

Dates for your Diary

May Half Term - Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

What a fantastic bumper edition of the newsletter! The last two weeks have been jam packed and full of joy, celebration and most of all, exceptional learning.

The Cultural Carnival was a particular highlight for me - especially as it was led by so many students. I must also take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Ms Mattu who organised the whole event. Ms Mattu has been an absolute champion of celebrating culture and diversity and I cannot thank her enough for all she has done!

Next week's edition will include some fantastic sporting achievements - so I look forward to sharing these with you.

Finally, I want to wish you Year 11 and Year 13 students the best of luck as they enter the revision and exam programme. We are proud of what you have, and will accomplish - The whole Kennedy Community believes in you!

Have a great weekend,

Mr Lane, Headteacher



Cultural Carnival

Undivided put on their 4th Annual cultural event. **The Cultural Carnival** showcased the wonderful diversity in our President Kennedy Community.

From start to finish, the atmosphere was filled with pure joy, love and celebration. Our students truly shone on stage, showcasing incredible talent through music, singing and dancing. Every performance was powerful, inspiring and a reminder of how special our students are. The crowd brought unmatched energy, so supportive, loud and full of encouragement.

You made the night just as special as the performers themselves.

A huge shout-out to 'Style's Jerk Station' for the amazing food; it was absolutely delicious and the perfect addition to an unforgettable evening.

It was an emotional night in the best way, filled with pride, unity and so much happiness. Thank you to everyone who performed, supported and made this event so special!

Miss Mattu, Teacher of RE and Sociology & Inclusion Progress Leader



Exploring Careers in Football – Inspiring the Next Generation



We were proud to host a fantastic Coventry City Academy scholar visit at President Kennedy School on Wednesday 15th April, delivered through Sky Blues in the Community's Premier League Inspires programme in partnership with @PKS_Coventry.

Our students had the opportunity to meet Academy scholars Kah'vanni Lincoln, Chaavy Nitu-Paka, Cosar Bengi and Eliot Meredith, alongside Player Care Officer Adhnan Ahmed. The session focused on careers in football, giving students a behind-the-scenes look at the wide range of professional roles that power the modern game beyond the pitch.

From the boardroom to the treatment room, and from retail to recruitment, students explored:

- The variety of career pathways within a football club
- The roles supporting players from academy level through to the first team
- The importance of professionals such as physios, analysts, and player care staff
- Opportunities in club operations, including retail and commercial departments

Students engaged brilliantly with the scholars, asking insightful questions and gaining a deeper understanding of "who's who"

within a professional football environment.

The visit highlighted that while players may be the face of the game, it takes a dedicated team of professionals across many industries to support success at every level.

"It was great for our scholars to be a part of this fantastic event. It allowed our boys to step into a different environment and make an impact, whilst the students were able to get an insight into the players journeys and academy football." – Adhnan Ahmed, Player Care Officer

A big thank you to our Academy scholars and staff for sharing their journeys and inspiring our young people to think about their own future pathways.





On Thursday, we took three Year 7 tutor groups to Coventry University for an enriching introduction to university life.

Students attended an engaging talk about post-GCSE pathways and opportunities in higher education, before taking part in exciting taster sessions in Geography, Business Studies and Psychology.

During the Psychology session, they explored fascinating facts about the human mind and even created brain models using play dough. The visit also included a full campus tour, where students were particularly impressed by the Health and Social

Care facilities, including a visit to the paediatric ward classroom, where they learned how practical lessons are delivered.

The experience sparked great curiosity, with many students asking thoughtful questions about subjects such as criminology, forensic science and engineering. Students felt inspired to attend Coventry University in the future.

Overall, it was a fantastic opportunity that broadened horizons and introduced students to new and exciting possibilities.

Miss Lobo, Teacher of English

Maths & Beyond at Warwick University



Congratulations to our outstanding Year 9 and Year 10 mathematicians, who achieved the highest scores in this year's Maths Challenge, in their respective year groups.

Their dedication, problem-solving skills, and determination have earned them this fantastic recognition.

