



# School Newsletter



## **KWS Newsletter - Issue 85 - 8.3.24**

### **Heads up**

What a fortnight it has been. Four Ofsted inspectors visited the school last week to conduct our first ever Ofsted inspection. All new schools are usually visited within the first three years of operation. However, the pandemic meant a delay to inspections and so we have been waiting and expecting them to arrive for some time! It was a pleasure to be able to show the amazing work that has gone into creating our wonderful school. I'd like to thank all of you for the role you played in our Ofsted inspection too. The Ofsted inspectors were incredibly impressed by the level of response to the Parent View questionnaires and took the time to read to us some of the extremely positive comments that you made. A large number of parents also contacted me directly to wish us well and provided words of support, encouragement and praise. Your kindness is very much appreciated.

I also want to pay tribute to the students. They really shone over the inspection days, as they do every day. They worked hard to show the inspectors how much they enjoy being at school. I have never been prouder of a cohort of students for the way they conducted themselves across the inspection, whether in lessons, at break and lunchtime (even when it was raining very hard!) and in the numerous student panel interviews throughout the process.

Finally, I want to pay tribute to our magnificent staff. The support staff and teaching staff at KWS go above and beyond all year round, to ensure our students are educated in a safe and happy environment. I was delighted by the feedback from Ofsted that this was so highly visible. Official Ofsted protocols mean that I am not allowed to share the outcome until the report has been written, moderated and published as it still could change. We will share the report with all the

community when it has been verified.

This week has seen the beginning of our House Charity fortnight to support raising funds for our chosen charities, The OLLIE Foundation and Cancer Research UK. Each House has contributed activities, from guess the mini-eggs in a jar to The Great KWS Bake-Off. And with that in mind I need to go prepare myself for today's charity event of Dunk the Teacher!

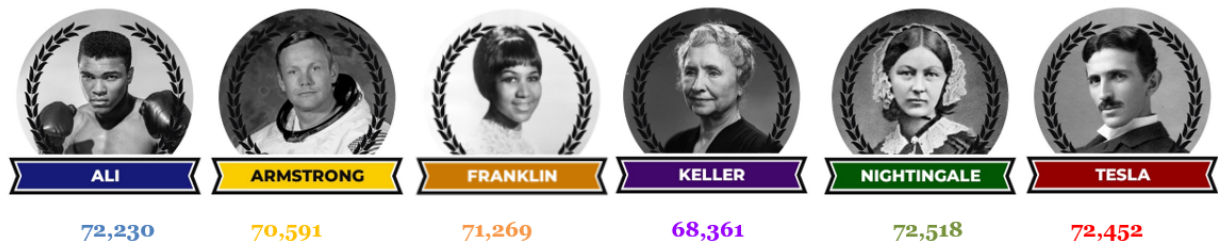
Have a great weekend.

**David Martin**  
**Headteacher**

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## House Points

This weeks house point winners are **Nightingale**. **Congratulations!**



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The poster features the Sustrans logo at the top, with 'BIG WALK AND WHEEL' in large, colorful, stylized letters. Below the title is the date '20-31 March 2023'. The central text reads: 'Discover how you can change your world by changing your journey'. Below this are three bullet points: 'Be active and feel more energised', 'Help the environment by replacing a car journey', and 'Help your school win some fantastic prizes'. A question asks: 'Are you taking part in the UK's biggest walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling to school competition?'. The website 'www.BigWalkAndWheel.org.uk' is listed. The headline sponsor is SCHWALBE. The Sustrans logo 'JOIN THE MOVEMENT' is at the bottom right. The background is light blue with various icons representing walking, cycling, scooting, and environmental themes.

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**BIG WALK AND WHEEL**  
20-31 March 2023

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## KWS Students Triumph in Tech Tournament

We were proud to host the annual Rotary Technology Tournament this week, with twelve of our Year 10 Design & Technology students competing against over 100 students from local secondary schools, in a one-day engineering challenge. This year's challenge was one of the most technical yet with a brief to build a vehicle capable of travelling on a cable across ...



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## Jason Tarry (CEO Tesco) visit





On the 2nd of February, the year 10's were given the opportunity to get a Q&A from Jason Tarry, the CEO of Tesco for the UK, since 2017. Myself, Oscar Y and Sam J were given the chance to interview Mr Tarry and ask him questions to understand more about his job and how he was able to get to ...

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## WORLD BOOK DAY 2024

World Book Day took place on 7th March and provides a fantastic opportunity to focus on reading for pleasure, support children's autonomy in book choice, and celebrate the many benefits that reading brings. Every child in full-time education in the UK and the Republic of Ireland is provided with a voucher to spend on books; vouchers are valid between 15th ...

