

Parent Bulletin

Friday, 16th June 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 19th June – Year 7 – 10 end of year exams start

Thursday 22nd June – Parent Voice meeting

Friday 30th June – Prom

Monday 3rd July – KLA Olympics week

Friday 7th July – Year 7 – 10 end of year exams end

Friday 21st July – Last day of term

Attendance:

Whole school attendance is 93%.

Year attendance is as follows:

Year 7	94%
Year 8	94%
Year 9	94%
Year 10	92%
Year 11	92%

Well done to Year 7, 8 and 9.

We have a new texting system in place which enables me to send parents a text if their child/children have not arrived in school. Please ensure that we have all up to date mobile numbers.

I will be joining Mr Aldous in inviting parents in for a friendly chat on Fridays, of students whose attendance is below 90%. These meetings are designed to support you and your child/children in any way we can to help improve attendance and progress.

Some parents are leaving messages on the old absent line or Reception. As Reception is a very busy place in the mornings dealing with all other enquiries please use the option 1 for reporting a student absent. 01553 774671 option 1, alternatively you can also email me at lorraine.roberts@kingslynnacademy.co.uk

Thank you to those parents who are keeping us informed of any absences and any future medical appointments that are unavoidable during the school day.

Have a lovely weekend.

Rewards update:

House totals since 18th April 2017.

1st Cresswell 8,094
2nd MacArthur 8,013
3rd Nelson 7,942
4th Vancouver 7,029

Over 31,100 reward points have been gained by the student's since 18th April, Cresswell are only just in the lead.

On my way to work last Friday I was trying to think of organising some entertainment for our last rewards assembly this year when I heard an announcement on KLFM that The Little Mix Experience were at the Corn Exchange, so I thought why not invite them to play for our students! To cut a long story short I emailed them and they declined my offer, but offered me four tickets for the show on Sunday 12th June. I had one afternoon to organise who would be going and how to pick two worthy winners. In the end it was decided the criteria for the students would be they had not received any behaviour points and had over 95% attendance. All the names were placed into a hat and Mr Rimmer Head of School picked out two names.

The lucky winners were, George Pooley Y8 and Keeley Cawston Y8, they both received two tickets each. Here are the reports on how they enjoyed the show.

George Pooley

I think it is amazing that KLA gives students the opportunity to go and see a music concert for free. The school rewards students for generally being good in school. This is good, as in some schools only exceptional cases and sometimes misbehaved students get the attention. The concert itself was a good experience to have. Thank you KLA!!

Keeley Cawston

Thank you for arranging the experience to see Little Mix Experience at the Corn Exchange in King's Lynn. I won two tickets to see the band because I had no behaviour points and over 95% attendance. The girls sang amazingly well and sounded just like the real Little Mix band. They wore gorgeous skirts and danced around to the music. I think they are very talented girls, working hours to put on tonight performance together. I would love to see them again because they made tonight a thrilling night. Thank you again for the tickets.

Still trying to find some musical entertainment to play at our assembly at the end of July!

Congratulations to George and Keeley, it sounds as though they both really enjoyed the show.

Mrs Thomas

Library:

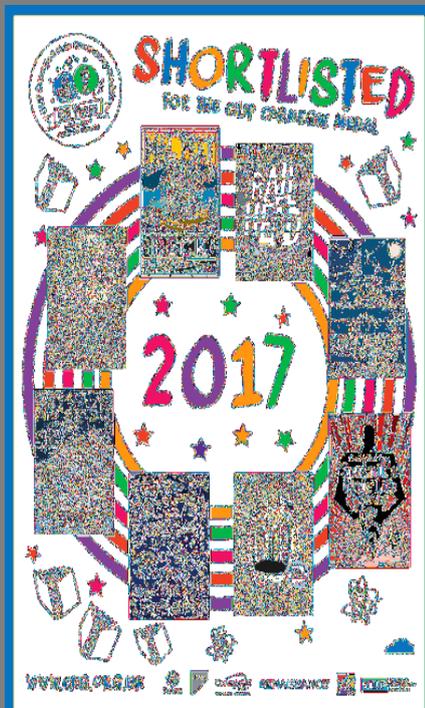
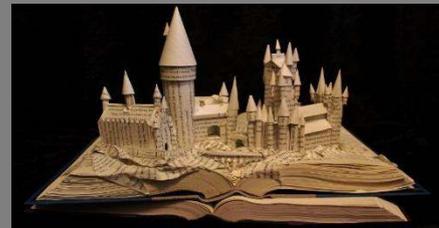


The book promotion genre at KLA library is currently 'Mysteries'. These are 'do not disturb me, I am reading' books! This may be because the main theme of a mystery story has a puzzle to be solved and if we are curious enough we want to know the answer!

