

KEW NEWS

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With this newsletter you will receive

- Leaflets from Perform and Camp Beaumont
- Notice regarding Baselay Range
- Year 5 outing permission slip to National Archives and Hampton Court
- Information regarding Book Fair

Dear Parents,

There is a definite whiff of spring in the air and we are all looking forward to the half-term holiday. Soon after our return, on **Wednesday 2nd March**, we will be celebrating our own Book Day with a full programme of activities. The children should come to school dressed in their 'Book Day' outfits, details of which appear below. There is the possibility of media interest in this day thanks to Arthur's prize-winning book cover design, so please let me know if you do not wish your child to be involved in any possible photo shoots. I attach separately details of the Travelling Books Fair, from Friday 4th to Wednesday 9th March.

On **Tuesday 8th March** at 3.40 p.m. the form teachers will be demonstrating in their classrooms the methods they use to explain mathematical concepts to the children. Do please come along if you would like to see how it is done in school, to make helping with homework a little less stressful! We hope you find this a useful development.

It has been suggested that parents whose children take individual music lessons might like to attend a lesson to get to know the teacher, see how the instrument is taught and get ideas about how to help with practice. If you wish to do so please contact Mrs Thompson via the school office and this can be arranged.

I have had many requests to take the children out of school early prior to this half-term holiday. School holidays are generous and publicised well in advance. In addition, school finishes early on a Friday so you have a head start with the traffic! We need to make sure the children get the very best out of what is offered to them in school during the term, so I would urge you to avoid taking the children out of school at these times.

We have had two excellent assemblies this week. On Tuesday 2C celebrated a late Valentine's Day by reading out special poems with great gusto and on Wednesday 4F marked Chinese New Year in colourful style with their own very special offering. Well done, both classes!

Today Kew College was a sea of red, white and blue for our French Day and the Junior House held a lively French assembly. Each year group sang a French song that they had learned in class, we had a quiz about all aspects of the country from film to football, and the Year 6 girls (and a couple of boys!) performed a spirited version of the Can Can which left everyone breathless. Merci, tout le monde! Finally, we are very proud of all our children on Games days and would like to commend all the children this week for their excellent behaviour on and around the sports field.

I wish you all a refreshing half-term break.

Anne Dobell

Headteacher's Commendations

Congratulations to the following children, who won the award this week:

Georgina H in 2C for beautiful reading.

Olivia M in 2C for excellent creative writing.

Catrin K in 1M for a wonderful story.

Joel R in 1M for excellent work in Maths.

Olivia K and Annabel A in 4F for a fantastic Art project based on the work of Kandinsky.

Very well done!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Monday 21 st February – Friday 25 th February	HALF TERM	
	MARCH	
Tuesday 1 st March	Year 4 Ravenscourt Park Rugby Tournament Away	2.00pm
	Year 4 A & B Netball v Kew Green Prep Home	2.00pm
Wednesday 2 nd March	Kew College Book Day Children may dress up as a character from their classes chosen book.	All Day
Thursday 3 rd March	Year 3 A & B mixed Rugby v Broomfield Away	2.00pm
Friday 4 th March – Wednesday 9 th March	The Travelling Book Company in school	
Friday 4 th March	Year 6 Cake Sale	
	Perform in to do Drama Workshops for the Infant House all day in the Sedum	8.25am
	Year 6 outing National Archives - children are walking there and back within the school day	1.00pm
	Bute House Swimming Gala	4.00pm

NOTICES

Maths Meeting for Parents of Years 3,4,5 and 6

On **Thursday 8th March at 3.40pm—4.00pm** in your child's classroom there will be a short maths meeting for parents to be shown how we teach maths at Kew College.



Children's outfits for Book Day

On Wednesday 2nd March the children should come to school dressed as characters from their class's chosen book or theme, as follows:

Nursery: a character from a book of the child's own choice. Please bring the book.

Kindergarten: a character from a book of the child's own choice. Please bring the book.

1M: 'You're a Bad Man Mr Gum' by Andy Stanton.

1B: Incredible Animals (non-fiction).

Year 2: Beatrix Potter characters.

Year 3: Roald Dahl characters.

4F: Mrs Frost has given the children their ideas already.

4L: Michael Morpurgo characters.

Year 5: 'Holes' by Louis Sachar

Year 6: any character from a Year 6 book.

They should also bring in a **small** cushion or pillow.

FOUND!

A pair of 'Converse' children's glasses with thin black frames has been found. Please contact the school office if they are yours.

Order date for PlayerLayer sports clothing.

For those of you interested in ordering the PlayerLayer sports underclothing for your children, the next order deadline is February 25th. All garments ordered before this date will be delivered after half term. If you miss this deadline you'll still be able to order as there is a delivery to the school every two weeks. There is an extensive size guide on the website to make sure you get the right size for your son/daughter.

The address is www.playerlayer.com.

