

Dear Parents,

This week has been a significant one for Kingston families as Tuesday saw the confirmation of secondary school places. So we are delighted to announce that The Kingston Academy is fully subscribed for September 2016 and we have a healthy waiting list. This is a testament to the hard work and commitment of all staff in establishing high expectations in all aspects of school life. We look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 cohort in September and the transition process that will start very soon.

This week we also celebrated World Book Day and pupils and staff showed real creativity in their costumes! We recognise that reading for pleasure is an essential skill in life and hope all TKA pupils will be life long readers.

We have so much more to look forward to during the rest of the term. The Water Rocket Day and Discovery Day at Kingston University are both events demonstrating our STEM specialism and giving pupils a fantastic opportunity to see what life might be like in Higher Education. So please do return your reply slips to Kath Williams to guarantee a place on these trips.

Do remember that we have a staff training day on Wednesday 9th March so pupils will be finishing school at 12pm.

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Sophie Cavanagh

- Professional photographs were taken at the performance of the Tempest and will be available to purchase soon. Please look out for the link which will be shared shortly. Part of the proceeds go towards school funds.

Last weekend, one of our History Makers, Jack, qualified to take part in the Surrey Swimming Championships at Crystal Palace where he placed 7th for backstroke. We wish him the best of luck in the forthcoming London Regionals. *Jack is pictured right with Ms Cavanagh.*



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Rugby 7s tournament



On the 29th February, the U12 TKA Rugby Squad took a leap into the unknown as they tested themselves in the Kingston School's Rugby 7s Tournament at Richard Challoner School. For three of the 11 man squad this was their first ever experience of competitive, contact rugby and for all players this would be the first time they had ever played together. We were delighted to see Seb VW burst through the Tiffin defence in our first pool game to race across the 22 and record the first ever score and try for TKA, cementing his place in the school's history. After an exchange of scores at half time and the rolling of our substitutions, Noah IW's strong running and Brian G's speed gave us two well worked team tries after excellent domination in the scrums, making us 21-14 winners.



Hosts Richard Challoner were a highly competitive team but with excellent captaincy throughout the tournament from Oli M, the TKA team dominated with tries from Noah and Connor C. Connor's excellent playmaking at fly-half and goal kicking made a difference to the team and his aggressive tackling put us in a great position throughout. 14-0 up at half time, RC ran hard with their winger scoring two excellent tries, but missing one conversion for the game to end with TKA 14-12 winners. The final pool match came against Hollyfield, who were a strong and aggressive team. Our big ball carries in Matteo C, Nick M and Oli played well in the tight with

Matteo making some great tackles around the ruck and Seb and and Noah making the wider tackles. This was not quite enough and starved of ball at scrum time we lost the game 21-7 despite a great solo effort and conversion from Connor.

In a tight tournament we were through to the semi-finals as the runner up from pool B and met Richard Challoner A team who were an altogether different outfit, with set plays and fabulous defence. Despite an all out commitment in defence from Matteo and especially our two smallest players in Brian and Leo A, who put their bodies in the way of some strong Challoner running we couldn't score and went down 0-22. Sam L skipped away down the touchline several times but was well tackled into touch on each occasion, showing the resilience of the Richard Challoner defence and their desire to keep us scoreless.

Left to fight it out for the 3rd/4th playoff we again went back to play Richard Challoner B team in what would be a very competitive fixture having already played them in the pool games. After 40 minutes of all action rugby, our squad rotation was working really well with Rhys W and Harry S keeping us in the game. Noah and Connor's athleticism shone through in the first half and in a carbon copy of the pool game we outscored them by two tries to go in 10-0 ahead. From this point the tackles from Noah, Matteo and Seb were fabulous and continually pinned them back; great carrying from Nick moved us up the pitch and Oli's contest at the breakdown all helped tremendously, but four great tries from them to our one excellent score from Noah left us four points shy at the final whistle in a 17-20 loss. This was however an outstanding performance from all 11 players with an excellent competitive edge, teamwork and a desire to win from all. Oli was fabulous in his captaincy and Connor directed the team excellently at fly-half. The unseen work of the pack to turnover and secure ball led to some great tries for Connor and Noah with a 47 point haul between them. In his first ever competitive match, Matteo played every minute of every game at hooker and was superb. Our top points scorer was Connor with 27, Seb scored the first ever TKA try, but man of the tournament for out and out athleticism, 20 points and great cover tackles was Noah. This was great fun and a well enjoyed afternoon by all participants, so well done to TKA for their 4th place and we all look forward to our next match.

