

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

This week's newsletter is the epitome of Kennedy Kids can! There is so much to celebrate this week and I am incredibly proud of how much PRIDE our students show in everything they do. I was bursting with joy to see several of our students achieve bronze, silver, and gold medals from the athletics events they had been participating in across the city. What is even more impressive is that several of our students are now, not only gold medallists, but also City Champions in their particular event. What an accomplishment! The sporting success doesn't end there, with our Year 7 Rounders team winning their last game of the season against Foxford! A superb win for them and I look forward to seeing their success continue into Year 8. I also want to recognise one of our former students, Rusciano, who has been selected to represent England at the Youth Commonwealth Games in Trinidad and Tobago in August. This is a phenomenal opportunity for him and we wish him the best of luck!

Our success and reasons to celebrate go beyond the world of sport though and, as you can see from this week's newsletter, we have some incredibly talented students at President Kennedy School. Mr Channer created an excellent opportunity for our talented musicians in Year 7, 8, and 9 to play at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire and Mr Taylor took our STEM students to the final of the Industrial Cadet's Bronze award (of which both groups ended up winning a prize for their project).

Mr Green has also supported our Post-16 students enter the intermediate Biology Olympiad this year. We had several students who were commended and highly commended but I'd like to say a huge congratulations to Connor who scored a Gold award! An incredible achievement. This shows off just a small amount of the talent and dedication our students show every single day. All of these opportunities though, along with the trips that have happened recently, would not have happened if it wasn't for the hard work and dedication of our staff. The way in which they go above and beyond is why President Kennedy School is such a special place – they know how special our students are and do their absolute best to *build brighter futures* – and I can only thank them for all they do.

Have a great weekend!

**Ms Rooke, Headteacher**

## Outstanding Sporting Achievements!

This Year has been an outstanding year for athletics at President Kennedy School, on thursday night we had our medal ceremony for all of our Coventry Schools medalists.

### Bronze Medal

Yr9 Girls 4x100m relay - Favour Mburichen,  
Elizabeth Pollard, Abshara Piratheebean,  
Cordelia Akata  
Yr7 Long Jump - Efehi Omogun  
Yr7 150m - Sam Balding  
Yr7 Discus - Rafael Gomes  
Yr 7 Triple Jump - Keaton Griffiths  
Yr8 Shot Put - Rosemary Cudjoe

### Silver Medal

Yr9 Favour Mburichen - Shot Put  
Yr7 Discus - Lilley Ward  
Yr7 Long Jump - Michael Odigie  
Yr7 Shot Put - Rafael Gomes  
Yr8 Shot Put - Savanna Scott  
Yr8 800m and Triple Jump - Harley Robson  
Yr8 Long Jump - Kristians Silovs  
Yr8 Shot Put - Henry Febiri  
Yr8 Boys 4x100m relay - Isaac Basanga,  
Charlie Bayton Timms, Owen Wills, Kavin Janjua

### Gold Medal and City Champions

Yr9 Discus - Cordelia Akata  
Yr7 Discus - Aisha Sirmame  
Yr7 Hurdles - Michael Odigie  
Yr7 Javelin - Brandon Austin  
Yr8 Hurdles - Isaac Basanga  
Yr8 Triple Jump - Owen Wills

**Mr Garlick, P.E Department**





## Students Perform at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire

A group of students from Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 had another exciting opportunity to develop their instrumental, ensemble and music-making skills.

The music workshop and performance were held at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire and led by "National Orchestral all", whose programme is about giving young people who wouldn't normally have the opportunity to rehearse and play in a large symphony orchestra, to perform with other schools and led by professional instrumental section leaders.

The performance was well received by the audience and the students enjoyed the experience of performing live.

I would like to thank all students; you were so engaged, focused, thoughtful, polite... not to mention being passionate in your playing! The NFA team said that they were genuinely blown away by the positive attitude you arrived with and maintained throughout a very enjoyable if intense day. Well done!

**Mr Channer, Head of Music**



## Industrial Cadets Winners

Our students have been taking part in the industrial cadet's bronze award for the last four months and today was their rewards evening. This was a competition about future transportation in Coventry and our students were up against schools across the region including Rugby High and Southam College on the day. The students had to complete a range of tasks including:

Writing a formal report on their plan for using drones in Coventry.

Presenting their project to a panel of judges.

And Programming and flying a drone.

