

Kingstone academy news

SUMMER 2019

Kindness, Perseverance, Respect... Kingstone Values in Action

Throughout the year, the primary school has regular visits from high school students who volunteer to help out, support and encourage pupils across all year groups. They are great role models for the younger children who love spending time with them.



Elliot

Pictured here is Year 7 student, Elliot T. He goes down to the primary school on Tuesdays after school to help out with the Chronicle – the school magazine club. As its previous editor, Elliot is a very experienced reporter and his support for the other writers is greatly appreciated. He also helps out with Creative Club.



Emilie

Here is Year 9 student Emilie R-H: she goes to the primary school each week and helps out with Chronicle. In addition, Emilie also goes to teach Year 5 art techniques. She is a very talented artist and, pictured here, she is showing a student her impressive portfolio.

Year 10 student Harvey C. mainly helps out in Year 4 one afternoon each week. Here he is pictured coaching some of the Year 4 pupils with their football skills. He also helps with Year 6 and has supported them in their practical science lessons: the children were particularly grateful for his support during their heart dissection workshop! Harvey often helps out with all years at lunchtimes, too.



Harvey

75th Anniversary Celebrations

Over the next year we will be celebrating 75 years of Kingstone High School.

The intention is that we will have a number of activities, competitions and events with a 75 theme, leading up to an end of year celebration.

We would also like to produce a pictorial history of the school over the years. We would like to involve as many members of the school community past and present as possible to share their memories of the school and to celebrate the 75th Anniversary in style.

Any ideas are most welcome, please contact the school if you have any old photographs or documents from the school's history. We would love to see them.



ACHIEVING SUCCESS TOGETHER



Improving life chances for students

It is at this time every year when we marvel at the speed with which the year has passed and look with amazement to see just how much we have managed to cram in to our year. This has flown. We started it with some exciting results and congratulatory letters of praise for both schools for achieving results that were significantly above national expectations. The high school then had a very positive Ofsted inspection which noted the improvements that had been put in place.

We continue to grow as schools and are adding in additional staff to manage our popularity and the move from a three form to a four form entry high school. Adding in additional staff means that we are able to keep the class sizes to the levels you have been used to. Having extra adults in the building also means that we are able to offer more in terms of clubs and subject choices as we move forward.

We work hard as schools and as a community and will continue to do so. We always endeavour to be the best we can be, hoping that we improve the life chances of our students while at the same time giving them positive experiences that they will remember fondly for many years to come.

On behalf of the staff and trustees of Kingstone Academy Trust, I would like to thank you for your support, as we know we couldn't do it without you.

Best regards

Steve Fisher, Executive Headteacher



Bethany Seymour & Cameron Bryan reading the list of names of the fallen in Hereford cathedral for the 100th anniversary WWI.



Rose and Kyla anti bullying ambassadors

Our Anti Bullying Ambassadors

Olivia Mason, Ali Ward and Damien Smart from Year 7, Luke Hammett and Ellie Webb Year 8, Sophie Rees Year, Callum McKenzie, Kyla Hanson, Rose Nicholson and Carys Bevan Year 10 took part in The Diana Award, Anti-Bullying Ambassador training at Bishop of Hereford Bluecoat School on Wednesday 10th April 2019 to become an Anti-Bullying Ambassador for Kingstone Academy.

Students from across Hereford came together to be trained as Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, they networked with other passionate young people, exchanged ideas and shared good practice. The training day helped kick start and develop our school's Anti-Bullying work and allowed students to creatively explore and understand the topic of bullying.

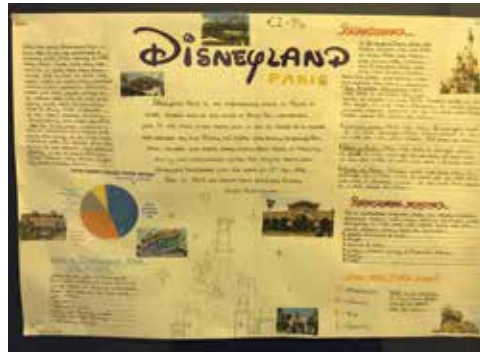


Year 5 learning day



Summer concert

Mathematics trip to Disneyland, Paris



Junior and Intermediate Mathematics challenge results

The Mathematics department is very pleased with the results from the Junior and Intermediate Mathematics challenges that took place this year.

