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FROM THE HEAD

This has been a week of milestones at micro and macro level. Year 6 sat the King's Entrance Test on Saturday. This is an important 'rite of passage' and something to treat with the right level of respect. We spend a lot of time preparing our children for this day both in terms of knowledge and skill acquisition but also in terms of (hopefully) getting the children in the right 'space.' I talked a lot about respecting the task, not being blasé or complacent, but not getting anxious about it too. Like many things in life, all anyone can ask is that we do our best! Year 6 were a pleasure on Saturday, worked hard and certainly respected the task. They have done very well indeed and I am delighted with their achievements. I will let you know more details about these achievements next week.

Practising and aiming to peak for a performance are helpful lessons to learn for future life. I mentioned this last term when our children managed to 'peak' for the rearranged (due to floods) junior concert despite the fact they had actually peaked a fortnight previously! Jimmy Dean, a successful American country singer and television personality, said 'I can't change the direction of the wind but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination.' His words about the wind are wise; there are numerous external factors our children cannot affect and we should try to not worry about. Perhaps his words are too bold. We can't always reach our destination but we should always give our best to try to do so. These thoughts lead me to the focus for next week: Children's Mental Health Awareness. You can read more [here](#) about our plans to embrace this important national focus. This is such a vital area to explore, discuss and reflect on. As you know, we value our pastoral care and your children's wellbeing and happiness and so I hope our ethos and (hopefully) nurturing culture will ensure our children will speak up if they are sad, upset or worried. The thinking behind 'inside out' day is worth reflecting on and perhaps discussing at home. The solution to a mental health problem on 1st January 1973 would have been to 'man up' and thank goodness we live in different times. That was the date we joined the European Union. 31st January 2020 is a milestone date. The world is changing rapidly and we must all pay attention to our mental health.



Monday 3rd

Year 3 walk to Worcester Porcelain Factory

U11 Netball v The Elms

Junior Informal Concert—Chapel 4pm

Tuesday 4th

U8 and U9 Football v Winterfold House

U8 and U9 Netball v Winterfold House

Wednesday 5th

Orchestral Workshop all day followed by performance 7pm

U10 and U11 Football v Winterfold House and King's Hawford

Thursday 6th

Year 1 Assembly

Year 1 Animal Mania visit

U9 Netball Tournament

Presentation to Year 3 Parents about Oaker Wood visit

Friday 7th



THIS WEEK IN NURSERY AND PRE-PREP

Pre-Prep love opportunities to come together and invite their families and friends to share what they have been learning about. Whether this is a class assembly, a concert or our nativity, there is always an excited buzz before these occasions.

This week the children have been finishing the preparations for their Christingle service. They have been busy rehearsing their songs with Mrs Gunter and have been singing their hearts out to 'The Christingle Song', 'Like a Candle Flame' and 'This Little Light of Mine'. The children learned the significance of the different elements of a Christingle and they found out about the charity, 'The Children's Society', for whom we are raising money. Whilst making our own Christingles, we did of course unselfishly sample a few sweets to check that they are edible!

The service took place in the Quire of Worcester Cathedral on Friday afternoon. It is always a wonderful place to hold the service as it offers a chance for reflection in an amazingly spiritual building. The children raised the roof with their beautiful singing throughout the service and the speakers clearly and confidently spoke about the meaning of Christingle. The children enjoyed the opportunity to see their Christingles lit and we were so proud of how sensible they were. It was wonderful to have our friends from Nursery help us celebrate. Well done, Pre-Prep. It was a fantastic service! Thank you to everyone who made the service possible.

Next week, we will be hearing from Year One and their exciting week, which will include some very special visitors!



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Our assembly began with a fabulous clarinet performance of Tico Tico by Ollie who is in Year 11 at King's. The children were certainly in awe at the speed and dexterity of his playing! Thank you, Ollie, for an aspirational start to the day.

Super Hero certificates were presented to Zack for independence when working on his handwriting, to Aubrey for always being very hard working, to Zara for her boundless enthusiasm and to William R for being willing to challenge himself and take risks with his learning. Madison received a certificate for independence, Florence S for being an enthusiastic reader, Phoebe E for perseverance and Lily E for focus and enthusiasm in all she does.

Mrs Cain has been delighted with the artwork which pupils are producing as part of their Creative ConneXions projects. Emily H, Ava, Ace, Lama and Erin have produced stunning paintings of English roses and Lilly-Mae, Evie T, Izzy W, Florence V and Yousrey created impressive pieces inspired by patterns found in Indian textiles.

Well done to Ottilie, Josh and Luca for their excellent effort in maths this week and also to Sam R, Sam C and Guy for putting the 'tricks of the writer's trade' to good use in their creative writing. Angus, Benedict, Henry B, Daniel and Evie G were congratulated on the dresses they designed for Queen Elizabeth I, incorporating symbols of power, religion and peace.

The first Handwriting Certificates of the term were awarded to Florence B, Aiden, Ollie KD, Eleanor K and Anoop and Jinc received his Grade 4 Piano certificate, with a well earned Merit. Well done, all of you.

Finally, it was lovely to praise two children for their super attitudes. Yousrey put huge effort in to his homework despite being very tired after Mr Braithwaite's excellent climbing club and Ollie KD noticed that Mrs Hadfield was struggling to open the school gate whilst carrying a heavy box of books. Despite being hampered by his own bags, he very kindly went back to help her. Well done both you for truly demonstrating 'King's spirit.'



NOTICES

Recent letters: Please visit www.ksw.org.uk/letters-to-parents for details of all letters issued this week.

Team Sheets: Please visit www.ksw.org.uk/team-sheets to view team sheets for the week ahead.

Latest News: [Reception pupils celebrate Chinese New Year](#)
[Year 6 pupils enjoy a PSHE talk from a magistrate](#)
[Sports Roundup](#)
[Pre-Prep Christingle Service](#)
[Year 6 collaborate with 2Faced Dance Company](#)
[1980's Assembly from Year 3](#)

Club Changes: Year 3 & 4 Cricket on Tuesday is cancelled due to the fixture
Year 5 & 6 Football on Tuesday is cancelled due to a staff meeting

Let's Get Talking: This free local event for family mental health awareness takes place on Sunday 9th February. Please see [here](#) for more information.

Cocktail Party Saturday 14th March: If you are interested in the cocktail party being organised by the Parents' Social Group, please see the letter [here](#) for booking information.

Happy Birthday: Many happy returns for next week to Freddie B, Martha K and Karla.

Dinner Table Discussions:

Which 1980s band were playing as you entered assembly today? (Pet Shop Boys)

What instrument did King's boy Oliver Annable play in assembly today? (clarinet)

What was 3A's assembly about? Which teachers' photos did you see? Which was the funniest? (The 1980s)