



School Newsletter



KWS Newsletter - Issue 69 - 26.5.23

Heads Up

When the sun comes out, KWS comes out to play or at least stages plays. Let's start with Shrek - over 120 students involved in the production, either in the cast, the orchestra or the production team. It was wonderfully inclusive and quite simply SPECIAL. I don't want to turn this into a typical theatre billboard review full of one word superlatives but it was something to behold, something every student who contributed should be very proud of and something the school supports and acknowledges as a key strength in our extra curriculum offering to support our GCSE and future A Level performing arts students. A TRIUMPH.

We then treated our Year 8 students to an in school performance of Romeo and Juliet. The students watched and participated in another excellent piece imagined by Anthony Glenn. It was brilliant to see so many students up on stage and involved, performing some of Shakespeare's most famous lines. Finally for treading the boards, we had a Spanish play on Tuesday for our languages GCSE Year 9 and 10 students. As it was all in Spanish, it was a test of understanding vocabulary and inference in order to follow the plot. The students did admirably.

I was able to attend our SEN coffee morning last week when the SEN team talked through using a piece of tech we have invested in. The Read and Write software is available to all students on their Chromebooks but it offers specific help to those who struggle to recall definitions and key word

vocabulary, read standard text or write complex sentences. Parents seemed to think it would really help to support children with additional learning needs. The coffee morning also provides an excellent networking opportunity to meet and share parental experiences and chat to our SENCos and SEN team.

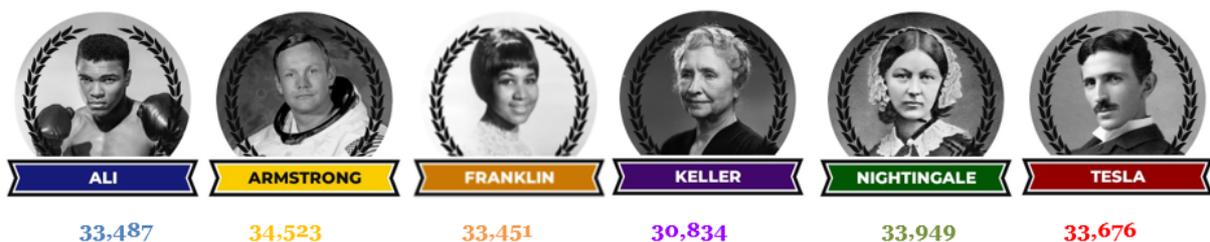
You may have missed a recent report on the BBC earlier this week concerning the significant risks with vapes. Vapes confiscated from students in a UK school were tested and found to have worryingly high levels of lead, nickel and chromium in them. The Kidderminster school is not alone in trying to convey to teenagers the risks involved with vaping. Please read the report, especially if you think your child is susceptible to using illegal vapes. The testing showed children using them could be inhaling more than twice the daily safe amount of lead, and nine times the safe amount of nickel. High levels of lead exposure in children can affect the central nervous system and brain development, according to the World Health Organization.

It was our Year 10 parents evening last night, face to face. It is more challenging to make the appointments run to time but the real human interaction significantly helps communication. The focus was the recent Year 10 mock exams and their reports and I am happy to say that for those students who were willing to put in the time and effort to revise, their results reflect their commitment. As we move into exam season with the rest of our year groups, it is a timely reminder to review and revise work in small chunks, frequently. Our assemblies this week have focused on revision technique and wellbeing. So revision and relaxation in half term would be the order of the day.

Tony Smith
Headteacher

House Points

This weeks house point winner are **Armstrong**. **Congratulations!**



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Trustee News

Like the rest of the KWS community, the Trustees have had a busy half term. In addition to our regular meetings and visits, we have been focusing on short & mid term goals for the school

working with the Senior Leadership Team to reflect on where we are now and to look forward.

