



School Newsletter



KWS Newsletter - Issue 84 - 09.02.24

Heads up

I am delighted to be writing to you as the newly appointed Headteacher of Katherine Warrington School. I feel extremely honoured and privileged to have been chosen to continue to develop this fantastic school onto the next stage of its journey. As a parent myself my goal has always been to ensure my children are happy in life and achieve their potential. This is the philosophy I bring to my role as Headteacher. My goal is to ensure all children who attend KWS are happy and provided with all the necessary opportunities to be successful, both socially and academically.

Having been at KWS since 2020, and played a major part in its development, I feel this gives me a great knowledge of what is needed to take KWS forward. We have a hugely committed and talented staff team and, of course, wonderful students. But education is more than just the school. It is a partnership between all stakeholders involved in raising the next generation.

A successful and happy school depends on working together for students to find school a positive and rewarding experience. Through collaboration we can ensure that students demonstrate the three Rs, 'Ready', 'Responsible' and 'Respectful'. Values that we hold central to success. As parents and carers, you make an important contribution to your children's achievements, and I'm excited to build on the relationship between parents and carers and the school, building a whole school community which thrives together.

I am committed to being ambitious for all our students and will continue to ensure high expectations are set and met. I am determined to do the very best for the students at the school and the students will be at the heart of all the decisions that are taken.

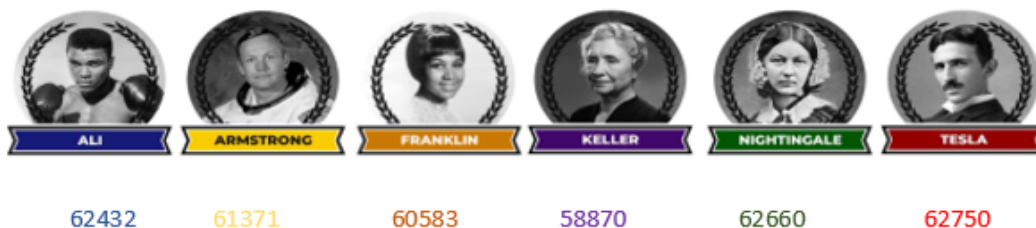
Photos from latest events:

Rothamsted Research visit to KWS



House Points

This week's house point winner are **TESLA** . Congratulations!



Rothamsted Research careers talk

Rothamsted Research visited KWS to talk to the Year 8 students about the work that is undertaken at the research centre. The guest speakers, Susan and Rodrigo, provided an overview of all the fantastic work that is carried out at the centre: How they are trying to tackle issues such as

[Read more](#)

Celebration of Chinese New Year in Mandarin lessons

Students across different year groups have enjoyed a cultural lesson on Chinese New Year this week. We held a lantern-making workshop during lunchtime on Tuesday. 龙年快乐 🇨🇳

[Read more](#)



Safer Internet Day

This week KWS celebrated Safer Internet Day. The theme this year is "change online". Students looked at: Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology Using the internet to make change for the better The changes young people want to see online The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline. ...

[Read more](#)

Lunar New Year celebrations

It has been a busy week at KWS marking the upcoming Lunar New Year. Throughout the week students have been enjoying arts and crafts activities alongside an animated film before enjoying a special lunch menu on Thursday organised by our caterers. As well as making lanterns with Miss Hu and Mrs Kilby, Mrs Chow created some beautiful cut out decorations ...



[Read more](#)

Sports News



There have been lots of positives in PE this week. Our Year 10A netball team had a fantastic 15-9 win against STAGS, with the player of the match identified as Eden A. Great work from our Year 7A netball team on their 7-1 win against STAGS. Some superb passing and interceptions throughout. Sophie K was recognised as the game's most ...

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Sports News (part 2)

[Read more](#)



KWS Vacancies

Head of History - closing date: 9am on Monday 12th February

Head of Chemistry - closing date: 9am on Monday 12th February

Teacher of Sociology (preferably with ability to teach KS3 History) - closing date: 9am on Monday 12th February

Teacher of Science - closing date: 9am on Monday 12th February

Exam Invigilators - closing date: 9am on Monday 26th February

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

Theatre Trip/ Year 10/11 Drama- JCH

SEND Review from the 16th of February to the 23rd of February

Year 11 Core Final Mocks 27th of February

Year 8 Acting Masterclass (P1&P2, P3&P4, P5&P6) JCH- 28th of February

Year 7 Performing Arts London Cultural Day Trip (JBU) - 29th of February

KWAF Year 7 Disco- 1st of March

Year 9 Acting Masterclass- JCH (Year 9Drama/Parts Student am-pm sessions)- 4th of March

Parents Evening- 4th of March

To Parents and Careers:

Date: 25 January 2024

Dear Parent / Guardian

Important: Measles cases are rising in the UK

Measles cases in the UK have been rising since November 2023. While Hertfordshire has seen few cases so far, we are close to London and the West Midlands where there has been a large rise in cases. The UK Health Security Agency has declared the increase in cases of measles a national incident (19 January 2024). There is the potential for cases and outbreaks in Hertfordshire as uptake of the Measles Vaccination (MMR) in the county is lower than recommended.

