



PARENTAL NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINE NOTICES



Kingsdale Achieves IQM Flagship School Status!

We are delighted to announce that Kingsdale Foundation School has been awarded the Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM) Flagship School Status. The IQM scheme recognises schools who have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to provide the very best education for all children irrespective of differences. IQM Flagship School Status recognises those unique schools who have held IQM Centre of Excellence status for at least 3 years and played a strong leadership role in developing inclusion best practice across a network of schools. We are very proud to have been awarded this status. More information on the celebration of our award can be accessed [here](#).

Unofficial Opening of Sixth Form Extension!

We are very pleased to inform students & parents that our new Sixth Form extension building will be open for use by our Sixth Form students from this week. This building is situated next to the existing Sixth Form Centre and provides 4 flexible state-of-the-art new teaching rooms, 2 of which convert in to bespoke dining space for the Sixth Form. The building complements the local environment and offers great floor to ceiling views! More information on the official opening of this facility will follow shortly.



Year 9 Drama at the Old Vic Theatre



On Friday 11th January, Year 9 GCSE Drama students visited The Old Vic theatre for a workshop to study their version of A Christmas Carol. Students were able to explore the text and work on themes surrounding the play, such as workers' rights, giving them an alternative view of the play. We then went to see A Christmas Carol on Monday evening which was thoroughly enjoyed by all, including some students getting involved by parachuting sprouts from the balcony!

THEME & WORD OF THE WEEK

Doing the right thing

'We shall have to repent in this generation, not so much for the evil deeds of the wicked people, but for the appalling silence of the good people.'

Martin Luther King

Benevolent

'Well-meaning and kindly. Opposite is 'malevolent' meaning evil or malicious.'

SCHOOL NEWS

Lucy Van Smit visits Year 8

We were pleased to welcome the local children's author Lucy Van Smit, winner of The Bath Children's Novel Award, to Kingsdale Foundation School last week. Lucy is a screenwriter, former TV producer & artist who has been described as 'A writer to watch' by The Irish Times for her recently published book 'The Hurting'.



Lucy addressed our Year 8 cohort in an interactive special assembly at school during her visit. Lucy talked about her personal experiences in life that moulded her journey as a writer and shared valuable tips on how to create interesting stories. There was a focus on the element of surprise in the plots; writing with a sense of personal inspiration allowing ourselves to think and reflect about developing our characters in creative writing. Lucy encouraged questions from her audience and there was an opportunity to buy 'The Hurting' signed by the author herself. We hope that the visit inspired our students to read and write for pleasure!

Career Guidance Fast Tomato for Year 8

We have now re-started our work with fasttomato.com - a web based project for schools where students complete a 10 - 15 minute psychometric questionnaire (this can be retaken at anytime), which produces a selection of career suggestions the young person can explore. This matching process works as a guide to career choices and will show subject options related to those careers. This will lead in to the **Year 8 Options Evening on 27st February 2019**. During the weeks from Monday 21st January - 27th February 2019, Year 8 will go through the Fast Tomato assessment process and will be able to obtain their personal registrations at the Year 8 Parents evening on Wednesday 30th January 2019 and complete the process at home with parents support.

SPORTS NEWS



After School Girls Cricket Club

Our first Surrey Cricket session, on Thursday 17th January really was a smash! Girls from Year 7 - 10 greatly enjoyed their first session with Gabby from Surrey Cricket. Sessions run on Thursdays after school and are open to girls in all year groups.

Year 7 & 8 Girls come 4th at the Kia Oval



On Friday 11th January, selected Year 7 & 8 cricketers travelled to the Kia Oval to represent Kingsdale in a Surrey Cricket indoor tournament. There were 8 teams from London and Surrey in the tournament. The girls worked hard and played well scoring over 100 runs throughout and coming 4th overall. Well done!

Year 7 Girls' Hockey

On Wednesday 9th January, the Year 7 Girls' Hockey team travelled to Crystal Palace stadium to play their first match against Sydenham High School. The team played very well but lost to Sydenham in the second half 1-0. Well done girls for such a great effort.



Year 7 girls receive a Netball Master class by Polly from England Netball

On Thursday 17th January, Year 7 netballers received the first of their coaching sessions provided by England Netball. The girls very much enjoyed their first session and look forward to the coming weeks! Students interested in joining these sessions should see Ms Cave/Ms Thomas in PE.



Student iPad Programme Deployment and Implementation



The new e-Learning initiative of using iPads for teaching and learning is underway at Kingsdale Foundation School and the iPad deployment programme will continue over this half term. The portal to place an order for an iPad has now been closed for this year. For orders placed during Autumn Term, students are advised to collect the iPad from the IT office during lunch times, if they have not done so already.

We would also like to inform parents that staff training on use of iPads for teaching and learning is part of the continuous professional development programme at the school.