In the JMC we had 1 gold, 4 silver and 13 bronze certificates. In the IMC we had 1 gold, 5 silver and 3 bronze certificates. Two students achieved a place in the International Grey Kangaroo.

Kangourou sans Frontières (KSF) is an independent association, whose purpose is to organise the annual Kangaroo contest with the aim of promoting mathematics among young people around the world. The name sounds strange, but recognises the fact that the organisation was inspired by the Australian Mathematics Trust.

Each year over six million school pupils aged 5-18 from more than 50 countries throughout the world take part at various levels. So when you sit the Kangaroo you are part of a huge community of maths students! The UKMT has been involved in Kangaroo activities for many years and uses the hour-long multiple-choice papers (in English) as an extension to the Intermediate Challenge.

- Chris Pitcher Y9: Best in School; Best in Year; Gold certificate; Grey Kangaroo
- Nathan Mcmillan Y9: Silver certificate; Grey Kangaroo
- Toby Jordan Y10: Best in Year; Bronze certificate
- Zoe Fogg Year 8 Best in Year; Gold certificate



Year 8 certificates

Year 10 & 11 students watch Science Live in Birmingham

On Monday 4th February, 30 Year 10 & 11 students travelled to Symphony Hall in Birmingham to watch GCSE Science Live! Five prominent scientists shared their latest work in engaging 30 minute lectures. Professor Lord Robert Winston (numerous BBC documentaries on the human body) explained the latest research in IVF technology and gave us an insight into the human egg's journey through the body using the latest video images.

Dr. Maggie Aderin-Pocock (Sky at Night) shared her love of the Moon, detailing its probable creation, its current influence on us and how Earth's future will be determined by our relationship with it. She encouraged us all to be lunatics!

Professor Alice Roberts (Coast, Prehistoric Autopsy, Digging for Britain) led us through the evolution of two of man's best friends, the horse and the dog. She shared the latest research into how we made partnerships with these animals for shared benefit and how the latest thinking leads us to believe that these relationships started a lot earlier than we previously thought.

Professor Andrea Sella (Catching History's criminals, Nova) explained why water is an extreme liquid, in that when frozen it floats! He went on to share water's key role in the current problem that is global warming.

Professor Jim Al-Khalili (Genius of Britain, The Life Scientific) convinced us that time travel into the future is easy (technology allowing) but travelling back in time will prove more challenging! The concept of worm holes was explained, showing us how space-time is warped in order to achieve the impossible.

We also took advice from a GCSE Science chief examiner who gave students his best advice for top exam performance.



Science Live



Science Live



Brian Cox



Brian Cox

Louis and Seb from KTPS making slime on year 6 transition day



Science students see Professor Brian Cox

On the evening of Friday 1st March, 14 Science students visited the Motorpoint Arena to watch Professor Brian Cox in the Cardiff leg of his UNIVERSAL World tour 2019.

Using a 30m high resolution screen as his backdrop, Professor Cox took us to the edge of our current understanding about the origin and evolution of our Solar System and the Universe, offering a fascinating insight into the workings of nature at the most fundamental level.

These challenging ideas were made accessible to us all, exploring the vast, possibly infinite universe and our place within it from earth to the edges of the cosmos.

Year 8 Northern France Trip

As the coach pulled away from school at 00.45 on Tuesday morning, it did not seem like we would be getting very much sleep.

Thirty six very excited Year 8 students were heading to France for three days. We were all expecting a heatwave, despite the heavy rain as we headed to Dover.

Activities started straightaway on Tuesday morning, with a stop at Becasuc Sweet Factory in Boulogne. Students learnt about making sweets and helped to take part in the manufacturing process. The free samples were very welcome!

A picnic lunch on the beach in Le Touquet gave everyone a chance to relax.

Wednesday was a full day with a tour of the Somme Battlefields and memorials. Our students were excellent, interested in the history and respectful of their surroundings.

The highlight of the evening meal was trying snails for the first time! That evening we held the final of our rounders challenge and most students fell into bed exhausted.

The last day included a trip to a town and a visit to a traditional bakery, once again the free samples of croissant or pain au chocolat went down well.

The students were excellent representatives of the school. Most students tried hard to use their French and have hopefully everyone returned with some good memories of the trip.

Mrs Jones and Miss Bevans



Bakery visit

Careers education

As always there is a lot to pack into the school year to ensure our students get the best careers support. Alongside the individual Year 11 careers' interviews that every pupil has to help them plan their next step for life after Kingstone High School, Years 10 and 11 have been on university visits and college trips, and Year 10 have work experience placements: 15th -18th July.

