

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

Friday 5th July 2019

Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

On a day of notable anniversaries elsewhere, yesterday Year 8 students and staff noted a special day – the birthday of our student Manasvini who died suddenly and unexpectedly earlier in the year. We had agreed at the time that we would remember Manasvini on her birthday, 4 July, and celebrate her life by having a picnic with all her year group of friends. Maitri and Vish, Manasvini's parents and Ruchi, Maitri's friend prepared a wonderful feast of sandwiches, pizza, samosas, cake, ice cream and of course Manasvini's favourite, popcorn and oranges! Students were dressed in blue (Manasvini's favourite colour) and many of them brought in flowers and lay them on the newly constructed bench around the big tree on the front lawn. Their love for Manasvini was clear in the gestures they made for their friend – *the little girl with the big heart*. Plans for the memory garden are going ahead and it has been agreed that the window boxes outside the classrooms H-K will be planted with special plants and a new fountain will be installed in Manasvini's memory. It is hoped that as everyone comes into school this space will look welcoming, as well as pretty so that we can all feel uplifted in our daily work at school.

As part of our expansion plans, we have been running some familiarisation sessions with children from local primary schools who are interested in taking our test. This is part of our **Widening Horizons** project which you can find out more about [here](#). We have done two of these sessions so far and there are four more to go. Organised and led by Dr Perry and Ms Emberson, as well as members of our Head Girl Team, relationships between the children and our staff and students have already developed and we feel that we are beginning to make an impact on the children's attitudes and aspirations regarding their secondary education and futures.

I mentioned some time ago the **Ted Talks** that took place a few months ago organised and led by a group of 6th formers. There is now an article on our [website](#) which gives you more details as well as links to the Ted Talks themselves and the variety of topics the students chose to talk about. It is impressive that students from across the school take such an interest in the world around them and have some interesting observations and insights into issues that affect us all in today's society.

Finally, the **KPS Food Festival** is on Sunday 7th July between 11.00-3.00pm. Hopefully the weather will be good so that we can enjoy a great day in each other's company and tasting some delicious food! Please come along and bring your family and friends. The MP Mr Alok Sharma will be with us from 11.30-12.30pm.

Have a great weekend.

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding Advice from Brighter Futures for Children

Each year children and babies in the UK die or sustain life changing injuries that could possibly have been prevented.

The following safety video's/information promotes water safety, the danger from open windows for children and unsafe sleeping with babies .

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ozWObQggan8>

Open Windows – safety suggestions:

- Always supervise young children, and keep windows locked when children are near.
- If opening a window, make sure a child can't reach it.
- Teach your child to stay away from windows and patio doors.
- Don't keep furniture near a window that a child could climb on.
- A screen will not prevent a child from falling out a window

Window safety video link:

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=window+safety+for+children+you+tube&view=detail&mid=BCC7DD9393004DA2F747BCC7DD9393004DA2F747&FORM=VIRE>

Safer Sleeping for Babies

Berkshire West CCG produced the following video as 130 babies die every year due to unsafe sleeping in the UK.

<https://liftthebaby.org.uk/>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Once you choose hope, anything’s possible” Christopher Reeve

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media

[Year 10 Visit to the Roman Baths](#)

[Year 10 Visit to Bath – The Museums](#)

[Year 12 English Literature Seminar with Reading School](#)

[Ananya at the Senior Schools' International](#)

[Manasvini's Birthday Picnic](#)

SCHOOL CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 8th July 2019 (B Week)

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| Monday 8 th July | Applying to Oxbridge Event |
| Tuesday 9 th July | Profiling Day |
| Wednesday 10 th July | Profiling Day Year 12 'Life after Kendrick' event, 6.30pm |
| Thursday 11 th July | Sports Day (please read the important information below) Full Governing Body Meeting, 4.30pm |
| Friday 12 th July | New Year 7 Informal Meetings |

Key Events in Term 6, 2018-19

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| Wednesday 17 th July | Summer Concert, 6.30pm |
| Friday 19 th July | Last day of Term 6, 1.05pm |

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

Profiling Days

The Profiling Days are on **Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th July**. They form part of our programme of assessment and reporting. As before, we propose to allow the students to come to school on just one of the profiling days when they will have their scheduled interview with their Form Tutor or Teaching and Learning Co-ordinator and then follow a varied programme of activities.

On their profiling day the students will take part in a House PE event so need to bring their PE kit and House T-shirt if they have one.

On the day that students will be at home an appropriate and related activity will be set for them to do.

Sports Day

Sports Day will take place at Palmer Park Sports Stadium on **Thursday 11th July 2019** between 10.00am and 3.00pm.

