

Kendrick School - Weekly Update

Friday 7th October 2022

LETTER FROM MS KATTIRTZI, HEADTEACHER

Unfortunately, I am starting this week's Weekly Update with a complaint I received this morning from a local resident who is very angry about an accident that nearly happened in his private parking area yesterday. Some Kendrick parents continue to park opposite the school in Elizabeth Mews to wait for their child at the end of the school day. On this occasion a resident was returning home with his child in his car and nearly collided with one of our parents who was picking up a Kendrick student. Three cars were parked illegally in the private parking area opposite our Reception, trespassing on people's property. I have spoken before about the need for us to have good neighbourly relations which in the main we have, but yesterday's incident amounted to dangerous driving, as well as trespass. I ask again that all parents who drop off or collect their child, park well away from school. I thank all the parents who have taken on board this message and apologise to all the parents for whom this is not an issue. Sadly, the behaviour of just a few people can impact on the reputation of the whole school, which is unfair and not necessary. I will be contacting this resident personally to apologise for the behaviour of these parents and from today members of the Senior Leadership Team will be on duty outside school to prevent this from happening again.

Inside school wonderful things continue to be planned and/or are taking place. The Biology Department has had a Biology Week and enthused students about the wonders of Biology. In due course a report and photos will be compiled for you to see. Kendrick Student Leaders, working with the History Department, are planning events to raise awareness of Black History month, highlighting the work of the Historian David Olusoga. See link [here](#).

Other members of the KSL have planned activities to celebrate World Smile Day today which included writing on post it notes their acts of kindness for others. Monday 10th October is World Mental Health Day, and we are asking people, if they wish, to add some yellow to their uniform on that day. Information on World Mental Health Day was sent to you earlier today. Two residential trips are taking place next week. Students in year 10 depart for a week in France or Germany and 6th Form Geographers embark on their A Level Geography Field trip. We wish them well on these important educational visits.

Recent news items on the website include a super article on [Year 7 Chess Club](#). Yesterday an email was sent to you with a link to our whole school photo, part of our 145 years birthday celebrations. I hope everyone has been able to find their child on the photo and might want to purchase one. As I said last week, a whole school photo happens once every five years. A reminder of our birthday celebrations from last week is [here](#).

Wishing everyone a good weekend.

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING/WELLBEING

WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD?

If you have a concern about a child at Kendrick School, please email studentwelfare@kendrick.reading.sch.uk or telephone 0118 9015859.

If you're worried about any child or young person and you are contacting us out of hours (before 8am and after 4pm and at weekends and holidays), you can contact the NSPCC helpline for support and advice for free - call us on **0800 800 5000** or **contact NSPCC online**. Children can contact **Childline** any time to get support themselves. **In an emergency please call 999 or for a non-emergency call 101.**

We have created a library of resources for parents, carers and students including support avenues which you can find on our website via this [link](#). We will be adding to these on a regular basis.

[CAMHS Resources](#) - This site was created for young people, carers and professionals to pool together lots of helpful resources from across the internet that are available to help support your mental health and well-being.

For well-being support in school please visit the Student Welfare Team in the General Office or Sixth Form Office or email studentwelfare@kendrick.reading.sch.uk.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING – WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY: MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2022



Monday 10th October is World Mental Health Day and this year the theme is 'Make mental health and wellbeing for all a global priority'.

According to the latest NHS figures, nearly half a million young people are being referred for mental health problems every month, with many not being able to get the support they need. This World Mental Health Day, thousands across the country are coming together say #Hello Yellow to help raise awareness to create a brighter future for young people's mental health.

On Monday, students are invited to wear something yellow (socks, headscarf, hairband) to accessorise their normal school uniform to say #Hello Yellow. We are not asking students to bring in money on Monday but if you would like to make a contribution to Young Minds please click on this [link](#).

For student wellbeing information and resources at Kendrick School please click on this [link](#).

For wellbeing and mental health support please visit Young Minds via this [link](#)

SAFEGUARDING – PARENTAL CONTROLS

Source: internetmatters.org

Give your child a safe space to explore their curiosity online. Internet Matters step by step parental controls guides will help you to set up the right controls and privacy settings on the networks, gadgets, apps, and sites they use to give them a safer online experience.

For a set up safe checklist please click [here](#).

Parental controls are the names for a group of settings that put you in control of what content your child can see. Combined with privacy settings, these can help you protect your children from inappropriate content, online grooming, cyberbullying and other [online safety issues](#).

Remember that parental control settings are only one part of online safety. Make sure to keep having [regular conversations about their online lives](#) to stay on top of any issues that come up.

Click [here](#) for guidance on how to set up parental controls.

