



Kelmscott School

NEWSLETTER

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British Values

We held a special lunch in honour of Burns Night, and the Royal Marines coordinated sessions with a selection of our Year 9 and 10 students.

Physical Education

Our Sports Leaders organise activities for local primary schools.

High Attainers

Details of a selection of students who have been accepted at prestigious universities and colleges for scholarships

Literacy

This term features the theme of radicalisation, and the department prepares for International Women's Day

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Latest News

Film & Digital Art

Year 10 Creative Digital Art pupils were visited by Director Ben Dempsey early January who came to speak to them about the process of preparing to film, in particular the importance of storyboarding as they begin to develop their own preparation for their film, 'Monologue'.

He shared some of his experiences and showed them his own early work as well as recent short films and adverts. Pupils were able to ask questions and find out about jobs related to the film industry. Who knows, maybe he has inspired the next Steve McQueen or Kathryn Bigelow?

To see more of Ben's work or other directors on the Knucklehead website go to:

www.knucklehead.co.uk/the-dempseys



Fundraising

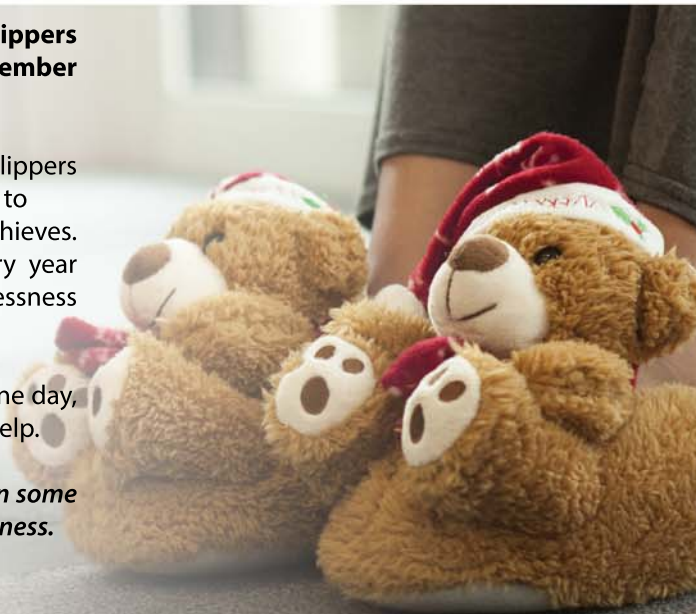
Kelmscott School took part in the Slippers for Shelter Day on Friday 4th December 2015.

Pupils and staff had fun wearing their slippers all day and the school fund raised £500 to contribute to the work that Shelter achieves. Shelter helps millions of people every year struggling with bad housing or homelessness through their advice and support.

Shelter campaigns to make sure that one day, no one will have to turn to Shelter for help.

We are all proud that we have helped in some way to fight bad housing and homelessness.

www.shelter.org.uk



Straight Curve - Community Film Project

Straight Curve have been visiting 20 Year 8s during January to enable them to produce films on the theme of "Community" to then be entered to the Film Festival competition.

The first visit prepared pupils by teaching them how to build a story into a working script, then the pupils had to pitch their ideas to each other. A vote was taken and two of the scripts were chosen to be developed in the second session that took place at the end of the month. Pupils prepared props and costumes for the favourites, 'The Jinn' and 'Graffiti Genius' as well as directing each other during the performances during the day.



"I think the work we did with Straight Curve gave us a sense of responsibility, we could go wild with our imaginations. It felt good to have no restrictions. The staff were supportive, if we messed up or gave a silly opinion that did not work out we were still respected"

Aishah Bashir 8E

New skills such as directing, operating a camera, monitoring the sound and using a boom microphone and clapper board were learnt that day and the pupils impressed with the speed and maturity with which they worked.

The work will now be edited by Straight Curve and a premiere will take place on the 10th March as part of the borough wide Film Festival, which promises to be a glamorous affair.

It is here, that we will find out if our Year 8s' film has won any prizes this year... Keep your fingers crossed!

www.scfilmschool.com





Something odd has appeared in the Art Department...

