

Friday 17 June 2022



Newsletter

Parent and Carer
Communication
Summer Term 2022

Welcome to our first June bumper edition of the newsletter! It's been a packed couple of weeks since our last report with many moments that have made me incredibly proud to be Headteacher at KHS, once again.

Year 10 excelled in Leiston on their residential before half term with their superb interpretation of The Lion King. The highlights they shared in assembly reflected the hard work that went into their craft, music and performance pieces.

We were delighted to be recognised by **Schools in Bloom** who visited the school and invited representatives from gardening club to receive a **SILVER** award at the Town Hall. This is a huge testament to the hard work that has gone into planting and growing ... it is clear to see the impact on our outdoor learning curriculum and nature areas over the last few years. See more on Page 5.

It has been an absolute pleasure to see pupils pushing themselves as part of sports week. Our Year 7 pupils represented the school with pride at the President's Sports Experience in Chelmsford on Monday.

Pupils from every year group energetically shone in the sunshine for our sporting events at the end of the week. It was brilliant to be able to invite parents and carers to see their achievements and awards. I'm particularly pleased to have seen Oak pupils making the award plaques presented to our winners direct from the school DT workshop!

Thank you very much to those who were able to join us for these special occasions to celebrate and support pupils achieve their personal bests!

We look forward to sharing more highlights from sporting events this week in the newsletter and don't forget to check out Evidence for Learning for individual images of pupils shining in sport!

Sincere thanks to staff co-ordinating and supporting all of these events to make them possible and positive for our pupils.

Mrs A. Constantine



Word of the week:



RUN

Both closed hands make alternate up and down movements in front of body (as if running).

Word: RUN

Sports Week

Meaning: to make oneself go forward by moving the legs very quickly.

Similar words:

bolt, bound, dart, dash, fly, jog, race, scamper, scoot, scurry, sprint, tear, trot

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RESILIENCE- 70 YEARS SERVICE



*If you can keep your throne when others totter
And join it to a democratic creed,
If you can bear it that one son's a rotter,
Another keen as mustard to succeed;
If you can wave and not get sick of waving,
At multitudes whose names you do not know
Or listen to a bonkers PM raving,
While never letting your impatience show;*

*If you can treat stale rituals as normal,
The cutting of the ribbon and all that,
Where every single move is tightly formal
And dress and coat must always match the hat;
If you can serve a role that must be gruelling,
But protocol forbids you to protest,
For three score years and ten of steadfast ruling
Then frankly, Ma'am, I feel you need a rest.*

Basil Ransome -Davies/Rudyard Kipling

We hope you were able to enjoy some of the Jubilee celebrations during half term. We have continued our focus on this momentous occasion, and we will have a British theme for our Leavers' events on 1 July in tribute.

This revision of the famous 'If' poem by Rudyard Kipling was shared in our whole school assembly and is one of many examples of poetry rewritten in honour of Her Majesty during this special year.

<https://www.spectator.co.uk/article/spectator-competition-winners-platinum-jubilee-poems-from-kipling-and-a-a-milne>



It was a privilege to be able to visit and work with pupils on the Year 10 residential at Leiston as they prepared for their final performance inspired by The Lion King. The way our pupils support one another and step out of their 'comfort zones' for these experiences will always impress me.

Feedback from the creative director of ProCorda reflects their achievements.

Year 10 pupils also enjoyed a visit to The Long Shop Museum in Leiston and The Lifeboat Museum at Aldeburgh.

Well done to all involved in this enjoyable trip!



Lifeboats





“My thanks to all the school team, and for all the coordination of the week at the school’s end. I agree it was the most incredible Kingswode Create Together week yet (and the bar has been set very high over the years!)

Above all, I wanted to send a personal thank you to the 22 remarkable KHS pupils. Their mesmerising performance on stage last night was reflected in every part of how they were through the week. From their charm and courtesy, thanking Natalia and team so sweetly after each meal, through to their total and trusting willingness to immerse themselves into full creativity across all sessions, rehearsals and performances – it was all very impressive. Kingswode Hoe is clearly in a very strong place and all staff should be very proud of these young people.

