

# KEW NEWS

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With this newsletter you will receive

- Class and Games Photographs
- Year 3 Outing Permission Slip to Luke Dalli's new house build
- Maskarade slip on Easter French Workshops Years 3–6



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Netball Tournament v St James's</b>	TBC
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>Years 3 and 4 to visit the Barbican (Splash)</b>	9.30am TBC
	<b>Year 5 and Year 6 Concerts in the Sedum. Year 5 Concert begins at 3.45pm (Children remain in school). Year 6 Concert begins at 4.45pm (Children remain in school) Every child in each Year will be performing</b>	
	<b>No Choir Today</b>	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>Year 4 Rugby v Ravenscourt Park mixed Teams</b>	Home 2.00pm
	<b>Nursery Yellow End of Term</b>	3.30pm
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Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Easter Bonnet Parade at School for Years 3–6</b>	8.30am
	<b>End of Term</b>	12.15pm

Dear Parents,

At long last the weather seems to be turning and we can begin to look forward to the Easter holidays. Our outings and sporting fixtures this week have taken place in sunshine for a change! There have been several events during the course of the week that we hope you will enjoy reading about.

**Anne Dobell**

### **Concert for Barnardo's at the Royal Albert Hall**

On Tuesday the children of Years 5 and 6 set off by tube for the Albert Hall, where they took part in a Schools Concert for Barnardo's as part of a massed choir of 1,500 children from over 40 schools. They had been preparing their pieces during music lessons in school and spent the day practising for the concert, which took place in the evening. Those of us who attended were amazed and very moved to hear this huge choir, sometimes singing in four parts, perform a wide range of songs ranging from music-hall to a Queen medley (with some Abba thrown in), complete with choreography, with tremendous enthusiasm and joy. This was a wonderful experience for the children and the audience alike - a long and tiring but truly memorable day. Many thanks to the performers and to the staff who spent all day and evening looking after them.

### **Kindergarten Blue and Green visit to the Wetland Centre**



Kindergarten Green and Blue have been on a trip to the Wetlands Centre in Barnes. We went pond dipping and learned about all the different species that live in ponds. In our nets we caught two different types of pond snail, freshwater shrimps, caddis fly larvae, a leech and even a newt. We had a good look at all the creatures we'd found and then put them back in the pond afterwards.

### **School charity election**

On Friday morning the school came together to hear representatives from the three Houses deliver presentations about their choice of school charity and to vote on which of these three Kew College should support from next term. Mars offered **The Sick Children's Trust**, Mercury suggested **Facing the World** and Neptune proposed **Save the Children**. The audience, including governors and representatives from the Kew College Friends, listened intently then filled in their ballot papers and posted them into the box on the way out. The votes are being counted and the winner will be announced before the end of term. Thank you to all who put forward suggestions and provided information, and to the house representatives who gave such excellent presentations.

### **Year 3 Trip to Fishbourne Palace**

The day started on an extremely positive note with beautiful sunshine. We were fortunate enough to see Fishbourne Palace at its Best. The Roman gardens were beautifully manicured and the mosaics left everyone in awe. The Roman and Celtic workshop was extremely successful. Everyone had a turn building Roman temples, weaving thread, playing Roman board games and even preparing a feast in the Roman kitchens. Some very fortunate children even had an opportunity to dress up in Celtic and Roman costume!

After visiting the museum we ate our lunches in the beautiful gardens, feeling very well informed and rejuvenated.

The trip was a great success and we all came away with a greater understanding of life during the times of the Romans.



1S celebrated St Patrick's Day in assembly by wearing their Shamrock decorated green hats and singing 'Molly Malone'

### **Music Workshop Day at Hampton School**

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April Hampton School is hosting its 14<sup>th</sup> annual Music Workshop for local junior schools. It is an excellent opportunity for children to work with experienced musicians and gives them the chance to work in a large ensemble. Application forms need to be returned to Hampton School by Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April at the latest. More details are posted outside Kew College and a copy of the application form can be obtained from the school office.

## KEW COLLEGE SPORTS NEWS

### Richmonds Schools Swimming Gala

Kew College were involved in another exciting event, the Richmond Schools Swimming Gala Finals.

