

KINGSWOOD NEWS



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Dear Parents

It was lovely to see the boys participate so enthusiastically in Nelson house day last Friday. As ever, there were some creative stalls and imaginative enterprise to ensure the punters parted with their cash – all for an excellent cause, of course, and you can see the fruits of their labours overleaf!

Thank you to Form 5C who presented an informative assembly on Wednesday morning in front of lots of parents about the importance of maintaining a healthy, balanced diet. I thought that all the boys spoke with commendable knowledge and zest.

Next week, I shall be writing to you about arrangements for the last few days of the term. There is a lot to look forward to and I ask you to plan ahead accordingly in order that we can all enjoy the festivities.

Yours sincerely

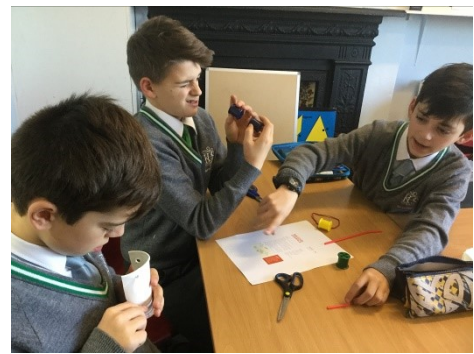
The Kingswood House Way



Duncan Murphy
Headmaster



From paper plane aerodynamics to balloon car engineering and construction, and with further concepts explored in depth in the GCSE DT curriculum, KHS boys are all benefiting from this term's Maths Enrichment programme...who knows where it could lead them in the future?! #entrepreneurs



Please find below the lunch menu for next week and the calendar dates, commendations and current notices.

LUNCH MENU w/c 02 December 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pesto Pasta & Garlic Bread	Fresh fruit; Pears with Chocolate Sauce	Chicken & Leek Pie with Fresh Green Beans	Fresh fruit; Yoghurts	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli
			Fresh Fruit; Choc Chip Sponge & Choc Sauce	Spaghetti Bolognaise
			Fresh Fruit; Cheese & Biscuits	Homemade Fish Pie & Peas
				Fresh Fruit; Jelly

DIARY DATES 2019; December week 2

Monday	02	1500	Second Hand Uniform Sale—Dining Room
Tuesday	03	0930	Lower Prep Dress Rehearsal
		1430	U8 v Surbiton Prep (H)
		1800	Class 6F Parents' Evening
Wednesday	04	0930	Lower Prep Christmas Performance
		1245	Headmaster's Lunch with Year 9
		1800	Class 6S Parents' Evening
Thursday	05	1800	Class 6C Parents' Evening
Friday	06	1030	Lower Prep Hatchlands visit to Santa!
		1430	U9 v Surbiton Prep (A)
		1450	Whole School Assembly

Safety Issues in our School Car Park

With the dark afternoons comes unseen danger so please ensure your child can be seen at all times and consider purchasing reflectors for their coat and support us in reducing the risk of an incident. May we also remind you, as per the Parent Handbook, boys are NOT to be collected from the School car park. All children must be collected from the back gate, prep room or after school club. Bike's and Scooters are **NOT** to be used on site including in the School Car Park. Thank you.

A message from Miss Wilson, our SENCo for Seniors:

You may be interested in this [free information evening](#) for parents about post-16 opportunities for pupils with SEN. It is run by Surrey County Council who are investing in new ways of developing appropriate support and provision for young people with SEN to successfully move into the adult world, with a particular focus on creating further education opportunities or pathways into employment. **South East Surrey: Banstead Youth Centre, Tuesday 10 December 2019, 6.30pm to 7.30pm**



Don't forget the
SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE
Monday 2nd December @ 1500
 in the Dining Hall!

Senior Theatre Trip

Our Y10 & 11 boys enjoyed a masterful production of 'An Inspector Calls' at New Wimbledon Theatre this week; seeing live theatre really brings an English text alive— #learningoutsidetheclassroom #socialcommentary



Here is a 'flavour' of our boys enjoying the **Nelson House** afternoon... more pictures over the page!

