

Dates for your Diary

Christmas Jumper/Cultural Dress day - Wednesday 20th December
'Twas the Night' Showcase - Wednesday 20th December 7pm - £2 on the door
School will finish at 1.30pm on Friday 22nd December



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

It has been an incredible busy two weeks at President Kennedy School. It was wonderful to watch our fantastic Pan Asian Festival and celebrate the richness of our diverse culture at school. The Undivided student-led group should receive special praise for their vision and organisation of such a special event. Thank you to all students who participated and to all staff who helped plan and support the event. We were very lucky to have the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress join us in our celebrations. It was a truly inspirational event.

Well done to our talented trampolinists who competed in a competition in Birmingham last Sunday. Another example of 'Kennedy Kids Can'!

Last week we also had a visit from Ofsted, which went extremely well. I was very proud of our hard working staff and amazing students who demonstrated what a fantastic school we have. The report will be published in January. Finally, I'd like to thank you for all your unwavering support as always and hope you have a Happy Christmas! Nadolig Llawen! (Happy Christmas in Welsh)

Ms Rooke, Headteacher

Asian Cultural Festival

The Undivided Club recently put on an Asian cultural festival. This is the second annual festival planned by these talented students.

Once again our incredible MCs Hannah Richards and Deja Bailey kicked off the event with a beautiful showcase of cultural clothing in our fashion show. The fashion show was a demonstration of what our club Undivided, stands for; students from all cultural backgrounds working together to represent Asian cultural clothing with pride.

With the support from Ms Rooke and our leadership team we were able to make the event free for all students and members of our community. Guests were able to enjoy the delicious food provided by Tandaks Punjabi street food.

The event allowed us to highlight the exceptional talent from our students with a number of dance performances. Students in Undivided were incredibly supportive of one another and created a heart-warming celebration of culture. Their talent and dedication was truly inspiring.

We thank each and every student and member of staff that helped the event grow into something special. Events like this demonstrate the values of our outstanding school. Miss Rooke says it best *"There is no unity without Community"*. When we come together in this way and represent the diverse culture we have in our school, we get to celebrate and appreciate each and every student in our school community in the most special way.

An extra special mention should go out to all of the students involved from the models to the performers!

Hannah, Deja, Gurjot, Maryam, Jenny, Sienna, Jia K, Preet, Jasmine, Ria G, Abshara, Shanaa, Simrit, Balreen, Jiya C, Sableen, Sheza, Farah, Amelia, Jinuya, Miraje, Azeem, Rochan, Fares, Katie, Aaron, Presley, Maria, Shanice, Stefania, Meera, Anaika, Bella, Harman, Kimberly, Pari, Nikita, Annika, Jeremiah, Jasmitha, Kelly, Kajol, Prabnoor, Jeyani, Shobia, Sherone, Thashwin, Anu and Shayana.

We are always open to welcome new members into 'Undivided' which takes place Monday after school. We have big plans and more events to come...do not miss out!

Miss Mattu and Miss Marshall



Smart Learner Driving School Fruit Tree Planting

President Kennedy School are delighted to be able to work alongside Smart Learner Driving School to facilitate a tree planting programme to not only offset their carbon footprint but also to be able to enhance our Echo Eternal Curriculum Garden.

In the last three years, this tree planting programme has seen 50

flowering cherry trees planted along with the apple tree orchard that we have just planted.

Tree planting leaves a lasting legacy that people can enjoy for many years to come, let alone the environmental importance of tree planting.

Mr Bromfield, School Gardener



Young PKS Entrepreneur of the Month

Congratulations to Year 7 student Jenny Nwakeocha who has set up her own very successful jewellery business

Jenny has given us her personal entrepreneurial journey, and shown examples of how she has used the skills of independence, resilience and problem solving. These are the skills President Kennedy School students are encouraged to develop, as these skills will be needed in order to be successful in the ever-changing work place of the 21st Century

"Hi, my name is Jenny and since September I have become an entrepreneur by making and selling jewellery. I make bracelets and necklaces out of pearls, crystals and beads. I can also add gold and silver coloured charms according to what my customers have asked for. My jewellery can be worn by children and adults and sell for £3 to £4 each.