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## Maths in Action 2024



Last Friday, a group of year 10 students travelled to London to watch an interactive maths show hosted by Maths in Action. The purpose of the event was to enhance mathematical understanding, improve problem solving skills and, above all, to raise awareness of the maths that is all around us. Students enjoyed presentations on a variety of topics ranging from ...

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## Library Update



World Book Day celebrations In the library we celebrated World Book Day with a display of the free books available to students with their Book tokens. These were emailed to students or they can visit the library to pick up a Token. There are many great books to choose from, pop by the library to see them or go to ...

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## Year 7 Maths Challenge

Well done to eight of our KWS mathematicians who competed in the Herts for Learning Team Maths Challenge last week (28th February). There were over 30 teams competing and we placed a respectable 22nd and 26th. Congratulations to the following students for all of your effort and enthusiasm; Lucy H, Corin N, Emma M, Matilda S, Elliott G, Lucas W, ...

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## Centre of Computing History Visit.



On Wednesday 14th February, year 9 Computing and IT students had the opportunity to visit The Centre of Computing History located in Cambridge. The day was packed with enriching activities. Students had the opportunity to look at the development of games. They attended a workshop on the development of Robots and the uses of Robots throughout history. Students interacted with ...

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## Trustee News

Some of the trustees had the pleasure of attending the Spring concert just before the half-term break.

It was a lovely evening featuring performances from the choir, soloists and instrumentals by students at various stages of their musical journeys.

From the newly formed year 7 band to GCSE musicians with social media followings, each student displayed commendable confidence and skill on stage.

The concert showcased the diversity of talent within our school community and provided an enjoyable opportunity for everyone to appreciate the school and students' dedication to music and

performance.

Thanks to the KWPA staff for organising.

## **KWS Vacancies**

Here are our current vacancies:

Assistant Headteacher - Data and Assessment (closing date: Monday 15th April)

School Trips Coordinator (closing date: 9am on Monday 18th March)

Head of Business and Economics (closing date: 9am on Monday 11th March)

Head of Maths - Parental Leave Cover (closing date: 9am on Monday 11th March)

Teacher of Design & Technology: closing date: 9am on Monday 11th March)

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:uniform.kwaf@kwschool.co.uk)** and not the main KWAF email.

## **Upcoming Events**

Monday 11th March to Friday 15th March - Inter house Charity fortnight

Monday 11th March - Year 10 Geography Field trip

Tuesday 12th March - Year 8 - 11 Theatre Trip

Thursday 14th March - Year 9 Reports Issued

Monday 18th March to Thursday 21st March - Year 8 Options Selection

Tuesday 19th March - Year 8 Romeo and Juliet Performance

Wednesday 20th March - Year 9 Parents Evening (4.30 pm - 7.30pm)

Tuesday 26th March - Harpenden Spring Music Concert (6pm - 10pm)

Wednesday 27th March - Year 11 Reports Issued

Thursday 28th March - Early finish for Easter Holiday (12.05pm)

Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April - Easter Holidays

## **Notices**

Year 10 Mock exams

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## **Non KWS Events/Publicity**

Parent and Carer Support

**Parent & Carer Support**  
**TALKING ASD & ADHD**  
**Workshops Spring Term 2024**



Workshops are FREE to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire of children aged 2-25yrs with suspected or diagnosed Autistic Spectrum Disorder and/or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

← Eventbrite Page

**ANXIETY and STRESS**



- The difference between stress and anxiety.
- Understanding anxiety related conditions amongst young people with ASD and/or ADHD.
- How to spot the non-verbal signs of stress.
- Common triggers amongst neurodiverse children.
- What an anxious child needs to feel safe and how to provide this.
- Strategies to engage an anxious or stressed child.
- The early signs of mental health problems.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 9.30-11.15am

Workshop SL641 Pre-book via Eventbrite:  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-adhd-stress-anxiety-641-for-parents-carers-in-herts-registration-83484562473?>

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 7.30-9.15pm

Workshop SL640 Pre-book via Eventbrite:  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-adhd-anxiety-stress-640-for-parents-carers-in-herts-registration-831918585615?>

**RESPONDING to ANGER**



- The difference between healthy & unhealthy anger.
- The pattern that anger takes and how to spot the non-verbal signs early.
- Our own and our children's triggers.
- Techniques that stop angry and aggressive behaviour escalating and when to use them.
- How to respond to our child in meltdown, keeping ourselves, our child and siblings safe.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 9.30-11.15am