There are many exciting plans being put in place to enable school to continue to evolve & thrive. We have enjoyed spending time in school this term getting to know staff and students better and to see the whole school come together for Friday Celebration Assemblies. We thought Shrek was fantastic - such an achievement, well done to all involved!

So, as we break for another bank holiday and the half term week, we would like to say thank you to all staff, students and families for your ongoing support, enthusiasm and hard work. We look forward to seeing you all in June; have a lovely break!

Jenny Howarth - Chair of Trustees

KWS Vacancies

Our current vacancy is:

Caretaker

Please keep an eye on mynewterm and our school website for any information regarding new vacancies.

Katherine Warington Association of Friends (KWAF)

If you would like to get involved and support your school's parents' association, please email kwaf@kwschool.co.uk or look out for updates on **Facebook@kwafkws**. If you haven't already done so, please sign up and follow us!

If you have any requests regarding the KWAF second-hand uniform, please email uniform.kwaf@kwschool.co.uk and not the main KWAF email.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 7th June - Inter-School Debate - Year 8 to Year 10

Friday 9th June - Saturday 9th June - DofE Bronze Expedition

Monday 12th - Friday 16th June - Year 10 Work Experience Week

Monday 12th - Friday 16th June - Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 Exams week

Thursday 15th June - Year 7 to Year 10 - Athletics all day champs at Woodside

Monday 19th June - Year 10 Macbeth Performance

Tuesday 20th June - Year 9 and Year 10 Parents - Initial Sixth Form Information Evening

Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd June - Interhouse Sports

Notices to parents/carers

KS3 - End of Year Exams (Year 7, 8 and 9)

Lost Property

Non KWS Events/Publicity

James Marshall Foundation - Vacancy



JMF
JAMES MARSHALL
FOUNDATION
EST. 1722

Supporting young people for education and career development opportunities

Vacancy for Trustees

James Marshall Foundation (JMF) is a long-established charity that celebrated its 300th Anniversary in 2022. Land and property were bequeathed by a local landowner, James Marshall, in 1722 and our available funding is the income generated from those assets.

We award grants to young people under 25 years who need financial help for education and career development opportunities. Our beneficiaries must live in our catchment area which is Harpenden, Wheathampstead, Kimpton, Redbourn, Flamstead and Markyate.

JMF is a community charity that has considerable local impact. In 2022, we awarded over £300,000 of grant funding, providing over 1,000 grants to help young people.

"I am so very grateful for the tremendous amount of help I've received from JMF. I honestly can't put into words how much this has helped me."

"What an amazing charity! Thank you so much!"

The Foundation is led by a Board of Trustees, all of whom must live in the catchment area of the Foundation. We are looking for up to three new Trustees to join the team, people who can volunteer some of their energy, time and skills to continue this legacy to help young people.

A Trustee Board works best when the Trustees collectively have a broad range of skills and experience. The most important attribute we seek from our Trustees is a strong desire to work with others and contribute towards the help that JMF provides in the local community.

Are you interested? If so, please contact our Foundation Manager, Pauline Whiting, on 01582 760735 or email office@jamesmarshallfoundation.co.uk for more information about this role and how to apply.

Please consider joining our Trustee Board to work in this rewarding role that helps young people in our local community.

Deadline for applications: Monday 26 June 2023 at 9.00am

For further information about James Marshall Foundation CIO, please visit our website www.jamesmarshallfoundation.co.uk

Charity number : 1181004

Cascade Camps

We are very excited to announce that Cascade Camps Multi-Activity Camps will be running their programmes at Katherine Warrington School over the Summer Holidays in 2023.

They are running summer Early Bird Pricing until 28th May! Book early and get 10% off summer bookings with code: SUMMER23

Cascade Camps runs Ofsted registered holiday camps for children aged 3-14 during all school holidays. With Multi-Activity, Performing Arts, Theatre Workshop, Football, Artist's Studio and even the Cascade CUBS (3–4-year-old programme), there is something for everyone! At Cascade Camps, we strive to make camps fun, varied and safe for everyone!

