



Kenilworth School & Sixth Form Weekly Newsletter

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Dear All

Last Saturday the Kenilworth School Cross country teams travelled to the Regional finals in Warrington. Both the junior boys and inter boys teams finished first and second respectively, which means that they both qualify for the national finals in Formby in Lancashire on 3rd December where they will meet 23 other schools from around the country.

This weekend is an important one for the school's orienteering squad. Our Junior Boys team from Year 9 & 10 are taking part in a special qualifying event at Sutton Park to select a school team to represent England at the World Schools Orienteering Championships in Sicily next April. We wish the boys all the best for tomorrow.

I am pleased to announce that next Monday evening, Kenilworth School will become a corporate member of the Kenilworth Rotary Club. This affiliation to the Rotary Club follows on from a joint venture between the local Rotary Club and students of Kenilworth School. A 'youth' version of the Rotary Club, also known as the Interact Group has been set up within school. Each week a group of students meet and organise community based projects, for example, the most recent event was the planting of crocus bulbs at the Holiday Inn to raise awareness of polio in a 'Purple 4 Polio' campaign.

Today we held another Non Uniform Day. The monies raised will go to the Children in Need charity and we are pleased to join in the national wide support for this worthwhile charity. More fund raising for the school will take place this evening with the PTA Christmas Shopping Craft evening in the Upper School Hall. Please come along to support this event as funds raised are given to the school for various requirements, for example, a Potter's wheel for the Art department and many other resources for the curriculum.

Last week, the Kenilworth Lions organised an Art competition and the standard of entry was exceptionally high, which meant that the judges had a difficult decision to make. However, Mia Gardner in Year 7 was selected as the winner and her poster will go forward to represent Kenilworth at the next round of the Kenilworth Lions International Art competition.

A number of Year 11 students are visiting the NEC Skills Show today, giving them a chance to explore five particular industry sectors: Hospitality & Lifestyle, Construction & Infrastructure, Engineering & Technology, IT & Enterprise and Media & Creative. We hope that these students will find the event worthwhile and interesting. To follow up after the event, go to <https://worldskillsuk.org/the-skills-show/careers-advice-resources> - There is useful information for parents and a chance to hear the Spotlight Careers Talks that students may have missed at the show.

We have an email facility in school which allows all parents to be contacted via a 'capita-intouch' email account. This far reaching email has enabled us to improve communications with parents, however, it used purely to send emails rather than receive and reply. Should parents wish to contact a member of staff, they should email the member of staff directly or use the general school email school@ksnadmin.ksn.org.uk which will be forwarded to the appropriate member of staff to ensure a prompt response.

Yours sincerely

H. H. S. Abbott
Headteacher

DIARY DATES



November

18th PTA Christmas Shopping & Crafts Evening

Christmas Shopping and Crafts Evening

Tonight!
Friday 18th
7.00pm - 9.00pm
Kenilworth School
Upper Hall

£3 tickets (under 18 £1)

Over 30 stalls offering unique gifts – jewellery, handbags, cards, candles, textiles, preserves, toys, toiletries, health supplements, books, art, decorations.....



Staff and Governors meet with Department for Education Minister in London

Kenilworth School Headteacher Hayden Abbott and Governors (Sue Casey, Shirley Whiting and Richard Hales) visited the Department for Education (DfE) in London on Monday 6th November for a meeting with Minister, Nick Gibb to discuss the ambitions of the School to move onto one site on Southcrest Farm, identified in the Local Development Plan.

Kenilworth MP Jeremy Wright, the Government's Attorney General, arranged the visit to enable the School to meet with Nick Gibb and Education department colleagues to discuss funding options for the move.

Pictured are the group with Schools Minister Nick Gibb (centre) presenting Hayden Abbott and Governors with a letter congratulating the School on its exam results with Jeremy Wright MP on the right of the picture.



KENILWORTH LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER COMPETITION

Year 7 and 8 students took part in the Kenilworth Lions Peace Poster Competition. The photo shows the finalists with Mr Abbott and Phil Inshaw President of Kenilworth Lions. We are delighted to announce that the judges selected Mia Gardner 7F to be the winner, her poster will represent Kenilworth Lions in the next round of the competition.

Eloise Fraiser 7E, Kathryn McKernan, Lois Kimberley Lax 8E, Mia Gardner 7F, William Crichton 7E, and Jago Talbot-Percival 7L



Winner - Mia Gardner 7F

E-Safety Concern – Musical.ly app



I would like to thank a parent for bringing this potentially harmful app to my attention. Many of your children may have downloaded the Musical.ly app to their phone or other mobile devices.