Students have been advised that the device has to be used responsibly during lessons and only as directed by their teacher. We will also be reaching out to our students on the safe and responsible use of iPads in school through our e-Learning programme during assemblies and tutor time. For queries on the programme, please contact the iPad staff team via email: ipads@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

Book of the Week

Recommended by teachers, librarians, pupils and parents

Book Title: Things a Bright Girl Can Do

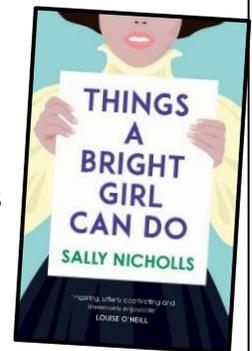
Author: Sally Nicholls

Age Range: 12+



Why students should read it:

Through rallies and marches, in polite drawing rooms and freezing prison cells and the poverty-stricken slums of the East End, three courageous young women join the fight for the vote. Evelyn is seventeen, and though she is rich and clever, she may never be allowed to follow her older brother to university. Enraged that she is expected to marry her childhood sweetheart rather than be educated, she joins the Suffragettes, and vows to pay the ultimate price for women's freedom. May is fifteen, and already sworn to the cause, though she and her fellow Suffragists refuse violence. When she meets Nell, a girl who has grown up in hardship, she sees a kindred spirit. Together and in love, the two girls start to dream of a world where all kinds of women have their place; but the fight for freedom will challenge Evelyn, May and Nell more than they ever could believe. As war looms, just how much are they willing to sacrifice?



Email us your recommendations via library@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

SPORTS FIXTURES

Monday 21st January 2019

- Year 7 Boys' Football School Astro Home Game against Sacred Heart School. **2.30pm Kick off. Finish 4.15pm approx: Mr Attenborough-Warren**

Tuesday 22nd January 2019

- Year 9 Boys' Rugby Away Game against Bishop Thomas Grant School. Leave school at 1pm. Return at 4pm approx. **2pm Kick off: Mr Willis/Mr Price**
- Year 8 & 9 Girls' Football Inner London Cup Quarter Finals Home Game against Stoke Newington School. **2.30pm Kick off. Finish 4.15pm approx: Ms Walters**

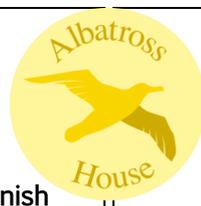
Wednesday 23rd January 2019

- Year 8 Boys' Rugby Home Game against Stanley Park High School. **2.45pm Kick off. Finish 4.30pm approx: Mr McWhirter**
- Year 8 Girls' Basketball Away Game against Sydenham High School. Leave school at 3.30pm. Return at 5.45pm approx. **4pm start: Ms Thomas**

Thursday 24th January 2019

- Year 9 Boys' Rugby Away Game against Hayes School. Leave school at 1pm. Return at 5.15pm approx. **2pm Kick off: Mr Willis/Mr Price**
- Year 7 & 8 Girls' Netball School Sports Hall Home Game against Harris East Dulwich. **4pm start. Finish 5.30pm approx: Ms Ceesay/Ms Thomas**
- Year 10 & 11 Girls' Football Inner London Cup Quarter Final Home Game against Bishop Challoner School. **2.30pm Kick off. Finish 4.30pm approx: Ms Walters**

Sports Fixtures Emergency Contact Number: 07852 337724



HOUSE NEWS

New Year's Resolutions for 2019

The House Team will be asking all students to try to take advantage of as many 'new beginnings' as they can at the start of the New Year 2019. There will be many opportunities to be positive, hopeful and thoughtful about the challenges ahead which will be outlined further during this week's House Assemblies.



So what is the meaning of a New Year's Resolution?

A **promise** that you make to yourself to **start** doing something good or **stop** doing something **bad** on the first day of the **year**.

On average, **only 8%** of people actually keep their New Year's resolutions? Each and every January we make goals for the New Year ahead. Only to give up come February. This is why the best month to join a gym is February... when it's empty. Why then, do we continue to make pointless New Year's resolutions?

The Heads of Houses have come up with some thoughtful tips to help students keep their New Year's resolutions for 2019.

TIP No.1 - Start in small steps. Also, try to focus on one new habit at a time.

After all, you can do anything, but not everything. - David Allen

TIP No.2 - Forgive Yourself

When you experience setbacks (and you will), don't spend unnecessary energy dwelling on them. Beating yourself up for your perceived failures will not help you succeed

TIP No.3 - Be consistent

A new habit can take 60 days to get used to. Missing a day or two here and there isn't likely to throw you off, but you must remain focused.

Happy New Year and Good Luck to all students with their resolutions.

Student School Email

Parents are reminded to ensure that their children are regularly checking their school email account. This powerful system is used to communicate important information to our students and **also allows them to access key Microsoft programmes, including Word and Excel for free as part of the licence.**



Diary Dates

The full School Calendar can be viewed at www.kingsdalefoundationschool.org.uk

Thursday 24th January 2018

Winter Music Concert – details issued separately

Wednesday 30th January 2018

Year 8 Parents' Evening **2.45-8pm**

School will finish at 1.45pm for Years 7-10 only on this day



Andorra Ski Trip - Easter 2019 Information Evening

Please note on **Thursday 31st January 2019**, there will be an Information Evening for the parents of students taking part in this Easter's Ski Trip to Andorra.

This will take place between **6 & 7pm**. **Venue:** Upper School Library.

