

KEW NEWS

With this newsletter

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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
Wednesday 24 th February	Jazz Cats Club Begins	3.30–4.15pm
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
	MARCH	
Tuesday 2 nd March	Year 1 to visit the Barbican (Mother Goose)	11.00am
Wednesday 3 rd March	Year 4 to visit the National Gallery	10.00am
Thursday 4 th March	Swimming Gala – Richmond Schools Years 3 – 6	6.00pm
	Year 2 Football Girls and Boys	Away Rocks Lane at 1.45pm
	Years 3 – 6 Swimming Gala at Pools on the Park	Time TBC
	KCF Quiz Night at the Barn Church, Atwood Avenue	7.30pm
Friday 5 th March	Year 6 Cake Sale	
	KCF Second hand Uniform Sale	2.30pm front of school

Dear Parents,

There seems to be a definite touch of spring in the air in between the snow flurries and I know we are all looking forward to half term. The second half of this term is very short and action-packed, so it is important that the children are not taken out of school other than in exceptional circumstances, to ensure that they do not miss out on their schooling. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

The children of Year 6 are to be congratulated on acting as the perfect ambassadors for the school this week, when they hosted an Open Morning for prospective parents. They sang beautifully and demonstrated excellent skills as tour guides, showing parents round the school and answering all their questions. We received numerous compliments about their confidence, good manners and positive attitude. Well done and thank you, Year 6! Later that day they went to the Pizza Express with Mrs Harrison, Mr Schmidt, Miss Sarah and Miss Sara to celebrate the end of their exams, returning to school full of excitement. It appears that the noise level at the restaurant dropped considerably after they left!

I wish you all a happy and relaxing half-term break.

Anne Dobell

Games and swimming

A reminder that if children are unwell and unable to take part in games afternoons they should be collected from school at the time when the other children leave for the playing field. Similarly, if they are unable to swim they should be brought to school in time for their first lesson of the day. This is because staff have other duties and are unable to supervise the children correctly on these occasions.

Kew College Knowledge

We hope you enjoy the latest edition of 'The Knowledge', which you will receive today with 'Kew News' and which will also be posted on our website in glorious technicolour.

Message from Music department Concerts

Years One and Two - Monday, 15th March at 4 pm in the Sedum, Years Three and Four - Tuesday, 23rd March at 4 pm in the Sedum and Years Five and Six - Monday, 22nd March at 4 pm in the Sedum.

Years Three and Four are looking forward to their trip to the Barbican on March 22nd for the London Symphony Orchestra concert at 10.40 am. The concert is called Splash and includes a wide selection of music on a watery theme, such as Hornpipes, the Jaws theme (by John Williams) and Pirates of the Caribbean (by Hans Zimmer).

Year One's trip to the Barbican this year is for a concert about fairy tales including Ravel's Mother Goose Suite. We have been practising the Sleeping Beauty song especially written for the concert and listening to music for Tom Thumb, Beauty and the Beast and the Spinning Wheel.

The choir for the Royal Albert Hall, consisting of all members of Years Five and Six, are beginning to sound very good and we are getting very excited about performing with all the other schools at this huge venue. Well done to all for your efforts in learning the words for this long list of songs.

The dress for the concert is black or grey trousers/skirts, with the t-shirt which is given out at the rehearsal. Would all the girls acquire black trousers, as it would be good for them to all match. The boys can wear their school trousers.

National Gallery - Year 3 - 10.02.10 Animals in Art

Year 3 experienced a very exciting trip to the National Gallery where the children were met by Steve and Sarah, who welcomed them into the gallery.

The classes were split and taken to various parts of the gallery to look at several pictures. These pictures included:

Still Life with Drinking Horn by Willem Kalf
The Battle of San Ramano by Paolo Uccello
The Families Milbank and Melbourne by George Stubbs

Whistlejacket by George Stubbs

A Roman Triumph by Peter Paul Rubens

The children were very attentive and asked some very interesting and intelligent questions. They were very knowledgeable about questions put to them by the teachers, particularly on 'The Romans'. They looked at very old paintings circa 1397 painted on wood compared with later paintings on canvas.

It was a very enjoyable trip and the children are now working on follow-up activities to record

Sports Reports

On Tuesday 9th February, Year 4 and Year 5 Kew College girls played against St James's school. St James's won the first tossup but we caught it back. Kew College won its first two goals after a few minutes of playing. St James's girls caught the ball and scored a goal, so the score at half time was 2-1 for us.

On the second half action started really fast and St James's scored after 1 minute. The girls of both team were very active and fast on the pitch, then St James's scored 4 more goals, where as we only scored 2 more. Kew College had a very good team work but in the end we lost 6-4 to St James's.

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Happy Valentine!

We all thoroughly enjoyed Year 5's Valentine Day assembly this morning. We learned about the history of Valentine's Day and were entertained by Kew College's own version of 'Blind Date'! We went off with romance in our hearts. Thank you Year 5!

Year 2 – National Gallery Colour and light

Year 2 visited the National Gallery this week to learn about how artists use colour in their work. They were shown around by Steve and Al who shared their expertise and knowledge with the children. Whilst in the gallery the children studied paintings from various artists such as Monet, van Gogh, Monaco and Rubens. The children particularly admired van Gogh's 'Sunflowers', marveling at all the different shades of yellow and how the brightest shade was actually the background- not the flowers as they expected!

The children impressed guides and other visitors with their knowledge and insight, showing that all their research and hard work has paid off. They have developed their understanding of how colours can be mixed and used to create different effects and

Debating Club

This week the Debating Club decided that women SHOULD be allowed to fight in the army. Some excellent research was carried out by the club members over the week, and key points that emerged were as follows:

Since women are physically weaker and more susceptible to injury, there would be an added medical cost involved.

Women fighting in the army would create a distraction for the men and put them at a disadvantage.

Men are more physically suited to fighting.

Women have fought for equal rights and these should extend to being allowed to fight in the army.

Women are leaders in businesses and schools, so they can also be leaders in the army.

The fact that men might be reluctant to attack them might give their side an advantage.

The debate was lively and passionate. After half-term we will be debating the thorny issue of Animal Testing. Well done, debaters! Keep up the good work!

New School Charity

A reminder that after half-term the school will begin the process of choosing our new school charity, so if you or the children have any suggestions you might like to gather some information that they can share at their House Meetings.

Mufti for Haiti

On Friday we all came in dressed in the colours of the Haitian flag to raise money for the victims of the earthquake. We saw some very interesting variations of the theme. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this important cause—we raised nearly £1,000.