Students and staff are encouraged to go up into the corridor between Rooms 406 and 407. Touch. Read. Look. Think. Be respectful!

I would be very interested to hear what you all make of it.

Ms Dempsey



Photography Club

Year 9 students are introduced to the medium of digital photography.

So far they have been experimenting with different techniques such as light painting, portraits with strong studio lighting, macro and time value (shutter speeds) to capture movement.

***“The experience has been awesome.
I have learnt a lot about photography and have
enjoyed myself”*** Khadijah Chaudhrey 9S



Burns Night Lunch

Fair and full is your honest, jolly face,
Great chieftain of the sausage race!
Above them all you take your place,
Stomach, tripe, or intestines:
Well are you worthy of a grace
As long as my arm.
The groaning trencher there you fill,
Your buttocks like a distant hill,
Your pin would help to mend a mill
In time of need,
While through your pores the dews distill
Like amber bead.
His knife see rustic Labour wipe,
And cut you up with ready slight,
Trenching your gushing entrails bright,
Like any ditch;
And then, O what a glorious sight,
Warm steaming, rich!
Then spoon for spoon, the stretch and strive:
Devil take the hindmost, on they drive,
Till all their well swollen bellies by-and-by
Are bent like drums;
Then old head of the table, most like to burst,
"The grace!" hums.
Is there that over his French ragout,
Or olio that would sicken a sow,
Or fricassee would make her vomit
With perfect disgust,
Looks down with sneering, scornful view
On such a dinner?
Poor devil! see him over his trash,
As feeble as a withered rush,
His thin legs a good whip-lash,
His fist a nut;
Through bloody flood or field to dash,
O how unfit.
But mark the Rustic, haggis-fed,
The trembling earth resounds his tread,
Clap in his ample fist a blade,
He'll make it whistle;
And legs, and arms, and heads will cut off
Like the heads of thistles.
You powers, who make mankind your care,
And dish them out their bill of fare,
Old Scotland wants no watery stuff,
That splashes in small wooden dishes;
But if you wish her grateful prayer,
Give her [Scotland] a Haggis

On Monday 25th January we held a special lunch time in honour of Robert Burns.

Traditionally, the Burns supper is a celebration of the life and poetry of the poet Robert Burns, author of many Scots poems.

See the translation of the "address to the haggis" read by Ms Livingston (left).



Menu

Monday 25th January

Highlands mince, neeps and tatties

Vegetarian mince, neeps and tatties

Burns special Scottish oat cakes

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Royal Navy Visit

A recent visit from the Royal Navy included working with a selection of Year 7 and Year 9 students, who took on a range of physical and mental challenges to develop independent thinking and team building skills.



Students commented on how they enjoyed the day. A lot of them gained confidence and learnt more about what roles the Royal Navy offer, and the attributes of a Royal Marine Commando: *amphibiousness, brotherhood, courage, determination, physicality and stealth.*

www.royalnavy.mod.uk/royalmarines

"I enjoyed the visit from the Royal Navy because it helped me focus more in class and made me dedicated to do well in life"

Keishon Elizee 9L

Sutton Scholars UCL

We are very proud that Ridwan Mahdi 8M and Amani Khan 8S have been accepted for the Sutton Scholarship programme (in conjunction with University College London). This is a highly competitive, London-wide, free series of academic events aimed to support very able pupils. I am sure they will do very well.

St George's Medical Summer School

5 pupils in Year 11 and 10 are currently applying for this, we wish them luck.



London School of Economics Summer Schools

If you are in Year 11 and interested in Social Sciences; you should definitely apply for this.



Pupils need to see Ms Marsh-Feiley in person to get a form, and the deadline is 26th February. The summer school dates are 4th - 8th July.

Trips

Queen Mary's University London

30 Year 8 pupils spent the day at QMUL. On arriving, they did a decision making activity about going to University. Then we had a tour of the campus, talking to the student ambassadors on the way. In the afternoon we went to the "Centre of the cell", based at the medical school. We were able to look down into the real science labs, and then found out about some of the research through interactive games.