For more information or to book online, visit their website at www.cascadecamps.com or you can give them a call if you'd rather speak to a member of their team 07395 087250.

2023 Dates:

Summer: 24 th July – 25 th August, Monday to Friday

At Cascade Camps, you'll find:

- A programme for everyone! Multi-Activity, Performing Arts, Theatre, Football, Artist Studio and Cascade CUBS (3–4-year-olds). Book the same programme for the whole holiday or try a new one each day!
- Over 80 activities in our Multi-Activity programme!
- The standard camp day is 9:00am to 4:30pm with wrap around care available between

8:00am and 6:00pm.

We accept childcare vouchers and tax-free childcare as full or part payment.

We are Ofsted registered – quality programmes run by qualified, experienced, caring and FUN staff.

Please visit www.cascadecamps.com for full details about all of their programmes or you can call their friendly team on 07395 087250.

Here's to Summer 2023!

Cascade Camps
Adventure - Fun - Friendship
Sports - Multi Activity - Speciality

For Children Aged 3-14 years old

Multi Activity Camps
KATHERINE WARINGTON SCHOOL
Where the FUN never stops!

Performing Arts **Zorbs** **Giant Inflatables**
Swimming **Assault Course** **Football** **Cascade Cubs**
Slip N Slide **Dance** **Theatre Workshop** **Archery Tag**
Multi Activity **SUMMER EARLY BIRD!** **Artists Studio**
Go Karts **10% Discount** **Bushcraft**

Use code: SUMMER23
Valid on all bookings made before 28th May!

Tax Free Childcare & Childcare Vouchers accepted!
Wrap Around Care Options from 8am to 6pm.

www.cascadecamps.com 07395 087250 info@cascadecamps.com

Wheathampstead Sustainability Festival

WHEATHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL **Sustainability Festival 2023**

Help Wheathampstead to reduce its waste. Join us as part of Sustainable St Albans' SUSFEST23. Entry is free and all proceeds go towards sustainable projects within the village.

Share **Repair** **Wear**

- CLOTHES SWAP (MAX 2 ITEMS PER PERSON)
- REPAIR SHOP FOR JEWELLERY, ELECTRICS, CLOTHES AND MORE
- REFILL STATION
- PLANT AND SEED SWAP

SUNDAY 11TH JUNE 11AM - 5PM, MARFORD MEMORIAL HALL, WHEATHAMPSTEAD

Harpenden In Bloom 2023

HARPENDEN IN BLOOM 2023

TALLEST SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Can you grown the tallest
sunflower in Harpenden?

Seeds are available from the
Town Hall - let us know if you
would like to collect some.

This competition, open to 4-11
year olds, is perfect for green
fingered gardeners!
Simply send us a photo of your
entry and tell us how tall it is.



The winners will be presented with a certificate and a special
prize by The Mayor of Harpenden.

The small print...

Sunflowers must be grown in Harpenden; in your own garden,
allotment, a container, school or other group's garden.
Photographs should be submitted with your name, age, school, height
of plant and your adult's name, phone number and email address*.
All entries, and enquiries, should be sent to: Harpenden Town Council,
Town Hall, Leyton Road, Harpenden, AL5 2LX.
Tel: 01582 768278. Email: harpenden.town.council@harpenden.gov.uk
Entries from schools, clubs and groups are welcome.
Information about this and other Harpenden in Bloom competitions
can be found on our website: www.harpenden.gov.uk

Competition
deadline
8th September!

*By entering this competition, you are agreeing that we can keep your name and contact details for the duration of the Harpenden in Bloom competitions. You can read about our adult / children privacy policy on our website: <https://www.harpenden.gov.uk/the-council/key-financial-and-statutory-documents/>



HARPENDEN IN BLOOM 2023

MULTI HEADED SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

How many heads can you
grow on your sunflower?