*They are incredible on every level.
It was a Create Together week I will never forget.”*

ANDREW QUARTERMAINE, PROCORDA



BRITAIN IN BLOOM

We are immensely proud to be awarded with a SILVER Schools in Bloom award alongside other schools in Colchester- Summer and Ethan from Maple class represented the school at the Town Hall this week to bring back our well-deserved trophy. This really is a tribute to staff and pupils who have been passionate about outdoor learning and our gardening curriculum and clubs. A huge thank you to them for this recognition in our local community!



UK FINALIST
2022



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OUTDOOR LEARNING



Oak and Birch Class enjoyed taking part in Forest School.



Nellie visited school on recent Friday afternoons and a variety of pupils were lucky to work with her. She enjoyed being walked on the school field by some pupils and helped dig the new wildlife pond.



During the last couple of weeks, Oak Class has enjoyed learning how to use the firelighters to set fire to cotton wool. This was done in a controlled environment. The pupils enjoyed this activity.



Oak Class had a great trip to the Zoo!

FOOD & COOKING



Thetford baked some treats in preparation for the Year 11 Leavers' Event!



Acorn celebrated the Jubilee with choc chip 'crowns'.



Year 9 made polenta cake!



Year 7 made fresh, healthy salsa!



Year 10 have been busy bakers, baking shortbread!

FOOD & COOKING

Year 9 made an orange sauce to serve with their polenta cakes, and served it with ice cream.



Acorn made Hedgehog shaped bread, they look amazing!

Year 10 Life Skills group chose their own vegetables, washed and chopped them. The salads were eaten with a homemade dressing of olive oil and balsamic vinegar.

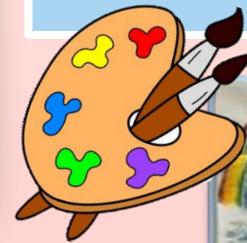


Smriti says a big thank you to Mrs Wilkinson for her cooking lessons and sent this photo of her nachos for her to see how well she is doing at home!



THE ARTS

Year 11 GCSE art pupils exhibited their work for the moderator to see this week. To celebrate completing their fantastic coursework, some of them created a giant rainbow with one of Alex's trademark cartoons. Mrs Frost is very proud of how hard they worked to complete such beautiful and meaningful work. A **HUGE** well done to Ashleigh, Alex, Charlie, Caroline, Hollie, Ellie, and Tanya. Their parents and carers will be able to see the exhibition when they come to their special end of year assembly on 1 July.



It was wonderful to welcome back one of our past pupils who is pursuing a career in the arts, to talk to the Year 11 Arts Award pupils about the arts pathway he has chosen. He has just completed a Level 3 diploma in Film and Television Production and is moving on to follow his passion of acting.

Pupils were inspired by his achievements and advice: "step out of your comfort zone, don't let knock-backs put you off and say yes to every opportunity".

Pupils went on to share their 'Hairspray' reviews with him, and he kindly took time to write feedback in their arts portfolios.



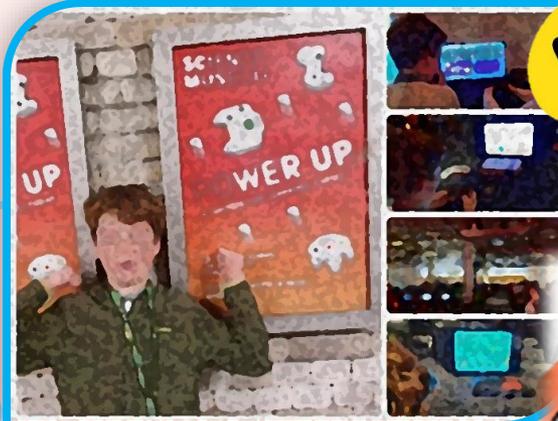
Evidence for Learning



Kaylon enjoying his food out in town.



During half term, Tye visited the Norfolk and Suffolk Air Museum.



YUM!

Rowan had a fantastic time at the Science Museum.



Esme performed a dance routine with her dance school as part of her local festival, fantastic effort Esme.



Esme won second prize for decorated truffles at the Country Flair, part of the village festival.



Evidence for Learning



Rowan had a lovely time exploring outside, enjoying the fresh air!



Tye managed to capture the planes on the fly past for the start of the Queen's Jubilee celebration!



Charlie went to Castle Park and fed the ducks, what a beautiful photo!