We are incredibly proud of their achievement and the way they have represented themselves and the school with excellence.

Well done to all - a brilliant accomplishment and a testament to the power of hard work and perseverance!

Mr Adams, Joint Subject Leader of Maths



WHAT'S HAPPENING?	WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN!
<p>THEME PARK FUN - RIGHT AT SCHOOL!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BIG RIDES CLIMBING WALL ROLLER DISCO STUDENT-LED STALLS MUSIC MORE FOOD VANS THAN EVER <p>...AND MUCH MORE!</p>	<p>BIG THRILLS. BIG FUN. BIG MEMORIES.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BRAND NEW RIDES BOOKED! EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES! A FULL DAY OF ENTERTAINMENT WITH FRIENDS! <p>SOME RIDES REQUIRE A WRISTBAND!</p>
<p>NO LONG JOURNEYS. NO BIG QUEUES. ALL THE EXCITEMENT RIGHT HERE AT PKS - BIGGER AND BETTER!</p>	<p>HOW TO GET INVOLVED</p> <p>VIP WRISTBANDS - £25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FULL ACCESS TO ALL RIDES & ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE FOR YEAR 7 TO YEAR 10 PURCHASE VIA PARENTPAY PAY IN INSTALMENTS AVAILABLE <p>!!! NO PAYMENTS ACCEPTED ON THE DAY !!!</p>



D of E Practice Expeditions

The gold and silver Duke of Edinburgh groups got the best of the March weather completing their practice expedition in glorious sunshine.

The gold group took part in a navigation training task in Hinckley on the Friday before continuing their journey up to Saddleworth Moore for their practice expedition.

Both groups enjoyed the beautiful scenery, completing their own individual routes on the Saturday and Sunday before travelling back to Coventry.

The gold group will complete their assessed expedition in June, in the Dark Peak area. They will need to do a four day

expedition with three nights camping.

The silver group, comprising of both Year 10 and Year 11 students, will be going to the Wye Valley area. They will be walking a over three day period and camping for two nights.

Fingers crossed for good weather.



PRESIDENT KENNEDY SCHOOL

**Miss Kirkham, Teacher of Design and Technology
Centre Manager of Duke of Edinburgh's Award**



Barclays Life Skills

Year 8 students took part in a two day workshop about how to overcome personal experiences and problems in life.

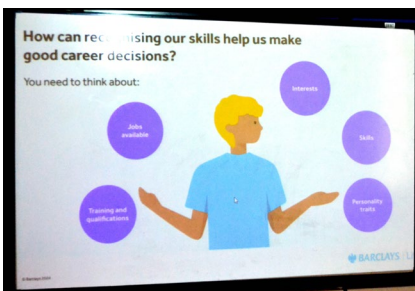
The students created a mind map of their emotions and were taught coping strategies that they could apply to help with their well-being.

The students also talked about their own strengths, skills, likes

and dislikes to create potential future job profiles. They also discussed solutions for given work scenarios.

This certainly created talking points amongst the students who were very engaged!

Mrs Downs, Year 8 Learning Mentor



The Gateway



University of Cambridge Visit



Year 12 students from President Kennedy School attended a trip to Clare College, Cambridge University. The trip was also attended by Year 12 students from Stoke Park, Barr's Hill, Caludon Castle, West Coventry Academy and Bishop Ullathorne School.

Students began the day with a welcome talk in one of the university's lecture theatre, where they learnt about university life.

They then enjoyed a walking tour of the college in the sunshine, visiting the library, accommodation, dining halls and student union.

Students spent the final part of the day learning how to reference and about the admissions process to Cambridge. They had a go at answering some university-style interview questions and asked questions about the UCAS process and applying to the college systems at Cambridge.

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



BTEC Students Enjoy Magical Lion King London Trip

BTEC students took part in an exciting and inspiring trip to London centred around the world-famous *Lion King musical*.

The day began with a tour of *Pineapple Dance Studios*, where students explored one of London's most iconic creative spaces.

