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#### The Kingswood House Way







**Dear Parents** 

I trust you enjoyed a relaxing Christmas holiday with your families.

It is a great pleasure to see the boys back in school at the start of a busy and exhilarating Spring Term. I also offer a warm welcome back to Julie Marskell who returns as the form teacher in Year 3. In my first assembly, as is customary in January, I highlighted the significance of New Year as an apposite time for reflection and ambition. I challenged the boys to make up their own resolutions and set themselves some attainable targets for the months ahead. Please do take the time to discuss this with them - together with the advice that evidence suggests an effective resolution typically helps others, not just themselves, in some way.

The Kingswood House Way character value for this term is INTEGRITY. Some of the key aspects of this quality, which we shall be looking at in more depth with the boys, are loyalty, trust and empathy. These precepts were personified by the tragic heroism of Captain Lawrence 'Titus' Oates on Scott's expedition to the South Pole in 1912 and I explored with the boys the symbolism behind his historic words: "I am just going outside and may be some time." We now have a fantastic 'character' badge, designed by Ruari Fitzpatrick, and I hope to award a number of these each term to deserving candidates.



Captain Oates c.1912

'A Very Gallant Gentleman' J C Dollman

The subject enrichment focus for this half of term is Science. After half term, the focus moves onto ICT and Sports. We will also hold a mufti day, with the theme of 'Bedtime Stories', for World Book Day on Thursday 5th March – so get your thinking hats on for some interesting costumes!

Yours sincerely



Duncan Murphy Headmaster

Please find below the lunch menu for next week, calendar dates and any current notices:

## LUNCH MENU w/c 13 January 2020

Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Bacon & Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Fresh Fruit; Yoghurt	Homemade Chicken Pie with Leeks & Green Beans	Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes, Fresh Green Cabbage	Fresh Fruit; Cookies	Veggie Chilli with Brown & White Rice	Fresh Fruit; Lemon Sponge with Lemon	Mashed Potato &	Fresh Fruit; Jelly
						Sauce		

#### DIARY DATES January 2020; week 2

Monday	13	All week	Mock GCSE exams Year 11
Tuesday	14	0845-1600	'Animazing' in Langlands
		0935-1055	Year 9 Emotional Intelligence course
		1600	Years 3-11 Teatime Piano Concert
		1800	Year 10 Parents and Boys' Evening
Wednesday	15	0845	Senior Assembly
		0930	Lower Prep Forest school
		1430	U13 A; U10 A, B & C vs Belmont (A)
		1430	U13 B; U11 A & B vs Belmont (H)
Thursday	16	1430	U8 A & B vs Belmont (H)
		1430	U9 A & B vs Belmont (A)
Friday	17	0830	Class Reps Meeting
		1330	Young Organists' Workshop & Concert at Cranleigh School
Sunday	19	pm.	Production Rehearsal at school (see info from Mrs Watkins)

Reminder: Year 7 & 9 Scholarship Application Deadline is Friday 31 January; more details on website: here



Standing out from the crowd!

Have you spotted our roadside banners up by the Epsom Playhouse on the A24 Dorking Road?

#### **OPEN MORNINGS**

Friday 31st January;

Thursday 27th & Saturday 29th February from 9:30am



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# INTEGRITY



Honesty - Trust - Empathy - Loyalty - Dedication - Discretion - Kindness - Maturity - Wisdom - Judgement - Reason - Prudence - Friendship - Sincerity - Being Your Best Self

I try to see the whole picture before making a judgement

I concentrate and pay attention so that I can think clearly

I use reasoning to guide my decisions

I am sincere in my dealings with others

I am inclusive rather than exclusive

I try to be a good listener

I share my time, ideas and feelings

I appreciate the good in others and share compliments

I am happy for others when good things happen to them

I show concern for others and try to be supportive

I look for ways to express kindness to others

I am forgiving instead of holding a grudge

I do my fair share when working with others

I am able to work effectively as a team leader or to let others lead

I am agreeable and able to make appropriate compromises



First Assembly of the New Term

Mr Murphy welcomed back all the boys on Wednesday with a great discussion on how to plan achievable New Year's Resolutions along-side recognition of the character values of our term's focus of 'Integrity'. How can you show integrity on a daily basis at home and in school...?

#### Musical Success!

Congratulations to Jasper W who has achieved his Grade 1 Piano and passed with 'Merit' after much effort and endeavour. Well done, Jasper!

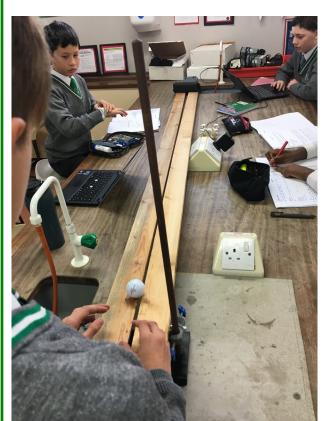


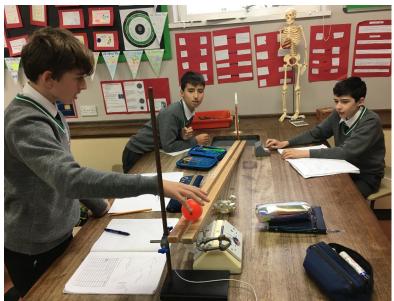
#### **COMMENDATIONS**

Barnaby Atkins Arun Arulchandran Nathan John Lucas Christie Sam Atkins Conor Towers

### Scientific Investigations in 7BA & 7BL

Our Year 7 pupils were tasked with an investigation to plan, conduct and write up their findings to really test and hone their Scientific enquiry skills; here are some images that show how hard the boys worked—well done. *Mr Barratt* 









#### Future footy pundit?!



You would be forgiven for thinking you were getting, or feeling old after the festive season, if you spotted some post match commentary on the Arsenal—Leeds game at the start of January.... Just how young do these commentators look these days?! Well you would be right, as it was none other than our very own Edward B passing comment and making some very intelligent off the field analysis on the game. Take a look at the excerpt: here

The video has, quite rightly, received some great compliments about Ed's knowledge of the game as well as his erudite answers.

