

Dates for your Diary

Friday 9th July - Inset Day



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's a great pleasure to be able to send you our newsletter once again. It has been an extraordinary year so far as we have all battled with the various challenges of the pandemic.

Can I start by thanking you all for the understanding and support you have given us during this difficult time.

I'm delighted to share some of the usual newsletter features with you all again; sporting involvement success, student charity involvement and exciting extra curricular experiences we have been involved in - long may that all continue.

My congratulations to all those who feature in this weeks edition for representing the school with such PRIDE and enthusiasm.

I wish you all a good week ahead,

Mr Clayton, Headteacher



Chabeel Day

To celebrate 'Chabeel Day', President Kennedy Year 8 and Year 9 students helped distribute cold drinks to students as they left school for the day.

The drinks were kindly donated by the charity Langar Aid in celebration and to commemorate the sacrifice of the 5th Sikh Guru, Guru Arjun Dev Ji.

Chabeel Day is celebrated all around the world by Sikhs. This is to remind us that we must always rise above adversity and challenging times (Chardi Kala) and to turn a negative into a positive.

The students who happily distributed the drinks were Yasmin Retmanski, Amelia Fisk, Cabe Jackson, Tomass Szafraneck, Hubert Leszkiewicz, Macy Bradley, David Samura, Rahim Kengema, Anum Shazad, Jasmitha Santhamanoam, Safa Hojeji and Tanishka Siva.

Ms Birdee, Year 8 Pastoral Leader
Mrs Sandhar, Year 9 Pastoral Leader



President Kennedy Student Becomes UK Duke of Edinburgh Ambassador!

Mohammed Hejaaji became a Duke of Edinburgh Ambassador while undertaking his silver award in 2018 alongside three other students within his group.

He undertook training at the Central England Office, which has helped to develop the DofE award within the school. Mohammed applied earlier this year alongside hundreds of other student's nationwide to become a UK Youth Ambassador.

This involved a lengthy interview process both written and online (due to Covid restrictions), which earned him a place as one of only 24 young people nationally as a UK Youth Ambassador for DofE.



He will now be part of a key group that will develop the award to be more accessible to all and become more modern within our current environment.

Our UK Youth Ambassadors will be directly involved in the development of the 'Youth Manifesto' within the DofE's new strategy.

Successful UK Youth Ambassadors have had their first welcome meeting, including an introduction from Ruth Marvel, the Chief Executive.

They will be undertaking the first workshop focusing on building confidence, using their voice and the 'Youth Manifesto' which DofE will be releasing in the coming weeks.

Miss Kirkham, D of E Co-ordinator

The Bridge Rocks Out Over Times Tables

209 students
13 weeks
315 hours played
555,000 correct answers

Last week saw the end of the 2021 School of Rock Competition which started in January.

Each week, students were asked to play games on the 'Times Tables Rock Stars' website. This program sets games at an appropriate level for each student based on what they can do already so there is always a challenge to build up speed and accuracy within each set of facts.

Correct answers gave each student points which combined with points from other players in their tutor group for a weekly team score.

Each week there was a different tutor group to battle against with 3 points going to the winner.



Mr Beladaci led his 7Oxford tutor group to an undefeated victory in the league, but special mention should be made of 7Cardiff who answered over 115,000 questions correctly.

Finlay Lomas, Bhavjot Sanghera, Manuel Ratnayake and McCaully Staples were awarded for their participation throughout the competition. Catalin Marin played the most games.

The highest individual point scorers were:

Mithula PUSHPAMOCHAN (42,139),
Rhys MARSHALL-MURRAY (41,394) and
Manuel RATNAYAKE (40,966).

Well done to all the participants.

