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Dear Parents and Guardians

A personal highlight this week was the King's Barbers presentation in assembly of their trip to Goa. Amidst the wealth of opportunities we enjoy here at King's, it was humbling to hear the boys and Mr North recount the lessons learnt from their visit.

A visit to an orphanage in Goa and a conversation with one of the children particularly stood out. When asked how old he was, the boy said 'Twelve... I think'. The idea of a not being entirely sure of one's age or not knowing your birth date is far removed from our own experience. In this world of comparison via social media, it is good to have a reality check and to be reminded about how life is for many others. The Barbers concluded the assembly with their rendition of one of the songs they had learnt from the boys at the orphanage. This was filmed and sent with a greeting from King's Ely to the orphanage in Goa.

Science Week has been another highlight. Mr Kittoe's 'Rubbish Collection' outside of the labs has been an unavoidable feature of the area outside the labs. All classroom waste has been collected with Biology, Chemistry and Physics pupils carrying out various experiments on the nature of this waste. The culmination of the week was the visit of Lord Winstone on Friday afternoon to deliver the Osmond Lecture.

All the very best



Jonathan Shaw
Head King's Ely Senior

ERASMUS

What an amazing experience our students had as part of the Erasmus trip to Albacete! In an atmosphere, recently, where the status of languages' uptake is being questioned all across the UK, here, at King's Ely, as our Head of German pointed out two weeks ago, languages are strong! How can that be? Because we are not just teaching languages, we are taking the languages outside the classroom by making experiences! In order to do that, we offer a rich extracurricular programme in the



youngsters' future.

Last Wednesday 6 March we embarked on this second Erasmus trip to Albacete, Spain. Students participated in a great number of activities, from delivering presentations in Spanish and English about their culture and heritage, working on a collaborative blog diary via Padlet to taking part in a wide range of cultural activities and excursions.



Day 1 students enjoyed a nice walk around Albacete as they visited the local Cathedral, the Museum of cutlery and had Chocolate con Churros.



Day 2 was the highlight of the week as students got ready in the morning for their participation in the Carnival Parade: students worked on the parade choreography and finished the decoration of our outfits. Finally, as anticipation started rising, we were driven to the local village of Villarrobledo and started enjoying the festival of the Carnival! After a couple of hours of anticipation, dancing to music in the big Village Main Square, we eventually joined the Carnival Parade dressed as flags: UK, Spain, France and the EU, representing the three countries carrying out our Erasmus project and the European spirit that has made all this possible! There are no words to describe the students' feelings while in the parade apart from being una experiencia inolvidable! It was beautiful to see how students from both countries mixed together dancing, singing, enjoying and taking part in the Spanish culture



while experiencing a whole community coming together with the carnival just before the Lent period!



Days 3 and 4 were spent with host families enjoying the gastronomy and the historical heritage of the Albacete province as parents organised local trips to close by key villages.



Day 5 we went to Toledo in order to experience the cultural and historical heritage of Spain and find out about El Greco, one of Spain's most famous and talented painters. On the way back to Albacete, we also stopped to see the Consuegra mills described in the well known Don Quijote's passage of the fight of the three giants!



What a week! I certainly was emotional to see how experiences were created, how students worked collaboratively in their Padlets throughout the week and how they were communicating in Spanish, while understanding more than a language, that any app can translate, but a culture, its people, its traditions and therefore, developing our students' tolerance and critical thinking. We were truly United in diversity!

I must give a big thank you to Mr Kishor, who accompanied us on the trip and the Spanish teachers and Spanish SMT who went through a great effort to organize all activities, especially the Carnival. Also, Muchas Gracias to all the Spanish families, who created the Carnival outfits for us and were such wonderful hosts to our students, you have all contributed to a life changing experience!

To see all our photos, please visit our Twitter account [@united_an](#)

Esmeralda Salgado -

Head of MFL & Spanish



Day 6 students enjoyed the geographical heritage of the area in Las Lagunas de Ruidera, where they also took part in water activities in the lakes and visited the Cueva de Montesinos, again, featured in Don Quijote's adventures with her maiden La Doncella del Toboso.

A LEVEL HISTORY CRUSADERS CONFERENCE

Last week, Year 12 historians visited London for the annual A level History Crusades revision conference. There they heard four excellent talks from Thomas Asbridge and Jonathan Philips, both renowned experts in this field. The lectures both augmented what we have been studying in class and also gave us an interesting insight into the latest research carried out by both historians.

Colin Currie - Head of History

HISTORY CAFÉ

Last Wednesday History Café returned for the penultimate session of the term with Mr Lowery presenting on the Taiping Rebellion of 1850-1864. It was really interesting for students and staff to hear a well delivered talk on something that we all had next to no prior knowledge of. Mr Lowery was at his inimitable best as he took us through the chronology of the rebellion from its causes to its ultimate failure. It was also interesting to hear about how British economic interests in the region had an impact on both its inception and outcome.