On the day both teams won a prize.

**Team SOS Drones - Project of the Year**

Julia Puzio

Manpreet Kalsi

Agalijah Kathirgamanathan

Anumitha Nagarupan

**Team Fully Automated Taxi - People Choice Project of the Year.**

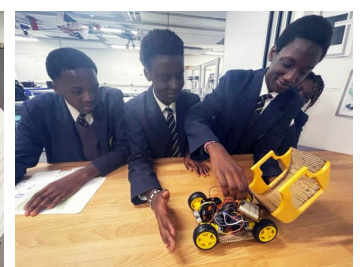
Zuriel Assafuah

Sudais Abdul Rahman

Fares Mudhai

Fraser Mudhai

**Mr Taylor, Teacher of Science**





## FABfest at Warwick University

A group of Year 8 students went to Warwick University to take part in FABfest. It was a great opportunity to learn more about Humanities subjects and the different courses that can be studied.

We learnt about publishing Harry Potter in different languages, Roman food, sculpture and Tudor research. The students gained a real insight into life at a campus University.

**Mrs Murray, Year 8 Progress Leader**



## Year 12 Biology Olympiad

Congratulations to all our Year 12 Biologists who entered the Intermediate Biology Olympiad 2023.

The worldwide competition challenges and stimulates students with an interest in biology. It enables students to demonstrate their talent and to be suitably rewarded with publicly recognised certificates. Congratulations to all students who took part.

Special mention to the following students - Karthiheyen Jeyanthan, Lily May Marsden, Karun Sandhu, Mya Jones all achieved Commended.

Anne Ananthan, Shujaa Khan, Neave Manning, Nyasha Masarira, Rhyley Minney all achieved Highly Commended.

Finally, a HUGE congratulations to Connor Hoyle scoring a Gold award!

**Mr Green, Science KS5 Lead**

## Year 7 Student Presents Award at the Coventry Book Awards Ceremony

Some of our Year 7 students and our Year 9 Library Ambassadors were invited to attend the Coventry Inspiration Book Awards (CIBA) 2023 Award Ceremony.

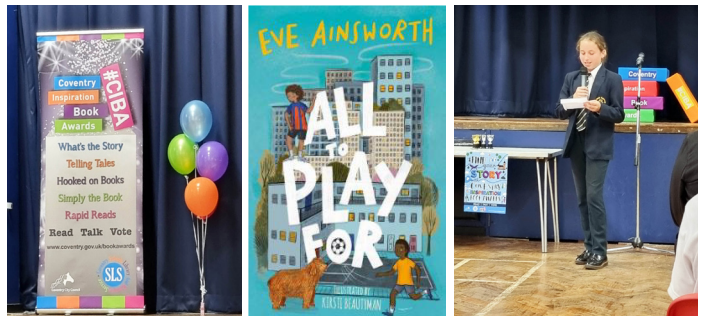
Since the beginning of the school year, the students have been reading the shortlisted books in the "Hooked on Books" category of the CIBA awards and voting for their favourites.

Crystal from Year 7, presented the award for the best book in the "Rapid Reads" category which was "All to Play For" by Eve Ainsworth. Crystal gave an amazing speech about why she loved the book and why she was glad it won the award.

The students spent the afternoon watching some of the other winning authors receiving their awards and were able to meet them at too.

The students that attended were Bisma, Madeena, Fatma, Eleanor, Crystal, Layla, Neaya and Julia.

**The Library Staff**



## Year 7 Win Last Game of Season

Well done to the Year 7 rounders team who won 25-6 ½ to Foxford in their last game of the season and well done to Lilley who won player of the match!

**Miss Michell, P.E Department**

## End the School Year - Unwanted Uniform

Do you have any unwanted or unused uniform?

If you have any items of the President Kennedy School uniform surplus to requirement and in good, re-usable condition, we would very much appreciate any donations to be handed into the main school reception.

Thank you.

# SPEED

<b>100m</b>	Mabel Akande Ebuka Nwokeji Teddy Wilson
<b>T38 100m</b>	Madeline Down Rosie Porter
<b>T37 100m</b>	Vincent Forkner
<b>200m</b>	Rusciano Thomas-Riley
<b>400m</b>	Charlotte Henrich Stanley Chevous Alexander Beck
<b>4x100m Mixed Relay</b>	Bella Wilson, Ebuka Nwokeji, Teddy Wilson, Thea Brown, Mabel Akande, Rusciano Thomas-Riley
<b>4x400m Mixed Relay</b>	Charlotte Henrich, Bella Wilson, Stanley Chevous, Alexander Beck, Stephanie Okoro, Oliver Parker

Congratulations to former pupil Rusciano Thomas Riley who has been selected to represent England at the youth Commonwealth Games in Trinidad and Tobago in August.