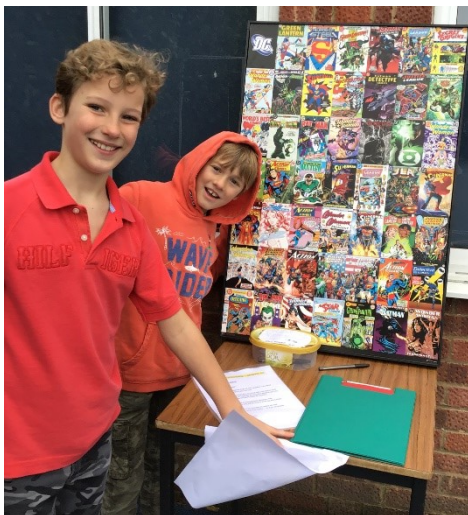


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Nelson House Day!

Despite the damp, grey, drizzly conditions the Nelson Hose boys threw themselves into their event with great enthusiasm and brightened up everyone's afternoon! Their fun and games also managed to raise an incredible **£583.67**—well done to all and Miss Smith for overseeing the occasion.





MATHS ENRICHMENT...

Inspired by the Designers of the James Dyson Foundation, boys in the Senior School explored the Balloon car race, Paper planes and Spaghetti Bridges STEM challenges in lessons this week. The activities developed the boys' ability to work as a team and also fostered some great collaborative working skills. The KHS Way and values of Respect, Tolerance, effort and Teamwork were certainly exemplified through the engaging and innovative STEM activities.

What is STEM?

Click [here](#) to watch a short video which gives you a insight into STEM.

Why is STEM important

- Enhances problem-solving skills: STEM education builds and encourages problem-solving skills. In STEM activities, students learn how to analyse problems and then work to correct and overcome them.
- Teaches Teamwork, collaboration, and communication: STEM makes it accessible to children of all levels of ability. Even within one team, various ability levels can work together and learn together
- Fosters a love of learning: STEM fosters a love of learning, instilling a passion and drive to learn. It drives curiosity and a belief in the abilities of the child and a thirst for knowledge. With these skills in their toolbox, they will be equipped to tackle the challenges of higher education and the real world.
- Instils creativity and innovation: Creativity can co-exist with science and technology and lead to creative careers like in Architecture and Graphic Design. Creativity allows students to see problems in new ways and to think outside of the box.
- Prepares children for upcoming technological innovations: Technology is an integral part of life that a child needs to understand.
- Builds Perseverance and Determination: It emphasizes the value of failure as a learning opportunity and helps embrace the mistakes.

Keep an eye out for the James Dyson STEM Engineering Challenge, which is due to commence next week as part of the Gifted, Talented & Interested programme. A select group of boys will put together an actual Dyson Hoover!

Mr Sukhdeo

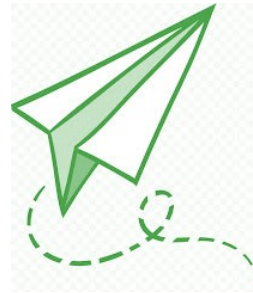


STEM Science, Technology,
Engineering, Mathematics

Year 7 Paper Plane Challenge!

The Year 7 boys were delighted to find their Maths lesson this week was given over to the challenge of exploring and folding the best aerodynamic design. Mr Sukhdeo found the best designs came from those who discussed the problem, collaborated and listened to each other's design tips. Some surprisingly long distances were measured! Well done, boys!

Mr Sukhdeo.