Measles is a highly infectious viral disease that can have serious and, in rare cases, fatal consequences. Measles spreads quickly from person to person, especially in schools. Spending more than 15 minutes in direct contact with someone infected with measles is sufficient to transmit the virus. A child with measles will infect almost all unprotected children they have contact with.

Measles is spread through coughing and sneezing, close personal contact or direct contact with infected nasal or throat secretions. For more information about measles and the symptoms, see [Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Important

If you think your child has measles, they should not come into school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. Measles can spread to others easily. If your child needs medical treatment, call your GP surgery or A&E Department before you go in. You can also call 111 or get help from 111 online.

If your child is identified as a close contact of a measles case and they are not fully vaccinated, they may be asked to self-isolate for up to 21 days. Children who are close contacts and are fully vaccinated do not need to be excluded from school or childcare. Vaccination can help keep your child in school.




Roblox Programming with LUA Camp

Lua is an easy-to-use coding language for games engines mostly used in Roblox. It is a unique language embedded in Roblox, allowing kids to learn a combination of block and text-based programming to create their own 3D world.

Day/Time: Monday to Friday (2:00pm to 4:00pm) starts on 12th February 2024

Location: Virtual

Age range: 9-16 years

Difficulty: 2 of 5 

£165.00

SOLD OUT



```
answer = input("Do you like coding? (Yes/No)")
if answer == "yes":
    print("I love coding too")
else:
    print("Maybe we could try together")
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Python Coding Camp

Popular hands on Python camp spanning over 5 days with 2 hours daily. Ideal for beginners and intermediate students with lots of practical exercises and challenges.

Day/Time: Monday to Friday (10:00am to 12:00pm) starts on 12th February 2024

Location: Virtual LIVE class

Age range: 8-14 years

Difficulty: 2 of 5 

£165.00



Public Health Nursing 5-19 Team Newsletter

Welcome!

As another term begins, the school nursing team continues to support young people in Hertfordshire Schools.

Ways to contact us:

0300 123 7572 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)

[www.hertsfamilycentres.org/
info-and-advice/parents-and-
mums-to-be/school-nurses.aspx](http://www.hertsfamilycentres.org/info-and-advice/parents-and-mums-to-be/school-nurses.aspx)

Free workshops available for parents and young people to attend, regarding emotional health, & more: <http://ow.ly/U01750KHYQk>

A great website, with information and advice for young people aged 11-19.

www.healthforteens.co.uk



Chat Health

Chat Health is a text messaging service for young people aged 11-19 years that runs between 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday and gives the opportunity to contact a School Nurse for support and advice.

Young people can ask for help and advice on a range of issues such as:

- **Weight and exercise**
- **Healthy eating**
- **Stress and anxiety**
- **Relationships and sexual health**

07480 635050



Immunisations

In secondary school young people are offered vaccinations. Here is some more information on them.

- The **HPV** vaccine reduces your chances of getting **human papillomavirus (HPV)**, a common virus that's spread through skin contact. Most types of HPV are harmless, but some types are linked to an increased risk of certain types of cancer.
- The **MenACWY** vaccine is also routinely offered to teenagers in school Years 9 and 10. The MenACWY vaccine is given by a single injection into the upper arm and protects against 4 strains of the meningococcal bacteria - A, C, W and Y - which cause **meningitis** and blood poisoning (septicaemia).
- The teenage **DTP** booster is given to boost protection against 3 separate diseases: **tetanus**, **diphtheria** and **polio**.

(NHS, 2023)

Sandbox

The Sandbox is an NHS-funded service to support children and young people in Hertfordshire with their mental health and wellbeing.

The Sandbox has games, worksheets, group chats and online events, plus internet enabled Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (iCBT) or 1-to-1 support from professional therapists, based on a triage of the young person's needs. Signing up is easy and doesn't require a referral from a professional.

Visit The Sandbox website [here](#):



Special educational needs

The Hertfordshire local offer has lots of information about services for special educational needs and disabilities, including support with education, finances and other help.

[The Hertfordshire SEND Local Offer](#)

Angels support group support families of children with Autistic Spectrum Condition and /or ADHD [Home - Angels Support Group](#)

ADD-vance aim to support families with children with neurodiversity and to improve their wellbeing & reduce social isolation.

[ADD-vance](#)

Minor Illness in School Aged Children

Common illness can often include coughs and colds. It is ok to attend school with a minor cough if you do not have a temperature. Anything above 37.5 is classified as outside of normal range.

It is important to cough and sneeze into tissues and wash your hands.

