



Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Here at KC, we've definitely had a week which has demonstrated our commitment to developing both character and currency in relation to our young people.

The week began with an inspirational assembly to Year 11 delivered by the Army. During the assembly, students were introduced to the huge array of careers available within the armed forces sector and many left the assembly with a renewed sense of purpose. This focus and determination has also been seen in a number of other ways and it has been great to see so many of our Year 11 students attending a number of revision sessions that take place after school each night. As the summer

exam season comes ever closer, it's really important that our Year 11 students attend as many after school sessions as possible. You can access the revision time table on the link below:

<http://www.kingsthorpecollege.org.uk/year-11-revision-timetable>

Members of the senior leadership team and the Post 16 Team interviewed all Year 11 students on Wednesday to discuss career aspirations and options at Post 16 when they have completed their GCSEs. It was really pleasing to see, once again, how well informed our students are in relation to potential career opportunities with many confirming they want to attend our Sixth Form. With last year's results placing the value we add to A level learners with a prior attainment grade of an A in the top 10% nationally, and with our results for vocational courses also placing us above the national average, we are proud of the provision we can offer at Post 16 and we remain committed to ensuring there is a broad and balanced curriculum personalised to the needs of all. The provision that our Post 16 team have worked hard on developing this year in terms of enrichment activities also means we expect to be a popular choice for Year 11s both from KC and other local schools in September 2018.

It's not just been the Year 11s this week though who have been thinking about their futures, and last Thursday we welcomed a large number of local and national businesses at our annual Careers Fair. This event was aimed at students and parents of Years 9/10/11 and Post 16 students who were able to speak with representatives from a huge range of companies and businesses including Northants Police, the Army, Navy, Leicester University and the RAF. The event was extremely well attended by both students and parents. The feedback from exhibitors was outstanding with many commenting on how well informed and enthusiastic our students are. A huge thank you to Mrs Cockerill, Mrs Fischer and Mrs Spencer for organising. This success builds on the work involving business and enterprise within the College and we were delighted that our Year 12 Young Enterprise team attended a trade fair at Milton Keynes last weekend, and despite competition from nearly 50 other companies, our team secured 3rd place winning a trophy for the most environmental product.

Finally a couple of reminders of events coming up this week. It is Year 7

parents' evening on Thursday 8th February - make an appointment on line to speak with your son/daughter's subject teachers:

<https://kingsthorpecollege.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

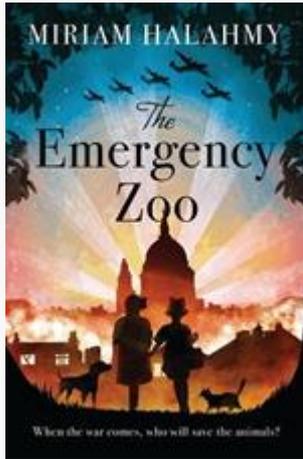
This week will also see KC host our annual Online Safety Workshop on Tuesday 6th February led by the County Council Online safety officer, Simon Aston from 6-7pm in the Learning Hub. We are hosting the event for the whole of Northants as part of The Safer Internet Day 2018.

This half-term seems to have flown by and I look forward to updating you again at the end of this week. As ever, please do get in touch with me if you have any concerns or wish to share any successes.

Mrs Giovanelli
Headteacher



**The Emergency Zoo by
Miriam Halahmy**



It is late August 1939: Britain is on the brink of war, and preparations are under way to evacuate London's children to the countryside. When twelve-year-old Tilly and her best friend Rosy find out that they will not be able to take their beloved dog and cat with them - and that, even worse, their pets will, along with countless other animals, be taken to the vet to be put down - they decide to take action. The two girls come up with the idea of hiding them in a derelict hut in the woods and, when other children find out and start bringing their rabbits, guinea pigs and hamsters, their secret den turns into an emergency zoo.

Inspired by real events during the Second World War, Miriam Halahmy's novel is a touching tale of courage, resourcefulness and camaraderie in desperate times, as well as a stirring defence of animal welfare.

Fans of Michael Morpurgo will really enjoy this book.

Our literacy challenge winner this week is:

Izzy Ashpole 7G.

The word of the week is...

