- how creatively they have used literary techniques and language to craft an effective and powerful piece of writing (Miss Akcay will judge these elements).
- how imaginatively they have created the character, narrative voice, or point of view of their chosen figure (Mr Duncan will judge these elements).

Please send all entries to Miss Akcay and Mr Duncan by 28th March 2022. There is no limit to the number of entries you want to submit. The winners will be announced in the final week of term 4. We are looking forward to reading your pieces! Good luck!

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

We would like to bring to your attention the following ParentPay items which are due for payment. Please see your ParentPay accounts for details. We appreciate your continued support.

- Year 8 Bushcraft residential trip - a deposit of £100 was due for payment by Friday 18th February.
- Year 8 'People Like Me' CEIAG event held on Wednesday 16th February.
- Year 12 A Level Biology Residential Field Course at Dale Fort Field Centre. If paying by instalments, the fourth instalment of £85 was due on Monday 28th February.
- Year 7, 8 and 9 food and textiles contributions.
- Year 10 and Year 11 Art Textiles GCSE contributions.
- Year 12 Geography Field Trip To Hengistbury Head and Hurst Castle Spit: 4th March 2022
- Year 9 and Year 10 German and French plays: 14th March and 29th March 2022

VACANCIES

Kendrick School currently has the following vacancies. Please click on this [link](#) for more information on each of the roles:

Physics Teacher - up to 8.FTE or full time for an ECT – for September 2022

Mathematics Teacher – full time – for September 2022

Admissions and Outreach Assistant – 15 hours a week, Monday to Friday 1pm to 3pm for April 2022

Caterlink, our school meal provider, are currently looking for new team members to join their kitchen teams within our area. They are looking for:

- Kitchen assistants 10-16hrs per week
- Chefs 25-30 hours per week (experience required)
- mobile kitchen assistants (must drive and own car – mileage paid)

They offer full training, competitive salary and full uniform including safety footwear

Anyone interested can email jbateson@caterlinkltd.co.uk providing their details including their telephone number

Reading School currently has the following vacancies:

- [CCF Adjutant](#)
- [Sous Chef](#)
- [Chef de Partie](#)

KENDRICK PARENTS' SOCIETY (KPS)

UNIFORM DONATIONS

If you have any good quality second-hand uniform please ask your child to put it in the donations box, in the **lost property cupboard, next to ICT1**.

NEW FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE - EASY2NAME LABELS

Looking for ways to improve our school for our students is always a priority. One of our efforts to do this is through our partnership with Easy2name, a name labelling company. They allow us to raise funds through their fundraising scheme for our school, and ultimately, our students.

Easy2name have labels and tags for everything, such as clothing, sports equipment, accessories, household items and stationery, helping prevent items ending up in Lost Property.

When you put an order through at www.easy2name.com, please state our school when it gives you an option, and we'll earn 20% cashback of your entire order than we can use to directly improve our school. Just select our unique code at the checkout **FR-KENDRKPAS-76**.

KPS SHOPPING LINKS

AmazonSmile donations

We encourage you to continue your purchases at smile.amazon.co.uk, (not www.amazon.co.uk or the mobile app) These are helping us generate AmazonSmile donations for our school. Amazon donates 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases.

Easy Fundraising Charity

KPS has also signed up to other easy ways of raising funds for the school especially when you are shopping online - **easyfundraising charity site** : <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kendrickschoolreading/> . Please continue to use these links and let us all together contribute to something that our children can benefit from.

TheGivingMachine

Another opportunity for you to raise more donations and funds for the School when you shop online. Go to this site and give for free: Here is the link: <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/>

GAYL

Give As You Live (GAYL) is one way with which you can help KPS receive additional funds with no cost to you! Please use this link <https://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/kendrick> and help us raise additional funds.