I sell my jewellery on the internet website Etsy. My company is called Jenny Nwakeocha Jewellery. The reason why I decided to start running my own business was because I had seen other people do this, and I thought I could do the same. It is good fun and I like being independent with my own money "

Mrs Petrak, Business Studies Department



Oh, Christmas Tree, Oh, Christmas Tree!

On Monday 4th December some members of The Bridge Council decorated our school Christmas Tree in reception.

They did a fantastic job and were excited to be involved. Lots of Christmas cheer was certainly in the air!

Thanks to Paris, Sultan, Dylan and Jaiden for giving up their time to decorate it!

**Mrs Arnett, Student Leadership and Character,
The Bridge**



Foodbank Information

<https://coventry.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/foodbank-vouchers/>



More Former Students Return to PKS



We were very lucky to have a visit from four of our President Kennedy School alumni. Simon Croom, Zohaib Mailk, Alice Robinson and Reece Palmer all left President Kennedy School in different years and have gone onto really exciting career paths that they were able to share with our Post-16 students.

Simon is a Professor of Supply Chain Management at the University of San Diego. Zohaib is a future trainee solicitor. Alice is an executive director at Loughborough's student union and Reece is a talent development advisor at Coventry Building Society. Post-16 students had the opportunity to listen to our alumni talk about their time at President Kennedy School and how they got to where they are now.

This was such a valuable visit and students were thoroughly engaged and asked thoughtful questions. We are looking forward to more alumni visits in the future!

Miss Rejali, Teacher of Religious Education and Leader of Personal Development in Post-16

Trampolining

Since September there has been a trampolining club every Tuesday morning before school to practice for a schools competition. On Sunday 3rd December we took ten students to 'Active 8' trampolining center in Birmingham to compete in a schools competition. It was a very long day starting at 8am and finishing at 5pm. All students had to perform two routines each and were judged by

a panel of experts. They all performed really well and showed great PRIDE.

Daxton in Year 7 won a bronze medal in his category and the Y9/10 girls team came third in their category.

It was a great experience for all involved and we are very proud of them.