The arrangements for the day are as follows:

- Students involved in Field Events will walk to Palmer Park at 9.00am accompanied by members of staff.
- All other students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 will have their usual lessons until 10.55am and then after a short break, will walk to Palmer Park, accompanied by their form tutor. Students will be fully supervised on the journey and tutors will be assisted by other members of staff and Year 12 students.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

At the end of the event, all students will be registered and dismissed from Palmer Park UNLESS you would like a member of staff to accompany your child back to school.

If this is the case please email admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk by Sunday 7th July AT THE VERY LATEST. Please be aware that, for safeguarding reasons, NO changes can be made or requested after this date. There is no exception to this and any requests to change plans after Sunday 7th July will be refused. Please also note this arrangement may mean students return to school after 3.15pm.

Please think very carefully about your plans for Sports Day and send an email to admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk if you do NOT want your child to be dismissed from Palmer Park.

Please also note that no messages can be given to students once they have departed for Palmer Park.

If you wish to attend the event you would be most welcome and will be required to sign in on arrival and sit in the designated area. **If you are planning to collect your child from Palmer Park, please arrive no later than 3.00pm.**

Gala Concert – Wednesday 17th July 2019, 6.30pm

Our Gala Concert takes place on Wednesday 17th July at 6.30pm in the School Hall featuring a range of songs from Vox Choir, Senior Choir and Chamber Choir; fantastic instrumental pieces from Jazz Band, Harp Ensemble and our other instrumental ensembles, and two special performances from all of Year 9.

Refreshments will be available before the concert from 6.10pm and during the interval. We expect the concert to finish at approximately 8.30pm.

Please may we remind you that no parking is available on the school site unless you have a disability. If this is the case, then please contact Reception before the event.

Our end of term concerts have sold out quickly this year so we urge you to order your tickets as soon as possible through Parentpay in order to avoid disappointment. Ticket price/suggested donation: £5.00. In the first instance, tickets will be restricted to five per family. We politely ask for you not to leave ticket requests or queries until the day of the concert.

If you would like tickets for the Gala Concert on Wednesday 17th July please complete the order on Parentpay. Tickets will be distributed to students via the registers the day before the concert.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the concert.

KPS NEWS

With just 2 days to our International Food Festival, we wish to thank all those who have bought tickets online. If you haven't as yet, please use this link <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/7012> to purchase your tickets.

We will be selling tickets at the gate too, so do not worry if you haven't been able to book online.

We are also pleased to inform you that **MP Mr Alok Sharma** will be attending the event.

Here is a quick outline of the event:

- Prompt start at 11
- Please use the entrance gate at the London Road side
- Tickets and food coupons can be purchased at the entrance
- Mr Alok Sharma visits us at 11.30am
- Cake bake off competition kicks off at 12pm, we have around 15 entries so far
- Professional Photo booth; come in your best outfits!!!
- DJ & Music
- 10 food stalls with mouth-watering cuisines
- Internationally themed drinks stall
- Games stall by our own students
- Henna stall to feel festive
- Crafts and stationery stalls
- Ice creams, waffles and much more.....

There will be something for everyone, so please bring along your friends and families too.

You will have yet another chance to win some fabulous prizes through raffle tickets which you can buy at the entrance.

Volunteers

The school will be open for volunteers from 8.30. All the volunteers will be contacted via email separately sharing their rota for the day. We wish to thank you for giving your time and support!

KPS Bake off

We had great interests for this competition and it seems the judges are going to have a tough time. We have contacted all the students who have expressed an interest in taking part. Please ask them to check their email for all the information they need to know for the day. If they have not received it, please contact us via email chair.kps.uk@gmail.com.

KPS Photo booth

We are pleased to offer another attraction which will help in creating special memories with friends and families. One of our KPS parents, Monica Sarin will be putting up a professional photo booth at economical rates.

We would like to remind you that all the proceeds from this event will be will be donated towards the school expansion and more precisely for all the whiteboards/interactive boards for 9 classrooms.

We look forward to your generous contributions and donations for this cause. If you are unable to attend but can make a donation please contact us by emailing at chair.kps.uk@gmail.com or secretary.kps.uk@gmail.com.

If you have any other suggestion or wish to volunteer for any activities, please contact us at the above email addresses.

We look forward to welcoming you at the **KPS International food fest on Sunday at 11am, finishes at 3pm!!**

KPS Team

VACANCIES

Kendrick School Vacancies

We have vacancies for the following roles. Please click on the links for more information. Please pass the information to family and friends that may be interested in applying.

[English Teacher \(full time maternity cover for November 2019-July 2020\)](#)

[Mathematics Teacher \(part-time for September 2019\)](#)

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

- A Level English texts (Year 12 going into Year 13) - £11.50
- A Level German text - £9.25

There are still a number of trips that have already taken place but where payment has not been made by a small number of students. Please check your ParentPay account (www.parentpay.com) and pay for any outstanding trips that show on your account. If you have any queries regarding please contact finance@kendrick.reading.sch.uk.