Mrs Wilson, HLTA: Intervention Co-ordinator - The Bridge

Echo Eternal - Year 8 Holocaust Poetry

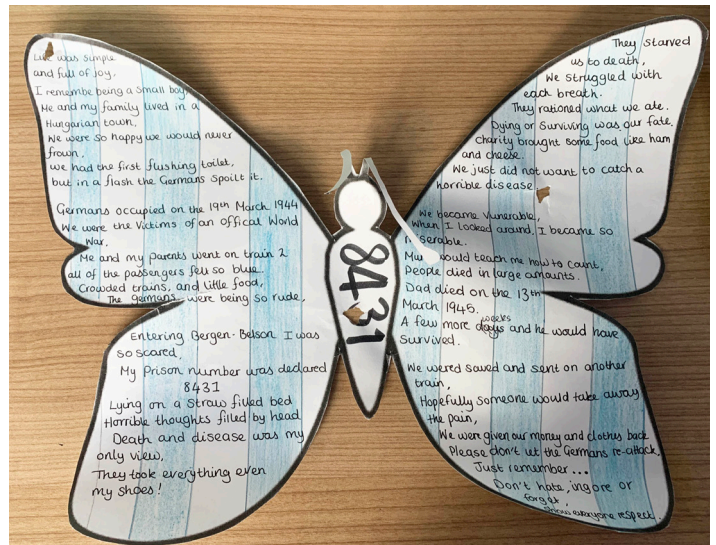
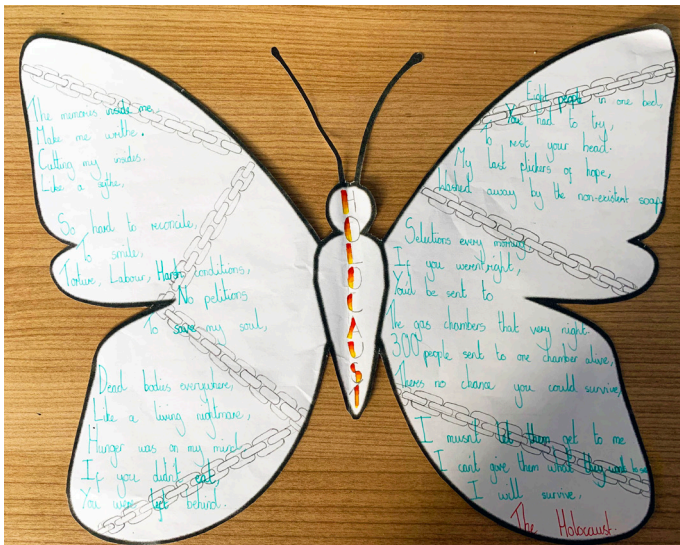
Year 8 RE students have had an amazing experience with Echo Eternal survivor Peter Lantos.

He was very impressed with them as a group. They asked thoughtful and philosophical questions that elicited replies from him even his long-term handler hadn't heard before.

As part of the project, the students wrote poetry to amplify the holocaust survivor stories. Two students, Aryia and Hannah wanted to share the poetry they wrote with Peter; he now has his own copies for him to keep.

Their work will be shared online via the Echo Eternal and CORE Twitter accounts.

Mrs Starbuck, RE Department



Disabled Parking Bays - Important Information from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have 4 disabled parking bays at the front of the school.
These are for blue badge holders only.

If you are a blue badge holder, a parking permit card can be requested from our School Reception or by emailing the school at: info@pks.coventry.sch.uk.

If any other parents and carers have a genuine need to drive onto the school site in order to drop off or collect a student, such as having students with temporary or permanent mobility issues, the school are now also issuing temporary parking permit cards for drivers who are eligible to come on site with prior agreement from their child's College Team or a member of the School Leadership Team.

These can also be obtained from School Reception or by emailing the school at:
info@pks.coventry.sch.uk.

These will then need to be collected and displayed in the cars of eligible parents/carers on arrival or when requested by a member of school staff on the gate.

Parents are discouraged from driving onto the school site in order to safeguard and protect our students and staff when they are coming into school and also leaving the school building.

Reception staff will also issue parking permit cards to staff and visitors who are eligible.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Mr Clayton, Headteacher

Coventry Schools Athletics Qualifiers at Warwick University

On Wednesday 9th June, our Year 7 students competed at the annual Coventry Schools Athletics Qualifiers at Warwick University.

Competing across disciplines for a place in the championship. All 26 students gave it their all and were outstanding ambassadors of school.

Following some fantastic performances, we had 16 Year 7 students qualify for the championships next week, including 8 girls! We wish them all the best in the upcoming finals! Well done to all who competed.

The following girls will compete in the finals next week;

Deja Bailey, Cordelia Akata, Favour Mburichen, Abshara Piratheeban, Yathurshanaa Ravikanthan, Eliza Birch, Elizabeth Pollard and Eve Lovelock.

Miss Newbold, PE Department



Boys Athletics Team Make it to Coventry School Qualifiers Final!



At the end of May, the boys Athletics team competed at Warwick University in the Coventry School Qualifiers. This was their first time at the track.