Colin Currie - Head of History



ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS YEAR 13

Year 13 Geographers had an exciting and informative day at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, last Thursday.

They were partaking in two curriculum sessions, the first on Globalisation. This involved students considering the positives and negatives globalisation poses for all stakeholders involved, with a focus on produce used globally that originates from the world's rainforests.

Students then faced an unusual scavenger hunt to find three rainforest raw materials within the Palm House and using these, design a sustainable, fair trade, global product that met a 'triple bottom line' of People, Planet, Profit. A great deal of thought and innovation went into the creation of the products with some extremely interesting and surprisingly marketable results!

After lunch the students worked on their second session on Water and Carbon Cycles. This was introduced with a team building recap on both cycles followed by discussion on human interruptions and impacts. Back in the Palm House, students worked to identify and geolocate plant species emulating the work carried out by the RSPB on their Harapan Rainforest Reserve. They considered the impacts of growing rainforest species commercially and the effects this has on the water and carbon cycles.

A thoroughly enjoyable and educational day was had by all, the highlight for some being the discovery of the rare Jade Vine in the orchid house! Many thanks to Mrs Keen for accompanying us and for your interest and enthusiasm in the visit.

Helen Melville - Teacher of Geography



CLIMBING

The first in a series of Climbing trips took place at the weekend. Unfortunately the weather was wet, cold and snowy at times, so the climbers headed to the Foundry on Saturday and Awesome Walls in Sheffield on Sunday. The group consisted of a mixture of Level 2 and Level 3 climbers, each working individually towards completing their progressive learning in rock climbing. For the Level 2 climbers, it was practising climbing movement and stances in order to become a competent second, as well as perfecting their lead belaying skills. For the Level 3 climbers, fall practice and lead climbing were the main goals for the weekend.

Sophie Cheng - Director of Outdoor Education



Well done to all the climbers: Thea Allinson, Harriet Froud, Rhys Phillips, David Harris and Jamie Layfield.



SIXTH FORM DISCO



Last Friday evening the Sixth Form students enjoyed one of the highlights of their social calendar: *Disco through the Decades*. Dressed to impress, there was at least one John Travolta look-a-like, MC Hammer, a couple of glam rockers, several hippies and some ravers. After a superb chicken supper, prepared by our wonderful Refectory catering team, the students danced the night away to music from the 60s to the present day. The evening closed with the last few students giving an impressive synchronised dance to La Macarena. A great time was had by all.

Jane Halls - Sixth Form Supervisor



BREXIT PLANNING

We live in uncertain times and all who run organisations and businesses are working to ensure that our departure from the EU, on whatever terms, has minimal effect on the efficient running of our organisation. We are keeping a close eye on any aspect of Brexit that may have an impact on our various functions. We are taking account of the government's advice on travel after Brexit. You may find the following link useful as you plan your own summer breaks:

(<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/passport-rules-for-travel-to-europe-after-brexit>).



SCIENCE WEEK 11/3 – 15/3/2019

Science Week is taking place across the UK and King's Ely Senior is joining in. We have two main projects taking place this week as described in the posters and paragraphs *below*.

A Waste of a Week

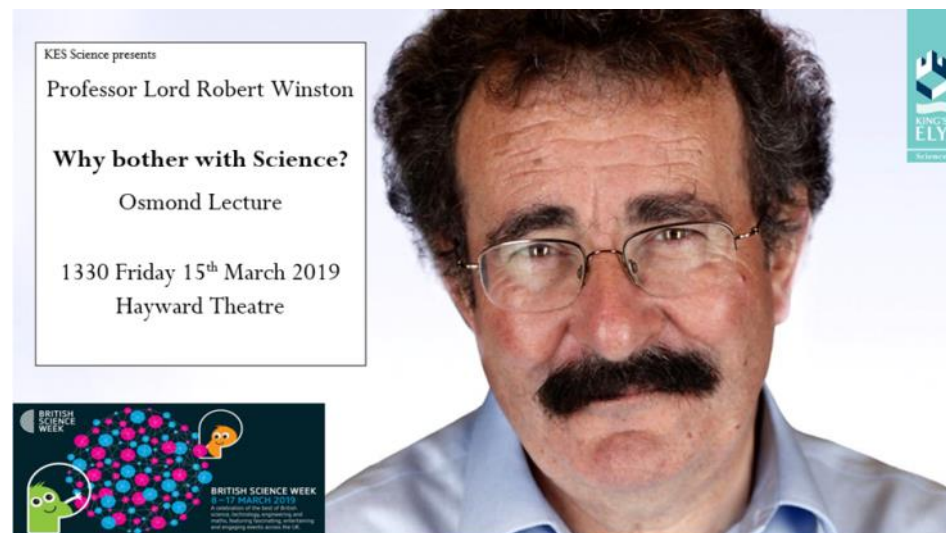
We are collecting all our classroom refuse from across King's Ely Senior and Junior and looking at it from a number of angles. **Physics** are looking at the issue in terms of mass, volume, density and rate; **Chemistry** are sampling for plastics and looking at how they might be recycled and **Biology** are looking at the effect of our waste on the environment.