Kaylon had a great time bowling during the half term!



Kaleb was very helpful and made some yummy homemade pizza!



School meal menu is on a three-week cycle. We sometimes make changes due to availability of ingredients

KINGSWODE HOE

LUNCH MENU

Week 3

Key to allergens

Milk	M
Fish	F
Soya	So
Gluten	G
Sulphites	S
Celery	C
Egg	E
Mustard	Mu

Monday

Macaroni Cheese G M
Mushroom Bake G
Homemade Bread
Salad

Ice Cream Roll M

Tuesday

Beef Lasagne G M
Vegetarian Sausage Twist G M S
Green Beans
Garlic Bread G E M

Fruit Trifle G M

Wednesday

Sweet & Sour Chicken G
Vegetarian Curry C
Sweetcorn
Rice

Raspberry Slice & Cream G E M

Thursday

Roast Turkey & Stuffing G
Vegetable Strudel G C
Cauliflower Cheese M G
Peas & Carrots
Roast Potatoes

Fruit Delight M

Friday

Bubble Fish F
Omelette E
Baked Beans
Mixed Vegetables
Chips

Scones with Jam & Cream G M

SUMMER

Fruit & Yogurt available

daily

Baguettes available

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

Click on the link
below for some tasty
Jubilee recipes to try
at home

<https://www.goodto.com/recipes/tag/jubilee/easy>



Please limit sweet treats as part of packed lunches to ensure healthy balance for pupils and slow-release energy during the afternoon.

BREAKFAST BAGELS

We continue to work in partnership with the National School Breakfast Programme so that, as well as our Breakfast Club provision from 8.15am each morning that you can book your child into, we can also offer any pupils who may have missed their breakfast, something on the go when arriving in the morning at no extra cost to families.

The impact of breakfast on learning in children

family
action



We know that some pupils miss breakfast before their taxi or drop off, so healthy bagels and cereal will be available. Let your child's tutor know if you have any queries regarding this scheme.

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WRAP, SPLAT, HAT

As the weather heats up, please ensure your child has sun cream applied before they come to school and is sent to school with a named hat!

DIARY DATES



HPV 1st vaccine Year 8 Friday 8 July

RESIDENTIAL DATES

Thorrington Camp 12 - 14 July Year 8

YEAR 11 DATES

Rendlesham DofE Expedition 22 - 24 June

Arts Award moderation 30 June

Year 11 Leaving Assembly and last day 1 July

Coming up...

Themes this half term:

Week beginning

Theme- linked to six outcomes/world events

- 20/6/22 **Resilience & Independence:** Y9 Sharing Letton Hall trip

Community & Wider World: Y10 Sharing- Leiston trip

Employability: Design Technology at KHS
- 27/6/22 **Accreditation:** Y11 Leavers reflection Helen Keller
- 4/7/22 **Resilience & Independence:** Primary progress American Independence Day
- 11/7/22 **Health, Lifestyle & Wellbeing:** Summer Safety St Swithin's Day
- 18/7/22 Achievements including Y8 Orchard Thorrington trip

SEND Roadshow

North East Essex

Are you the parent/carer or family member of a child with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)?

Do you have questions about accessing support in your area or questions about SEND support available in Essex through Health, Education and Social Care? Would you like to link up with other parents in your area?

If you do, please come along and see us at one of our Roadshows. There will be representatives from Essex Family Forum, SENDIASS, Team Around the Family Support Officer's Early Help, Health, as well as representatives from the Education Teams and SEND Navigation Leads.

We have one date in each area this term, all our roadshows run from 9am to 12pm!

You will be made very welcome and we look forward to meeting you.

Thursday 30th June 2022

First Site Museum- Lewis Gardens,
High Street, Colchester CO1 1JH



SEND Events - Essex Local Offer



Support for Schools

Roadshows are open to any SEND families who may have questions about education, health or social care.

Please visit for more information.

30 June 2022

9:00am - noon

First Site, Colchester CO1 1JH

The opportunity to speak to therapists, clinical teams, education teams, social care, SEND IASS, EFF, Inclusive Communication Essex, Employment & Skills Advisor, MAZE

Local support services

Other dates:

28 June Epping Civic Offices

6 July Central Baptist Church Chelmsford

7 July The Megacentre Rayleigh