COMMENDATIONS

Ebrahim Bana

Maye Bajah

Ciaran Pantlin

James Wang

Zac Bland

Jamie Chatfield

Zayn Jawed

Frankie Wintle

Arun Arulchandran

James Miller

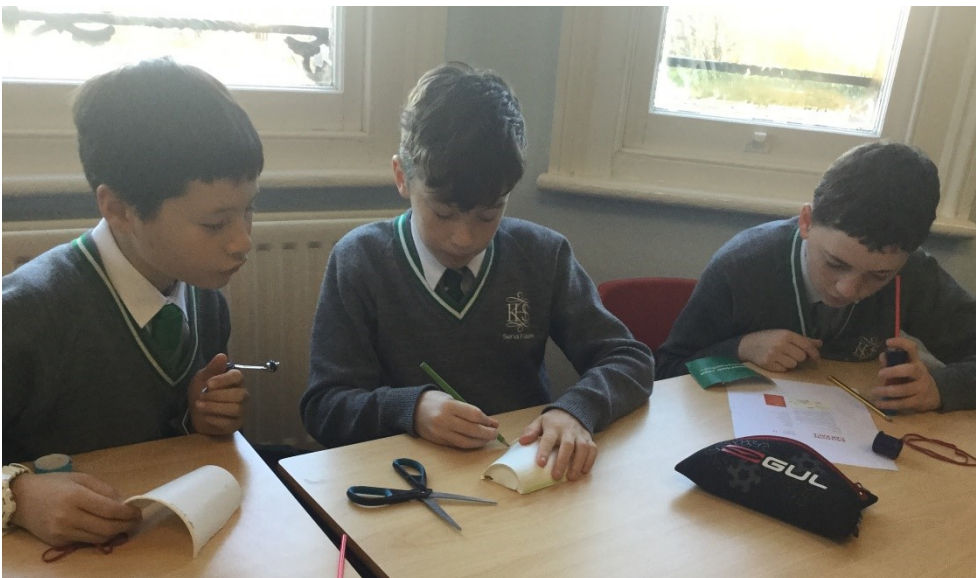