This book shelf includes –

Author	Title	AR Book Level
Brooks, Kevin	Kissing The Rain	4.1
Dhami, Narinder	Thirteen Hours	5.3
Dowd, Siobhan	The London Eye Mystery	4.1
Eastham, Ruth	The Memory Cage	4.1
Eastham, Ruth	Arrowhead	4.9
Edge, C.	Twelve Minutes To Midnight	7.5
Haddon, Mark	Curious Incident Of The Dog In The Night-Time	5.4
Hardinge, F.	Lie Tree, The	6.4
Hurn, Roger	Mystery Mob And The Abominable Snowman	3.3
Jones, Rob Lloyd	Wild Boy	4.6
Macphail, C	Another Me	3.7
Priestley, Chris	Dead Of Winter, The	6.3
Robshaw, B	Are we really alone?	3.3
Stevens, Robin	Arsenic For Tea: A Murder Most Unladylike Mystery	5.2
Thompson, Kate	Missing Link, The	5.0

Library:



Great excitement the 2017 Carnegie Medal winner will be revealed this Monday!

The entries are

- Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth by Frank Cottrell Boyce
- The Bone Sparrow by Zana Fraillon
- The Smell of Other People's Houses by Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock
- The Stars at Oktober Bend by Glenda Millard
- Railhead by Philip Reeve
- Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys
- Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk

The KLA reading group does not have an overall favourite and have (some say surprisingly!) very much enjoyed reading and discussing these books. We have found that we would highly recommend these books. Two stood out as they were different - The Stars at Oktober Bend uses poetry for emphasis whilst Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth uses pictures to add information. Our students thought that these innovations definitely worked and added to the stories.

Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth

Frank Cottrell Boyce

Accelerated Reader BL 4.0

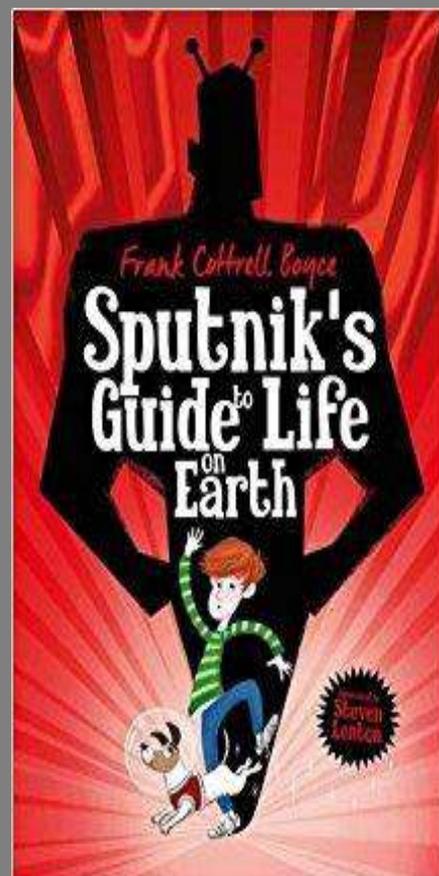
When Prez meets Sputnik, a small alien in a kilt, he learns that the Earth will be destroyed unless he can list ten things worth seeing or doing there. But it's not as straightforward a task as it seems!

This book was definitely popular, one of our students read it in a weekend!

Ross says - I found this book interesting because it combined fantasy with Sci-fi in a weirdly complicated way that if you tried to question how something worked you first have to remember it is fantasy! It was a good book because it managed to do this without destroying the plot line (which is good).

The pictures sometimes foreshadowed or explained something that the words didn't, which was a good way to use pictures.

Chris says - Funny, entertaining, I even found that I couldn't put the book down! A unique book that contains some facts and a tonne of hypnotic, capturing fiction.



Key Stage 3 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Germaney:

Happy Friday!

This week's assembly was lead by Mr Rimmer and he was encouraging the students to just get it right and enjoy the last few weeks. The Year 7's will soon be moving up and will no longer be the youngest in the school. The Year 8's will be starting their journey with GCSE options etc. Thank you Mr Rimmer for spurring on TEAM GERMANEY!!