Seeds are available from
the Town Hall - let us know
if you would like to collect
some.

This competition, open to 4-16 year olds, is perfect for
green fingered gardeners! Simply send us a photo of your
plant growing and tell us how many heads it has.



The winners will be presented with a certificate
and a special prize by The Mayor of Harpenden.

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HARPENDEN TOWN COUNCIL

HARPENDEN IN BLOOM 2023

MAKE A SCARECROW FROM RECYCLED MATERIALS COMPETITION



Can you make a scarecrow out of recycling? Perhaps an old woolly hat on its head and bottle top for a nose? This competition, open to 4-16 year olds, is perfect for creative eco-warriors! Simply send us a photo of your scarecrow so we can see how creative with recycling you are!

The winners will be presented with a certificate and a special prize by The Mayor of Harpenden.

The small print...
Scarecrows can be created out of any materials but must use as many recycled products as possible. Photographs should be submitted with your name, age, school, recycled materials used and your adult's name, phone number and email address. All entries, and enquiries, should be sent to: Harpenden Town Council, Town Hall, Leyton Road, Harpenden, AL5 2LX. Tel: 01582 768278. Email: harpenden.town.council@harpenden.gov.uk Entries from schools, clubs and groups are welcome but children must design and create the scarecrow. Information about this and other Harpenden in Bloom competitions can be found on our website: www.harpenden.gov.uk

Competition deadline 23rd June!

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CREATIVE CONTAINER COMPETITION



Can you grow tulips in your teacups or water lilies in your wellies? This competition, open to 4-16 year olds, is perfect for green fingered creative minds! Simply send us a photo of your plants growing in your unique and creative container.

The winners will be presented with a certificate and a special prize by The Mayor of Harpenden.

The small print...
Planters / containers can be anything you choose and contain any type of growing plant. Photographs should be submitted with your name, age, school and your adult's name, phone number and email address. All entries, and enquiries, should be sent to: Harpenden Town Council, Town Hall, Leyton Road, Harpenden, AL5 2LX. Tel: 01582 768278. Email: harpenden.town.council@harpenden.gov.uk Entries from schools, clubs and groups are welcome. Information about this and other Harpenden in Bloom competitions can be found on our website: www.harpenden.gov.uk

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 **Playing Out** 

**Free Playing Out
Information Sessions**



Make your street a place to play and meet
Tues 13th June 8.00pm or Fri 16th June 10.30am
on Zoom

Book via <https://playingoutstainfo.eventbrite.co.uk>

Find out how to apply to close your street to through traffic for play and community building up to 8 times a year at one of these free, informal sessions with the Playing Out St Albans District team.

www.sustainablestalbans.org/playing-out | playingout@sustainablestalbans.org



St Albans Half Marathon

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**Join in the fun at the St Albans
Half Marathon on 11th June!**



Those looking for a challenge can take on the scenic half marathon, walking half, wheel chair half marathon, 5K or 1.5 mile fun run which takes you on a challenging but rewarding route through the country lanes of St Albans.

To book your **FREE** place, in return for a minimum fundraising commitment of £150 contact:

sally@atsociety.org.uk

Bookings close on the 7 June, so don't delay!
For more info visit our website:
<https://atsociety.org.uk/product/st-albans-half-marathon>

Charity No: 1189528




Whitwell Athletic FC Trials



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• Whitwell Athletic are pleased to open up trials to new players to join our successful teams for the 2023/24 season. Trial dates are below:

• U7's – 6th June 2023 17:30 – 18:30hrs

• U8's – 6th June 2023 17:30 – 18:30hrs

• U9's – 13th June 2023 18:00 – 19:00hrs

• U10's – 13th June 2023 18:00 – 19:00hrs

• U11's – 20th June 2023 18:00 – 19:00hrs

• Please contact Whitwellathleticfc@gmail.com to book your space.



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