Workshop SL639 Pre-book via Eventbrite:  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-adhd-responding-to-anger-639-for-parents-carers-in-herts-registration-829024844627?>

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 7.30-9.15pm

Workshop SL642 Pre-book via Eventbrite:  
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**SCHOOL AVOIDANCE**



- What is Emotionally Based School Avoidance and is this what your child is experiencing?
- Common causes and triggers of school avoidance.
- How EBSA is affecting you and your family.
- Practical steps you can take to support your child.
- How to work with your school in your child's best interests.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 9.30-11.15am

Workshop SL644 Pre-book via Eventbrite:  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-adhd-school-avoidance-644-for-parents-carers-in-herts-registration-835261949977?>

**COPING with CHANGE**



- How children feel and behave when experiencing change or transition.
- Preparing children for changes such as starting a new school.
- Supporting children during and after change, helping them to manage their emotions using effective stress reducing strategies.
- How children learn from new experiences and what to expect.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 9.30-11.15am

Workshop SL643 Pre-book via Eventbrite:  
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Easter Holiday Camps

# Easter 2024

## HOLIDAY CAMPS

### Multi Sports Camps

**Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council**  
 Hatfield Oak View Primary HAF Available

**Woolmer Green Parish Council**  
 Woolmer Green St Michaels Primary School

**Hertfordshire County Council**  
 Welwyn Applecroft Primary School

**Camp Starts at 9am**  
Drop Off From 8:30am

**5-12 Year Olds to 3pm**  
£25 Per Day

**4 Year Olds to 1pm**  
£19.50 Per Day

**Over 200**  
Google Reviews

**Ofsted**  
Registered

**HOW TO SAVE**

**FREE HAF**  
Spaces Available

**Tax Free**  
**Childcare**  
& Childcare Vouchers

**Discounts**  
20% Additional HAF Discount  
10% Subscriber Discount  
Multi-Day Discounts

[u-sports.co.uk/welwyn-holiday-camps](http://u-sports.co.uk/welwyn-holiday-camps)





The poster features a logo for 'THE OLLIE FOUNDATION' with the tagline 'ONE LIFE LOST IS ENOUGH' in a red banner. The main title 'ENRICH' is in large green letters, and 'GROWING WITH PRIDE' is in red. A yellow box contains text about a supported, nature-based weekly group for LGBTQIA+/gender non-conforming and neurodiverse 13-16 year olds local to St Albans. Another yellow box lists the meeting time as 'TUESDAYS, 4:15-5:15' and 'FREE'. A central illustration shows a rainbow flag on a pole next to several potted plants (tomatoes, basil, herbs, and chili peppers) on a wooden shelf. Below the shelf, the meeting location is listed: 'MEETING AT: Marshalswick Family Centre, Sherwood Park, St Albans AL4 9QL'. A yellow box at the bottom contains a call to action: 'Click here to book your free place today' with a link and 'or email katie@theolliefoundation.org for more information.' The footer includes the website 'theolliefoundation.org' and the 'Registered Charity Number: 1167116'.

**THE OLLIE FOUNDATION**  
ONE LIFE LOST IS ENOUGH

# ENRICH

## GROWING WITH PRIDE

A supported, nature-based weekly group for LGBTQIA+/gender non-conforming and neurodiverse 13-16 year olds local to St Albans.

**TUESDAYS, 4:15-5:15**  
**FREE**

Are you interested in meeting new friends, getting in touch with nature & learning how to grow food in a sustainable way?

We provide a safe space within St Albans for weekly meet-ups that will introduce you to the world of horticulture!

**MEETING AT:**  
**Marshalswick Family Centre**  
**Sherwood Park,**  
**St Albans AL4 9QL**

[Click here to book your free place today.](#)  
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Join our programme of **FREE** online webinars designed especially for parents and supporters.

We recognise that parents, guardians, carers, and relatives can all play a vital role in choosing and applying for university. Join us for our **online webinars** designed to provide a range of information to **assist in the process of progressing to university**.

- Degree Apprenticeships (17th April 2024)
- Supporting an Application to University (22nd May 2024)
- Applying to the University of Exeter (25th September 2024)
- Thinking of Exeter Q&A (16th October 2024)

The sessions will give a broad overview of **making an application**, **researching courses** and **student finance**, with links to specific information for parents and those supporting an applicant. Sessions are led by our Schools and Colleges Team, often joined by current students, with the opportunity to ask questions and find out more.

Visit our **parents and supporters' site** for further advice and support



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