

Dear Parents/Carers

As we embark on the final half term of our inaugural year, it is with great pride and pleasure that I reflect on how far we have come in such a short space of time. It seems only yesterday I took on the role of Head teacher of The Kingston Academy and now I am seeing the Trust's vision of the school become an exciting and impressive reality. This is due to the stellar staff we continue to recruit and this week we are delighted to welcome Mr Daniel Byrne to the Mathematics department and Mr Simon Virgo who will be teaching Philosophy and Ethics and History.

This week our Construction Captains made another site visit and were pleased to report that work is progressing well. We are very proud of our partnership with Interserve and the willingness they have shown in accommodating the pupils' visits.

Thursday's Spelling Bee saw the School Hall erupt in a tightly fought battle between the Houses over words like: 'heirloom' and 'millennium'. Congratulations to Louis from Curie House who won the coveted title of Champion speller and well done to the other competitors who showed real resilience in performing so well under pressure and in representing their Houses.

Next week I shall be sending a whole school update with important information. A reminder that the second instalment of the camp is due on Monday 13th June.

Kind regards,

Sophie Cavanagh



Please  
ensure all  
pupils have  
water  
bottles  
during  
warm  
weather  
and do not  
keep any  
food in  
lockers.

This week's school lottery winners:

Brenda Jenkins and Ariel Amor



**iSAMS**

Have you logged onto  
**Parent Portal** yet?

We would like to remind parents about logging onto Parent Portal in order to access all the essential information about your child's progress at TKA. The July report will only be accessible via Parent Portal. If you need help with the activation process, please contact Kath Williams on 020 8465 6200.

## Hay Book Festival

During May half term I went to The Hay Festival which is when authors talk about their books. Around 85,000 visitors come in 10 days. When I was there I saw Jeremy Strong, Jacqueline Wilson and Francesca Simon. They were all really exciting and interesting. I think my favourite was Jacqueline Wilson because, there were more people there with her including Katie Thistleton (from CBBC), the director and producer from Hetty Feather and Matron from Hetty Feather (her name is Eva). They were talking about the book Hetty Feather and the TV series. At the end **they were letting people in the audience ask questions, I didn't get chosen** though. If I had been chosen I would have asked how long did it take to write the book and to make TV series. The whole experience was really enjoyable. I hope to go again next year.

By Morgan P 7Zn.





# Spotlight on STEM

We would like to formally welcome a new member to the TKA staff, **Mr Daniel Byrne**, who joins us from Coombe boys school.

As well as teaching Mathematics he has the role of **Deputy SENCO** (Special educational needs co-ordinator) and will be **co-tutoring 7Ti** in Berners-Lee

House. Mr Deveson is delighted to have a permanent member of staff join his team. Mr Byrne is a keen cricketer, having played for Middlesex for three years and is a Level 3 cricket coach; he is keen to become involved in TKA life by helping to coach cricket and rugby.



## BUILDING UPDATE

Last Tuesday all of the construction captains met together and went to see the building site of what is going to be our new school. We all thought that the building was coming together, at last, as we could see that all of the classrooms had taken shape and new fire doors were being fitted. We all saw how big and light the classrooms were and how nice the learning space will be. The builders were really friendly and they were doing good progress. We **think the quad was really big and we can't wait to see what the end product will be.** At the end of the session we went to see the EnviroWash (something that washes brushes). They showed us how cool the machine was and it was really interesting. We all think the building will be amazing.



By Mariam (7 Fe) and Alys (7 Fe)

## Author visit and book signing

**TKA Chatterbooks** are delighted to host author Sue Wallman on Monday 13th June. Sue is currently writer-in-residence at Kingston University and won the 2013 First Chapter Competition, part of the prestigious Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction.

Her latest novel for teenage readers has just been published and is called '**Lying about last summer**' and centres around a girl called Skye, who is sent to a camp for troubled teenagers after her sister dies in an accident. However, once she is at the camp she starts receiving text messages from someone pretending to be her dead sister...

The book will be available for a discounted price of £5.50 paid by cash on Monday 13th and all pupils are welcome in 4a at 1pm.



## IMPORTANT dates for Summer term

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

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

Pupils leave at 12.

**Thursday 30th June**—Private viewing of Art Exhibition 6-8pm, Kingston College.

**Friday 1st July Sat 2nd July**—Art exhibition, Kingston College, Richmond Road campus

**Tuesday 5th– Friday 8th July**—Summer Camp

**Wednesday 13th July**—Summer soiree

**Friday 15th July**—Last day of summer term

**Monday 5th September**—Pupils return to school.