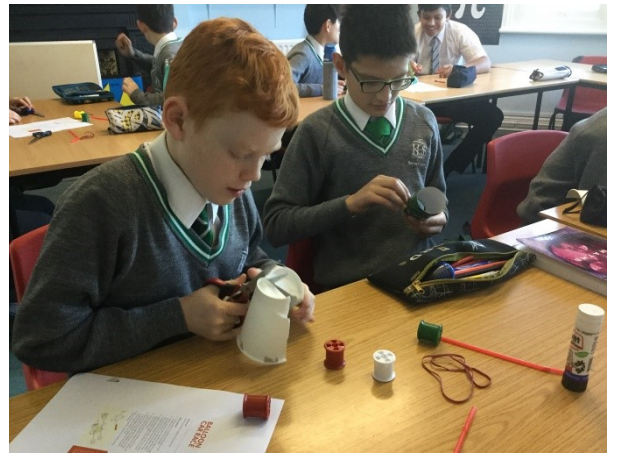
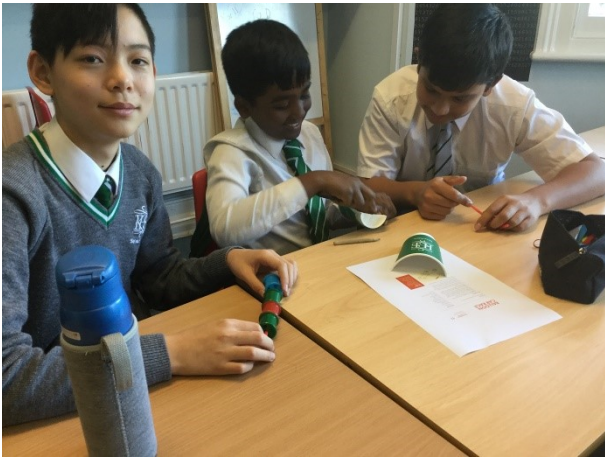
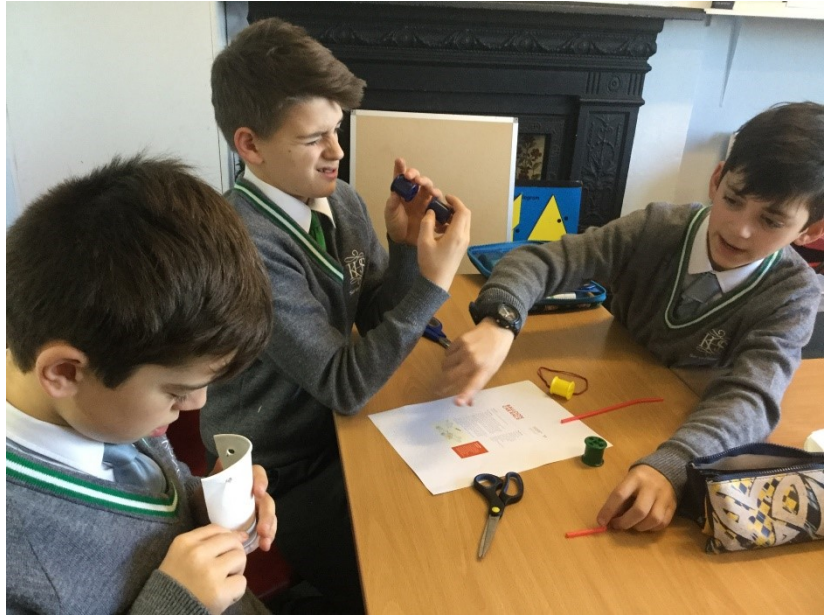
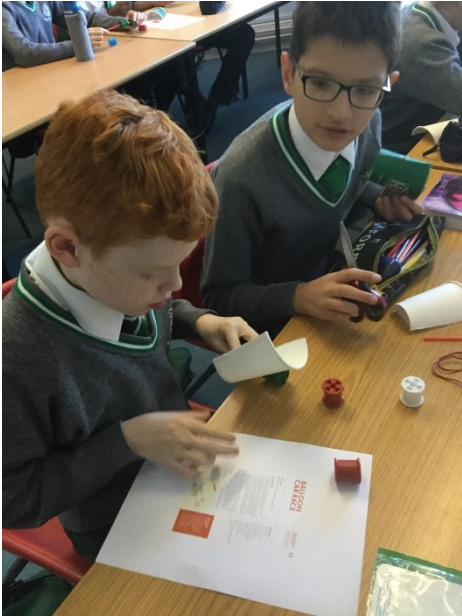
George Dyson

