

PARENTAL NEWS BULLETIN

Issue 13 Monday 21st December 2020



Arrangements for the End/Start of Term

Please be reminded that on Monday 21st December, all students will be expected to participate in our Virtual Careers and Trips Day and have been provided with appropriate activities that should be completed at home via Microsoft Teams. Students are not required to attend the school site on this day and arrangements have been made separately for those parents who wish their child to physically attend school on Monday. Tuesday 22nd December has been allocated as a staff INSET day and school will therefore be closed to students.

As outlined in our recent communications to parents, we are currently working hard to finalise arrangements for the start of the Spring term in January 2021 in light of very belated government announcements. At this time, we are planning for key worker/vulnerable students and those in Years 11 & 13 to return to school from the afternoon of Monday 4th January 2021. Students in Years 7-10 are due to remain at home during that week and access Blended Learning (remote lessons) via Microsoft Teams. Subject to further government directions we expect most students to be able to return to on-site learning from Monday 11th January 2021. Confirmed arrangements, including those relating to proposed mass Coronavirus testing of students in schools, will be issued to parents over the Christmas and New Year break in line with any further guidance from the Department of Education.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their continued and sustained patience and support during this difficult time and wish all families a peaceful and restful festive break.



Virtual ARTiculation Competition

The Art Department would like to invite parents to attend the Virtual ARTiculation competition school heat, which takes place online on **Thursday 7th January 2021 4.30 - 6.30pm**. The ARTiculation competition is a national speaking competition, where students deliver a 10-minute presentation about art. This year we have eleven Year 12 & 13 students participating. In previous years we came first in the Regional Heat and second in the Grand Final and we have extremely high hopes of doing equally well this year.

Please email artd&t@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk if you would like to reserve a ticket or receive more information.

THEME & WORD OF THE WEEK

Christmas – 'Somehow, not only for Christmas, but all the long year through, the joy that you give to others, is the joy that comes back to you.'

Christmas gift suggestions from Kingsdale School:

To your enemy, forgiveness
To an opponent, tolerance
To a friend, your heart
To a customer, service
To all, charity
To everyone, a good example
To yourself, respect

MUSIC NEWS WINTER SEASON CELEBRATION CONCERT SERIES



Concert No. 3

The performance is scheduled for
Monday 21st December at 12 Noon

Ben Mephram - Year 9
Ella Balysz - Year 7
Felix Dennis - Year 9
Giada Pirisi - Year 7
Grace O'Connor - Year 9
Joshua Christian - Year 8
Kaya Ramjohn - Year 8
Oliver Buck - Year 9
Oscar Fletcher - Year 10
Sam Jenkins - Year 9
Sofia Noor - Year 10
Sophia Spinoula - Year 9
Teniola Ray-Odekeye - Year 9
Verity Glover - Year 8
Xanthe Strachan - Year 8

To watch this performance please click on the following link:
[here](#)

There will also be a concert on **Wednesday 23rd December** for which details will be circulated separately. Parents can also subscribe to our YouTube channel to receive notifications via this [link](#).

WINTER SEASON CELEBRATION CONCERT SERIES

Concert No. 3

The performance was on
Friday 18th December at 12 noon

Adriana Figueroa - Year 11
Bella Rigby - Year 7
Carmen Bird - Year 11
Casper Lampthey - Year 10
Chloe Milton - Year 8
Evan Boyce - Year 8
Iona Lynch - Year 8
Isaac Mathers - Year 9
Oscar Cotton - Year 8
Tawan Satitkit-Foster - Year 7
Tom Cañadas - Year 7
Victor Aghagbon - Year 9

To watch this performance please click on the following link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQKVijmDv28&feature=youtu.be&ab_channel=KingsdaleFoundationSchool-PerformingArts



WINTER SEASON CELEBRATION CONCERT SERIES

Christmas Day Special Piano Concert

Premieres at 12 noon on the 25th December
Click on the following link <https://youtu.be/hiMIEP4C9Z0>

Ajaaz Ajma Year 8 – Piano with Miss Qiu - Allegro by Mozart

Alexander Marinov Year 7 – Piano with Miss Qiu -
The Flight of the Bumble Bee by Rimsky-Korsakov

Ben Travers Year 11 - Piano with Mrs Black -
Intermezzo op 119 by Brahms

Callum Brown Year 13 - Piano with Mrs Black - Was weiss ein nie geküsster
Rosenmund by Kálmán (piano transcription by Stephen Hough)

Frances Travers Year 9 - Piano with Mrs Black - Allegro by Dussek

Gabriel Ho Year 8 - Piano with Miss Qiu - Kwela for Caitlin

Lucia Goya Betts Year 13 - Jazz Piano with Mr Glasser -
Celia by Bud Powell

Mark Drozd Year 8 - Piano with Mrs Black - Fiesta by Turina

Marlon Highmoor Year 12 - Piano with Mrs Black -
How Bleak The Sea Tonight by Tanner

Milo Baker Year 11 - Piano with Mrs Black -
Song Without Words Op. 102 No. 3 by Mendelssohn

