



# Katherine Warrington School

## Newsletter no. 5

22nd November 2019

The Remembrance Day assembly and Last Post were very moving and respected by all our students and staff. The display of poppies carrying stories of family members from our students added to the occasion.

We are beginning to feel the spirit of Christmas at school. Our choir is practising for their appearance at the turning on of Batford's Christmas lights on Sunday 1st December and they will be entertaining the residents at the Lea Springs Care Home and distributing Christmas presents there on 9th December. A great opportunity for our students to really demonstrate the true meaning of Christmas.

To demonstrate that even I am not immune from the festive spirit, we will be offering all our students a free Christmas dinner this year - meat or vegetarian option with all the trimmings and a Christmas cracker! It will be on Wednesday 18th December. A menu option list and sign up details will be communicated to students shortly.

Do please make sure you have the date for our Winter Showcase on 17th December in your diary. It will be a wonderful opportunity to experience the range of talent amongst our students at KWS. More information will follow soon.

We have finally reached a satisfactory position with Bushcraft. They have offered all our students a free two day outdoor experience at Cuffley Camp. Cuffley is a different style of outdoor education centre, with an emphasis on building character through a series of challenging physical and mental tasks that make the most of the stunning natural environment. Students can opt to camp or go home at the end of day one, and return on the morning of day two. The exciting trip will be on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th June. KWS will pay for coach transport from school to camp so there is no additional cost to parents. Further details to follow nearer the time. I hope that all parents will consider this a fair resolution to our waterlogged experience earlier this year.

We have started basketball club on Monday lunch so currently our full club offering at lunch (separate from Period 7 opportunities) are:

Monday: Basketball, Drama and Homework Club  
Tuesday: Netball, Debate, Chess and Homework Club  
Wednesday: Boys' Football, Choir and Homework Club

Thursday: Girls' Football and Homework Club

Friday: Homework Club (Technology free on a Friday)

Thank you to everyone who came to the Chromebook and e-safety evening. Feedback was very positive.

We are due to be inspected by the DfE (every new school has a pre and post opening inspection). We are in the process of sending out an electronic questionnaire to gather your views so we can feedback to the Inspector. Please take the time to respond.

Finally, we have a first team rugby match this Monday against Roundwood Park School. It is at RPS and kick off is 2.30pm. Parent support is welcome.

Tony Smith

**Headteacher**

## **Student Achievements**

### **Girls' Futsal**

Well done to the girls' futsal team who played in a tournament at Sandringham on Thursday 14th November - some excellent team play and good results.

**Miss Anderson**

## **Recognitions / Consequences update**

We have altered the way we record and communicate Recognitions and Consequences. To match the scale of Consequences (C1,C2 etc), we have added a scale for Recognitions. Hopefully this will add balance to the system. For your information we are averaging over 700 Recognitions across the year group each week and around 150 Consequences.

Our MIS system (Arbor) offers a brief explanation of why a Recognition or Consequence was awarded. We will activate these so that parents/career can see reasons. Please be aware that not all eventualities are covered and the descriptors that appear are 'best fit' rather than an absolute description of events.

Often Recognitions / Consequences are not logged during the lesson or immediately after. The time the award is logged has no relevance to when it was given.

**Mr Smith**

## Recognitions & House Points

As competition between the houses heats up, students are achieving more recognitions than ever! In the week commencing 11th November, students achieved 788 recognitions as a year group. This will only increase as double recognitions have now been introduced so that teachers can recognise students in a variety of ways using the recognition system. Sapphira won Tesla another 12 house points by achieving the most recognitions for that week! A massive well done to all involved.

Current house points are as follows:

Form	Tesla	Armstrong	Franklin	Ali	Nightingale	Keller
House Points	27	20	90	10	10	100

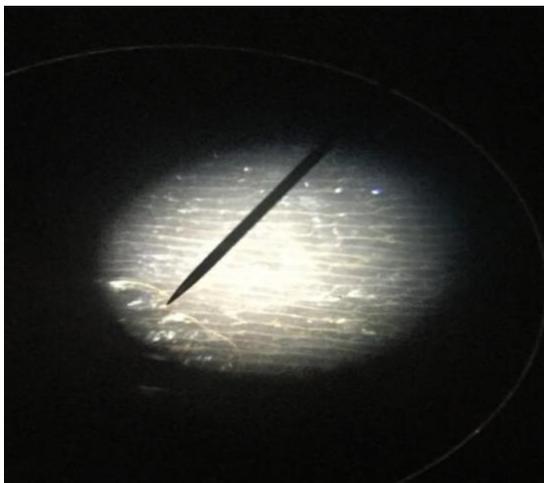
With house points added every week and competitions coming up soon, it is all to play for so don't worry Ali and Nightingale!

## Science

Who needs a lab anyway?!

