

Parent Bulletin

Friday, 10th February 2017

KING'S LYNN ACADEMY

Parentview:

We would like to advise you that you are able to give your views on the Academy to Ofsted via their parentview questionnaire, at any time – not just during inspections. We would encourage you to do this at:

www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February – Half term

Monday 20th February – Year 10 Vaccinations

Tuesday 21st February – Year 10 Parents evening

Monday 27th February – Head Boy/Girl launch

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day

Monday 6th March – Year 11 Mock exams start

Thursday 16th March – Parent Voice

Friday 17th March – Head Boy/Girl launch

Wednesday 22nd March - Year 11 Mock exams finish

Friday 24th March – ILP and Red Nose Day

Friday 24th March – Monday 27th March – New York Trip

Monday 27th March – Head Boy/Girl interviews

Thursday 30th March – DofE Silver assessed expedition departs

Chinese Club:

We run a Chinese club every Wednesday at 3pm in N4 for an hour. It is an amazing opportunity for students especially KS3 and Y9 as they will have some Mandarin language lessons during their French/Spanish classes.

School Nurse:

The school nurse offers weekly drop-in sessions every Wednesday lunchtime for any student who wishes to speak to her. She can be found in the Intervention Room opposite Student Services. No appointment is necessary!

After half term she will be offering a monthly C-Card clinic for students Aged 13 – 16. For more information about Norfolk's C-Card scheme please follow this link: <http://c-card.areyougettingit.com/your-c-card.aspx>

KS3 (Years 7-9) Science Experiment Club:

Ever wanted to know how Science is used outside of School? Come along and experience Science practicals that are used in different places of work. There will be a different focus each week.

This will be in S13, from 3pm until 3:45 with Miss Carnell from Friday 13th January.

Rewards:

House totals since the start of this half term.

1st Cresswell 3,961

2nd MacArthur 3,760

3rd Vancouver 3,465

4th Nelson 3,352

Over 14,538 reward points have been gained by the student's since the start of this term, Cresswell are still in the lead. Well done.

Mrs Thomas

Attendance:

Whole school attendance has slipped a little to just under 93.5%. This is mainly due to lots of sickness throughout all year groups.

Year 7 94%

Year 8 94%

Year 9 94%

Year 10 91%

Year 11 91%

Well done to Years 7, 8 and 9 who are top of the leader board.

We have 71 students with 100% attendance since the beginning of September and 289 students who have attendance of 100% this half term.

We are still seeing students taking the whole day off school for medical appointments that are either in the morning or the afternoon, during the school day. Please send your child to school either before or after their appointment. This way they will still get one mark for the day.

Let's hope that after the half term break our attendance will improve as the warmer weather arrives.

Have a great half term break.

Year 10 Vaccinations:

Just a reminder that the Year 10 vaccinations are on the first day back, Monday 20th February. There is still time to bring in consent forms, it is not too late to bring them in on the day.

Accelerated Reader:

The academy is passionate about improving students' reading age to match their chronological age. 16 years is the reading age of GCSE papers and as such we have invested in a computer based reading programme.

The computer programme is called 'Accelerated Reader', which helps teachers manage and monitor independent reading practice.

The STAR Reading Test is used to determine your child's reading level.

Ms Scoles will be inviting students in from Years 9, 10 and 11 on Monday, February 13th for either of the following reasons:

- To sit their second data point entry test
- Or your child's reading score has fallen significantly below their September reading score

Your child will only need to attend for 40 minutes and will sign in and out at reception.

The academy looks forward to your continued support of your child's education.

Ms Scoles
Director of Whole School Literacy

The School Production 'The School Film':

The School production, 'The School Film' by Patrick Marber in conjunction with the National Theatre Connections project will be performed on Tuesday 14th March at 15:30 and Wednesday 15th March at 19:00.

Tickets will be available at Reception or on the door. The director Anthony Lau from The National Theatre will be assessing the students work at the Tuesday performance. It would be lovely to have a big audience that day supporting the 16 students who have been working hard on the show since November.

Tom Hodgkinson



Message from Safer Schools Team:

The Safer Schools team would like to wish everybody a great half term and hope all students enjoy themselves.

The annual Mart will be coming to King's Lynn on the 14th February for two weeks and we hope all the students enjoy what it has to offer and don't make themselves too sick with all the sweets. However, we do ask them to please be mindful of their behaviour and respect all the users there, plus all the stall/ride holders.

Also, on a more worrying note, we have had reports of young teenagers that have been exploring, entering, causing damage and being a nuisance in some old, derelict abandoned buildings around King's Lynn. Even though we encourage students to get out of the house and away from their computers, social media and the internet, by entering these buildings they are potentially putting themselves in danger and at risk. The buildings are in a state of disrepair and there are lots of hazards that could cause potential injuries.