Lautero Yasnikouski



It's Maths but not as we know it...!

Balloons, paper cups, scissors and rubber bands were the equipment needed for this Maths lesson as the boys took on the STEM Balloon Powered Racing Car Challenge with Mr Sukhdeo this week. Their designs are still at the build and construct stage so watch this space to find out how they got on next week. Here is a sneak peek of their efforts so far...



Balloon Car

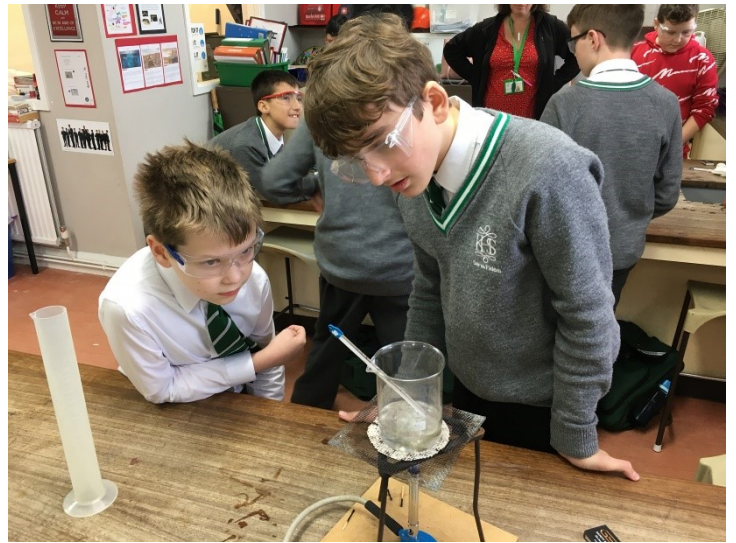
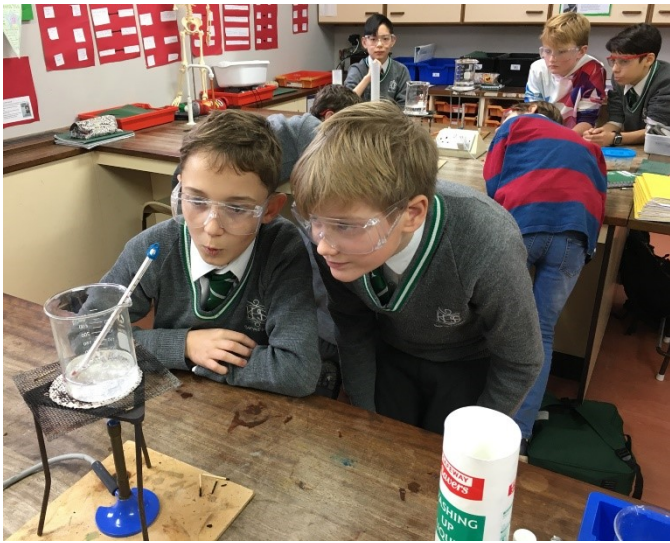
STEM

Challenge



Testing times in the Science Lab!

The boys in 7BL were very much engaged with their Science experiments this week; all carefully measuring temperature to see if an impurity affects the boiling point of water. Here are Ruari, Ivan, Matt and Ossy hard at work. *Mr Barratt*



**A CREATIVE
MIND NEVER
SLEEPS**



Art as unique as each KHS boy...

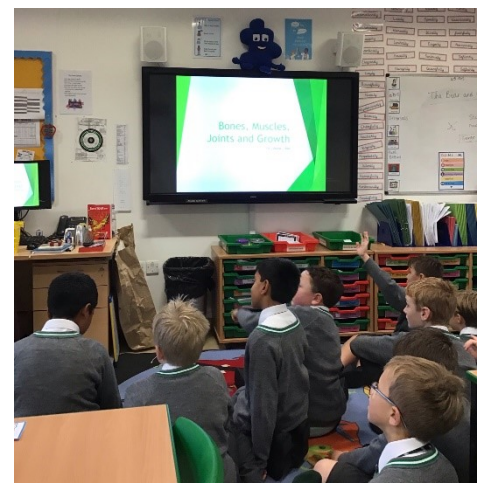
From animated DT card models, to painted clay pots in Year 1, from Y9 trench warfare projects (note to self: who knew 'shreddies' made such fantastic sand bags?!) to Matisse-inspired paper cut outs... we have some fabulous creative efforts around school to brighten up this damp, grey Autumn (see left).

Year 4 Moving and Growing!

Year 4 were lucky enough to have Mrs John, Nathan's mum, come in and talk to the boys about their Science topic 'Moving and Growing'.

Mrs John is a doctor and gave the boys a fantastic talk about bones, muscles, joints and growth to extend their knowledge on the topic. Thank you very much, Mrs John, we really appreciate you giving us your time and expertise.

Miss Smith



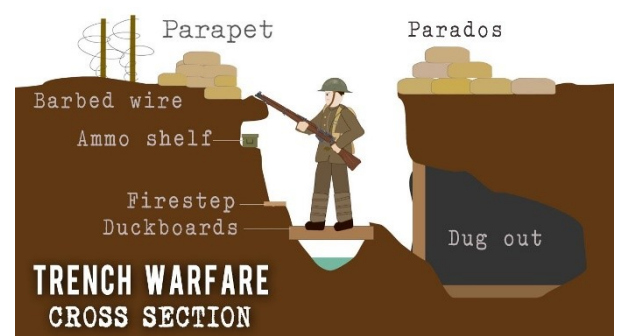
'Terrific' trench models!