“Satire” *noun*

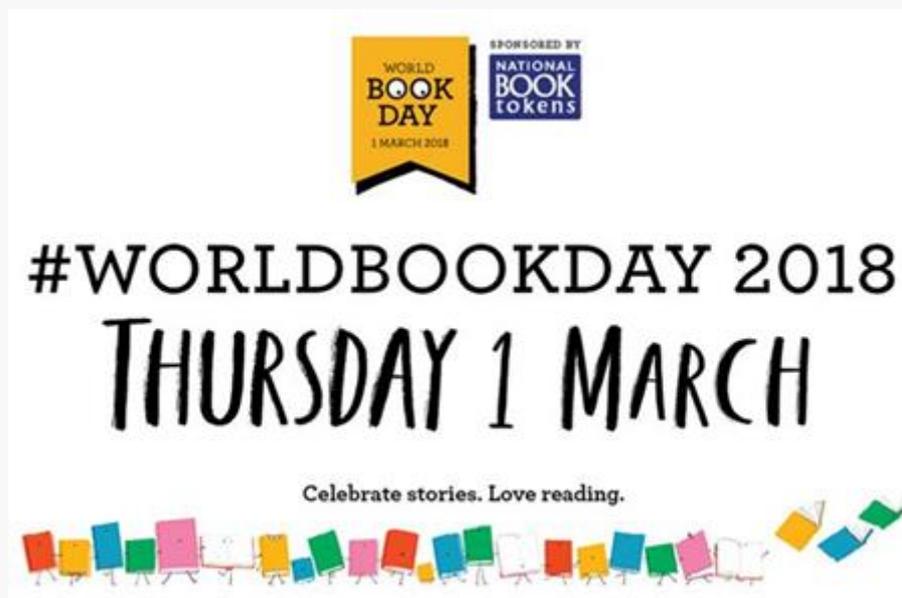
Definition: the use of humour, irony, exaggeration, or ridicule to expose and criticize people's stupidity or vices, particularly in the context of contemporary politics and other topical issues.

Try and use this word in a sentence this week.

My sentence is, *Jonathan Swift uses satire throughout the novel Gulliver's Travels.*



Our reading hero of the week this week is Wahiba Kadouce (Year 7). Wahiba has been working extremely hard on the Accelerated Reader programme this term. She is reading and quizzing in her own time and has read a vast array of fiction ranging from *The Midnight Gang*, *Wonder* and *Lemony Snickett* just to name a few. She has read a total of six books this term and has already read 253,294. Keep up the great work Wahiba you are doing a great job.



This year World Book Day will be held on Thursday 1st March. It is a day that is set aside each year to celebrate books and reading. At Kingsthorpe College we will have lots to celebrate, as not only will our students be receiving their World Book Day Tokens, but the library will also be giving away 200 free books during World Book Day week. Watch this space for

more information about the free books on offer and how to enter lots of amazing competitions to win signed books.

Jargon Buster

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| App | Short for 'application'. This is a piece of software that is downloaded on a mobile phone, tablet or computer. |
| Backup | Copying computer files to keep in a safe place to be easily restored if necessary. You can backup to CD, DVD, USB drive, the cloud and external hard drives. |
| Browser | A programme or app used to access the internet. |
| Firewall | A system that prevents unauthorised messages accessing your computer. |
| Phishing | When emails are sent fraudulently to trick people to reveal personal information such as credit card numbers or passwords. |
| Social Networks | Online pages that allow you to create a personal space where you can keep in touch with family and friends. You can express your views, play games, watch videos, post pictures and chat. |
| Troll | A person that makes offensive or upsetting comments on the internet. |
| Spam | Unwanted junk email. |
| Virus | A small programme that can invade your computer and makes changes without your permission or knowledge. |

If you have concern about staying safe online, talk to your tutor or contact the Adult Learning Service (AL-ICT@northamptonshire.gov.uk or 01604 367115). Ask to speak to the safeguarding officer if you are worried that someone you know is being abused or is accessing extremist websites online.

Useful sites are:

- > <http://nais.org.uk/course/view.php?id=204>
- > CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection): www.ceop.police.uk
- > www.thinkuknow.co.uk
- > The UK Safer Internet Centre: www.saferinternet.org.uk
- > <http://www.mic.co.uk/webinars/>
- > <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/> (National Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting Centre)







There are many benefits in using ICT, however, there are increasing threats to online safety that we should all be aware of, to ensure we stay safe.

Are you aware of your digital footprint?



Anything that gets posted online or emailed leaves a digital trail, including pictures, comments and shared posts. Information that is considered private has the potential to be downloaded by other people and shared.

- Get to know the privacy settings on the social media you use and set accordingly.
- Think before you post / email. Would you want this information shared? What does this information say about you or your child? What might a future employer think?
- Think about using a nickname instead of your real name.
- Speak with your child about what they share online.