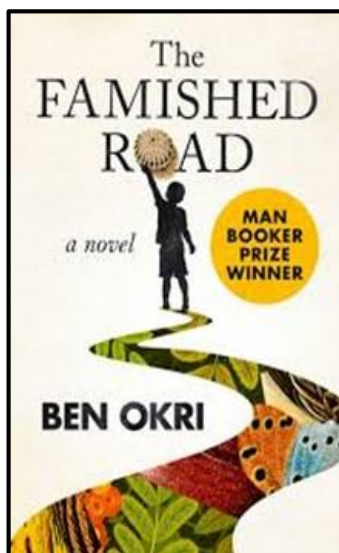
Oscar Hadfield Year 11 - Piano with Mrs Black - Giga by Jones

Sara Johnson Year 10 - Piano with Mrs Black Bonsor -
Feelin' Good by Nina Simone



Reading Recommendations

Teacher Recommendation



This week Mr Wilson from the Maths department would like to recommend:

Famished Road
by Ben Okri

The first of a trilogy, *The Famished Road* tells the story of Azaro, a spirit child who lives in an unnamed African village. Azaro has a number of powers including being

able to predict the future and the ability to see spirits. As Azaro grows up he learns how to cope with his powers, and one day a lifechanging vision causes him and his family to flee from their home.

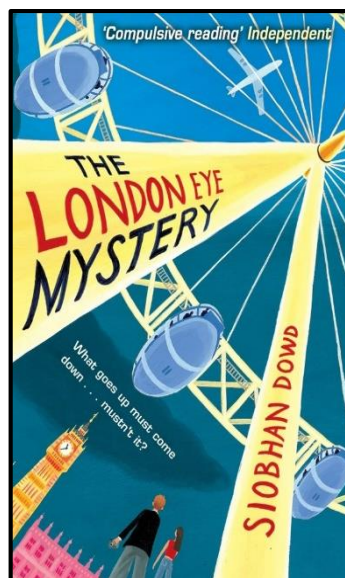
As the narrative follows Azaro over the course of his life the reader understands more about the juxtaposing worlds that Azaro is privy to, and the consequences that his visions hold. 'This book can definitely be considered a classic. It is written in a really unique style and is really great for anybody who enjoys fantasy literature or magical realism.'

Recommended to key stage 4 & 5 students.

Student Recommendation

Stanley Kersahw in Year 9 would like to recommend:

The London Eye Mystery
by Siobhan Dowd



He recommends this book for anybody who is a fan of books that are full of mystery and suspense, as the reader gets to piece

together the mystery alongside the characters. The story focuses on Ted, a boy with Asperger syndrome and his sister Kat who lose their cousin Salim who seemingly disappears into thin air from inside a sealed capsule on The London Eye. This book is very gripping as you are immersed into the action straight away, and then feel like a detective when you are using the clues to try and piece together what has happened to Salim.

KINGSDALE CHRISTMAS READING BONANZA!

Looking for a book to snuggle up with over the holidays? Then look no further! We have got some 'crackers' just for you. Christmas has me feeling extra 'Santa-mental'. But wait — there's 'myrrh'... if you read any of the books on the list and write a review for your English teacher you will receive HOUSE POINTS!

Have a punderful Christmas. A round of 'Santa-plause', please.

Key Stage 3

The Little Match Girl by Hans Christian Anderson

The short story "The Little Match Girl" is all about the poverty, hunger and helplessness of a little girl who is sent to sell matches when she is supposed to stay at home or at school.

The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams

The Velveteen Rabbit is a British children's book written by Margery Williams and illustrated by William Nicholson. It chronicles the story of a stuffed rabbit's desire to become real through the love of his owner.

The Other Wise Man by Henry Van Dyke

Story. The story is an addition and expansion of the account of the Biblical Magi, recounted in the Gospel of Matthew in the New Testament. It tells about a "fourth" wise man (accepting the tradition that the Magi numbered three), a priest of the Magi named Artaban, one of the Medes from Persia.

Key Stage 4

Christmas Eve by Washington Irving

Before Charles Dickens became the literary laureate of Christmas, Washington Irving was introducing American readers to a whole host of now ubiquitous Christmas traditions, including Christmas carols on people's doorsteps, mistletoe, and the famous Yule log – traditions which Irving had to explain in footnotes, so unfamiliar were they to his original readers in 1820.

The Gift of the Magi by O Henry

First published in 1905, this short story by the American master of the form is about a husband and wife, Jim and Della, buying Christmas presents for each other, without much money to spend on them. It's short and has a nice ironic twist at the end.

The Christmas Banquet by Nathaniel Hawthorne

This story might be regarded as the inverse of Dickens's A Christmas Carol (and it was written just three years after Dickens's novella was published): every Christmas, so a wealthy man's will decrees, ten of the most miserable and misanthropic people in the land will be invited to a Christmas banquet where the idea is for them to try to outdo each other in how bitter and miserable they are.

Key Stage 5

At Christmas Time by Anton Chekov

Chekhov, who took the short story form in a new and more experimental direction, focusing on character and mood rather than plot, wrote this story in 1900. It focuses on an estranged daughter writing to her parents, who never receive her messages, and the daughter's relationship with her husband.

