

KEW NEWS

No. 15 Friday 5th February 2010

With this newsletter

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- KCF Quiz Night, Application Form for tickets
- Year 3 National Gallery Outing Permission Slip

Monday 8 th February	Year 2 visit to the National Gallery	9.45am
Tuesday 9 th February	Year 4 Netball v St James's A and B Teams	Away at Barn Elms 2.00pm
Wednesday 10 th February	Year 3 visit the National Gallery	10.00am
Friday 12 th February	Year 5 Cake Sale	
	Mufti Day in aid of Haiti Earthquake Appeal. Children to come dressed in the colours of the Haitian Flag (Blue and Red) and to bring no less than a £1	
Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February inclusive	HALF TERM	
Tuesday 23 rd February	Year 4 and 5 Rugby v Kew Green Prep C Team	Away 2.00pm
Thursday 25 th February	Year 6 Netball Tournament v St James's	Away at Barn Elms 2.00pm
Friday 26 th February	Hamilton Spry Day	Founders Day, School Closed

We started the week with a truly inspiring assembly given by Peter Salmon, Kew College parent and the force behind Sport Relief, and Ore Oduba from BBC Newsround. They came to remind us about what Sport Relief represents and what a difference the money raised by this charity can make to people's lives both abroad and in this country. We saw video clips showing the lives of children in circumstances very different from our own and were also entertained with a sport-themed quiz. Finally a cheque for £10,000 was handed over. Thank you all so much, and in particular the Kew College Friends, for your wonderful efforts.

Wednesday morning started with a swing as piano teacher James Hayes and trumpet teacher Dominic Cotton introduced the Junior House to some very cool jazz. The whole room was swaying and the children particularly enjoyed hearing the 'quacking duck' mute on the trumpet in action. After half term James will be starting a 'Jazz Cats' club for anyone interested in experimenting with this kind of music, so we hope that as many children as possible will come along and give it a try! Please see the leaflet attached to this newsletter.

On Thursday and Friday parents of the Infants came in to see their children's classrooms. The place was buzzing with excited children showing off their work and explaining how it was done. Thank you to the Infant teachers for organising this.

Next week Year 6 will be going on their traditional outing to the Pizza Express to celebrate the end of their exams - a well-earned treat to reward them for all their hard work. Well done, Year 6!

Anne Dobell

Debating Club

This week's motion, 'This house believes that TV is bad for you', was defeated by 14 votes to 5, after some excellent presentations followed by lively discussion, expertly chaired this week by Anna Lilley. Points made included:

- TV has a negative effect on your health and intelligence.
- It discourages using your imagination.
- All the happy endings you see give you unrealistic expectations about life.
- It encourages violence.
- It can be very educational.
- We know about the disaster in Haiti and are able to help because of the TV coverage.
- Programmes like 'The X Factor' can inspire you.
- It can bring people together in discussing their favourite programmes.

Next week's motion is 'This house believes that women should not be allowed to fight in the army'. I am looking forward to hearing the arguments on both sides for this controversial topic.

Absence from school

As half-term approaches I find myself dealing with quite a few requests to take children out of school early, or return late. The children's education suffers if they miss school and so I would ask you to bear this mind when booking future holidays.

Mufti Day

On Friday 12th February please come dressed in the colours of the Haitian Flag (Red and Blue) and donations of at least a £1 will be sent to the Earthquake Fund.

SPORTS REPORTS

On 4th February Year 5 rugby team played St James's. They had beaten us once before but we were feeling confident and excited. Mr Macrae took the pre match team talk and told us to be brave and tackle hard. The whistle blew and St James quickly scored their first try. We had the ball, Frank Page screamed down the wing and scored our first try of the match. A few minutes later Frank was involved again to set Oliver up for another well worked try 2 - 2. Unluckily the final score was 7-5 to St James's. Overall we thought we played well and had improved a great deal as a team. Well done everybody.

Joshua 5M

Mr Schmidt's assembly

This morning Mr Schmidt had no less than TEN embarrassing moments in assembly! He fell over, cried for his mummy, split his trousers and Mr Macrae discovered and told everyone that his middle name was Lothar! However, Mr Schmidt was very brave and explained that if you feel embarrassed you should

- Smile and laugh it off
- Go somewhere safe and think about why the embarrassing moment happened
- Make a change to prevent it from happening again!

We are all taking this advice very seriously.

On 2nd February 2010 Year 4 played a rugby match away to Eridge House School. It was a terrific match but once again Kew College were the better side. We played well as a team and should be proud of ourselves. In both attack and defence we outplayed the opposition. Overall the final score was 10 - 4 in the three rugby matches we have played this term we have had great success drawing one and winning two.

Sebby 4M