Year 1 had a fantastic time on Wednesday afternoon At St. Anne's church in Kew. When they got there we met Father Nigel who showed us around. They had to be very quiet to show respect. He talked about the font and the alter and showed how he baptises babies. Then there was some time to walk around and look at the stained glass windows—these were beautiful. To finish off the children made some of their own books about the church.



4F Chinese New Year Assembly

On Wednesday, 4F performed their assembly about Chinese New Year in front of the junior school.

The assembly was introduced by a traditional Chinese dance, elegantly performed by Poppy and Jemma. This was followed by the telling of the story of how each of the animals of the Chinese zodiac was assigned their position by the Jade Emperor, told eloquently by Freya, Ruby and Edward.

The rest of the children in 4F wore their wonderfully self crafted masks, which represented each animal of the zodiac, and gave a short speech about the characteristics that are embodied by the animals. The assembly was both informative and entertaining and 4F hope the audience had as much fun watching it as they had preparing for it.

Debating Club-14th February 2011

The motion this week was “This House believes that women should be treated as equals”.

Points raised in support of the motion were:

The only difference between men and women is in their biological structure which is no reason to treat them differently

Women have proven themselves to be of equal or superior intelligence eg. the pass mark for exams in Tiffin School is set 8% higher for female entrants than for males

Women can multi-task which few men can do

Treating women equally in less developed countries could be a way to reducing poverty

Points against the motion were:

Women are not as physically strong as men and to test them against the same physical standards for the army, as an example, would disadvantage women

Biological differences resulting in women bearing children means that they cannot be treated as equal

They have different talents and strengths from men meaning that they cannot be treated as equals in these areas

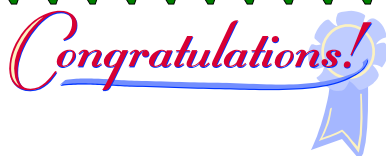
Women should be treated as superior rather than equal because they are intellectually and functionally superior

There were 17 votes in favour of the motion, 2 against and 1 abstention. There are 8 females in the club so at last our future generation of men (today's school boys) may rectify the imbalances!!

Next week will be a balloon debate.



KEW COLLEGE SPORTS NEWS



Year 4 A & B Netball v Ravenscourt Park

Congratulations to the Year 4 girls who played in the match against Ravenscourt Park on Tuesday 15th February. Not only did they achieve fantastic scores for Kew College but their behaviour and sporting attitudes shown on the day were exemplary. Well done for playing so well and being a credit to our school.

Miss Bauman

MATCH REPORT

Kew College vs. St James

On the 17th of February Kew College played St James at Rugby. With some encouraging words from Mr Balmer we were ready to start the match. It was a bad few minutes because we were 3-0 down. Not defeated I then scored an amazing try making the score 3-1. Our defence was ok but the other team was very strong and kept on scoring. Our next break came when Ned scored two amazing tries in a row. At half time the score was 6-3 to St James. We had a discussion with Mr Balmer who said "work more as a team and do better rucking" then we were ready to go again. At the opening of the second half St James started with the ball and they quickly scored loads of tries, however Ned was brilliant and scored another 3 tries. Seeing an opportunity I did a monstrous tackle on someone who was twice the size of me. I want to mention Sebastian's first tackle, which was phenomenal. The end score was 14-6 to them however I'm very proud of my team mates as we played an amazing game. Next time I think we should work on improving our rucking.

Charles 4L

MATCH REPORT

YEAR 4 RUGBY : KEW COLLEGE VERSUS LATYMER

On Tuesday 15th February, Kew College played Latymer in contact rugby. The Latymer boys looked like they were going to put up a tough challenge. Before the match Mr Balmer gave us a motivational team talk and told us to keep our positions and pass the ball just before we were tackled. The whistle blew and Latymer kicked off. They got off to a flying start with a strong run down the left wing leading to an early try. We were determined to make up for the try and dug in hard with our defence. However, despite some strong passing and brave attempts down the line, Latymer continued their onslaught, leaving Kew 6:0 down at the end of the 1st half. During the break, Mr Balmer gave us a rousing team talk and encouraged us to work harder on our positional play and be ready for the ball.

As the whistle blew for the 2nd half, Calum passed the ball to me and I tried to break through a gap in Latymer's defensive line. Unfortunately, I was brought down but managed to get the ball back to Calum, who flew down the wing with great support from Matthew and Edward, resulting in Kew's first try of the match. This was the turning point for the game. Latymer continued their attack but Kew College's defence was unbreakable. In no time at all, some great work saw Solomon get the ball out to Arthur and onto Calum resulting in our 2nd try. This was soon to be followed by 2 further tries for Kew and in the last minute of the game, Ned managed an amazing run at the line, scoring our final try. The final result was 7:5 to Latymer. Well done to all who played.

Kew College Team : George, Calum, Matthew, Solomon, Edward, Ned, Arthur

George 4L