

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 26th January - Parent Consultation day - Students to come in only for their allocated appointment
Friday 27th January - Teacher training day - Students not in school
Half Term Holiday - Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

It has been wonderful to see and hear about so many students who consistently demonstrating PRIDE in everything they do - it was a pleasure to have some time with some of these students this week and celebrate them and how they contribute to our school ethos.

It has also been brilliant to read how well the Year 9 football team are doing in reaching the Coventry Cup quarter final! I wish the team all the best in the next stage of this competition. We are so proud of you - good luck!

As always, there is lots to look forward to this half term, and I am particularly keen to see our students perform at the Music Showcase on Tuesday 7th February - tickets can be purchased from Mr Channer.

Wishing you all a great weekend,

Ms Rooke, Headteacher

Pride Recognition Awards

On Wednesday morning a whole school assembly was held focusing on the topic of PRIDE. PRIDE is at the very core of what we believe here at President Kennedy School for all staff and students alike.

Ms Rooke was impressed with the many and varied contributions from students during tutor time with their comprehensive understanding of what PRIDE meant to them. Comments included:

Taking pride in their uniform, behaviour and being respectful to all, showing acts of kindness, having a growth mind set, a determination to succeed, being an ambassador of their community, engaging in lessons and keeping their environment clean and tidy.

Issues raised in order to maintain our high standards included: wearing blazers, not running on site, keeping

to our strict guidelines regarding the school uniform, not wearing ear pods or using mobile phones in school, sitting down to eat and having intelligent, grown up conversations surrounding any issues that may arise.

Ms Rooke also launched a new incentive: *The Pride Recognition Rewards*.

This initiative will involve ten students across Years 7 to 11 to be chosen by staff every week to receive a reward in the form of a voucher from Ms Rooke. This will be in recognition of how well they have demonstrated the school ethos of PRIDE.

The voucher itself will enable the the chosen students to exchange it for a chocolate brownie accompanied with a hot chocolate!



Pop Art Learning Journey

Year 8 students have been continuing with their drawing of facial features which will underpin the work they are doing on the **Pop Art** movement.

Their learning journey will involve them having a firm understanding of knowing how to draw basic human features in a traditional manner, before embarking on the principles known in the post modern art genre.

One of the techniques used is called 'mapping', which involves

breaking down elements that in this instance, make up the shape of a human nose. This helped many of the students to create a more realistic drawing.

Lacie, Lucy and Faith all felt that it strengthened their drawing skills and look forward to their next lesson which will involve Miss Colley demonstrating a tutorial that will further aid their creative thinking.



Christmas Jumper/Cultural Clothes Day

Last term students were invited to come into school in their traditional dress or to wear a Christmas jumper with their uniform and bring in £1 for charity to support Zoe's Place Baby Hospice in Coventry. The amount students raised was a fantastic £410.42!



**Zoe's Place
Baby Hospice**

Well done all who were involved - a great way to celebrate diversity, to spread Christmas cheer and raise money for a worthwhile cause!

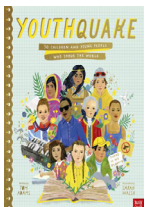


The Library

At President Kennedy School

FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

This week the Library's recommended reads are....



Youthquake by Tom Adams

A collection of inspiring stories about young people who have shaped the world we live in in some way.

No one is too small to start a Youthquake! This is the story of fearless activists, brilliant inventors, champion athletes, gifted creators and inspiring leaders. It is the story of tremendous trail blazers who have influenced change with their passion, courage and determination, and whose inspirational actions and ground-breaking achievements have shaken the world...



Outsmarting Worry by Dawn Huebner

Worry has a way of growing, shifting from not-a-big-deal to a VERY BIG DEAL in the blink of an eye. This big-deal Worry is tricky, luring children into behaviours that keep the anxiety cycle going. Children often find it hard to fight back against Worry, but not anymore.

Outsmarting Worry teaches a specific set of skills that makes it easier to face and overcome worries and fears. Smart, practical, proven techniques are presented in language immediately accessible to young people with an emphasis on shifting from knowing to doing, from worried to happy and free.

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

Library Staff



Year 9 Football Team Reach the Coventry Cup Quarter Final!

The Year 9 football team have had an excellent week.

On Monday night we beat Finham Park School 3-1 in the Coventry Cup, which means we are now in the quarter final.

On Wednesday night we beat Sidney Stringer School 6-2.

The teamwork and effort from the boys on Wednesday night was outstanding and the best display they have put in all season. Well done to all who played.

Mr Garlick, P.E Department



Culinary Treats to Celebrate the Chinese/Lunar New Year

The kitchen staff were busy on Thursday preparing for the Chinese/Lunar New Year (held this year on Sunday 22nd January) by treating staff and students with a special Chinese menu.

The cuisine included: vegetable stir fry, salt and pepper chips, Chinese chicken curry and sticky hoisin chicken.

Both staff and students agreed that this was a lovely way to celebrate the advent of this prosperous occasion. Gong hei fat choy!



Tips on Social Media...

What should I know about online privacy?

Most social media websites have privacy policies and settings, but they are all different.

Some sites are completely public, meaning that anyone can read or look at anything, anytime. Other sites let you control who has access to your information.

The following suggestions will help you and your children protect their online privacy:

- Read a website's privacy policy before sharing any personal information.
- Check your child's privacy policy settings to make sure they aren't sharing more information than you want (for example, their birthdate or location).
- If they use a GPS-enabled smartphone or tablet, they could be posting status updates, photos and videos with "geotags". Geotags share the exact location of where your photo was taken. Make sure these are turned off on devices.
- Encourage your child to use an online nickname, instead of a real name, whenever possible.
- Make sure your child keeps every account password protected, and have them change passwords often. Remind your child not to share passwords, even with friends.
- Your child should not accept friend requests from (or actively connect with) people they don't know in real life.
- Explain that Snapchat posts are NOT temporary, as they were intended to be. People can take screenshots of a photo before it disappears.
- Encourage them to protect and respect their friends' privacy too. They should ask permission before posting something about a friend, such as a photo or a video. They should also be aware of what your friends are posting about them.

Students have been learning about online safety this week in the tutor curriculum - please read these top tips on how we can all ensure that we are keeping safe.



MUSIC SHOWCASE

**TUESDAY 7TH
FEBRUARY
6PM TO 7:30PM**



**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
MR CHANNER IN G10**

ADULT £3 CHILD £1



**A MUSICAL SHOWCASE
FEATURING OUR TALENTED
BANDS, SOLOISTS, VOCALISTS,
PERCUSSION, WOODWIND
AND BRASS!**