The KWS students have been working phenomenally hard in Science and have enjoyed a full and varied practical curriculum since we arrived at the Katherine Warrington site. Thanks to the super organisation of our excellent technician, Mrs Brandon, the students have already engaged in a large range of Biology and Physics-based practical work and we wanted to share a few highlights from the 'Cells to Organisms' topic.

The students learned how to produce microscope slides of both plant and animal cells: carefully peeling off thin layers of onion epidermal cells and harvesting their own cheek cells with cotton buds before staining them with iodine and methylene blue respectively. The students' reactions were priceless and some were genuinely in awe at the level of detail the 100x magnification setting on the microscope allowed them to see.



**Onion epidermal cells photo taken by Harry in Tesler**



**Scientists in action!**

As part of the end of topic revision we reviewed what tissues and organs were ('a group of identical/ similar cells in the body' and 'body parts made up of more than one tissue which performs a specific job in the body' respectively) and the students viewed a heart dissection on the visualiser, with many students opting to come and take a closer look afterwards. All students were very sensible and sensitive to the ethical issues around this as we discussed the anatomy of the sheep's heart and they asked lots of insightful and challenging questions about the heart's structure.

A particular favourite part of this topic among students is the 3D cell model making homework task for which the science team were absolutely bowled over at the originality, creativity and scientific detail that students poured into their designs. Here are a selection of the models that we selected to be winners in particular categories. The judging was extremely difficult as so many of the cells were of such a high standard. Here's Lexi's, Alican's and Poppy B's to give an idea of the fantastic high standard of work submitted:



Congratulations Year 7 on an excellent start in Science at KWS, long may your enthusiasm and fascination with the subject continue!

**Mrs Creamer**

## Spanish

Congratulations to the following students who achieved 100% in their first ever Spanish vocabulary test (on the numbers up to 31) - where perfect spelling was required for full marks - no mean feat! Señora Creamer está muy orgullosa! (Mrs Creamer is very proud!)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Ibrahim</li><li>● Henry</li><li>● Rayan H</li><li>● Isabel</li><li>● Sofia</li><li>● Tiffany</li><li>● Toluwani</li><li>● George Z</li><li>● Joanne</li><li>● Lewis</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Ruari</li><li>● Joe L</li><li>● Finley</li><li>● Emaan</li><li>● Alex C</li><li>● Arthur</li><li>● Maanasee</li><li>● Precious</li><li>● Anton</li><li>● Elise</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Becky</li><li>● Alfie F</li><li>● Joshua H-Mi</li><li>● Kevin O</li><li>● Alfie Q</li><li>● Theo</li><li>● Nathan K-O</li><li>● Leigha</li><li>● Yanis</li><li>● Saul</li></ul>
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***Mrs Creamer***

## Students' Equipment

We have an increasing number of students arriving to school without the correct equipment. Loaning equipment out during lessons can take up valuable learning time so please do review the list below with your child to ensure they have everything, replenishing broken pens, finished glue sticks etc:

- Black Pens (at least two)
- HB Pencils (at least two)
- Green Pen
- Green & Yellow Highlighters
- Rubber
- Sharpener
- 30cm Clear Ruler
- Glue Stick
- Scissors
- Calculator (Casio FX-85GTPLUS or FX-85GTX)
- Compasses
- 180 degree Protractor
- Graded sketching pencils
- Set of colouring pencils

## Upcoming Events

**29th November - Climate Change Strike**

**1st December – Choir Singing at Batford Christmas Lights switch on**

**4th December - James Butler animator visit**

**9th December - Youth Speaks Competition**

**9th December - Choir singing at Lea Springs Care Home**

**11th December – KWAF Wine & Cheese Night Out**

**17th December - Winter Showcase**

**18th December - Christmas Lunch**

**20th December - Festive Jumper / Festive Non Uniform Day**

We will be welcoming James Butler in to speak to interested students on Wednesday 4th December at 3.00pm. James has over 20 years' experience in the UK animation industry, specialising in 2D animation. Since 2006 he has worked on BAFTA and Emmy winning shows Peppa Pig and Ben & Holly's Little Kingdom.

James grew up in rural Oxfordshire and attended a state Secondary School which had no contact with the Creative Arts. He graduated with a first class degree in Electronic Imaging and Media Communications from the University of Bradford.

James will speak about his early career making commercials and music videos to helping Peppa Pig conquer the world. With clips and behind the scenes insights he will demonstrate the wide range of skills and the huge amount of thought, creativity and hard work that goes into every episode of Peppa Pig.

This would be ideal for students considering a career in the creative arts. Spaces are limited (80 spaces) so interested students who would like to attend the talk can sign up on the sheet, which will be available next week.

The choir will be performing on 9th December at a local elderly residential home. We would like to present the residents with some Christmas gifts. If anyone has any unwanted leftover gifts that you would be willing to donate, please drop them into the school.