Rusciano will compete in the 200m and 4x100m relay team. We wish him the best of luck!



## Lost Property - Guidance for Parents

Below is a summary of how lost property is dealt with at President Kennedy School. We appreciate that replacing lost items can be expensive, so hopefully these guidelines will help.

In the unfortunate event that your child does lose something, they should:

1. Visit the last area they were in. If the item is not there, they should retrace their steps and check all classrooms/areas that they have been in that day.
2. If they have been unable to find their lost item, they should go to their college heartspace and office to check whether it has been handed in. Please note that sometimes, it may take a few days before lost items are handed in.
3. Lost property may also be handed in to the admin team. The admin team can accompany students to look for lost property in a designated store room. If students would like to check if their items have been handed in there, they should make their way to the Main Reception after school at 3pm.
4. Small, valuable items like purses, keys, watches, glasses and phones are held in Main Reception, not put into the lost property room, so check at Main Reception if the lost item was valuable.
5. If your child cannot find their item, you can contact Main Reception at [Reception@pks.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:Reception@pks.coventry.sch.uk) and provide details of what has been lost. In the event that the items turn up, we can reunite you with them.

Our staff will endeavour to return labelled items promptly to their rightful owner.

Please remember that we have approximately 1,800 students at President Kennedy School. We cannot recognise items as belonging to a particular student if they are not labelled. Therefore, it is important all items are labelled correctly; both clothing and equipment. Simply writing your child's full name, surname and tutor group or initials and school year will help them to reclaim lost items.

Please remember that over time, labels do wear/wash off so remarking is advisable.

Lost property that is not labelled will be held for at least 1 half-term (approx. 6-7 weeks). At the end of this period, any lost property not claimed will be donated to a local charity.

We hope you find this information useful, and thank you for your co-operation

### Lost Property - Coats

We have accumulated a large number of coats as 'lost property' which have not been collected.

If your child has mislaid their coat, please encourage them to visit the school office at the end of the day to check if it has been handed in.

Any coats **not** collected at the end of term will be donated to a local charity.

Thank you.

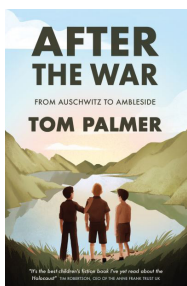


The Library

At President Kennedy School

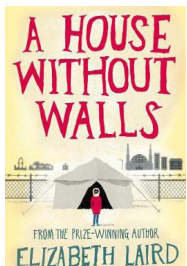
### FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

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



#### *After the War: From Auschwitz to Ambleside by Tom Palmer*

A young boy who survived the Nazi concentration camps arrives in the Lake District, where hopes of a new life await. The Second World War is finally over and Yossi, Leo and Mordecai are among three hundred children who arrive in the English Lake District. Having survived the horrors of the Nazi concentration camps, they've finally reached a place of safety and peace, where they can hopefully begin to recover. But Yossi is haunted by thoughts of his missing father and disturbed by terrible nightmares. As he waits desperately for news from home, he fears that Mordecai and Leo - the closest thing to family he has left - will move on without him. Will life by the beautiful Lake Windermere be enough to bring hope back into all their lives? Based on the real events and lives of the Windermere Boys - a group of 300 refugee children who survived the concentration camps of WWII and were relocated to Cumbria.



#### *A House Without Walls by Elizabeth Laird*

A young Syrian girl tries to find out a family secret hidden from her when her family are driven to find safety in a refugee camp to escape the war in their country. Thirteen-year-old Safiya and her family have been driven out of Syria by civil war. Safiya knows how lucky she is - lucky not to be living in a refugee camp, lucky to be alive. But it's hard to feel grateful when she's forced to look after her father and brother rather than go back to school, and now that she's lost her home, she's lonelier than ever. As they struggle to rebuild their lives, Safiya realises that her family has always been incomplete and with her own future in the balance, it's time to uncover the secrets that war has kept buried.

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

Library Staff