The group was described as "one of the best ever", with great answers given in the sessions by our pupils. We are proud of our Year 8 pupils and are sure that the trip gave them a fantastic opportunity to start thinking about their future nice and early.

Cambridge University

This year on the 8th March we are taking our top Year 10 pupils to Cambridge rather than Oxford as it's nearer!

We are working with the college Gonville and Caius, who is the link University for Waltham Forest.



Literacy News

In preparation of International Women's Day we are looking at feminist heroes in fiction.

What is a feminist hero? It's a girl who gets to be anything she wants. A feminist hero is a well-rounded character, with real assets and real flaws, whose story does not revolve around a man and his wishes. She make her own choices, good or bad.

During tutor time we listened to a story of a young woman's tale of how she was radicalised.

This brought up questions about radicalisation, honour crime and manipulation which students discussed in detail. In the library there is a display of books based on these subjects for students and staff to gain further information and insight.

If students have any concerns about radicalisation please speak to a member of the safeguarding team or a member of staff. All staff have received training.

February's library theme is romance.

We are showing the film 'The Fault in our Stars' on 24th February at 3:05pm. There are limited places so please sign up in the library.

The author of the month is John Green. He is a young adult fiction writer who has written books such as 'Looking for Alaska', 'The Fault in our Stars' and 'Paper Towns'. We have all his titles available to borrow.



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MFL: Spanish News

This January, Kelmscott Year 10 Spanish classes attended the Edexcel conference with Miss Thorp and Mr Ravoux to meet one of the Edexcel examiners at Walthamstow School For Girls.

It was a cold morning 'Hizo mucho frio' but all students were determined to make the most of this conference.

Controlled assessments are quite demanding tasks and our students made the most of the morning, learning new adjectives, adverbs, using a variety of opinions... As we know, we love to use opinions!

We have lots to say at Kelmscott. Our students made us proud as always, Sefora and Talha even went on stage, and completed instant translations in front of other schools and we won chocolate bars! We were impressed how confident our students were and they answered so many questions throughout the whole morning.

Well done to our Spanish groups, you were a credit to the school.

Miss Thorp and Mr Ravoux



Proud Spanish Students!

Jack Tardelli-Thompson, Alfie Maw, Amna Muhammed and Charlenssa Chinan

"The trip to Walthamstow School For Girls was very useful because we learnt extra information and what we need to do to achieve a high level. It inspired me to take Spanish more seriously, and I think it's showed why I got an A grade on my recent Spanish writing exam"

Georgia Gibson 10M

Computing Master Classes

Year 9 students Alyaa, Maryum and Aqiff have been attending Computing Master Classes at Gladesmore on Saturday mornings, learning new programming skills.

In one session they were learning how to use Raspberry Pi computers by an expert who had been working with Tim Peake. Students learnt about programs that were being used on the space station. Mr Lowe and Mr Elfallah visited the students at one of the sessions and were really impressed by the Kelmscott students contribution. We hope to send more students on these classes in the future.

"I especially enjoyed working alongside others with different abilities and working with new things I have discovered."

Aqiff Khairuddin 9C





Sports Leaders



We are currently providing a course running from October 2015 to Easter 2016 which is a nationally recognised qualification in developing leadership skills.


It can really make applications for college and employment stand out as it demonstrates that you can be responsible and that you are willing to work on your communication skills. The current Sports Leaders are working with Barncroft School Year 5s organising different sport sessions:

Qays Zahid 10E - Pelsin Arslan 10K - Amna Muhammed 10E
Zara Najeeb 10K - Humerah Choudry 10L - Usamah Asania 10C
Mohammed Ahabab 10E - Tyrce Reid Duberry 10C

5-A-Side Girls' Football

The current Year 7 girls football team have finished 3rd place in the Waltham Forest 5-a-side football league.

Well done to the squad (right)



**Shantae Marsh 7K
Falla Levari 7E
Kelis Sequien 7K
Bi Qia Cai 7E
Ozlem Arslantas 7K
Iqra Basharat 7S
Eliseia Ciuciulete 7C**



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Saturday 20th February 12-4pm

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