### **This week's notices sent to parents / carers:**

Parent / Carer Survey

Chromebook Training Slides

Bus 357 Timetable change

Autumn Reports

Ever played or still play netball? Fancy helping out at our netball session each Tuesday lunchtime from 1.00pm -1.30pm? If so please e-mail Mrs McPartlin at [a.mcpartlin@kwschool.co.uk](mailto:a.mcpartlin@kwschool.co.uk)

## Katherine Warington Association of Friends (KWAf)

### Christmas Trees

If you are thinking of getting a Christmas tree that is grown locally then please consider buying it from The Friends of Harpenden Academy School, Vaughan Road. All trees are locally grown and cut down each week, so maintain their freshness. If you buy a tree through them and nominate Katherine Warington School at the till, £10 per tree will be donated to KWS.

They will be available to buy on:

Thursday 12th December 6pm - 8pm

Friday 13th December 9am - 10.30am

Saturday 14th December 10am - 11.30am

For more information [Click here](#).



### Christmas Party - Wine & Cheese Night

On Wednesday 11th December KWAf will be hosting a Christmas Party for parents / carers at the Red Cow in Harpenden. It aims to be a fabulous event and a chance to meet and socialise with other parents / carers at the school. There will be a drink on arrival and some delicious nibbles to get everyone in the festive spirit. Places are limited so be sure to secure yours.

**Wine & Cheese Night Out**  
Hosted by the **Red Cow** Public House, Harpenden

Please join us for a friendly evening & a chance to meet other members of the KWS community

£15 PER TICKET.  
INCLUDES FOOD &  
A DRINK ON ARRIVAL

WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER  
FROM 7PM

RSVP by 6<sup>th</sup> December:  
[KWAf@kwschool.co.uk](mailto:KWAf@kwschool.co.uk)

THE RED COW PUBLIC HOUSE  
171 WESTFIELD ROAD  
HARPENDEN  
AL5 4ND

## Raffle Tickets

Please also be aware that next week your children will be sent home with KWAF Christmas Raffle tickets; an email with full details will also be sent out early in the week. We have over 20 fantastic prizes provided by local businesses including:

1. Personal training sessions worth £120
2. Drama classes @ Helen O'Grady Drama Academy worth £108
3. Farr Brewery tour

Raffle tickets can be returned to the school office along with payment for the Christmas Party. The raffle draw will be held at the school Winter Showcase on Tuesday 17th December. Good luck everyone!

**Our Fantastic Raffle Prizes**  
A huge thank you to all our donators  
1<sup>ST</sup> Prize : 2x Personal training sessions worth £120  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Drama classes @ Helen O'Grady Drama Academy worth £108  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Farr Brewery tour

Prizes listed in callouts:  
Tropical Mini Facial  
House Dr Consultation  
Reiki Treatment  
A cake decorated for a special occasion  
Cut & Blowdry  
Bike Service  
Free MOT  
Beats school uniform vouchers  
£50 Showtime circus voucher  
Meal for 2 @ the Red Cow  
...and many more

## Staff Vacancies

### Katherine Warrington School - Learning Support Assistant

Required ideally from early January 2020 - Term time only plus one week (inset days) Monday to Friday 8.20am to 4.00pm (to 2.30pm on Fridays) / 8am to 3.40pm (to 2.30pm on Fridays) There is some flexibility in these hours for the right candidate.

For further details please see the vacancies page on our website or visit [www.teachinherts.com](http://www.teachinherts.com)

### Sauncey Wood School - Family Support Worker

We have been informed of a vacancy for a Family Support Worker based at Sauncey Wood School. Please [click here](#) for further information.

## Non KWS events

The Herts Sports Partnership have organised a Knife Crime, Gang Crime & County Lines awareness evening that is targeted at young people. The event is being hosted at the University of Hertfordshire on Wednesday 27th November from 7.30-9.00pm.

Please see the attached flyer which contains further information and a link to book places. Alternatively bookings can also be made by [clicking here](#).

## Social Media

Keep up to date with the latest information via the newsletter, website and our social media platforms: **Facebook @KatherineWarringtonSchool** and **Twitter @KWSHarpenden**. If you haven't already done so, please sign up and follow us.



**KWS Christmas Jumper Day**

Note: It doesn't need to be a jumper. Anything fun and festive is welcome. A hat, tinsel, something red or green etc.



**Friday 20th December**

Donate **£2** and wear something Festive or Non school uniform.  
Proceeds will be split between the great cause  & KWAF for the school community



**Gangs, County Lines and Knife Crime Safeguarding Training for all Sports Clubs**

*Brought to you by Herts Basketball Association and Herts Sports Partnership*  
in association with Herts Police Gangs and Schools Team and The Josh Hanson Trust

Know your facts, spot the signs, what to do if you have concerns and the true impact of knife crime

**Wednesday 27 November 2019 | 7.30pm - 9pm**

**University of Hertfordshire**  
De Havilland Campus, Mosquito Way,  
Hatfield, AL10 9EU

**Book at:** [knifecrimesafeguarding.eventbrite.co.uk](http://knifecrimesafeguarding.eventbrite.co.uk)