We recognise that work experience can be a daunting experience, but it is a necessary one, to help them look at the world of work; it will help them to consider their future goals and ambitions. Thank you to any parents/carers who have to become a 'taxi' service for this! The pupils all have a work experience booklet to write about their week, and for the employers and parents/carers to comment.

We had a Careers Evening for Years 9-11, combined with Fairfield High School, and held at Fairfield. This year we will hold it in November 2019, at Kingstone High School. A wide variety of

Colleges, Training Providers, Businesses and Universities attended the event, as we want our pupils to learn as much as possible about all the different pathways they can take after Year 11, such as college, apprenticeships, planning for university etc., in order to make an informed decision.

The Year 10s have a C.V day in preparation for their 'Mock Interview Day' in Year 11. This is a valuable experience for them, and helps them to identify the employability skills they are developing, as well as their academic ones. We have also introduced a 'Money Matters' and budgeting workshop this year, to the Year

10's, with the help of Andrew Beescroft, from the Nat West Bank. We hope this will inform, entertain, and make pupils think about what they need to earn in the future to live the life they want, and how to use money sensibly.

Year 9s have had their 'Options' evenings, and a 'Study Skill' session with the 'Positively Mad' group; who also completed a 'Mind Mapping' exercise with the Year 11's to help them with their GCSE revision and exams.

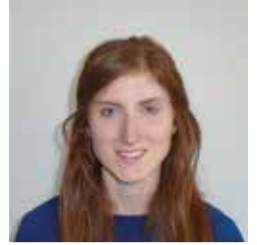
Many of our careers trips and activities this year have been funded by NCOP, the Aim Higher group, funded by the government. Thank you for this.

HOUSE COMPETITIONS

Harriers • Ms C Rees



Hawks • Mrs L Rees



Falcons • Mrs L Powell



Eagles • Miss J Bolton



Alice Daniels & Trudy



Interhouse Sports



Easter hamper

House Competitions

Interhouse sports day

House ethos of competition, respect for one another, sportsmanship, perseverance and taking part were at the forefront of the day.

Easter Hampers

The house with the most items was HARRIERS with 79. Joint second was Falcons and Eagles with 62 and third Hawks with 59.

Well done to all who participated in the Spelling Bee. Each House had a representative from each year who went up against each other in a head to head spelling challenge. There were successes for each year group, for each House. Though the overall winner was the Hawks Team. Each competition has been really tense – the students have been so poised and keen to do well.

Pancake relay

- 1st - EAGLES
- 2nd - HARRIERS
- 3rd - HAWKS
- 4th - FALCONS

House Quiz Final

After an even first round of Geography, Hawks broke away in the second round of history and despite a valiant effort in the final round to close the gap by the Harriers, Hawks beat Harriers by 24 points to 13!

Allergens Awareness Competition Winners

- 1st Alice Daniels Hawks £20 WH Smith Voucher
- 2nd Maisie Dyson Hawks £10 WH Smith Voucher
- 3rd Jazmyn Au-Yeung Falcons £10 WH Smith Voucher

Thanks to Mrs Rees for implementing the Allergens Awareness in class and supporting this competition.

Thanks to Trudy for judging and Louise from AIP for the WH Smith Voucher donations on behalf of the company.

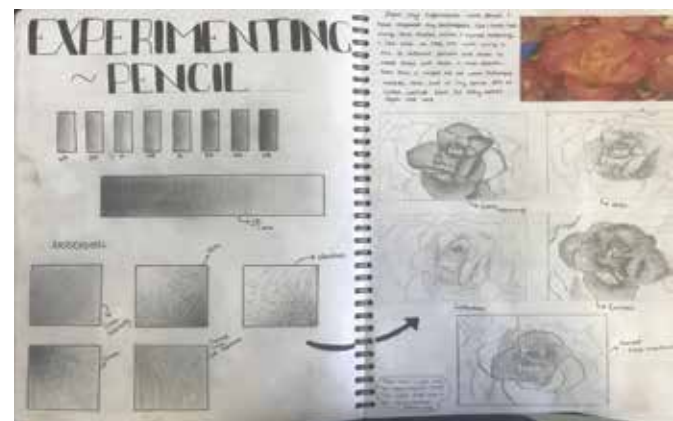
The new House System has really taken off this year. For every House Competition points are awarded as follows:

- 1st = 10 points
- 2nd = 8 points
- 3rd = 6 points
- 4th = 4 points
- Every participant receives 1 point for their house
- 2 bonus points for fair play
- 2 bonus points for outstanding student contribution



Interhouse Sports

Arts & Design GCSE work



The Arts Award

The Arts Award is a unique qualification that supports anyone wanting to grow as artists and arts leaders. It inspires them to connect with and take part in the wider arts world, through taking on challenges in various art forms. It's run through a lunchtime and afterschool club by Mr Major and it provides the ability to develop new skills and creativity.