Students have been taken (suitably dressed) into our rubbish compound in the quad to analyse what we throw away. Look out for results in this publication next week.

The Osmond Lecture

The Osmond Lecture is an annual Science lecture here at King's Ely for the benefit of all Sixth Formers. This year Professor Lord Robert Winston, the renowned scientist, politician and media star is coming to speak to us about why one should bother with Science. The Lecture will take place on Friday at 1330, and this year our Year 10 and 11 Triple Award Scientists will also be attending.

Ned Kittoe - Head of Science, Extension and Enrichment Coordinator



SCHOOL HOUSE BAKING

School House have been filling their Saturday mornings with the smell of fresh baking thanks to some masterclasses led by our matron. The boys have been learning how to make tasty treats such as flapjacks, pineapple upside down cake and cupcakes, among others.

*Patrick Green - Housemaster School House,
Teacher of Physical Education*



PANCAKE DAY IN SCHOOL HOUSE



In addition the house celebrated 'Pancake Day' last week with a few of the boys dedicating their time and effort to make over 50 pancakes for the rest of the house.



RUGBY

On Sunday, the 1st XV rugby boys took part in the U18 Wisbech 7s, a warm up tournament for the Rosslyn Park 7s on 26 March. We played Gresham's, Ipswich, Wisbech and Culford and even though we lost all 4 games, all 4 matches were competitive. We should have won at least 2 games, as we lost in the last plays of the game against both Ipswich (12-10) and Culford (20-17).

The boys will continue to work hard on their fitness before the Rosslyn Park tournament, by attending running club on Monday lunchtimes and after school training on Fridays.

Jim Thompson - Director of Sport and Head of Rugby



NETBALLU14A v Finborough U15B

This was the best chance that the U14As had to gain a big win, and truth be told they thoroughly deserved to. The movement down the court improved with each quarter, as did the passing, but quite often the final ball just didn't stick. Amelia Sangster and Alexandra Marshall had outstanding performances as GK and GD respectively, intercepting with energy and enthusiasm. Alexandra Bowerman made her debut as GS, moving extremely well and being thoroughly positive. A real shame that the match came down to the final quarter and just swung the way of the opposition. Well done on a fantastic game girls.

U15A V Finborough

The U15As hosted Finborough School this week. The girls knew this was going to be a challenging game due to a number of key players being unable to play due to injury and illness. The King's team flew out of the blocks attacking with style and precision. Olivia Haynes and Issy Duckworth worked well as an attacking unit putting in a number of quick first time balls. Abi Hughes movement in the circle was outstanding but sadly the nerves of not having her normal team-mate meant that a number of opportunities were lost. Sadie Hammond and Amelia Shaw had to work hard in defence to keep the Finborough girls at bay but this proved to be an extremely difficult task especially after Amelia suffered from a devastating on-court injury. The shooting from Finborough was fast and precise meaning the King's side fell behind during the second half. It was disappointing that this team couldn't secure a win but the outcome may have been different if the U15A's had their full squad.



1st Team vs Old Eleans

7 Old Elean ladies took on the 1st netball team on Saturday. Kim Saxby, Sarah Smith, Davina Harvey, Alison Dhrampal, Clare McCarthy, Kirsten Young and Emma Ayers managed to beat the 1st team 39-22. The Old Elean ladies were extremely strong in defence and there was some exceptional shooting from Kim and Sarah. The 1st netball team worked on different combinations. The girls stayed focused and managed to win the last quarter in goals. It was a lovely afternoon with a lot of support from parents, partners and kids.



*Lizelle Goosen - Head of Netball &
Teacher of Girls' Games*

FOOTBALL**First XI made it eight wins in a row with a fine display at Oakham**

The first XI put in a tremendous first half display against Oakham who were level top of the Mercian League with King's. From the kick off King's dominated possession and the tempo of the match with Callum Hall and Robbie Robjant controlling the game from the middle of the park. Alistair MacArthur opened the scoring following neat interplay down the right flank. Our second goal was probably the best team goal that I have ever seen at first team level. Tom Kim gathered the ball under pressure next to the corner flag. He calmly passed the ball out of defence. This started a series of eight passes which culminated in Arthur Plews slotting home from ten yards. Plews grabbed his second ten minutes into the second half when he outpaced the



Looks Cold !