Another common illness is diarrhoea and or vomiting. It is important that you are away from school for at least 48 post your last episode of diarrhoea and or vomiting. Yourself and anyone in the household should wash their hands regularly to minimise the risk of spreading the illness.



Remember to monitor fluid intake and try to drink at least 8 cups of water a day.

If you are concerned you can access support from your pharmacy, GP, 111, urgent care centres, A&E and 999 in an emergency.

(NHS, 2023, NICE, 2023).

Our Apprenticeships Guide 2024 is here

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To celebrate the start National Apprenticeship Week, we are launching our brand new Apprenticeships Guide for parents and carers – and **it's free for you to download now**. Our new digital guide is packed full of vital information to help parents guide young people as they decide whether an apprenticeship could be for them.

Sponsored by the **National Audit Office**, the fourth edition of our Apprenticeships Guide contains insider insights from employers, interviews with today's apprentices – and in-depth information about apprenticeship programmes across 17 industries.

[Download for free now](#)

To share this guide with colleagues and parents, simply forward this email or copy and paste this link:
<https://mailchi.mp/successatschool/apprenticeships-guide-launch>

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**Half
Term**
with Fit
and Fed

Monday 19 – Friday 23, 9.30am-1pm

February

Hot, hearty lunch and drinks included

- Who >>** Young people aged between 8-16 years, in receipt of free school meals or from families who are feeling the pinch during the holidays.
- What >>** FREE activity programme full of fun activities, including sport, playground games, healthy eating, arts and crafts and board games.
- Where >>** Isabella House Nursery, Waltham Cross EN8 7PA.

Pre-booking is essential.

Please email community@broxbourne.gov.uk or call 01992 785555 ext. 5309 to reserve your child's place.



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Free information sessions from Sustainable St Albans

More information and booking via our website:

www.sustainablestalbens.org/meet-your-neighbours

- Tuesday 13th February
At the Beech House pub, St Peter's St, St Albans
Street Parties 7pm; Playing Out 8pm
- Friday 1st March
At Bennet's Cafe, Leyton Rd, Harpenden
Street Parties 10am; Playing Out 11am
- Wednesday 6th March
On zoom - Street Parties 7pm; Playing Out 8pm

Or drop in and chat with us

- Find us at the Harpenden Sustainability Market, 17th March from 10am-12noon on the Sustainable St Albans stall



With thanks to:



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Newsletter Reflecting on 2023

Celebrating our 300th Anniversary in 2022 and broadening our reach to support young people living in an additional four neighbouring villages - Kimpton, Redbourn, Flamstead and Markyate - provided significant momentum for 2023.

Expanding our Reach

2023 has seen us further develop our work in the villages, building good working relationships with primary schools, community groups and parish teams to help build awareness of the support JMF can offer eligible families. We thank these organisations for their help in signposting families to us.

Building Our Team

We have also strengthened our Trustee Board and have welcomed new Trustees to join our existing experienced team, under the leadership of our Chair, Keith Andrews.

We welcome the new skills, knowledge and enthusiasm they have brought to the Foundation.



Impacting Our Community

We are delighted to share some of the feedback we have recently received.

"Incredible achievements. Congratulations!"

"I mentioned the name of the charity to one of my colleagues with school-aged children who is very familiar with the Foundation and highly complementary of its work. It sounds like you do fantastic work and I wish you all the best as you continue to grow!"

"James Marshall's memorial stone is now a feature of our history timeline/wall and we talk to the children about his bequest."

"Thank you for all your support – our parents really appreciate the lifeline you provide!"

"Thanks again for your support and the work the Foundation do in the community."

DO YOU NEED FINANCIAL HELP FOR EDUCATION OR CAREER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES?

JMF
JAMES MARSHALL
FOUNDATION
EST. 1722

If so JMF could provide a grant to support you.

To apply you need to:

- Be under 25
- Live in Harpenden, Wheathampstead, Kimpton, Redbourn, Flamstead or Markyate
- Be of limited financial means



What we can fund includes:

- Items related to work/apprenticeships
- Further education courses
- College/University costs
- Extra-curricular activities including sport, music, creative arts
- Scout/Guide camps and DofE expeditions
- Laptops
- Curriculum-related residential school trips
- School uniform

How it works:

- Online application to make applying quick and easy
- Grants are a significant contribution towards eligible items/activities
- Grants are only awarded towards future costs

For more information and to make an application visit our website:

www.jamesmarshallfoundation.co.uk

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HARPENDEN 6-A-SIDE LEAGUE

KWS 3G PITCH

VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

18:45 KO

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40 MINUTE GAMES



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