During Year 9 I participated in the Arts Award, along with 3 other students in my year: Hannah Guy, Gracie Capel and Ellie Hughes. Individually we all created a portfolio on different topics spread across four separate sections: research, experimentation, development and a final piece. Importantly, it emulated the Art GCSE, so allowed me insight and a head start when beginning it in Year 10. The course improved my

confidence and leadership skills, as part of the Arts Award we had to plan and deliver a lesson presenting our work and teaching skills we had developed through the year. Also, it progressed art knowledge and experiences, when we travelled to The National Museum in Cardiff. Currently a group of year 9 students are engaging in this opportunity, helping them for their GCSE and setting them off to excel in creative work they involve themselves in, in the future.

As a result of completing my portfolio, I'm exceptionally pleased with my outcome and appreciative of the chance I had to be involved in the Arts Award, overall it was a pleasure to be part of and a significant achievement.

Reanna Celozzi



START project with 2 Faced dance

The Kingstone Dance group have been involved in the Start Project which aims to increase the profile of the Arts in School. The Dance group has been working with 2 Faced dance group as part of the project and students are working towards getting their Arts award. The visit to Canwood Sculpture Park and gallery allowed the students to experience theatre in an unconventional space. On Tuesday 2nd July, KHS hosted the 2Faced Dance celebration event in the performance hall with have Kingstone & Thruxton, St. Thomas Cantilupe, Kington and Broadlands primary schools joining us for the day. All students have been working really hard since February on this project, so it is brilliant for KHS to host the celebration event in the first year of this running.

“On May 23rd the Kingstone dance group went to Canwood gallery to see the performance of What the Moon Saw. While there they experienced the wonder of Moff Skellington and his amazing art work as well as a trail of top class sculptures. Everyone went in with a professional approach to the trip and the performance was amazing. Personally my favourite sculpture was the marble ring, it reminded, me of sadness and how you portray it.”

Lyndon Winney Yr 7



Carnegie 2019



Ledbury Poetry Festival



Hay Festival 2019



Success in the district minor's trials

We had some fantastic success in the district minor's trials with several athletes making the top 2 and selected to represent Hereford in the Hereford and Worcester District Athletics Finals.

Brandon Calladine won his 100m heat in a personal best of 12.05 which is a very competitive time. He then came 2nd in the final later on. Brandon also ran a third time in the relay.

Ollie Langford just missed out on a medal in the shot finishing 7cm behind 3rd place to finish 4th. He also threw a personal best.

Harrison Colgan was 3rd in the triple jump just 17cm off the winner and also collected a second bronze medal as part of the relay team.

Demi Harris finished 6th in the shot and threw a competitive distance.

Sheree Smith was 3rd in her 200m heat which put her 5th overall.

Holly Pearce was 3rd in her heat in the 100m and qualified for the final where she finished a very strong 5th, beating the Cathedral girl who beat her at the previous round.



Year 7 County Netball Tournament

In bitterly cold conditions they firstly played against St Mary's winning 7 - 1, then Tenbury winning 15 - 4. This put us through to the semi-finals against Wigmore where we sadly lost 3 - 11 against a really tall shooter!

All the girls played brilliantly as a team and finished with a well-deserved position of third out of 16 schools.

Milli S, Kiara E, Ellie B, Lucy M, Ruby E, Shannon W, Alice D, Mia L, Emmye W, Ava P.

School Summer Games

The summer games see over 1400 young people competing from across the county.

The year 9 Sports Leaders, Nate Fry, Adam Lloyd, Josh McMillan, Nathan McMillan, Tyler Peacey, Jamie Stearman, Leila Addis, Millie Barker-Griffiths, Issy McMillan, Ada-Lana Nwakwu, Jade Spencer, Scarlett Teague, Holly Williams, Fern Worwood, and Lauren Watkins, had nothing but positive praise for helping with the complete running of the Indoor Sports Hall Athletics Event.

