

Head Teacher's Update

Dear Parents/Carers

We are almost half way through our first year and I am so proud of what we have achieved so far together. Every day my SLT colleagues and I walk through each lesson and observe the quality of learning that is taking place across the school and beyond. Whilst I am always seeking ways in which we can improve, what I am encouraged to see is how well all pupils are working with their teachers and peers.

An area we are striving to improve is how pupils respond to the feedback their teachers are giving them. We have a straight forward process for this. Staff mark work regularly and identify strengths (WWW) and areas for improvement (EBI). Pupils are required to reflect on this feedback and respond to it in **red** pen. As such, all pupils must now have a red pen as part of their compulsory equipment they bring to school daily.

I would like to see pupils taking much greater ownership of their responses to this feedback. Staff are providing very clear areas for pupils to focus in on and pupils must act upon this advice to ensure they make rapid progress in their learning. Please do look at this aspect of your child's work and discuss with them the quality of their responses.

As mentioned last week, we are busy recruiting new members of staff. We have already made two excellent appointments to the English and Science Departments. Next week we hope to make a number of other high quality teaching and operational appointments, which will place us in a very strong position for September.

Yours sincerely,

Sophie Cavanagh

Lunch order deadline is Monday 8th February. Please email Kath Williams with your orders.

School club payments for this term can also be paid via ParentPay.



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Tickets for

'The Tempest'

are selling fast!

Via ParentPay and collect from school office

Thursday 25th February at 2.30pm and 7.30pm

Arthur Cottrell theatre,

Kingston College

£5 adults

£3 children



We are collecting Active Kids vouchers from Sainsburys. Drop them off at reception.

Sports news

Year 7 boys football: TKA vs Hollyfield (1-1)

Nervous tension on the bus as talk turned to the Hollyfield A team being filled with academy players, resulted in an unusually quiet trip to the game. But after a thorough warm up and team talk from coach Abdoullah, the boys grew in confidence as Hollyfield kicked off and TKA got stuck in. Making his TKA debut, Rhys played alongside Alex B upfront and between them they forced the Hollyfield keeper to make an early save. Hollyfield produced a counter attack and caught the defence off-guard to slip a goal past Noah. Heads didn't drop as TKA showed resilience and as Damon came on towards the end of the first half a quick through ball and a sloppy pick up by the Hollyfield keeper, made the score 1-1. Brian dropped back into defence and worked relentlessly with Connor Cross to keep the strong attacks at bay. Frank and Connor F came close to scoring in the second half, with Zaccai manning the midfield with pace and determination. The game ended in a draw with the boys holding their heads high having given Hollyfield some real competition! Man of the match was Brian who had helped hold off several attempts at goal.



Football club



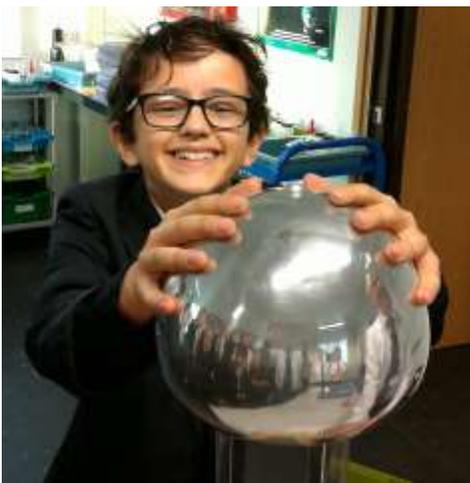
Left—The girls enjoyed their indoor session of football. Next week everybody will be back at the Tiffin astro turf.



Spotlight on STEM



This week Science club explored the effects of our Van de Graaf generator. As Mr Smith turned the handle of the generator, the flow of electric charge made pupils' hair stand on end. We then passed charge along a line of pupils which gave some sparky results. Twins Badley and Harley (above) can be seen to transferring electric charge between each other. Mr Smith was keen to light a Bunsen burner with his finger but Dr Keaney insisted we upheld Health and Safety regulations!



TKA Tennis Talent

Last Friday Max, Stanni and Reuben visited the National Tennis Centre and the International Tennis Federation. During the tour the players were able to view the original Davis Cup trophy and receive a lecture on the science behind this masterful sport from none other than from Kris Dent, CEO of the ITF.

Max, Stanni and Reuben are all passionate tennis fans and great players.

We look forward to seeing them in action in the summer.



Max, Stanni and Reuben with the original Davis Cup trophy



Monday 8th February is Chinese New Year. 2016 is the year of the Monkey; the ninth animal in the cycle. A special Chinese New Year assembly is planned for next week. There will be traditional fan dancing and Mandarin presentations.



Important Dates for Term 2 (Autumn 2016)

Monday 15th—Friday 19th February 2016—February Half term holiday.

Wednesday 24th February—The Tempest, ACT, Kingston College. Technical rehearsal at 12. Dress rehearsal at 2.30pm.

Thursday 25th February—The Tempest, ACT, Kingston College. Performances at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. **Families welcome at both performances.**

Thursday 3rd March—WORLD BOOK DAY—Pupils & staff to dress as literary character

Wednesday 9th March—Staff training 1-5pm—no afternoon lessons or clubs.

Friday 25th (Good Friday)—Tuesday 12th April—Easter holiday

Monday 11th April—Staff training morning 8-12. Pupil progress meetings with parents' in afternoon.

Tuesday 12th April—Pupils return to school at 8.35am.

Thursday 19th May—Staff training 1-5pm—no afternoon lessons or clubs.

Monday 20th June—Staff training 1-5pm—no afternoon lessons or clubs.