



Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

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Dear Parents

As we come closer to the end of our first half-term, this week has given us the opportunity to take a bit of time to reflect on the academic year so far.

On Thursday, Simon Peck - the Chair of the Collaborative Academies Trust - spent the day at the College. We always welcome a visit from Mr Peck as he brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise from a huge range of experiences outside of education. This helps us think about what we already do, and how we can refine this to make our student experience even better. I know he enjoyed visiting some lessons with Mr Baines and meeting some of our staff and students.

On Friday, the senior team also welcomed Richard Sutton - School

Improvement Partner and Lead OFSTED Inspector. Mr Sutton will be working with the school, on behalf of CAT, to help us on our continual journey for excellence. Our discussions on Friday have already sparked lots of ideas which we are excited about sharing over the coming months as we know they will have real impact where it matters most - in our classrooms.

Our Post 16 students and their parents had the opportunity this week to find out a bit more about what we could offer at KC. I also received some really helpful feedback from our parents at this event, and as a result, we are going to look at our Post 16 handbook and make some amends for next year's version. Mrs Ricketts and I also enjoyed speaking with some of our student leadership team earlier in the week about how we can best utilise the study space in the Post 16 centre. Mrs Ricketts is going to work with the student leadership team to put some of these ideas into practice as soon as we can - watch this space!

Next week the senior team will be talking to students in assembly about the theme of excellence. We will be sharing what excellence and challenge looks like at KC, as this is one of our big themes this year for students and staff. The most important question for us all at KC is whether, at the end of the day, we can positively answer the question: "Was I better today than I was yesterday?"

Please keep talking to us and letting us know how we can improve.

Mrs Giovanelli

Acting Principal

Stars of the week



Red House

Millie Fitzell Year 9 R5

Millie joined us towards the end of the last academic year and ever since, she has been a real asset to KC and in particular Red House. She has worked hard to improve her self-confidence and esteem and this is having a great impact on her day to day life in and out of College. In recent weeks, she has been involved in helping to design and create her tutor group's display board and has really enjoyed working on her 30 day challenge. Millie, you are a star and we are very proud of you. Keep up the good work and continue to shine.

Green House

Ellie Cross Year 7 Gr7

Ellie has made an excellent start at KC. Her behaviour and attitude to learning are excellent and she has already received commendations in Science and RE. Well done Ellie!

Gold House

Carter Chapman Year 7 Go10

Carter has made a fantastic start to KC and has become a real character within Gold House. He is a confident student and has made a really positive start to KC. Carter has coped with the transition from primary school to secondary school brilliantly, which is a big change for all of our year 7 students and Carter especially. Well done Carter, we are proud to have you as part of our house.

Blue House

Kashish Pal Year 11 B1

Kashish is our Blue house star of the week. Kashish designed an amazing potential blue house logo/badge which we proudly shared on Twitter. Kashish is very talented and she clearly thought carefully about the qualities of Blue House when designing it. Well done Kashish!



Kashish's amazing design can be seen below along with our Stars of the Week photos.

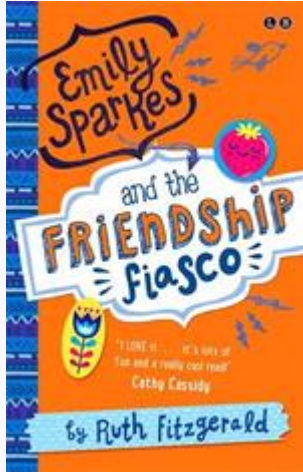
Purple House

Ellie Novakovic Year 11 P10

Ellie came to the aid of a pigeon who was injured and in a distressed state. She used her initiative to ensure that the pigeon could be made safe and comfortable, and made sure that no further harm would come to it. Most people would walk on by deeming it to be 'only a pigeon'. But not Ellie. Our House Charity last year was the RSPCA and it makes us so proud that Ellie made a real effort to look after and care for the bird. In doing so she upheld the ethos and core values of the school. Well done Ellie - you are an asset to Purple House and to Kingsthorpe College.