16 Kew College children reached the finals and were ready to compete for a place alongside the other schools, large State Schools, Small State Schools and Independent Schools. There were three heats for each race and the fastest six then competed for a place to become a Borough finalist.

We are very proud to announce that Kew College reached the Borough finalist six in the following races:

**Freestyle Boys – Max 6J**

**Freestyle Girls – Kanami 5M**

**Butterfly Boys – Max 6J**

**Year 5 Girls – Emma 5M**

**Year 5 Boys – Ben 5M**

**Boys Medley Relay – Rory 6J, Alfie 6J, Matthew 6L**

**Boys Freestyle Relay – Max 6J, Alex 6J, Ben 6L Matthew 6L**

**Girls Freestyle Relay – Anne 6L, Samantha 6J,**

**Eleanor 6J, Kanami 5M.**

**The Squadron Relay were also finalist: Arthur 4M, Margaux 4M, Kanami 5M, Joshua 5M, Juliet 6J and Max 6J.**

**Kanami received two Gold Medals and is the fastest Borough finalist in Freestyle.**

Congratulations to you all.



### Tournament Information and Match Report Year 5 Rugby Tournament St James's

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March, Kew College Year 5 boys Rugby team competed in the annual St James' 9 a-side tournament. It was a beautiful Saturday morning and the year 5 boys arrived at Barn Elms with high hopes for the day. We got off to a terrific start with a tremendous win against a strong Fulham Prep side and the team showed how much they have improved over the term. We continued our good form with a thrilling draw and the day was to be decided in the final match against St James's. Our boys showed tremendous fighting spirit and never let their heads go down, but were eventually outplayed by a very strong opposition. A silver medal to add to our ever increasing trophy cabinet and a great day was had by all.

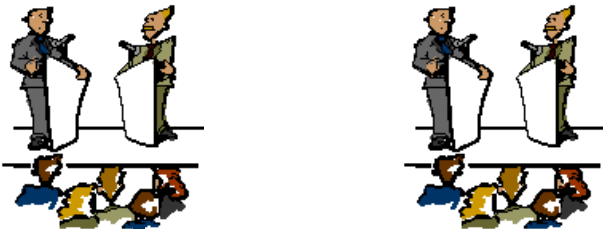
Well done Kew College.

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March Kew College vs Istock House -Swimming Gala

A sterling performance was given by the Kew College swim team in this fast and furious Friday night Gala. Despite some strong opposition, we ran away with the victory, leading by 13 points after the final relay. This win adds to the highly successful season we have achieved as a school and our swimming team continues to go from strength to strength. Well done Kew College.

## Debating Club

Our final debating club of the term was a Balloon Debate. The children had to argue for their lives in the guise of famous people under threat of being thrown out of a sinking hot-air balloon. We had many inspiring and very convincing speeches about why these people should be saved, but the winners turned out to be Jamie Oliver, Martin Luther King and Michelangelo, sporting a huge range of talents, legacies to the world and practical skills for survival. Well argued, everyone!



## Year 1 and Year 2 Concert

On Monday children in Years 1 and 2 entertained their parents on a variety of musical instruments including piano, violin and flute. They introduced their pieces and performed with confidence and enthusiasm, and the whole class rounded off with choral performances from a range of styles, sung with gusto. Congratulations to all involved for their hard work and thank you to Mrs Thompson for organizing this event. Next week it will be the turn of Years 3,4,5 and 6.



## Chernobyl Children Lifeline

Also posted on the board outside Kew College is a poster for Chernobyl Children Lifeline, a charity recommended to us by Mr and Mrs Reid (parents of Heather, ex-Kew College pupil), looking for host families for children affected by the Chernobyl disaster.

## Year 3 Information about a Year 3 outing to Luke Dalli's new house build.



As part of our Science module

Materials and their properties,

Year 3 will be visiting Luke Dalli's house on Kew Road. The house is being built from plan and it is at the early stage of construction. It will provide a fascinating insight into why certain materials are chosen for their job, as well as giving the children a chance to see the real construction process of a house.

**Please note as the trip is on a Tuesday and the children will be in their games kit, they will need to come to school with their school shoes and trainers.**