I would strongly recommend that as a parent you read the article within the following link to allow you to make a decision as to whether you want to monitor your child's use of the app or to remove it from their device.

<http://thenewdaily.com.au/life/tech/2016/11/03/musical-ly-app-pornography/>

Mr Garratt

ALUMNI

Many of our students have gone on to become teachers, some have even returned to Kenilworth School to teach. However, this week we are finding out more about one of our alumni who has gone on to become a primary school teacher. Heather Langdon nee Broomfield has just entered her tenth year as a teacher and she says that, it is nice to be given the opportunity to reflect on her career so far.

On leaving Kenilworth School I attended Worcester University to complete my teacher training. It is a great University and I was lucky enough to make some good friends and meet my future husband, Nick. Since then I have worked in 3 different schools, and following Nick's job move to run his family business in Dudley, I am very happily settled in my current school as the Nursery teacher and Early Years Lead.

I have been Early Years Co-ordinator at each school I have worked at and have found it to be a very rewarding job.

Teaching has a lot of bad press at the moment and as much as the job has its challenges, the cliché still remains strong that 'it's all about the children'.

As a teacher, every day is different, you never know whether you will be supporting a parent, dealing with a child protection issue, or leading discovery in the sand tray. However the respect you are shown by the school community allows for a real sense of duty to help and support everyday challenges.

As Early Years Co-ordinator I am in charge of a large group of staff and the leadership and management skills required have allowed me to really develop how I interact with others and how I manage myself.

For anyone considering a career as a teacher, I would advise spending some time volunteering to check it's the right field for you...but you will soon know! Teaching is a great job and I look forward to work every day!



CROSS COUNTRY UPDATES

Three Kenilworth Cross Country teams qualified for the regional finals of the English Schools Athletics Association schools cup. On Saturday the Junior Boys (Year 7&8), Inter Boys (Year 9&10) and Inter Girls (Year 9&10) teams had a wet and muddy trip to Warrington. Each team consists of six runners with the first four home scoring for the team.

All runners can be proud of their determined performances in poor conditions, especially the Junior Boys with a great all round performance which saw them finish James Kiley (2nd) Evan Osbourne (4th) Billy Doxey (16th) Sam Crouchley (21st) and Will France (23rd).

In the Girls race Martha Curran (11th) and Emily Reed (25th) were the first two to finish for the Kenilworth team, with Holly Glover (27th) and Amber Ballard (37) and Eve Gardner (50th). In the boys race, Cameron Williams Stein (7th) and Felix Lunn (11th) set the pace with Oli Lunn (15th) and Oliver Flippance (18th) finishing in third and fourth places respectively for the team with Tom Szwarczer (22nd) and Nathan Chapple (38th)

These results meant the Inter Girls team finished in a creditable 6th place overall, while the Junior Boys team finished in an amazing 1st place to qualify for the National Finals. They will also be joined in the finals by the Inter Boys team who finished a fantastic 2nd place. A fantastic achievement! Both teams will travel to Formby on the 3rd December.

Well done to them and all runners who represented the school so well.

With all other age groups competing in the Schools cup on Saturday it meant that only the Year 7/8 girls were available for county selection. Congratulations must go to Mel Gould and Emily Knox both Year 7 who were selected to represent Warwickshire schools in the inter county cross country at Sandwell Valley.



ORIENTEERING NEWS

This weekend the school orienteering squad will be taking part in two major competitions, both taking place at Sutton Park, Birmingham.

On Saturday the Junior Boys team will be competing in a special qualification event to select the best school to represent England at the World Schools Orienteering Championships next April in Sicily. They stand an excellent chance of being selected as everyone in the team has been training hard over many months to prepare for this. The last time our school team was selected for England was in 2011, when our Junior Girls travelled to northern Italy and came back as World Schools Champions.

Other members of the squad will be at Sutton Park on Saturday too, taking part in a training event to prepare for Sundays British Schools Championships. For some this will be their first major competition but we are hoping for a good set of individual and team results.

There will be a full report in the newsletter next week.