Miss Michell, Miss Twite and Mr Sheridan, P.E Department



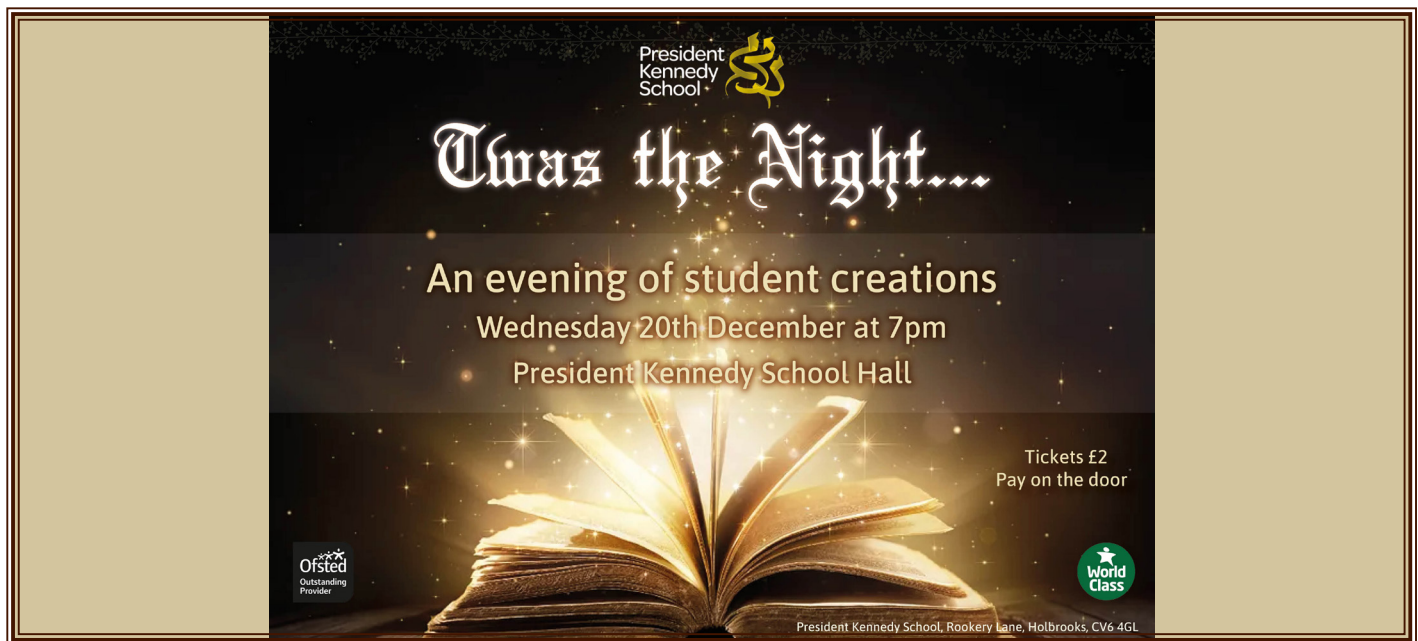
Christmas Jumper/Cultural Clothes Day

This year, our Cultural Dress/Christmas Jumper Day will take place on **Wednesday 20th December**. We would kindly ask students to donate £1.00, or an affordable contribution, to support the chosen charity. Charity Meals is a wonderful charity that aims to support families without food, not just in the UK, but across the world.

Our student leaders have offered guidance about what is appropriate wear on this occasion. This will be outlined in tutor time leading up to the event. It is important to highlight that this is **not** a non-school uniform day, but a day to celebrate our diverse culture in our President Kennedy Community. Therefore, jeans, trainers, crop tops, tracksuit tops, tracksuit bottoms, leggings and hoodies are **not** permitted. Any students who do not wish to participate in this event can wear their school uniform.

Thank you for your support!





Children's Nasal Flu Immunisation

Sent on behalf of the School Aged Immunisation Service, Coventry & Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust

Any parents/guardians who did not submit their child's nasal flu consent form before the portal closed or if their child was absent, unwell or refused on the day of the school session can now book on and attend a local clinic venue for the flu vaccination. Appointments can be booked via the Swiftqueue link below:

<https://www.swiftqueue.co.uk/userlogin.php>

* Please follow the below link to register on to the Swiftqueue system, you will need to attach an email address and telephone number to the account. You can make an account for yourself and add family members on. <https://www.swiftqueue.co.uk/userlogin.php>

Please Note: Appointment slots are 10 minutes maximum. If you think your child requires more time please contact the office on 02476961422 prior to appointment.

* Once you have made an account click on -> Book an Appointment and search for CWP in location -> Search

* You will then see CWP Schools Immunisation Clinics - select Jepson House for Nuneaton Clinics /Locke House for Rugby Clinics/ Woodloes House for South Warwickshire/City of Coventry Health Centre or Central Library for Coventry - > Book an appointment

*Click on the green 'School questionnaire tab' and type in your child's school -> Submit details -> next -> Select Immunisation-> select your preferred time and date -> next -> tick the Terms & Conditions boxes -> confirm.

Once you have made your appointment, you will receive an email and text confirmation.



The Library

At President Kennedy School

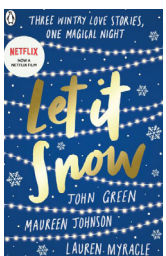
FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

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



The Boy Who Slept Through Christmas by Matt Lucas

This Christmas needs to be absolutely perfect, because it's the first one without Mum. Only it all keeps going wrong! The fairy lights are in a tangle, the tree's wonky and the Christmas biscuits taste AWFUL. Soon Leo decides he's had enough - he makes a heartfelt wish that it would all GO AWAY. Then Leo wakes up on Christmas morning - and it's gone!! All of Christmas! But Leo isn't going to let it get away that easily. This is Home Alone meets The Christmas Carol in a hilarious adventure with a big dollop of festive magic. Funny, sensitive and emotional in all the best ways -this warm and seasonal family story touches ever so gently on childhood grief but is wrapped up in a chaotic and heart-warming adventure.



Let it Snow by John Green, Maureen Johnson and Lau

It's Christmas Eve and Gracetown has been buried by snow. But the weather is more than just an inconvenience. When one girl unexpectedly steps off a stranded train, she sets off a series of life-changing events. Soon fourteen pumped-up cheerleaders will descend on the local Waffle House, the Duke's DVD night will be rudely interrupted for a Twister mission, and a lovesick barista will determine the fate of a single teacup pig. As the three stories collide, strangers' cross paths and romance blossoms with heart-warming consequences.

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

Library Staff