

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to **FoTKA** for a fabulous Kids Quiz last Friday. There was a great atmosphere in the hall and the winning team were 'The Unicorns' - well done to Maria, Johanna, Maeve, Teju, Sophie and Sophia.

As we move further into the Summer term and the fine weather has finally arrived, can we remind children to bring in their own water bottles and to wear sunscreen when appropriate. We are also hoping the weather is kind to us for our first ever Summer Camp at Bentley Copse in July. This will be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy outdoor activities like: climbing, karting, zip lining and archery, camp fires and sleeping under canvas. If you have not already done so, please can you return your camp consent forms and make the payment for the first instalment.

We have had an International flavour to the week with the flamenco dancing workshops yesterday and the exotic aroma of fine foods coming from the school hall today. Thank you to all pupils who have donated to this sale, all proceeds will go to the charity chosen by School Council.

The new menu and order forms for the second half of the Summer term are available on the website, or follow the link: <http://www.thekingstonacademy.org/parents/lunches> - please order your lunches by Monday 16th May. We strongly encourage parents to pay online via ParentPay not via cheque or cash. Please do contact the office if you need help in activating your account.

A reminder that school will close to pupils at 12 noon on Thursday for staff training.

Have a lovely weekend, Sophie Cavanagh.



Congratulations to Jack W from 7Re who took part in the London Regional swimming championship last weekend.

He had an amazing swim and made the final, coming 6th



This week's Friends of TKA lottery winner:

Jonathan Brown



Spotlight on STEM



On Monday Alex Farrer, one of our Science consultants, delivered an activity called 'People Like Me' to the female History Makers. The activity was designed to increase the uptake of girls going on to study STEM subjects at A level and at university and is part of a national initiative. Statistics show there is a shocking disparity in the number of girls

taking STEM subjects at A level and at TKA we are determined to redress that imbalance.

Physics is the third most popular A-level for boys but only the nineteenth for girls, and of 14,000 engineering apprentices, only 450 were girls.



The girls were asked to write with their dominant hand and then weaker hand for the same task in order to emphasise that we all have particular ways of doing things that make things easier. By selecting 12 characteristics they felt best suited them and this in turn informed them about which jobs in STEM each column represented. They were given an opportunity to read up on the , before being asked to match themselves with other people who previously completed the survey. The girls learnt about careers in physics, engineering and digital media and came away feeling that there is a world of exciting opportunities in STEM!



Languages Week!

This week our History Makers have been sharing their knowledge of other languages and cultures with their peers. Clearly a lot of work went into the wonderfully creative presentations (including Russian, Italian, Japanese and German) and the other students thoroughly enjoyed learning something new.



We also had a taste of Spain with the group '**Canela Fina**' leading assembly on Thursday and then running a series of Flamenco workshops. Members of the group Jesus, Betty and Jorge, displayed impressive dancing, drumming and guitar skills and the school hall reverberated with the sounds of palmas (handclapping) and shouts of Ole!



On Friday we held an International Food day where the pupils brought in an array of traditional foods from around the world to sell for charity. They included: sushi, cinnamon buns, pasta, quiche, Russian salad and lots of cake! Many thanks to all the generous pupils who gave such delicious donations.



School Camp meeting for parents

There will be a parents' information evening in the school hall on Tuesday 17th May from 6pm-7pm where there will be with a representative from Bentley Copse Activity Centre. Pupils DO NOT need to attend.



*Permission slips need to be returned to Kath Williams (either paper copy or electronic) by **Monday 16th May** as well as paying the deposit of £75 via parent pay by the same deadline. Many thanks.*

Important Dates for Summer Term 2

Wednesday 18th May—PSHE day (Personal, Social, Health, Economic)

Thursday 19th May—Staff training 1-5pm—no afternoon lessons or clubs; pupils leave at 12 noon.

HALF TERM HOLIDAY: Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June

Thursday 9th June—TKA Spelling Bee at 3.45-5pm in School Hall. Parents welcome.

Saturday 11th June—New TKA pupil testing (Year 6).

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

Saturday 25th June—Fun Run and Picnic.

Thursday 30th June, Friday 1st July and Saturday 2nd July—Art exhibition

5th-8th July—Summer Camp

Wednesday 13th July—Summer soiree

Friday 15th July—Last day of term