Year 9 have been learning about World War One. Their Half Term project was to investigate life in a World War One trench and build their own models ready to present to the class. You can see some examples of their work displayed in the School Office. This week 9H discovered the difficulties of trench warfare as we turned the class room into two World War One trenches, complete with 'No Man's Land', for them to get a physical understanding of the space. *Mr Rudkin*



Jack in 9T gives us his account of how he made his model trench:

"Sir asked us to research trenches from the First World War and then to design and make our own model of one, highlighting various features. We also had to create a presentation to support our model. I started with a large foam base and two empty boxes of cat food! I placed the boxes upside down on the foam base and stuck them down. Then over a period of several days, I used the technique of 'papier mache' it so that it took on the shape of a trench. When it was dry, I painted it the colour of mud to represent the conditions of the trenches. Having created the basic structure, I then started thinking of the detail that I wanted to add. I cut out a dug out for the men to sleep in, I used cereal (chocolate pillows) as sandbags and stuck them on. I found a bit of old silver wire to represent the barbed wire. I created a fire step with some cardboard and an ammunitions shelf with a match box; lolly sticks were stuck down as duckboards. Finally, I acquired some clay and started modelling, I found this a lot of fun but quite tricky! I had to make the soldiers as the toy soldiers that I had originally bought for the project were too small, so thought I would create them. It was really hard, but I made them and laid them out to dry on the window sill. Next I made some rats, some books, a bag, some beds, a cup and some guns. I had to leave them to dry for about two days and then I could paint them. One of the soldiers I made completely fell apart and that is why there is an injured soldier in No Mans Land on my model! I took his boots and put them outside the dug out. Using both sellotape and glue I stuck the other soldier in the trench and I placed the rats around, as well as the books and the bag. Lastly, I added some finishing touches by adding more paint, more mud and a bit of green. I really enjoyed making the trench and feel like I have learnt a lot through doing it; it made me appreciate how much the soldiers went through and how very difficult life was when they were fighting for King and Country".



'15 Minutes With...'

Mr Jim March, Director of Studies

Favourite car: I am not a huge car person; anything reliable and comfortable will do. I once spent a summer helping a friend restore a white convertible Triumph Vitesse. We took it to Cornwall for our first surfing holiday. The weather was fantastic and the whole thing was very 'Beach Boys'. Not a car for winter, though.

Favourite place: I am particularly fond of Mallorca, especially the mountain village of Deia, where my wife and I married. Goa too would take some beating. That said, I think Britain has stacks to offer in terms of natural beauty.

Favourite food: I am a big fan of seafood, especially shellfish.

Favourite band or singer: Current favourites include Mumford and Sons and The Lumineers but I listen to all sorts.

Favourite film: Tricky – this would depend on mood. I do enjoy films with a 'feel-good' factor such as 'It's a Wonderful Life'. I really enjoyed 'Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café'.

Favourite smell: Bread baking.

Favourite sport / team or player: Rugby – club side, Bath Rugby: it has not been a great start to the season for Bath, and let's not talk about the World Cup Final!

Who in the world would you like to be? Difficult to say. I would like to have travelled as widely as Michael Palin.

What were you like at school? Pretty hard-working really, if I may say so. I joined KHS in 1978 and enjoyed getting involved in as much as possible, especially on the sporting side. History and English were favourite subjects.

What is an interesting fact about yourself? I didn't own a mobile phone until I was 30 years old – quite late even for my generation!