They are actually committing offences by entering these buildings without permission so could end up in trouble with the police. So please have the conversation with your child to be aware of this as we want them to keep safe and keep out of trouble!

Many thanks

Pc Bolderstone & PCSO Cockerill.

Year 7 and 8 Weekly Maths Challenge:

Each Friday Year 7 and 8 will be set a Maths Challenge. This is a non-compulsory challenge for our Year 7 and Year 8 Mathematicians to show they have a mastery level of understanding of applying different topics to problem solving.

The Challenge will be on ShowMyHomework and can also be found outside CF2. The answers can be emailed to lucy.amos@kingslynnacadmey.co.uk or hand given to Mrs Amos by Wednesday 3pm.

A winner from each year group will be chosen at random to win Maths Star of the Week. They will be awarded with a certificate, a postcard home and a small prize. All Students with the correct answer will also receive a certificate.

WEEK 12 ANSWERS:

If the three digit number is " abc ", then we need $b = \frac{a+c}{2}$.

As a and c are chosen to be between 0 and 9, b will be certainly, as it is the mean. This means we only need to check which cases make b an integer.

b is an integer exactly when $a + c$ is even.

If a is even, c needs to be even also. If a is odd, c needs to be odd also.

If a and c are both even, a can be any of 2, 4, 6 and 8, so four options. c can be any of 0, 2, 4, 6 and 8, so five options. This means there are $4 \times 5 = 20$ combinations.

If a and c are both odd, they can be any of 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9. This gives 5 options for each, so there are $5 \times 5 = 25$ combinations.

Thus there are $20 + 25 = 45$ three digit numbers with this property.

Congratulations to Ryan Gipp (Year 8) and Charlie Johnson (Year 7) for winning Maths Star of the week. Well done to all who have taken part.

Duke of Edinburgh:

Please see below for dates of Bronze and Silver expeditions:

Silver Assessed:

30th March (leaving KLA at about 2.30pm) – 2nd April

Bronze Practice:

22nd-23rd April

OR

29th – 30th April

Bronze Assessed:

13th – 14th May

OR

20th – 21st May

Disneyland Paris and Paris City Tour:

Thursday 13th – Monday 17th July 2017

3 MORE PLACES HAVE BECOME AVAILABLE

If you would like your child to come on this amazing trip, please secure their place with an initial £200 deposit. This will need to be paid on return after half-term - 20th February



Please send this in with your child in a sealed envelope with your child's name on addressed to Mrs Fysh.

Future payment deadlines for the balance of £269 have been set at:

- £100 by 28th February, £100 by 30th March, and final payment of £69 by 20th April
- OR 2 instalments of £134.50 by 20th April

All cheques payable to King's Lynn Academy

ALL MONIES MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY 20th APRIL AT THE ABSOLUTE LATEST – WE HAVE TO SEND ALL FINAL PAYMENTS TO THE TRAVEL COMPANY ON 21st APRIL 2017.

Thank you very much.

Mrs Fysh - trip organiser

Numeracy Ninjas Leader Board:

House scores to date - 10th February 2017

As we break up for half-term the Ninja Leader board looks like this:-

Cresswell 7637

Nelson 7425

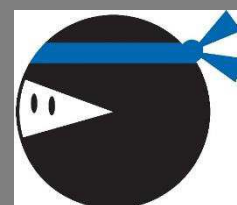
Vancouver 7298

MacArthur 6988

Happy 'half-term' everybody.

Carolyn Fysh

Numeracy Co-ordinator



Key Stage 3 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Germaney:

Miss Anton held a spelling bee in school on Tuesday this week. The students had to learn and spell, using the French alphabet, 100 words in French for the competition and then spell as many as they can correctly within a minute. We had lots of parents come in to offer support which was fantastic, thank you!

There was a really good level of competition but the overall winners, who will represent the school in the regional final in Peterborough later this term, are Elise Clayton, Leanna Fitzgerald and Bailey Naish all from Y7. Congratulations to you all, I am very proud!

We didn't have a rewards assembly this week, although I did present two students with a £5 High Street voucher each for showing great improvement over the last half term. Congratulations William Girdlestone (Y8) and Joshua Harper (Y7)

Year 7 Student of the Week nominations:

7ABL - Bailey Naish for getting through in the spelling Bee.

7CMC - Wesley Robertson for achieving his target of having the correct equipment for the whole week in form.

7HDR - Hannah Cope for her determination and courage to perform in the form assembly despite her nerves.

7SGO - Evie Blyth, enthusiasm and determination to get on this week. Progressing well with her form project and achieving the highest points.

7EBL - Callum Povey for his great effort with Numeracy Ninja's and generally being a really nice lad.

Well done Wesley Robertson, let's hope this continues after half term!