The highlight of the trip was watching the spectacular *Lion King* musical in the West End. Students were captivated by the powerful performances, live music, striking costumes, and innovative stage design, seeing first-hand the high standards of professional theatre.

Following the performance, the group were treated to an exclusive backstage tour led by a cast member. Students were able to go behind the scenes, learn about life as a performer, and ask questions. A particularly memorable moment came when students were invited to stand on the stage itself!

The trip was both educational and unforgettable, giving BTEC students a deeper understanding of the performing arts industry while inspiring future ambitions.

Miss Walsh, Leader of Performing Arts



West Midlands Athletics Championships

The following pupils have been selected to represent **Coventry in the West Midlands Athletics Championships** in Tipton on Saturday 13th June.

Nishan S **Year 9 Silver medal 800m**

Jeevan D S **City Champion Inter Boys 200m and 400m**

Efehi O **City Champion Inter Girls 100m**

Aisha S **City Champion Inter Girls Discus**

Henry F **City Champion Inter Boys Shot Put and Discus**

Isaac B **City Champion Inter Boys 80m Hurdles**

SBitC Premier League Inspires Challenge

On 29th April Year 9 students were selected to go the Hill Dickinson Stadium for this year's **Premier League Inspires Challenge**.

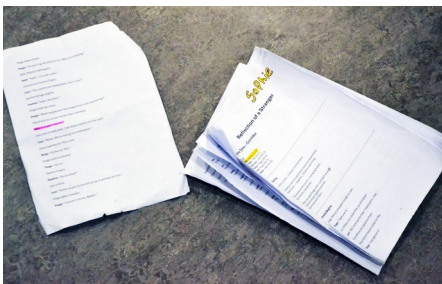
Students, Imogen, Melina, Maisie L, Maisie G and Emni made an poignant film called '**Reflections of a Stranger**'.

It was based on a true story of a student being bullied and the impact on their mental health. They received much praise and positive feedback which will help them take the film to a wider

level across other schools.

Well done girls! This was a unique experience for them and they should all be proud of the work they have achieved!

Ms Sandhar, Pastoral Manager of Inclusion, Family Support Worker, CAP Co-Ordinator & Ali Myton, Premier League Inspires Project Manager, Sky Blues in the Community



Oddballs

On Tuesday Year 12 and 13 students had an assembly from Elliott from The **OddBalls Foundation**. He explained that The OddBalls Foundation is the UK's leading charity raising awareness of Testicular Cancer – the most common cancer affecting men aged 15–49 in the UK. It is highly treatable and curable when caught early.

Their mission goes beyond awareness. They educate people of all ages about the importance of regular self-checks, encourage

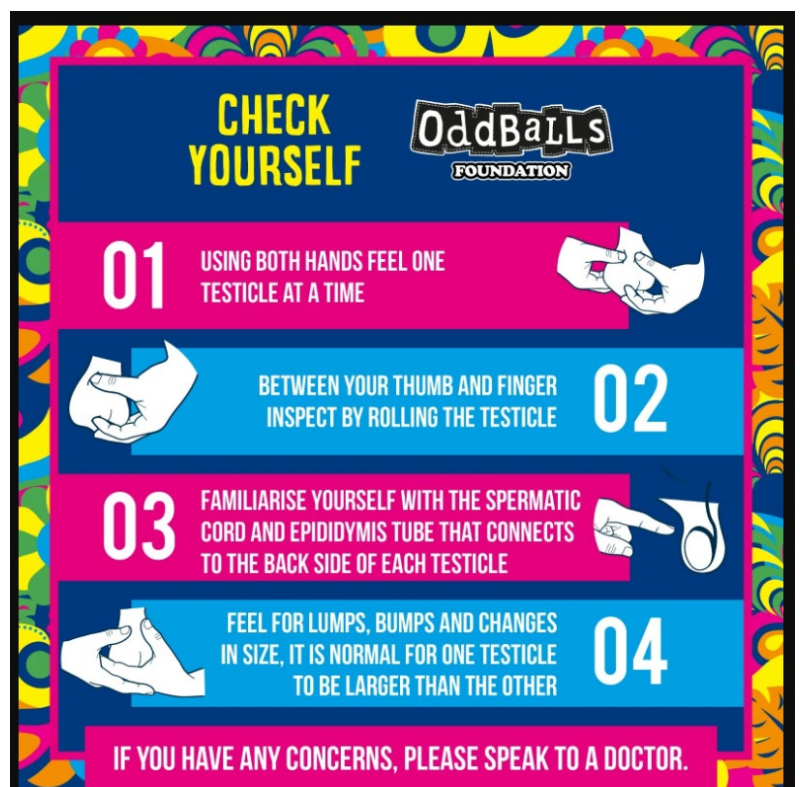
early detection, and break down the stigma around men's health.