Our Year 7 Cricket team were runners up to a good Cathedral side. The year 8 girls Rounders team finished in third place overall.

All of the students taking part were a real credit to our school.



Fantastic achievement for Jamie Stearman

Jamie Stearman narrowly missed out on the national schools athletics championships this summer with a 5th place at the regional trials in Birmingham.

Jamie won the county round in Hereford in his event of 200m and then went to Worcester to race against all the other districts across Herefordshire & Worcestershire. He won this event and was selected for the Regional round in Birmingham where he finished 5th from the 16 athletes racing.

This is a fantastic achievement for Jamie to run at such a high standard.

Girls rugby

Thursday 14th February saw the year 7 & 8 girls play their first Rugby match against Fairfield and wow, what a performance it was too. The first quarter Fairfield dominated and our girls were a little surprised at how fast the game unfolded and very quickly understood that the Fairfield girls meant business! The second quarter KHS got two tries scored by Ellie-May W and they then really started to get into the game. The third and fourth quarter the skill level took a massive step forward and the girls were working much more as a team. The final quarter was evenly matched in terms of ability and in scores - the final score finishing 8 tries each. There was great effort from all involved with the player of the match going to Emily Simpson, who didn't shy away from tackling the biggest and strongest player in the Fairfield side.



Sportshall athletics

The year 7's secured a place in the final of the Sports Hall Athletics competition by coming second to Weobley by only 8 points. They went on to the final at the February, Herefordshire School Games alongside the Year 8 Girls team. All 16 athletes that completed in HSG Sports Hall Athletics final, showed true determination in all the events that were a lot more challenging than the Preliminary qualifying rounds.

We just missed out on the winning trophy this year however we have second place medals for the Year 7 girls. Unfortunately the Year 8's missed second place medals by 1 point despite all athletes performing personal bests in their events.

Both Lydia and Jessica enjoyed the Inclusion Archery event and both scored points and showed massive improvements as the session progressed, Lydia was really close to scoring a bullseye on several occasions. They both received a medal and a T shirt.

The boys' teams performed really well, the year 8s came close to retaining their county crown from last year but were pipped by a very strong Weobley team who in the course of 12

months seem to have grown into adult sized teenagers!

The year 7s came third losing out to Whitecross in second by just 3 points, but all students performed personal best scores in field events, largely due to their commitment to lunchtime practices.

In the afternoon students took part in a new event, pentathlon. In a team event they all ran a 400m lap of the track and used a laser gun to shoot at a target. The year 7 girls were runners up in their category.

Special mention for Leo Asbury and Charlotte Fletcher who had athletes fall in front of them and instead of carrying on they showed incredible kindness and sportsmanship by stopping to check the fallen runner was ok and helped them up despite their actions delaying their own team's progress. Staff from opposition schools were very impressed with their selfless attitudes.

KHS were the most represented school in the county with over 50 students involved.

Year 9 Sports Leaders

The Year 9 leaders were well rehearsed in leading the Athletics events and were all fantastic. Some of our students were interviewed by the event organisers about the whole experience that the leadership programme has provided. They stated how they have gained so much from it. They commented on how it was an insight into coaching/leadership jobs, the course that they attend in the summer holidays gave them an insight on working with younger children and they were thankful for the programme as it has given them addition skills and experiences that they can use in other areas in and outside of school life.

They were ALL a true credit to the school and it was a privilege to spend the day with all 53 of them.



Alex Winney



Congratulations

Monty Kennerley has once again been chosen to join the England squad for Taekwondo. Monty works very hard on this and puts in many hours after school, so it is well deserved.

Rugby - we have recently had some students selected for the Worcester Warriors Elite Player Development Pathway following recent trials. In year 10 **Toby Jones** has been selected with **Fynn Davies** & **Gareth Williams** invited to trial. In year 8 **Ollie Langford** & **Jack Lucken** have been selected with **Josh Lawrence** nominated to trial.

In addition to **Monty Kennerley** & **Ollie Langford** continuing to represent Herefordshire County Cricket, **Lewis** & **Will Pratt** have been in winter training with HCC in readiness for a busy summer of cricket.

Alex Winney has received his black belt in Taekwondo.

It really does take a tremendous amount of hard work to play at this standard, so we are proud of the effort they put in.