#### Sporting Congratulations!

Sam S in Year 9 deserves a very big round of applause as he has gained a place in the London Under 14 Cricket Academy; and we are also very proud of Eddie F, also in Year 9, who has been selected for the Surrey Under 15 Golf Academy programme.

Meanwhile, Theo in Year 10, who is a keen ice skater— and following in the successful blade edges of Torvill and Dean, we hope—has just achieved two awards: Pattern Dance for Couples level 1 and Field Moves Level 1 both of which sound very impressive



and beyond the capabilities of the rest of us with two feet on *terra firma*! Excellent effort all round, boys.

#### New year...new birdfeeder of course!



The boys in Year 8 have been working on a Birdfeeder Project last term and after varnishing the wood the project was finally finished. The boys were using the new Mill/Drill in the DT room and working with wire mesh and wood adhesive. As well as using new equipment, the boys have been following and understanding technical drawings and dimensions to produce their bird feeder. A great project from start to finish! *Mr Bailey* 

Form 3M begin with some great Maths learning...



Mrs Marskell, stepping enthusiastically into the Year 3 classroom, has already been impressed with her new charges—here they are working in groups during a maths lesson. They were challenged to work together putting two digit and three digit numbers correctly on a number line. They all worked really well in their teams and showed some great maths skills. Well done, boys! *Mrs Marskell* 





Form 6C reflect and look forward...



Following Mr Murphy's assembly, 6C spent time reflecting on 2019 and all that they had achieved. Then, thinking about 2020...it was great to hear from the boys how they had spent New Years Eve with families, friends, at home or abroad. They learned about traditions associated with the night of the 31st December.

They also explored how different countries around the world celebrate the New Year. The class then participated in a lively discussion about the new term and set achievable goals, both personal and academic. Here are their resolution stars, displayed in our classroom so they can remind themselves. *Mrs Celentano* 



Do take a moment to note the above dates in your diary as they represent the programme for this term's musical events.

We begin next week on Tuesday with a piano concert. The 'Teatime Concert' series has proved a roaring success over the past year; therefore, we have expanded this series to showcase more specific talents and disciplines.

This term also sees KHS host its first ever Orchestral play day, with Hill House International School, Downsend Prep and Kings House in attendance. This will be a great opportunity for our boys to enjoy the immense feeling of performing as part of a full orchestra, alongside some of the area's most talented musicians. We will also be taking both choristers and musicians to St John's music day, to perform famous excerpts from TV and Film.

Finally, following Owain Fisher's triumphs on the organ at Christmas, we will also be attending Cranleigh's young organists' workshop and concert with a selection of our leading pianists. I look forward to a very successful term, "in tune and on the beat" with you all!

Thanking you in advance for your support of the boys' instrumental lessons, practice at home and any encouragement you can give them throughout. *Mr Swift* 

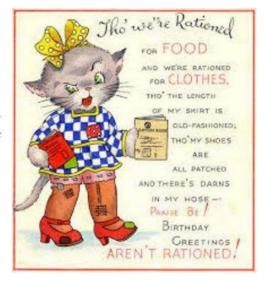
Bourne Hall Museum Kids' Club has always prided itself in trying to get the best speakers and re-enactors who are both fun and entertaining, bringing the history alive. If you were watching television over the holiday, you may have seen 'Digging up Britain's Past' on Channel 5 which explored aspects about the Roman Army including the Butser IX Legion who appeared in full Roman armour just as they have done for the club twice! The next programme was Tony Robinson's History of Britain in which John White, an expert on the Tudors and Tudor crime, explained the role of the executioner in the period. John has talked to us about the Tudors a number of times in guises from a hangman to Henry VIII. Also, on the big screen, the film '1917' has just won a Golden Globe award and Richard Townsley appeared as a WW1 surgeon in the film; Richard has spoken many times to us at the club on both WW1 and WW2. We will be keeping up these high standards in the coming year, making the club informative, entertaining and fun.



# WW2 RATIONING A FAIR SHARE FOR ALL? January 11 1pm to 2.30pm

Meet a wartime couple and learn why they rationed food in WW2 and what it was like to queue for hours. Find how important your ration books were — if you didn't have one, you got no food.

Sugar, meat, fats, bacon and cheese were rationed by coupon and other foods such as tinned goods, dried fruit,



cereals and biscuits were rationed by a points system, where the number of points changed according to availability and demand. People queued for hours only to find they had sold out or even queued to find out what was on sale, but a queue was always good for a chat. There were no supermarkets so people queued at many shops — the butcher, greengrocer or baker. Because clothes too were rationed. Many people had to make do and mend.

£5 per child . Contact: David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey KT17 1UF Tel 020 8394 1734. Email dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

Bourne Hall Museum Club is *the* club for children 7 to 12+ who love history and like to have fun while learning about it. We travel back through time to discover the past and its people, encompassing all periods of history from the deepest Stone Age to the Home Front in Epsom during World War 2. Our future travels in 2020 are planned to include the Saxons, Blitz Britain, Cave Painting, Archaeology, Florence Nightingale, the Iron Age and Gladiator School. Also two large free surprise events! The next Museum club is this Saturday, January 11, on WW2 Rationing.

#### **LOST PROPERTY:**

If a boy has lost an item of kit or clothing, parents should email: <a href="lostproperty@kingswoodhouse.org">lostproperty@kingswoodhouse.org</a>