CALENDAR FOR TERM 1, 2022-23

Monday 10th October	World Mental Health Day - #Hello Yellow
Wednesday 12th October	Year 13 Geography residential (to Sunday 16 th October)
Thursday 13th October	Governor Performance and Review Meeting, 4.30pm
Thursday 20th October	Upper School and Sixth Form Chamber Concert, 6.30pm
Friday 21st October	End of Term 1, 3.15pm

The school calendar for the academic year can be found [here](#). For the Term Dates for 2022-23 please click [here](#)

NEWS, NOTICES AND EVENTS

ACTING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING CLASSES

Please note that RABBLE Theatre is an independent organisation and not affiliated to Kendrick School in any way

Award winning theatre company RABBLE Theatre are running LAMDA public speaking and acting classes at Kendrick school on a Tuesday. 4-5pm and 5-6pm. LAMDA stands for the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art and is one of the oldest arts examining bodies in the country. Students can take examinations in acting, musical theatre, public speaking, verse and prose and many more subjects.

External club providers RABBLE Theatre will be holding a trial for year 7's on Tuesday 11th October. If you would like your child to trial the class please e-mail admin@rabblelamda.com with their full name and your emergency contact details. RABBLE will then send you the terms and conditions and all the details you need for the trial. Places will be given out on a first come first served basis. All teachers are fully training professional actors, directors and arts facilitators with enhanced DBS's.

4-5pm public speaking

5-6pm Acting

Fees are £11.50 per 1 hour lesson

FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE/SEND LOCAL OFFER

If you are looking for impartial information, advice and guidance on any family matters you can contact the Reading Family Information Service at www.readingfis.org, email fis@reading.gov.uk or call 0118 937 3777 (option 2).

For matters relating to special educational needs, families can contact the Reading SEND Local Offer on the same telephone number, email: localoffer@reading.gov.uk or visit: www.readingsendlocaloffer.org.

READINGS SCHOOLS ECO-NEWSLETTER

The latest edition Reading's Schools Eco Newsletter includes articles about Reading Climate Festival, Global Schools Action Day, recommended eco topic books for EYFS, KS1, KS2 and KS3 and top tips for sustainable schools. You can read and [download the newsletter](#), produced in collaboration with the Reading Climate Action Network, from the BFFC website.

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

We would like to bring to your attention the following ParentPay items which are due for payment, please login to your ParentPay accounts for details.

- Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award
- Year 10 and 11 GCSE Music Anthologies book purchase
- Year 12 A Level Maths Graphics Calculator

October trips

- Year 12 Wokingham Waterside Centre trip 4th October 2022. Please make payment if your child attended and you have not already done so.
- Please pay your final instalments before the start date of the following trips:
- Year 10 MFL French and German trips 9th to 14th October 2022
- Year 13 A Level Geography Residential Field Course 12th to 16th October 2022

KENDRICK PARENTS' SOCIETY (KPS)

Birthday Quiz – Postponed

Unfortunately, the KPS Birthday Quiz, that was planned for this Saturday, has been postponed.

More information will follow at a later date.

Year 7 Movie Night Friday 14th October 3.30pm-6pm

The students have voted for their favourite film and will be watching Sing 2. Tickets can be bought via this link <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BWEB>

The cost of £5 includes the film, a drink, and a snack. Additional snacks and drinks can be bought for cash at the event. The students can bring their onesie or other comfy clothes to change into before the film.

We strongly advise that you pick your child up at 6 p.m. We are a town centre school which can get very busy in the town and the surrounding areas on a Friday evening. Thank you.

AGM Monday 17th October 2022

The KPS AGM is scheduled to take place on 17th October 2022 when a new committee will take over. If you are interested in joining the KPS committee, we would love to hear from you. Please note we follow a job share

model so that tasks can be divided and shared between volunteers. Kindly email KPSChair@kendrick.reading.sch.uk for your interest in any of the positions:

- Vice/Co-Chair
- Co-Treasurer
- Co-Secretary
- Membership Co-Secretary
- Class Rep Parent Coordinator
- Raffle coordinators
- Event coordinators
- Promotion and donations coordinator (Fundraising Coordinator/ Sponsorship Coordinator)
- Preloved/ Second hand uniform coordinator
- Communication & Engagement Lead (Marketing lead)

Preloved / Second Hand Uniform Shop

The second-hand uniform shop will be open the first Saturday of each term between 9am and 11am. The shop is located in the Conservatory, next to the Library. If you have any queries about the shop opening please email: thaynes@kendrick.reading.sch.uk.

We are pleased to announce that the **student led second hand uniform shop** will open again on Mondays, week A, second break in the Servery. The first opening will be on Monday 17th October, when students are welcome to come and shop, cash payment only.