Book of the Week

Emily Sparkes and the Friendship Fiasco by Ruth Fitzgerald (BL: 5.4)



This is the first book in this comedy series by Ruth Fitzgerald. Emily Sparkes thinks having your best friend move to Wales at the same time as your parents decide to have a new baby is probably more trauma than anyone should have to cope with. But things go from bad to worse when she's paired with revolting Gross-Out Gavin for the school trip! Emily is determined to escape him, and when glamorous new girl Chloe Clarke turns up it seems her prayers might be answered. Unfortunately, everyone has gone Chloe Clarke mad and Emily finds her 'sworn enemy' Zuzanna has had the same idea. Getting and keeping Chloe as a friend proves a lot more troublesome than Emily anticipated and leads her into a whole new set of disasters.

Join Emily Sparkes for her hilarious observations about life, parents and how to handle school! Perfect for fans of Cathy Cassidy and Dork Diaries. This year this book was also shortlisted for the Scholastic Laugh Out Loud Book Award (The Lollies).

The word of the week is...

“Amiable”

Definition: Having or displaying a friendly and pleasant manner.

Try and use this word in a sentence this week. My sentence is:

"The student had an amiable and warm personality".

The literacy challenge winner this week are...

Ella Heard B7 and Curtis Spatcher B9.

Please come to the library to collect your prize.

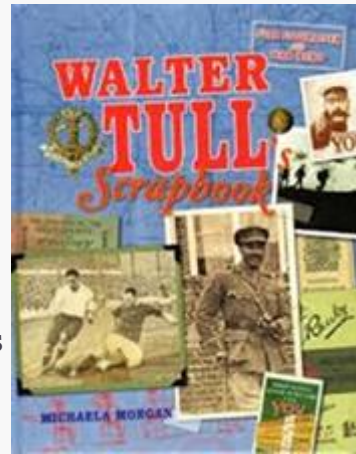


Reading Hero of the Week – Ellie Swannell (Year 7)

This week we have seen so many of our students work really hard on the Accelerated Reader programme, so it has been especially hard to choose our reading hero of the week. However, one student who really stood out this week was Ellie Swannell (Year 7). She has been taking quizzes in her own time and has already busted her points target for this term. She has read a very impressive 8 books since the start of the year, and has already accumulated a word count of 535, 670 words. Well done Ellie a prize is on its way to you. Keep up the great work and we're sure you will make it to our 'Millionaires Club' by the end of this year.

Michaela Morgan Event - 1st November 2016

On Thursday 1st November our Year 7 students will be attending a talk and book signing by the award-winning author and poet Michaela Morgan. As we lead up to a week of remembrance, and to mark the centenary of the Battle of the Somme, Michaela will be talking to students about her acclaimed book Walter Tull's Scrapbook. This book has been voted in the Guardian Book Awards as one of the best culturally diverse children's books written in the last 50 years and it has also been shortlisted for the Blue Peter book of the year award. Please follow the links here:



<http://www.theguardian.com/childrens-books-site/gallery/2014/oct/18/walter-tull-scrapbook-footballer-world-war-one-hero-black-history-month>

<http://www.theguardian.com/childrens-books-site/2014/oct/13/50-best-culturally-diverse-childrens-books>

Michaela's talk will be an interactive session where students will be given a real sense of who Walter Tull was, his links with Northampton and about how much he accomplished in his lifetime. It will be a very informative, thought provoking talk and there will be a chance for students to ask lots of questions.

I hope you will agree this is a wonderful treat for our students to meet an author who has written over one hundred books for children. As part of the event there will also be a chance to buy books which will be signed personally by Michaela at a cost of £6.99. If you would like to purchase a book to have signed they can be pre-ordered in the library or students can purchase on the day.

Mrs J Broadbent

Library Manager

Tag Rugby Festival

We had year 5/6 pupils from All Saints, Bridgewater, Barry and Parklands Primary schools here at Kingsthorpe College on Thursday for a Tag Rugby Festival. They initially took part in a variety of coaching drills that focussed on developing their rugby skills and techniques.



All the teams then went on to take part in a mini tournament, competing against each other and getting experience of a real game. We were really lucky to have a Northampton Saints Rugby Coach attend the event to give some brilliant tips and advice to the teams. We would also like to say a big thank you to Brad Small and Dan Nunley, two of our year 13 students, who helped with the event and refereed the Tag Rugby matches.

Don't throw out your old uniform!

If you have KC uniform that you no longer need or use and it is still in good condition, please bring it in to school. We can use it for emergencies and for our second hand exchange programme. Thank you!

Wednesday 12 October

Year 12 Molecular & Cell Biology – Leicester University

Thursday 20 October – 29 October

Year 13 – Project Take Flight – USA

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