They aim to make conversations about Testicular Cancer as normal as any other health discussion – because those conversations can save lives. Here are the 4 top tips he shared.

For more information, click on the below:

<https://theoddballsfoundation>

Mrs Murray, Director of Student Experience

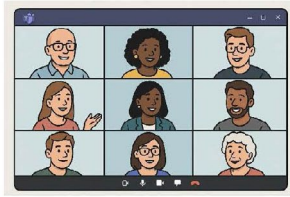


ESF Tournament Win!

Sayla's football team won the ESF Tournament. Sayla scored in the final and took the team to penalties where

she scored to win. They now go to play at St George's park in the grand final!

Selective Mutism Family Groups



Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend our *Selective Mutism Family Group*, a remote session delivered via **Microsoft Teams**, designed specifically for Coventry families of children and young people with Selective Mutism. **These sessions are for adults only and are not suitable for children or young people to attend.**

The group is jointly facilitated by practitioners from Coventry Educational Psychology Service and the Children's Speech and Language Therapy Service.

Sessions offer a safe and supportive space to talk about Selective Mutism and to share ideas and lived experiences.

This is not a therapy session. There is no pressure to speak, and participants are welcome to join in whatever way feels comfortable. You can contribute to discussions, use the chat function, or simply listen with your camera and microphone turned off.

How to book onto a session (held online via Microsoft Teams):

Sessions typically run twice per term. To view session dates and book a place, please visit: <https://bookwhen.com/parent-carer-training-sessions>.

We look forward to welcoming you.



The Library

At President Kennedy School

FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

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

This week the Library recommends books celebrating Earth Day which was in April.

Earth Day is dedicated to raising awareness about environmental issues, promoting conservation, and encouraging action to protect the planet.

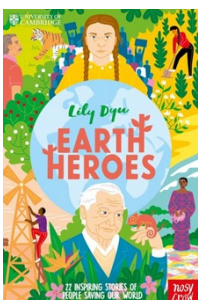


Melt by Ele Fountain

A boy lives in a remote, snow-bound village with his elderly grandmother. Their traditional way of life is threatened by the changing snow and ice: it melts faster every year. When the sea-ice collapses while he is out hunting, he only just escapes with his life and is left stranded in the Arctic tundra.

Meanwhile a girl is trying to adapt to another new school. Her father promises his new job at an oil company will mean they never have to move again, but not long after he starts, his behaviour becomes odd and secretive. When their fates take a drastic turn the girl's world collides with the boy's and they find themselves together in a desperate search for survival, and for the truth.

An exciting story with characters you really root for, with an important message about global warming and greed.



Earth Heroes by Lily Dyu

Twenty inspiring stories of people who have made it their goal to try and combat climate change - the biggest threat that our planet has ever confronted.

It's easy to feel as if nothing you do can really make a difference . . . but this book proves that individual people can change the world. With twenty inspirational stories celebrating the pioneering work of a selection of Earth Heroes from all around the globe - from Greta Thunberg and David Attenborough to Yin Yuzhen and Isatou Ceesay, each tale is a beacon of hope in the fight for the future of our planet, proving that one person, no matter how small, can make a difference.

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.



Library Staff