Football Focus

Year 7

We have played 5 fixtures and in all 5 have played an A team competitive league game as well as a B team friendly. 25 different boys have represented the school (40% of the year group). Ben Sayce, Billy Rosser, Sam Smith, Oli Goodman-Todd & Archie Harrison have been very consistent and Toby Phipps-Booy has been outstanding in goal and impressed every visiting school teacher.

Year 8

Whilst these boys have lost every game their upward journey has been the most significant. Early losses at the hands of Whitecross & Academy before half term made the boys reflect and they came back with a stronger game.

21 different boys have played including 4 different keepers and Ben Sayce has played a year up. Harvey Hughes & Will Morris have shown their ability, playing a high standard. Will Smith has been outstanding as captain and Monty Kennerley has proven to be a very valuable asset in midfield and Ollie Langford played a very mature game.

Year 9

They have ended their league campaign with a 8-4 win against Tenbury despite resting key players. They went through to league county semis. Only Whitecross have beaten them this year.

They were also in the Rural Cup Semi Final having defeated Fairfield in the quarter final. They booked their place at Edgar Street for the Rural Cup Final with a hard fought 6-4 win over a good Lady Hawkins Team in tough conditions.

Ben Phipps-Booy, Nate Fry & Todd Thompson have all really impressed and Jay Holman and Jack Anderson have led from the front in forward positions, the latter scoring 5 in one match. Josh Duggan and Captain Tyler Peacey have both impressed, especially Tyler who always leads from the front.

Some of the biggest successes have been those who were new to the team and played their first competitive season. Nathan McMillan and Harry Skeratt came off the bench to score against Whitecross and Adam Lloyd had a fantastic game, in which he also found the back of the net for the first time.

20 different boys have played with Connor Cushing, Harvey Hughes and Will Morris all tested playing a year up.

Year 10

These boys started the year playing good football against a good Academy side finishing up 6-4 losers. They also just missed out in a great game against John Kyrle losing 3-2. Further Defeats to Tenbury and St Marys followed. Ben Stokes has really improved in goal and Alex Scotford has been a great acquisition since joining us last year.



First silverware for KHS cricket team

KHS have secured their first silverware of the season winning the Year 10 Jack Roberts Memorial Plate hosted at Burghill & Tillington Cricket Club.

KHS faced Earl Mortimer in a final that saw both sides fielding talented stars playing several years their senior.

KHS batted first with Ollie Langford staring with the bat, recording his second school century of the season with 113 retired, a significant contribution of KHS final total of 136.

Ollie backed up his batting as he took the ball taking 2 early wickets with usual opening bowler Monty Kennerley doing a sterling job as wicket keeper.

Further wickets came from Ollie Hill (2), Will Smith, Kian Shutts, Will Pratt, Nathan McMillan & Xander Elms-Lester leaving Earl Mortimer over 50 runs short and 9 wickets down on the completion of the 20 overs.

Captain Langford was presented with the plate and the match ball for his contribution, but the progress these boys have made as a team is significant with many more playing regularly at Wormelow Cricket Club.

Will & Lewis Pratt both played significant roles, more than holding their own against boys 3 years older.

The team included: Will Cooper; Nathan McMillan; Kian Shutts; Ollie Langford; Monty K; Ollie Hill; Will Smith; Jack Jordan; Jack Lucken; Xander Elms L; Will Pratt and Lewis Pratt.

STOP PRESS...

Lydia Freeman Brewer won 3 medals recently at her Dwarf Sports Association Games:

- Gold in the 40 - metre sprint
- Silver in the 60-metre sprint
- And... she received a medal for her first games.



Cardiff Rugby Tour

On the last day of term before breaking up for Easter, 28 students headed for Cardiff for a 4 day Rugby Tour.

The boys had 4 training sessions with the Cardiff Blues Academy Coaches as well as enjoying tours of the impressive principality stadium and the neighbouring Cardiff Arms Park.

They attended a Bristol v Saracens Premiership Game, had a morning White Water Rafting in Cardiff Bay, Tenpin Bowling, an afternoon on the beach and a strength, conditioning and nutrition session. It was all packed into a busy 4 days.

The junior squad played Rumney RFC and the senior squad played a sevens games against CRICCS RFC and whilst KHS were on the losing side in both, the tour was less about the fixture and more about the development both as players and as young men.

The boys had completed a fundraising passing challenge recently where they have raised money towards tour kit and the match experience. They certainly look smart in the pre-departure photo shoot.

Big thanks to tour sponsors MSC Associates and Battlelands Paintball.