All the boys showed great effort and determination in their events and as a result, we have a number of boys who finished in the top 8 and who have now qualified for the finals.

Qualifiers

Boys 4 x 100m relay - Arghad Maully, Naythaniel Martin, Michael, Jeremiah Cudjoe

75m hurdles and 100m - Arghad Maully

75m hurdles, 200m and High Jump - Jeremiah Cudjoe

1500m - Ellis Harridence

High Jump - Jeevan Thiagarajah

Long Jump - Naythaniel Martin

Shot and Discus - (Qualified in 1st place in both) - Javed Hosseni

Shot - Hano Briam

Javelin - Alex Le

Mr Garlick, Head of P.E

Year 7 and Year 8 Play First Cricket Game!


The Year 7 and Year 8 cricket teams played their first ever games for President Kennedy School last week, both teams have only been training since Easter.

We batted first in both games and batted out all their overs, with some excellent ball striking. The bowling in both games was a little inconsistent with a number of wides which allowed both Cardinal Newman and Finham Park 2 to overtake our score and win the games.

Well done to all the boys - keep up the practice.

Mr Garlick, Head of PE





INTERNET SAFETY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS


A free workshops for parents to help keep their children safe online hosted by West Midlands Police and PREVENT in partnership with Coventry Family Hubs.

The following topics are explored, and strategies and guidance on how to make the internet a safe experience for children are discussed.

Apps and appropriate ages, safety settings, grooming, sexting, bullying, radicalisation and extremism, gaming, best practises, introducing house rules, how to approach conversations and what to do if your child is a victim

The workshop is split into two 1hr sessions, will be running once a month and will be delivered online Via Microsoft Teams.

For more information and to book onto the next workshops which are being held on 23rd June and 28th June 1pm-2pm, please contact your local family hub.

West Midlands POLICE 



NHS SOCIAL CARE & FRONTLINE WORKERS' DAY

5 JULY 2021

WE THANK YOU

NHS Social Care & Frontline Workers' Day

For more information, please click here:

<https://www.nhsfrontlineday.org/>

Spanish Club

During lunch time on Tuesdays, Year 7 students have been learning about Hispanic culture and traditions. We have experienced many different activities such as quizzes, games, cooking and dancing.

Learning about different cultures helps us understand different perspectives within the world we live, as well as recognise and respect each other ideas and visions of life.

One of the activities involved learning a beautiful flamenco dance called "Sevillanas". Flamenco is a Spanish music style developed in Andalusia which UNESCO recently recognized as part of the World's Intangible Cultural Heritage. It is a complex art form incorporating poetry, singing, guitar playing, dancing and clapping.

Students who participated are: Abshara Piratheeban, Apinayaa Ramanan, Cordellia Akata, Kayleigh Mitchell, Yathurshanaa Ravikanthan Natalie Cole and Shanka Vimalasuthan.

The MFL department is very proud of your hard work and dedication!

Ms. López, MFL teacher



ELECTION OF TWO PARENT GOVERNORS TO SERVE ON THE GOVERNING BOARD OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY SCHOOL

I am writing to inform you that the result of the recent election for Parent Governors to serve on the School's Governing Board for a period of 4 years is as follows:

Candidates Votes:

Mrs Helena Goode 22

Mr Matt Maltby 20

Mrs Zubi Kajee 17

In accordance with the rules of the election, the following parents

have therefore been elected to serve as the Parent Governors of the school:

Mrs Helena Goode

Mr Matt Maltby

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the parents and carers who supported the school by standing for election and all those who took the time to cast their votes.

*Mr M Moseley, Chair of the Local Governing Board
Mr N Clayton, Headteacher (Returning Officer)*



We are seeking to appoint two professional and motivated cleaners to join our team who are reliable, enthusiastic and flexible.

Grade 1 (£8,118 - £8,280 pro-rata)
per annum (£9.25ph - £9.43ph)

20 hours per week: Monday to
Friday 6:45am – 8:45am and
3pm – 5pm (Split shift)
Term time only (38 weeks per year)

The link to the cleaner vacancies,
job description and the application
form is on the job vacancies page
of the school website:

www.pks.coventry.sch.uk

Closing date: Monday 5th July 2021



**Be a part
of The Futures
Trust -
Cleaner
vacancies
available now!**

Building Brighter Futures

