

Welcome to the final copy of Snippets for the **Spring term**, and what a busy term it has been! The KCF Committee would like to thank both parents and staff for all their support, with your help we have raised over £2,400 this term alone.

Where has the money been spent?

Recently the funds have been spent on sports kits for the boys playing in team matches, with sports kits for the girls on order. More playground equipment including soft balls and hoops has also been ordered in time for use next term, as well as a Maypole! In addition to this, KCF has contributed £5,500 to the new Kew College website for design and coding of a pupils' area! Also the school has suggested that some method of screening off areas of the Sedum is necessary to hide school items when concerts and plays are taking place. To this end KCF are funding tracks and curtaining to aid sectioning off unnecessary areas during performances and classes.

Cake sale

Last week KCF organised their most successful cake sale to date raising over £360.00. As usual an astonishing array of cakes and biscuits were supplied by the great bakers of west London to whom we are extremely grateful; the cakes looked beautiful and sold out within half an hour. Thank you to everyone who so generously supplied us with delicious fare, to our stalwart bakers who produced more than one cake, and to the nursery mums whose unexpected additions were very gratefully received.

Uniform sale

The uniform sale ran at the same time as the cake sale and yet again was a tremendous success. Samantha and her team of helpers raised over £589.00. Thank you to all contributors and buyers. Remember you will receive 50% of the sale value of a blazer, so if you need a larger size don't forget to drop your old one off at the school office prior to your next purchase. Please attach your name and phone number to the blazer.

NOTE: The next uniform sale will be on **Friday 15 May at 2pm**. If you are having a clear out over Easter please send in good quality used uniform to Samantha Austyn via the school office.

Diary Dates

Thurs 7 May - Class Reps meeting in school hall
Fri 15 May - Second Hand Uniform Sale
Sat 13 June, 11:30 - 2pm Summer Fair

Summer Fair

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Our Summer fair is the most popular event of the entire school year and the most anticipated. This year the summer fair team is looking at some different ideas to help make this the best fair ever; some of the old favourites like Sponge Throwing and Beat the Goalie will still be very much in evidence but we hope to include some new attractions too. Watch this space for further details and put the date in your diary!

Next term a letter will be sent to all parents outlining the kind of donations we will need for our stalls. In the meantime, if you are having a spring clean this Easter, please bear in mind that we will need good second hand books, DVDs and videos (suitable for children of school age, not adults or babies!) and small items for the pint pot tombola (things like lego, football cards, felt tip pens, small new soft toys or anything that might appeal to a child and which can fit into a plastic pint pot). This year the Tombola stall is for children only, so we will need unused games and unwanted gifts suitable for children not adults.

Your class rep. will let you know which stall your class is running. KCF members are on hand for any questions you may have concerning your stall, be it set-up or content. There will be a Reps coffee morning on 7 May to discuss the Fair and answer any questions.

BBQ As in previous years Helen Hawkes and her team, the Barbeque Boys will again be cooking up a storm at lunch time providing organic sausages and burgers for sale.

PIMMS Back by popular demand, the Pimms stall is also making an appearance once again. Many parents found that this particular stall helped to while away the afternoon to their satisfaction.

NB we generally use tokens rather than cash on the day. These will be on sale prior to the Fair and during the Fair itself. Some stalls and attractions may take cash only, details to follow.

QUIZ NIGHT by Candlelight



Q: What do Bill Neely and Jeremy Paxman have in common?

A: Nothing... Bill Neely runs a tight ship and, unlike Paxman, was able to keep control of 120 excitable parents (let alone 8) so that the Kew College Quiz Night passed off smoothly with no appeals against the final scores! Bill's slightly stern demeanour (he'd heard about Paxo's problems) hid a razor mind, and on one occasion he was even able to pass on an answer or two to the distressed table near him who had just scored 0 on their joker; a man of compassion as well as intelligence.

With 1/3 more participants than usual, both The Garden Fish Bar & Majestic Wine were kept busy all night whetting the whistles of the keen West London teams who were battling for intellectual supremacy. The fabulous chocolate brownies and keen bar services of Marel and John Blunden helped encourage people to more and more outrageous answers which were awarded consolation points by the omnipotent Bill.

Graphics and musical excerpts were provided by Steve Gallagher who kindly lent his time and expertise yet again to help KCF nail another top night out. Thank you Steve, KCF really appreciates your help! Many thanks also to those who helped make the Barn Church look so lovely on the night, to the exacting Quiz masters who spent many hours studying trivia to bring us such a great quiz and for those who spent hours spraying Febreze all over the church in the hope of killing the smell of fish and chips....to them we say, every little helps!