The internet is a good tool for communicating with other people, however this creates some risks such as:

Cyber bullying: This is where a group or individual people try to tease, threaten, embarrass or intimidate someone using the internet or a mobile phone.

- Talk to someone you trust about it.
- Don't reply to any messages you receive, **as** this may encourage further contact.
- Try changing your online user ID or nickname.
- Keep and save any bullying emails, text messages or images you receive.
- Block people that deliberately send unpleasant messages.



Hidden costs: Some internet sites and apps have hidden costs. For example a free game could charge for additional lives or help completing the game.

- Ensure the settings on your device ask for authentication before purchasing.
- Get to know and use the parental control settings for app stores that you use and for your device.



Grooming: Both children and adults are at risk of being contacted by people who seek to abuse, expose them to extremist views or other inappropriate materials.

- Be aware of what your child is doing online.
- Avoid sites which encourage extremist points of view or illegal activity.

Computer security: Online criminals try to attack your computer using viruses and spyware.

- Use antivirus and firewall software and keep this up to date.
- Be wary of emails from unknown sources, especially those with attachments.
- Back up your files (music, pictures, documents, etc) on a regular basis.



Identity theft: Online criminals will try and trick people into giving them your information. This is known as phishing.

- Choose strong passwords.
- Secure websites should have a padlock symbol in the browser window and start with https://.
- Be wary of and block unwanted spam or phishing emails.
- Don't tell anyone your passwords.
- Use different passwords for different websites.



Post 16 students celebrate well being week



Thursday 1st February was ‘Time To Talk Day’, where people are encouraged to talk about their well being to remove the stigma that is so often attached to mental health concerns. We have been celebrating and raising awareness of this with a variety of activities, including an assembly by Miss Wainwright on taking care of yourself, and a talk from Doctor Mike Scanlan on promoting positive mental health. All students in Post 16 will be making a ‘pledge’ as to how they will try and remove the stigma surrounding mental health during tutor time, and these will be displayed in the Post 16 centre, as well as the many pledges made by teachers. To further encourage a healthy lifestyle and healthy choices, we also gave out free fruit and healthy drinks to students on the 1st February; the hope is this will encourage students to carry on with such habits and replace chocolate bars for bananas for a mid-morning snack! We know that all the evidence in the world shows how healthy eating and drinking leads to better focus at school, better physical health, and better mental health – now we simply have to regularly remind (and convince) students of this!

Mr Pomerantz

Alumni

Here at Kingsthorpe College we are dedicated to connecting, celebrating and engaging with our former students and staff. We aim to reach out to all our alumni and develop opportunities for them to connect and support each other, and the school. Our former students and staff will always be a part of our history, and by continuing to work with us they can be an important part of our future too by inspiring the current students at our school.

We always enjoy hearing from our alumni and their amazing journeys after their time at Kingsthorpe College. We hope you enjoy reading about some of our former students below.

Alumni Profile: LEE JEYES



Current job title: Walmart Canada – Director – Customer Experience & Innovation, Founder & CEO at Aubrey & Oakes & Investor Advisor at the BOGO App.

Lee has accomplished a huge amount in the last 10 years since he has left school. He is now living and working in Canada! When he was in 6th form he began working in the local Asda where he quickly progressed and became the youngest store manager for Asda in their history.

Asda is part of Walmart, the world's largest employer. The company were so impressed with Lee that they offered him a senior position in Canada. He moved in 2013 and has continued to grow with the business. He became the youngest store manager in Canada, the youngest senior manager and now the youngest director in Walmart history.

It is great to hear how far Lee has progressed in what is a relatively short space of time. Although he is on the other side of the world, we are really grateful that Lee has agreed to keep in touch and hopefully inspire our current students.

Lee's fondest memories of school:

'I could share 100s, from skiing trips in Italy, to the finals of the county cup or to see the new building being put together'.

Lee's advice for current students:

'Always be curious about learning new things. Refrain from making mistakes early on in life that you will later regret'.

We are always looking to grow our alumni community, so if you are in contact with any former students (or perhaps you are a former student yourself) please direct them to our alumni page: <http://www.kingsthorpecollege.org.uk/content/school-ties>

Being part of our Alumni community is a chance for you to:

- Share aspirational success stories and inspire others
- Give something back (this may link with your organisational social responsibility commitments or volunteer policy)
- Network with students past and present
- Create business and enterprise links
- Gather the views and opinions of young people/ current learners
- Develop your CV (presentation skills, supporting others...)

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