

# KEW NEWS

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With this week's news you will receive the following information:

- **Year 2 Outing to the National Gallery Permission Slip**
- **Dates for your diaries**

FEBRUARY		
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	<b>Year 3 and 4 Rugby v Eridge House A Team</b>	Away at Hurlington Sports Ground 1.45pm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Year 5 Rugby v St James's 5 aside A Team</b>	Away at Barn Elms 2.00pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Year 4 Cake Sale</b>	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Year 2 visit to the National Gallery</b>	9.45am
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Year 4 Netball v St James's A and B Teams</b>	Away at Barn Elms 2.00pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Year 3 visit the National Gallery</b>	10.00am
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Year 5 Cake Sale</b>	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February inclusive	<b>HALF TERM</b>	

Dear Parents,

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February we will be holding a special assembly to mark the end of Kew College's highly successful fund-raising efforts for Sport Aid. As you know, the Kew College Friends have worked extremely hard over the last year organising events and activities to raise money for this excellent cause. On Monday the school will hand over a cheque for £10,000 made out to Sport Relief to Peter Salmon and Ore Oduba (from BBC Newsround). This impressive amount is the result of all your efforts and generosity throughout the year. Thank you for helping to make this such a successful campaign, and thank you particularly to Ali Palmer and her indefatigable team, who have worked so hard to achieve this.

The time has now come for the school to choose a new charity to support. As a new venture, we would like the children to be more directly involved in selecting (and later raising money for) the new charity. After half-term all the children in Years 3 to 6 will have the opportunity, in special house meetings, to suggest a charity for the school to support. The houses will take a vote on which charity they wish to put forward, then a whole-school assembly will be held at which each house will make a formal presentation about their chosen organisation. The school will then vote for the new Kew College charity. The process will be explained to the children in assembly on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. In the meantime, if you or your child have a particular charity that you would like to put forward for consideration, you might like to collect some information or leaflets about it to use at the house meetings.

A very real and present need, of course, is aid for the victims of the Haiti earthquake. Oscar in Year 2 has suggested that we hold a mufti day to raise money for them (good idea, Oscar!) and so on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February the children may come to school dressed in the colours of the flag of Haiti (they might enjoy doing a bit of research to find out what these are!) in return for bringing in at least £1 as a donation. We are hoping that many of you will feel moved to donate rather more on this occasion. Thank you.

**Anne Dobell**

### **Absence notes**

Please note that to keep our documentation up to date we still need a written note from you if your child is going to be, or has been, absent from school, even if you have informed us of this verbally.

### **Infant Open Mornings**

Parents of children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are cordially invited in to their classrooms on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February from 8.25 to 8.40. To avoid congestion, please could parents of children numbers 1 to 10 in the register come on Thursday and the remainder on Friday. Please consult with the form teacher if you are not sure!

### **Parking**

Unfortunately we have had further complaints from our neighbours about inconsiderate parking and blocking driveways. This makes us, understandably, very unpopular and so I would ask you again to allow the extra time when collecting your children to park in appropriate spaces.

### **Clothing**

The weather is still unpredictable and we have had some extremely cold sessions on the playing field recently. Please could you make sure that your children come to school equipped with hats, gloves and warm clothing on days when they need to spend time out of doors. They often do not think of this for themselves and are shocked when they realise just how cold it is on the field. It is a pity to have to cut sessions short because the children are not properly equipped.

### **Year 2**

Could you please provide black slip-on plimsolls for dance lessons. They can be kept at school in a named plimsoll bag. Thank you

### **Mr Schmidt's assembly**

On Wednesday Mr Schmidt took assembly lying down! From the comfort of a folding bed, he explained how our bodies and minds need sleep to remain healthy. We learned some surprising facts about the amount of time that different animals spend sleeping each day (the cobra won) and about different sleeping positions and what they say about us. We were also reminded about how bad we feel if we go to bed too late. Thank you, Mr Schmidt, for an invigorating start to the day!

## **YEAR 2 OUTING TO THE BUDDHIST TEMPLE IN WIMBLEDON**

Today Year 2 went to a Buddhist Temple. We had to take our shoes off before going inside the Temple.

The Temple was very big. Monk Sangthong first showed us around. Then he blessed us by chanting a prayer.

Then he took us to the real big bit of the Temple. He talked to us about the Buddha and let us ask questions.

Then we went to get chocolate biscuits. We got to choose a drink. I had a chocolate drink.

Then we went back to the coach.

### **Isobel 2M**

When I woke up I was jumping for joy because today was the day that I was going to the Buddhist Temple. When we got there we went to the monks home, we all had to take our shoes off.

The shrine was lovely and beautiful. Monk Sangthong, who was the monk who showed us around, did some chanting to us in a different language, he said this to hope that we did not have any troubles and to help us know how to deal with any we did have.

When we went to the main temple there was a giant shrine and paintings that took 4 years to paint! There was one which had eyes which were like the devil's, and another one which was of hell, earth and heaven.

### **Oscar 2K**

### **Kindergarten Blue's assembly on Rules**

On Tuesday morning Kindergarten Blue gave us a wonderful assembly about rules and why we need them. The children had thought up some very sensible rules of their own. They stood up and spoke confidently, showing all the Infant House the beautiful drawings they had done. Well done, Kindergarten Blue!

## **Debating Club**

The motion this week was 'This house would rather be good-looking than rich'. After some initial points suggesting that being both rich AND good-looking might be the perfect combination, thoughts put forward included:

- If you have money you have greater freedom and capacity to do good in the world

- Being good-looking is a gift from God which should be cherished

- Good-looking people always get the job offer

- Sometimes good-looking people don't get the job because they are TOO good-looking!

- You could be very rich but still unhappy

- Sometimes very good-looking people are lonely because others don't dare approach them.

Once everyone had put forward their opinions a vote was taken and the motion was defeated. We would rather be rich than good-looking!

The motion for next week is 'This house believes that TV is bad for you'. I am looking forward to some strong points of view on both sides!.