KHS Strike new Partnership with Lagan Homes

The PE Department has forged a new partnership with Lagan Homes, the company building the new housing site opposite the school, with the company sponsoring new Football and Netball Strips.

The sponsorship includes the senior football squads and both junior and senior netball squads, who have new strips advertising the company logo.

Peter Reed, Head of Boys PE, said – “It’s fantastic to have the support of Lagan homes, who are based in Belfast but are very much local when it comes to their approach to supporting the local community close to their sites. The Kingstone Grange site is right opposite the school site and I’m sure many new residents will end up being students at the school and wearing the new strips in years to come.”

Pictured with Football Captains Will Morris and Tyler Peacey and Netball Captains Collette Powell and Alice Lloyd are Annette Thompson (sales manager) Julie Rickards (sales negotiator) and Viv Williams (site manager).



Opening Minds Week: 50 Things to do Before Leaving Primary School

Summer term's Opening Minds encouraged the children to think about all the things they'd like to try before leaving primary school; each class made a joint list and over the week, through an incredible range of activities and workshops they have been able to tick off quite a few...

Monday: Animal Antics

The children were amazed and thrilled to meet birds of prey, reptiles and small mammals during the afternoon's display. Some of them were brave enough to hold one of the birds and many enjoyed stroking the owls, giant python, armadillo and skunk!



Tuesday and Wednesday: 50 Things Carousel

The children could choose to do indoor or outside activities: there were structured games and crafts in the hall such as giant Jenga, chess tutorials and kite making, whilst outside they had the run of the orchard and forest school to practise or learn new outdoor skills. They could build dens, pitch tents, light fires using flints, whittle sticks or just potter in the outdoor mud kitchen. There was even croquet on the lawn for the more competitive!



Thursday: Summer Fun Gala

Each class put together a summer-themed dance routine which they performed to perfection (and with great enthusiasm) to a packed audience of family and friends.

Reception kicked off the show in style with their moves to the Beach Boys' summer hit: 'Surfin' USA'.

Year 1 got us all in summer party mood, dancing to 'Celebration' by Kool and the Gang.

Year 2 had us all shaking our shoulders in time to 'Bellini' – a samba from Rio de Janeiro.

Year 3 chose the African-inspired World Cup music: 'Waka, Waka'.

Year 4 performed to '2002' by Anne-Marie. It featured two fantastic solo performances: Joseph on saxophone and a breakdancing display by Tyler.

Year 5 went retro with Cliff Richard's 'Summer Holiday' - everyone enjoyed singing along!

Year 6 were led by Devon and Ella in a very slick piece of choreography, dancing to Calvin Harris's song: 'Summer'.

The whole school came together in the Grand Finale: they almost raised the roof singing 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams! The audience certainly were!

Friday: Street Party

The week ended on a high with a traditional street party, held to celebrate the Queen's birthday! The children wore red, white and blue and made hats (or crowns!) and flags to wave while they ate their picnic lunch.



Willow Dome

This term every class has worked with Madley Environmental Study Centre (MESC) on the Trees of Life project. This has involved taking part in activities both at the study centre and around the school's grounds. One example of the project is the living willow dome. Louise and Steve, from MESC, spent a day helping Year 6 to make a new willow dome-shaped structure on the school's field. The circular base needed 54 holes made to a depth of 30cm: the children worked in pairs and used lump hammers and metal spikes to prepare for the planting. Once the larger, main willow branches were secured, smaller branches were planted and tied into the sturdier ones for support. The dome will grow to be a great play space for children of all ages for many years to come.

Maths Championship at Cathedral School

In June this year fourteen primary schools from across the county took part in the annual maths competition at Cathedral School. KTPS were returning the trophy after winning the championship last year and representing the primary school this time were Jayden and Charles (Year 6) and Dominic and Maisie (Year 5). Each team had to complete seven rounds of questions within a set time which tested every aspect of problem solving, number and reasoning; some of the questions were very challenging but the team worked well together, making the best use of their individual strengths. Although our school didn't win this time, the children – who were superb ambassadors for the school – can be very proud of their efforts.



H.C.C.U.G (Hereford Community Clean Up Group)

There are lots of things that we would like to recycle but can't (items such as bottle tops, electric cables and crisp packets) and so we were delighted when Paula, who runs HCCUG, told the school about a county-wide project that lets you do just that!

To kick-start the initiative, Paula held a competition for the children to design a poster about recycling: the children who won the competition received a gift voucher and their designs will be used by HCCUG in their advertising campaign.