Kids Lit Quiz Regional Heat

Kids Lit Quiz by Ruairi Silcock 7J

On the 15th November 2016 seven representatives from Kenilworth School got on a bus to Coventry. They were going to a lit quiz, hoping to book a place in the national finals in London, but first they had to qualify via the West Midlands regional heat; could they do it? The team was: Daniel, Lois, Rhys and me, Ruairi. We also had three supporters cheering us on: Alex, Eloise and Aine. When we got there it was already jam packed. We were told to pick a joker round – a round where you score double points – it was a tough choice but in the end we chose detective, Daniel said he knew a bit on the subject. Finally it began, there were ten topics (birds, ghosts, bears and accidents to name a few) we had to answer ten questions on each topic. This meant we would get a score out of one hundred and ten – including the joker round – if you want to find out how we did read on... After we had answered five of the topics we got to have a quick break and snack (They gave us a sweet and a biscuit each). After a long and enjoyable five more topics, we finished. We didn't win anything – besides me who won £2. In the end we came fourteenth with a whopping fifty-three points. Overall I think the experience was great and I really want to participate next year. So if you're reading this why not think about it because, even though we didn't win anything, it was still great fun trying.

The Kids Lit Quiz by Eloise Sunderland 7J

The lit quiz was fun as there was questions about different subjects for books e.g: comic books. Our team didn't do as well as last year but were very good and managed to win some money. The team for the quiz was Ruairi, Rhys, Lois and Daniel. Even though I was sitting out with Aine and Alex I still enjoyed it. I would recommend others joining the club as it was a great experience and you make a selection of friends.



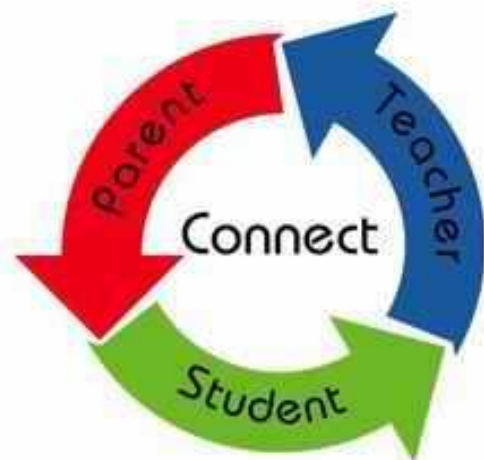
Contacting Us

If you would like to contact the school, you can access a list of staff names and email addresses by going to our website www.ksn.org.uk/Staff-List

The list details members of the Senior Leadership Team, Heads of Year and all teaching staff.

Please do not reply to automated emails, such as the school newsletter email.

You can also email the school via school@ksnadmin.ksn.org.uk and your email will be passed on accordingly.



PARENTS' CONSULTATION MEETING

The next Parents' Consultation meeting will take place on Friday 25th November at 2.30pm in the Conference Room.

This is a chance to have consultation with Mr Abbott within a small forum of parents.

Any parent interested in attending, please contact
Linda Fayolle PA to Headteacher on 859421

Stargazing Evening

Meet at Farm Road, off John O'Gaunt Road,
Friday 25th November
5.30pm – 7.00pm



Bring your own telescope if you have one. There will be a few provided although not enough for everyone. Open to family and friends.

Parental permission required please book your place with Mr Harwood-Suther on
j.harwood-suther@ksnadmin.ksn.org.uk

FOUND - SMART WATCH

PLEASE CONTACT MAIN RECEPTION

Kenilworth - Uyogo Friendship Link
Big Breakfast

EAT FOR UYOGO
Saturday 19th November
9 - 11am
St. John's Church Hall
Last orders 10.45am
Adults £8 Under 12s £4
Tickets from John Radford
(054475 jradford@tiscali.co.uk)
Support Kenilworth's own Third World link to improve the lives of the people in UYOGO Tanzania
Registered Charity No. 1032351

URGENT REQUEST FROM TECHNOLOGY

If you have any spare plastic or metal lidded containers such as the ones that contain biscuits or chocolates please hand them in to Technology (Food and Nutrition L32 or L33).
Thank you

SPORTS RESULTS

Team	Opposition	Result
Year 11 Football	Kineton	W 4-1
U19 Squash	Warwick School	L3-1
Year 9 Netball	Campion	A Team Won 2 B Team W 1 D 1
Year 10 Football	Kineton	W 2-0
Year 10/11 Netball	Tournament	4th
Year 11 Football	Polesworth	W 4-1
Cross Country	Midlands Finals	See Newsletter Article

NEXT WEEKS SPORTS FIXTURES

	Nov	Year Group	Sport	Opposition	Home Away	Approx Start Finish
Mon	21 st	Year 9	Football	Henley	Home (3G)	5.30pm Finish
Thurs	24 th	Year 11	Football	Finham	Home (3G)	5.45pm Finish
Sat	26 th	Years 7-11	Rugby	Southam	TBC	TBC