...and 12 choices 'either / or':

Dog / Cat

Netflix / YouTube

Phone Call / Text

Facebook / Twitter—*neither!*

Big Party / Small Gathering

Football / Rugby

Passenger / Driver

High-tech / Low-tech

Swimming / Sunbathing

Pen / Pencil

City / Countryside

Book / Film



"I REALLY REGRET
EATING HEALTHY
TODAY" ...
SAID NO-ONE EVER.
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Form 5C Assembly

This week, 5C presented an excellent class assembly on healthy eating. They had looked at how important a balanced diet is to success in any area of life. The boys delivered their lines with confidence and great clarity. Mr Murphy commented how proud he was of the boys 'going the extra mile' during a busy week of assessments.

Mr Clarke



FIR TREES FOR KHS FUNDS!

Would you like a beautiful real Christmas tree, without the hassle of getting it in your car and into your home?

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Delivery is free within a 5-mile radius of our premises in Carshalton. We'll be happy to place your tree in your stand for your convenience, and of course we could provide a stand if you don't have one. Please contact us for information on other services available during the pre-Christmas season.

Pre-order your Christmas tree early, to avoid disappointment!

For every tree ordered with KHS as a reference, we will donate £5 to the school...!

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175/200cm	6-7ft	£85.00
200/250cm	7-8ft	£90.00
250/300cm	8-10ft	£175.00
NORDMAN PREMIUM GRADE		
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150/175cm	5-6ft	£40.00
175/200cm	6-7ft	£65.00
200/250cm	7-8ft	£75.00
250/300cm	8-10ft	£120.00

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Description	Colour	Total (including VAT)
Plastic Cinco 5" Classic	Green	£15.00
Plastic Cinco 7" Classic	Green	£25.00
Plastic Cinco 8" Advantage	Green	£20.00
Plastic Cinco 10" Classic	Green	£30.00
Plastic Cinco 12" Classic	Green	£40.00
Traditional Iron 4 leg	Green / Red	£10.00
Traditional Iron Scroll 4 Leg 4"	Green / Red	£15.00
Traditional Iron Scroll 4 Leg 5"	Green/Black Glitter	£20.00

Remember—every purchase helps the school! Thank you in advance.

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We hope that you'll raise as much sponsorship money as possible to help fund our Christmas care!

Santa Fun Run

Help us to provide crucial care and support for Princess Alice Hospice patients and their families this Christmas by getting sponsored to stroll, power walk, jog or run around a beautiful 5km course in your very own Santa suit.

Painshill Park
Saturday 7 December 2019
10am

Richmond Park
Saturday 14 December 2019
10am

Bushy Park
Sunday 8 & 15 December 2019
10am

Adults (16 and over): £18
(includes a santa suit)

Children (5-15): £8
(includes an elf hat)

Under 5s: FREE

To sign up visit pah.org.uk/santafunrun or call 01372 461808



Alphabet Quiz

All About 'I'

was our most popular quiz of the year so far...

Congratulations to

Ali in 8L for a perfect score!

Please do see the link below for the latest, November / December listings magazine for local, Surrey families.

<https://bit.ly/2Nqbbll>



The Princess Alice Hospice in Esher is inviting schools to get more involved with their annual 'Santa Fun Runs' which are happening throughout December in various locations. The school signing up the most participants could win the school a £50 amazon voucher.

If your family is interested in taking part why not try and encourage other class, or year group members to join you?! Do sign up online at <https://www.pah.org.uk/santafunrun/>

PLEASE NOTE: In order for PAH to keep track of which schools have signed up, when you reach the Confirmation page, there will be a question asking 'How you heard about the event?'. Please choose the option 'OTHER' and type in your school/college name. Hope to see you at the start line!

LOST PROPERTY...

Please keep an eye out for Stuart C in 7BA football boots—he had them on Monday playing and they have since disappeared. They are black and red and an adult size 12, so quite noticeable and not easily overlooked!

Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY: New system!

If a boy has lost an item of kit or clothing, parents should email: lostproperty@kingswoodhouse.org



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