Oakham defence and rifled passed the Oakham keeper from the edge of the box. This was his eighteenth goal of the term and set a new King's scoring record. King's went on to record a three one victory and currently sit top of the Mercian league with three games to go. We will also return to Oakham next week to contest the LB Cup semi-final.

The 2nd team went down 3-0 in a hard fought match. The third team played out entertaining 12 goal thriller eventually losing 7-5. The goal scorers were S George-Grajales (2), T Savko, D Zhawi and an own goal. The fourth XI continued their unbeaten record with C Boyle completing a brace and scoring in the final minute. Players worthy of a special mention were goalkeeper Louis Ahmed, Charlie Boyle and Billy McGrath.

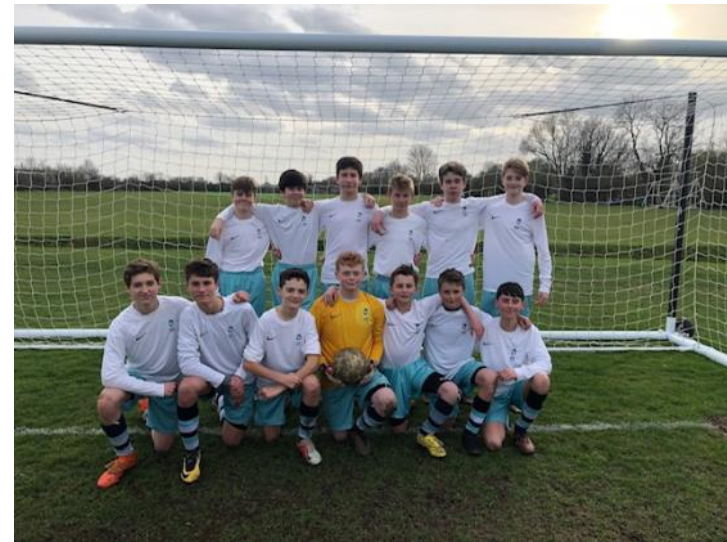
At home the Under 14 A Team put in their best display of the season against Oakham under 15 A, when they recorded an 8-1 victory. In this match the team played some slick attacking football with delightful interplay between defence, midfield and attack. The goal scorers were W Daniel (2), C Henry (2), H Hall (2), C Marshall and T Coates.



On Tuesday three Under 15 teams travelled to Haileybury. All matches were competitive and we were extremely unlucky not to come away with a victory. The A team put in a tremendous performance in an evenly fought encounter. Haileybury were awarded a last minute penalty which they converted to seal a 4-3 victory. King's goalscorers were Harry Hall (2) and Archie Hall. The B team also had a cracker of a match, which ended in a 3-2; defeat goal scorers were George Chamberlain and David Keene. The U 15 C team played their first match and thoroughly enjoyed the match. We don't often field a C team at this level but it is great to see the enthusiasm and desire to represent the school at this level. Unfortunately the C team lost 5-1 but put in a spirited display. Goal scorer was Oliver Gee.

This weekend we play eight fixtures against Wellingborough with an 11 o'clock kick off. The seniors travel whilst the U15A and B and U14A and B host.

Kevin Daniel - Head of Physical Education



REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARIES

Saturday 16 March	09:30	KES & KEJ Associated Board Music practical examinations (RH/KEJ)
	19:30	KES Take the Stage Cabaret evening by KES singers (HT)
Sunday 17 March	11:00 16:00	KES 'The Merchant of Venice/Much Ado About Nothing' rehearsal (Dance Studio/Black Box)
Tuesday 19 March	09:00 10:00	KES Y10-12 Drama (16 pupils) Splendid Theatre presents "The Oresteia" (MH)
	10:00 13:00	KES Y10-12 Drama (16 pupils) Splendid Theatre workshop (RH & Dance Studio)
	11:20 13:00	KES Y9 Emotional Wellbeing Event (HT)
	16:45	KES Y9 Parents' Evening (HT)
	19:00	KES Trinity Speech and Drama Showcase (Black Box)

Wednesday 20 March	08:00	KES Y12 Geography Fieldtrip departs, Snowdonia, North Wales
Thursday 21 March	11:20 13:20	KES & KEJ Y8-11 Intermediate Maths Challenge: 2nd Round (SS5)
	16:45 20:00	KES & KEI Science Society Physics Lecture: "Einstein, General Relativity and Gravitational Waves", Prof Malcolm Longair, (Cambridge University)
Friday 22 March	16:40	KES Ely Scheme Level 2 Climbing (2) departs (Derbyshire)