At KTPS we are committed to promoting 'green' initiatives and recycling - we already have the clothing bank, compost bins, paper and plastic recycling wheelie bins and the new bins that have been brought in will not only expand our schools recycling capability but support local charities as well.

Thank you to Paula for bringing the bins and Eugene at the Kingstone shop for sponsoring the bins. The charities that will be helped are all small, local ones that will really benefit from our project:

The bottle tops will be used to fill 8 full-sized Herefordshire Bull moulds: children can put their names on a bottle top and it will be inserted into the bull sculpture for free but adults will have to pay £1 and all of the money will go to an amazing cause - a specially adapted electric wheelchair. The money from recycling crisp packets (through Teracycle) will go to the Born Sleeping Appeal at Hereford Hospital.

Proceeds from cables, cans and foil will go to Widemarsh Ventures (in the



Maylord Centre), a charity that provides opportunities for vulnerable adults and people with learning difficulties to learn the skills to make and sell hand-made wooden items.

A brilliant end of year production

The end of year production by Year 6 Olivia: a musical extravaganza which incorporates elements of the storylines of Oliver Twist and My Fair Lady. Stunning singing performances, superb acting and amazing dance routines held the audience spellbound! Well done Year 6 – a brilliant show!



Friends of Kingstone High School

Our AGM in October saw the change of Chair from Julie Wells to Becky Wall and the re-election of Treasurer – Becky Wall, Vice Chair – Rebekah Ruvino and Secretary – Victoria Seymour. We thank Julie for all her hard work and dedication to the PTA and the school, and wish her well in the future.

Our biggest event this year was the Bonfire night, where we invited members of the school and the local community to join together for a bonfire and fireworks celebration. This was a most enjoyable and successful evening. We have had two successful Grand Draws at Christmas and Easter, where pupils were invited

to donate items and win points for their house. Falcons won at Christmas and Harriers won at Easter. We also had a further Summer Picnic Draw to raise money for picnic benches in the quad area.

This year we have supported the library financially with £200 and a further loan for new books and bought sports monitors for P.E. department, lockers, photo booth for the Year 11 Prom and are currently helping to compile a recipe book to raise money for a Blast Chiller for the D.T. food department.

During the year we have welcomed several new members and hope to

expand the PTA again in September with the influx of the new year 7s. We are looking to extend our fundraising activities next year and so are looking for new members with a little time to spare to support the students and the school. We hold meetings either after school in the HUB or in the evening at the Three Horseshoes to make it easier for people to attend. Dates are posted on the website and Facebook page.

Thank you to all who have supported the PTA with events this year and we look forward to celebrations for the 75th Anniversary of the school next year.

Kingstone High School Council

The School Council has had a purposeful and organised school year that has brought about important changes to everyday school life. They started the year by electing a new chairperson; Becky Weaver from Year 11 was chosen. Becky did a fantastic job of organising and controlling the flow of each meeting and this brought a very mature and professional feel to the proceedings.

A number of key issues have been raised and discussed over the year. Money was raised to support recycling of paper and plastics in classrooms. The council body wanted to have recycling bins in as many rooms across the school as possible. They decided on which bins to buy and have promoted the need to recycle through their forms.

The council supported Year 9 student Alfie Rock, by raising the profile of his efforts in collecting metal ring pulls from cans. The ring pulls were being donated to a local charity that was using them toward wheel chair construction.

The School Council has been instrumental in gaining the views of students about the new catering company, AIP. These views were shared with Mrs Shough, our business manager and then fed in turn back to AIP.

Council members Cameron Bryan and Otto Jones were nominated to meet with the senior leadership team to

update them on council views about extra-curricular provision, with school trips being central to student concerns. By representing their peers, the council gathered a list of experiences and trips that they would like to have the opportunity to go on and these were put to Mr Fisher and his team. The decision from this was that there will be the intention to organise more trips across the year and these will be linked to different subjects. Cameron and Otto were excellent ambassadors for the school council and more meetings between SLT and the school council are planned for next year.

Back in March, Ms Ruvino met with the school council to plan for changes to the reward system and on suggestions from the school council, current systems are going to be altered and these will also involve supporting the new house system. Moving into next year, the council would like to improve recycling around the school site and have exciting plans to tackle this. They are also discussing which local charity to support and forming plans to improve student voice around the school.

Well done to all of the council members for their hard work and commitment over the year.

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