Here's to Love by Anne Enright

It's about friends getting together for a reunion every Christmas once they're middle-aged, and all of the disappointments and realisations that such reunions bring.

The Dead by James Joyce

Set during the Christmas holidays but shortly after New Year – probably on or around Twelfth Night in early January – 'The Dead' is the longest short story in James Joyce's 1914 collection Dubliners, a series of tales about life in turn-of-the-century Dublin.



The House Leader Board 2020-21

Week commencing 21st December 2020

1st Place – Albatross with 2,469 Points

2nd Place – Falcon with 2,440 Points

3rd Place – Swift with 2,439 Points

4th Place – Dove with 2,349 Points

5th Place – Eagle with 2,253 Points

Albatross is now leading this close race.

Can anybody going to catch them?

Inter-House Football Tournament Year 7 – RESCHEDULED

This Competition is now scheduled to take place in the New Year.



House News

Christmas Jumper Day 2020 and Festive Food Drive 2020 Campaign

The Kingsdale Community rallied to show their generosity and that even during this challenging time, we are extending our thoughts to those less fortunate.

**A huge 'THANK YOU'
for your support and donations!**



SPORTS NEWS

CRICKET AT THE MCCF CRICKET HUB

Are there any Year 7, 8, 9 or 10 students interested in Cricket? Apply Now! There are free indoor Cricket sessions taking place at Dulwich College Sports Centre from January to April! Please register your interest directly with the MCCF Dulwich Hub at <http://forms.gle/r9bevWercuXG22YPA>

FOUNDATION

ELIGIBILITY

- Aged 11-15
- Attend a state school
- Committed to putting 100% effort into all training sessions
- Tape ball and hardball cricketers welcome

APPLY

Thinking about it? Email the Hub Manager to find out more:
Simon Talbot/talby1@outlook.com

Ready to go? Register your interest here by **Monday 11th January 2021**

<https://forms.gle/r9bevWercuXG22YPA>

Your invitation to join the MCCF Cricket Hub

MCCF DULWICH HUB

Dulwich College Sports Centre

Trial Wednesday 13th January 2021

- 20th, 27th January, 3rd, 10th, 24th February, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st March

- U13 & U15 (18.00 – 19.30)

WHAT IS A HUB?

- Have fun whilst being supported to reach your full potential on and off the cricket pitch
- 10 weeks of high-quality intensive cricket coaching during the winter
- Match play and talent ID opportunities over summer
- Strength & conditioning training
- Completely free to attend**

Seasons Greetings

Festive Seasonal Greetings from the House Team

In what has been an extremely challenging year for so many reasons, the House Team would like to say a heartfelt 'THANK YOU' for the continuous engagement with and contributions to our weekly House News section. Like you, we are also looking forward to the year ahead and the fresh hope it brings to us all. We wish you and your families a peaceful, safe and restful Festive break and a Happy New Year!

House Family Christmas Quiz 2020

Have a go at the family House Quiz this Christmas! Click on the link below. Enjoy!



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Kingsdale Foundation School, Alleyn Park, Dulwich, London, SE21 8SQ

Web: www.kingsdalefoundationschool.org.uk Tel: 0208 670 7575 (To report student absence use Option 2)

Christmas Resources



Resources

[Website with ideas of Christmas activities at home](#)

[Calming strategies for Kids](#)

[BBC blog about Autism and Christmas](#)

[Website with gift ideas for ASD kids](#)

Autism Friendly Activities

[Autism friendly Santa's Grotto](#)

[Events at London Zoo](#)

[Transport Museum Quiet Morning](#)

[Science Museum Early Bird](#)

[Autism Friendly Cinema](#)



Online Theatres

[Unicorn Theatre](#)

Super Seven



Here are some fun festive activities to try at home

- Make some salt dough decorations [here](#) is a recipe and video
- Make a festive snow globe [here](#) are the instructions
- Make Christmas treats to eat [here](#) is a visual recipe for a Christmas tree cone treat
- [Visual gingerbread man recipe](#)—get that festive smell, use it to make festive shapes
- Festive sensory fun there are ideas [here](#) e.g. tinsel slime!?
- Make paper chains—any paper will do [here](#) is a Twinkl free Christmas themed paper chain you can make. Check out their website for loads more free activities www.twinkl.co.uk
- Christmas Bingo anyone?! [Here](#)

Loads more ideas [here](#) if you are feeling crafty!

Video links

[Video of tips for Christmas](#)

[Makaton Santa message](#)

[Singing Hands Christmas Makaton songs](#)

[Video cooking recipes for people with learning difficulties and autism—this one chocolate truffles!](#)

[BBC News interview from 2019 about sensory overload at Christmas](#)

PDFs

[National Autistic Society Christmas resources](#)

[Communicate in Print \(symbol\) Christmas cards to print and colour](#)

[Communicate in Print Christmas activities](#)

Trainings

We continue to run autism courses for parents through You Tube and Zoom. Please contact Cygnet@southwark.gov.uk for the over 5's course and Blagoje.Vucinic@southwark.gov.uk for the under 5's