Mr Sheppard



Spotlight on STEM

This week pupils had the opportunity to see the Liquid nitrogen demonstrations in their Science lessons. It is a clear and colourless liquid which has a temperature of -196 degrees Celsius. Pupils learnt about changes of state of the nitrogen, expansion of gases, the Liden frost effect and properties of materials when cooled. The favourite part of the demonstration was adding hot water and washing up liquid to liquid nitrogen to create an impressive foam volcano.



SLEEP EASY 2016

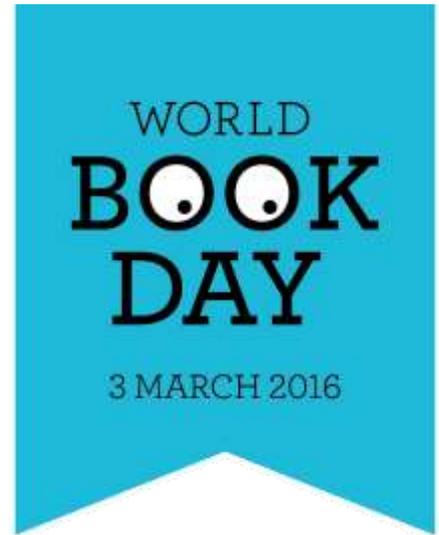
On the 28th of February, we decided to take part in the 'Sleep Easy' event run by the YMCA to raise money for homeless people in the UK. It was really exciting as we were sleeping in cardboard boxes. It was very cold and noisy, so we experienced what it is like to be homeless, but only for one night. It has shown us both how hard it must be for homeless people who have to go through it every night. The worst bits were the bitter cold and the constant pandemonium. It was a really fun (but freezing) experience, and we would definitely do it again!

By Isabelle and Leon



World Book Day!

TKA celebrated the joy of reading on Thursday 3rd March by dressing in costumes of a favourite fictional character. We had a fantastic range of characters from: Hetty Feather, Katniss Everdeen, super heroes, James Bond, Harry Potters, Skulduggery pleasant, Alice in Wonderland, and even an origami yoda



Best costumes!

Most original - Monty as Guinness book of records and Oli C as Origami yoda

Best make up - Aaron as Joker and Domile as Mad hatter

Best wig - Thomas B as Mad hatter

Best prop - Mariam as Maleficent

Best hair - Maria N as Pippi Longstocking

Best classic character - Lily as Mary Poppins

Best historical character - Nesha as Hetty Feather and Alistair as Sherlock Holmas

Best twins - Bethany and Holly



Head teacher's lunch



Ms Cavanagh hosted the first Head teacher's lunch with the School Council on Monday.

Pupils had a list of questions about whole school issues, the new building, trips and what life is like as a head teacher. Ms Cavanagh was keen to develop leadership.

The pupils pictured above are: Jack, James, Hussein, Morgan (back row) and Lily, Joseph, Jake, Maia, Maria N and Maria D (top row)

Art competition!



On Monday Ms Linch launched an Art competition for a piece of artwork on the fourth plinth in Trafalgar Square. It is currently empty and the Mayor has invited schools to enter ideas for future pieces. Pupils were shown previous winners which included: a hotel for pigeons, Alison Lapper, HMS Victory, a statue of Christ, a skeleton of a horse and the blue cockerel. Ms Linch also shared with us some of the entries already received from Art club which included a fox, a feather and the Apple logo. All entries will go in an online exhibition and winners for each age category will go on display in City Hall.

Entries should be completed on paper and need to be handed in to Kath Williams by Monday 7th March.

For more details go to: <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/arts-and-culture/art-and-design/fourth-plinth/fourth-plinth-schools-awards-2016>



Important Dates for Spring Term 2 and Summer Term 1

Wednesday 9th March—Staff training 1-5pm—no afternoon lessons or clubs. Pupils leave at 12.

Tuesday 15th March—Water Rocket Day at Kingston University for Hawking and Berners-Lee Houses

Thursday 17th March—Water Rocket Day at Kingston University for Curie and Lovelace for Houses

Kingston University Discovery Days—Mon 21st March: Lovelace, Tue 22nd March: Curie, Wed 23rd March: Hawking, Thursday 24th March: Berners-Lee

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

Monday 11th April—Staff training morning 8-12pm. 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. Pupils leave at 12.

Monday 20th June—Staff training 1-5pm—no afternoon lessons or clubs. Pupils leave at 12.

5th—8th July—School Camp.