Year 8 Student of the Week nominations:

8GLA - Leona Smith. Leona is always very polite to other pupils and staff alike. She is always going out of her way to make sure her homework is completed on time and always tries to put in that extra effort to better herself.

8SHA - Krystian Kowalczyk for not getting mad at me for losing his belongings when showing my form how to prevent pea-nutting of their ties. The experiment failed and turned into a vanishing act.

8AGI - Jonathan Senter for getting 30 out of 30 on the Numeracy Ninjas 10 weeks running.

8JHA - Katie Scoles, for constantly trying her best to complete the work set.

8ATA - Daniel Grange for his good behaviour and attitude in form. He is always willing to attempt any task that has been set.

8AAN - Summer Rose for trying very hard in all the form activities this week.

Well done Leona Smith this is an excellent attitude to have!

Enjoy the half term everyone, don't eat too much candy floss!!

Key Stage 4 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Defty:

The representative from Dementia Friends sent me this lovely email which I would like to share with you.

I popped in this morning and picked up the pledges totalling 131. A grand total of 339 pledges from the whole school were made. A fantastic number! Thank you so much. A special thanks to Jasmine Abraham for a lovely poster – very eye catching!!

Perhaps you could pass on my thanks to everyone connected with this very worthwhile exercise? As at this morning there were 1,856,904 Dementia Friends created. This can now read.....

1,857,035 thanks to King's Lynn Academy!

Best wishes to you all,

Andy

Unfortunately we had to cancel the Year 7 and 8 Disco as not enough tickets were sold. Apologies to those who did buy and were disappointed but we will try again in the Summer term.

Thank you to all parents/carers for attending the information evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday. As always your support is appreciated.

Year 11 have been busy selling roses to raise money for their Prom.

Nominations for Student of the Week:

Year 9

9 HCO - Lucy White. Continued determination to do well in all activities.

9 JMA – Jessica Fowl. Excellent attitude towards her learning.

9 LAM – Jenny Ortet. Positive attitude to form time and learning.

9ACU – Paige Wake. Support of others in form time, a mature young lady.

9 SRW – Charlie Hammond. Over 120 achievement points.

The winner this week is Charlie Hammond.

Year 10

10 CBA - David Wells for trying hard to increase positive points.

10 CAB - Lily Davidson, for showing maturity when making important decisions about her education.

10 RGI - Sophie Couzins for currently having the highest number of achievement points in 10RGI and for always behaving responsibly and working as expected.

10 EBW - Darcy Rose. Always tries her best.

10 DEN - Georgia Fairchild. Mr Endersby wrote: I saw Georgia's PE theory book this week and was very impressed with her volume of work, presentation and her response to NOW tasks. It shows that Georgia that can do it, and do it well. I hope this standard of work can now be seen in all of her subjects.

10 KJM – Katie Rump. Quietly gets on.

Well done to the winner Sophie Couzins.

Year 11

11 KPO - Carter Taylor. For putting in lots of effort to complete extra work outside of lessons, and for working hard to achieve his target grades.

11 LBE – Lewis Davis, always gives good answers to questions.

11RES - Connor Martin. First week of KLA, and has settled well, and has made good use of the extra Maths time during seminar times to fill in some knowledge gaps.

Finally for Year 11 Lewis Davis.

Key Stage 4 Round Up – Continued...

College of West Anglia rewards for the last two week

FIRST NAME	SURNAME	COURSE	
Theo	Clarke-Twell	Level 2 Engineering	Helping at options event
Charlie	Long	Level 2 Engineering	Good theory lesson
Charlie	Moore	Level 2 Engineering	Good theory lesson
Weronika	Woznialis	Level 2 Engineering	Good theory lesson
Jessica	Fowl	Level 2 Hair and Beauty	helping out at options event

FIRST NAME	SURNAME	COURSE	
Michael	Haslam	Level 2 Engineering	For helping tidy the workshop
Richard	Newell	Level 2 Engineering	Excellent progression
Alex	Smith	Level 2 Engineering	Excellent progression
Courtney	Middleton	Level 2 Child Development	Working well in the first session and helping tidy at the end
Lilly	Wyatt	Level 2 Hair and Beauty	Great nail art designs

Amongst the highest achievement points this week were:

Kira McMahan, Joe Pearce and Owen Cornwell, Well done.

We did not have a full rewards assembly at the end of this half term. However, I was able to present a voucher to one student in each Year group.

For Year 9 – Aimilios Nakos, Year 10 – Zygimantas Masiulis and for Year 11 Henry Pooley. These young men quietly get on with all that is asked of them showing respect and consideration for others. Well done boys.

Have a good break, enjoy the Mart and the cold weather it always seems to bring.



- We'll make a 3D Valentine's Day Card for your friend.
- We'll make some paper roses and create beautiful designs.



Wednesday 22nd February, 2017
3:00-4:00 pm Meet in N5