Some students are slipping with the standards of uniform, please remember jeans, leggings and trainers are not permitted and for the girls make up should be the bare minimum and nails are not permitted. We appreciate your support with this, it will soon be the holidays and they can all wear jeans and make-up for 6 whole weeks!

It was great to be a part of the Y11 assembly today, I will miss you all and wish you the best of luck for the future!

Year 7 Student of the Week nominations:

- 7SGO Ethan Kenyon. Consistently polite and helpful in form. A good attitude for learning. Quietly just gets on with what needs doing.
- 7ABL Ellie Edwards for genuinely pleasant, hardworking and a positive influence in the form and around me
- 7HDR Charlie Hammond for always being polite, courteous and extremely helpful both in form and around the school.
- 7CMC Ethan Mayes shows enthusiasm to complete all tasks set with a happy disposition
- 7EBL Alice Nicholls for improved results in Numeracy Ninja's and being a very pleasant and polite student in form.

Well done Charlie you are always representing yourself and the academy to high standards.

Year 8 Student of the Week nominations:

- 8AGI Daisy Patnell for having the courage and skill to serenade us on her Ukulele.
- 8DSC Chloe Winters for always doing the work set, always being fully equipped and never causing any disruptions.
- 8ATA Alana Merrishaw for her continued positive behaviour in form and her help in seminar time this week.
- 8AAN Teegan Crouch for her constant helpfulness in form.
- 8SHA Alisha Macey. I have seen her mature over the last year and rediscover her upbeat positive attitude which is a pleasure to see again.

Well done Alana, I agree you do have a positive attitude and are always helping others.

Have a great weekend.

Key Stage 4 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Defty:

Many thanks to Ms Barber for delivering assembly this week. She spoke about the importance of sleep and the effects of sleep deprivation. Of how, at their age, they should be having between 9 and 9 ½ hours' sleep every night. Not surprisingly many were sleeping a lot less than that. Studies have shown that whilst we sleep we recuperate from the day and give our bodies time to recover and sometimes repair. Lack of sleep can lead to forgetfulness, grumpiness, poor concentration and it is not good for our emotional and physical health.

Ms Barber told them of some things that had happened to her after her son was born and he did not sleep well for 2 years. Whilst they may seem funny looking back they could have had serious implications.

Student of the Week:

Year 9

9 ACU Jak has been nominated by one of his teachers other than his form tutor as he has been producing some high quality work in Technology. Well done Jak, we are proud of you.

9HCO Lewis Palmer, positive attitude to everything he does.

9 JMY Joshua Barrett. For his excellent behaviour. He does not have a single behaviour point!

9 SRW Charlie Hammond, polite member of the form group who has over 200 achievement points.

Winning for Year 9 is Joshua Barrett.

Year 10

10 DEN Chris Stebbings. Over half term Chris began to design his own computer game from scratch. This is a huge challenge but Chris is working hard to plan it and get it started and is showing great levels of creativity and determination. Good luck Chris.

10 RGI Sophie Couzins for going well out of her comfort zone when canvassing for votes for Head Girl and giving a really impressive speech during last week's KS4 assembly.

10 KJM Nikki Cooper for standing for Head Girl. Not easy to put yourself out there and have to try to communicate your ideas to the whole school. She did a good campaign and should be proud of her efforts.

10 CAB Vilte Jalunskyte. She has only been in the form a few months but she has been working very hard in her lessons and has already achieved over 150 achievement points!

10 EBW Lee Webster. Always polite and helpful.

Year 10's winner is Sophie Couzins and Nikki Cooper.

Year 11

11 CFY Amelia Hooks. Such a pleasure in form, and so conscientious towards all her GCSE's, trying so hard with such passion.

11 RES Tayla Mattinson - Tayla is incredibly hard working, really trying her best to effectively revise, and maximise her grades in her GCSE exams.

For Year 11 – ALL OF THEM!

Highest achievement points Maisie Hancock, Fenton Bush, Alisha Chappell and Mae Eastwood.

In many ways it has been an emotional week. The final assembly for Year 11 was held on Friday. Whilst we were saying goodbye there was sadness, as we will miss them, but it was a happy occasion as they are beginning the next chapter of their life.

Special badges and awards were given, too many to mention them all. However, I would like to congratulate Livija Badajeva who was Student of the Year for MacArthur House. Livija is hard working, polite, thoughtful and kind. A lovely person both inside and out. I am sure she will be successful in all she does.

Finally, I wish each and every one of the Year 11 student's good luck and happiness for the future and thank you their parents/carers for your support.

Have a good weekend