Cookbook

This term, an exciting new initiative has been launched, The Kew College Cookbook. We hope that all children and even some parents and staff will contribute either recipes, "foody" pictures or jokes to fill the pages. We aim to have the book ready for purchase by the Summer Fair. The sections are **soups, starters and savoury nibbles, main courses, puddings, cakes bakes and treats**. Please send in full recipes complete with measurements and please don't infringe copyright (you can include some small food addition of your own to prevent this). If you can let us know why this is your favourite family recipe, that would be great. If we receive the same recipes several times we will randomly choose one. Your child can also include a food illustration on A4 in pen, pencil or paint (no glitter) we may be able to include this also. The aim is to have every child make a contribution in some way, so jokes, good cooking tips, pictures as well as recipes should be sent to Lynette Morey at kewcook@hotmail.co.uk.

To keep costs down we are asking local businesses for sponsorship, if you would like to advertise in The Kew College Cookbook please send your details to alijanepalmer@hotmail.com.

KCF Committee

At the end of next term KCF are losing some of the committee whose children are either leaving Kew College for secondary schools or moving abroad. If you are interested in joining our successful and fun team please contact Ali Palmer. Remember - your school needs you!

ADS

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SWIMMING LESSONS - Laura Sevenus Swimming Tuition is a Kensington based swimming school who have just acquired another pool in Chiswick (Stamford Brook). In this private facility, we offer group and private classes for adults and children of all ages. Our babies are taught basic water skills while our toddlers are taught 'how to swim'. Our children are taught the four strokes and our older children go on to perfect these strokes in our mini training groups. The pool is heated to 32 degrees and the water is saline. The swimming school is attended by many Kew College children. For more information, contact Kirsten Sevenus on 0208 834 7442.

PILATES in your own home - Pilates targets deep postural muscles rebalancing the body achieving the perfect balance between strength and flexibility for 1:1 or small group classes. Contact Laeony on 07773 420 639 or pilates@laeony.co.uk

PERSONAL TRAINING - Steve Haddleton is an advanced registered personal trainer with the Register of Exercise Professionals. He is a strong motivator and communicator who takes time and care with his clients' fitness. He currently works with a number of Kew College parents and is highly recommended. To find out more contact Steve on 07967 644847 or steve@bodybusinesspt.com

SECRET OF THE STARS Galvanic Spa and AgeLoc - now available in London: be one of the first to experience the amazing effects of the hand held **Galvanic Spa system and AgeLoc** just launched in January 2009: energise, revive and invigorate your skin for a younger, more radiant complexion. No more costly visits to the spa, just 10 minutes per week at home can show wonderful results on your face, also acts effectively on body and to reinvigorate the scalp - 40% of users are men! Same price range as an Ipod. For more information look at www.lookyoungersecrets.com with secret ID 42660568 or contact Marion Couffon 07768 256556 or Alexandra Kruse 07973 388556.

PARTY CAKES - Celebration Birthday and dinner party cakes by a Kew College Mum. Many designs to choose from or a custom design especially for you. Please contact Lynette Morey from January onwards on 07740 645 329 or moreysabroad@aol.com .

CROUCHING TIGER KARATE - Karate classes taught by Sensei Ben Pethick at St. Luke's House, 270 Sandycombe Road, Kew
Tiger Cubs Karate (3-6 years) Weds 4:00-4:30pm; **Crouching Tiger Shotokan Karate** (6 years+) Weds 4:45-5:45pm.
Free Trial Class. Join at any time. For all enquiries contact Sensei Ben tel 020 8332 1709 or mobile 07734 655057
Email ben@crouchingtigerkarate.co.uk website. www.crouchingtigerkarate.co.uk

CHILDCARE - Our ex-nanny is looking for a job for around 22 hrs/week (preferably spread over a maximum of 3 days). She has loads of experience, is local, kind, flexible, reliable and comes highly recommended. Please call Nicola on 07803 032468 for more details.

Chernobyl Children's Lifeline is a charity that was set up to help the children of Belarus after the nuclear explosion in the Ukraine. Although this happened over 20 years ago, the effects are still felt by the families close to the exclusion zone, and will continue for decades to come. Bringing these children over for a month helps to improve their immune system and increase their life expectancy by up to two years, as well as giving them a chance to be children for a short period in their lives. It is the most incredibly rewarding of experiences for both the children and the host families - my family has hosted for 2 years running. For more details, call Ros on 07973 211488 or see www.ccll.org.uk

Kew Young Musicians holds classes on Saturday mornings from 9am to 12 noon in the Queen's School. Tuition is offered on drums, bass & electric guitar, classical guitar, saxophone, clarinet, flute, recorder, singing & any brass instrument. KYM is for children from 5 to 18. Most classes are shared and fees are charges according to the number in the class: solo £14; duos £7; trios £6; quartets £5 and groups £4 - per ½hr lesson (per child). KYM is a volunteer-run, not-for-profit organisation. Contact Rowena Fuller on 8401 6950 or kewyoungmusicians@googlemail.com.

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