

Parent Bulletin

Friday, 29th April 2016

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 2nd May – Bank Holiday

Wednesday 4th May – HPV Vaccinations

Saturday 7th May - Sunday 8th May – DofE Assessed Expedition 1

Monday 9th May – GCSE Exams Start

Thursday 12th May – Junior Mastermind

Friday 13th May – Head Boy/Girl Election

Saturday 21st May – Sunday 22nd May – DofE Assessed Expedition 2

Wednesday 25th May – Year 7 Parents Evening

Friday 27th May – Last day of Term

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June – Half Term

Monday 6th June – Back to School

Form Return Request:

Recently a letter was sent home with all students regarding the student's Country of Birth and their Nationality, thank you to everyone that have already returned their completed form. If you haven't returned your form, please could you complete and return it to Form Tutor or Mrs Hazell asap. This information has been requested by the Department for Education (DfE).

Many thanks.

Literacy:

We are currently having a big push on literacy at KLA. As you may be aware, all Year 7, 8 and 9 students are registered on Accelerated Reader and spend the first ten minutes of every English lesson focussing on reading. In order to support our struggling readers we are looking for volunteers who have some spare time and would be willing to listen to students read. If you think this is something that you could offer support with, please get in touch with Diane Scoles on either 01553 774671 or diane.scoles@kingslynnacademy.co.uk

Attendance:

Whole school attendance since September is 94%

House attendance since September:

Vancouver 94.3%

MacArthur 94%

Cresswell 93.7%

Nelson 91.2%

Attendance is slowly improving thanks to the determination of parents and students who are working with KLA to ensure regular attendance. Thank you to those parents who bring their child back to school following appointments. This makes a big difference to individual attendance targets and our whole school target of 95%.

I have met with many students whose attendance has improved just by waking up earlier and having breakfast before school. These students were waking up having stomach aches and not coming to school. Once they started eating breakfast they started to feel better and are now attending regularly. Sometimes it's the little changes that make all the difference.

Have a great weekend.

Alton Towers Trip:

I am sure all students who are going on the Alton Towers trip in the summer are already looking forward to it. This is just a reminder that the final instalment of £30 is due by Friday 20th May, before we break up for half-term. Please could all money/cheques be sent to Mrs Fysh in a sealed envelope with your child's name on.



Thank you for your support.

Carolyn Fysh

Numeracy Co-ordinator

Spelling Bee Champions:

Congratulations to all our Spelling Bee House Winners:



Isaac Shipp – Cresswell, Charlie Lake – Vancouver, Ellie-Marie Pearce - Nelson , Sapphire Jarman - MacArthur.

A special congratulations to the Spelling Bee Champion CHARLIE LAKE!

Thanks must go to Megan Bradbury from the UEA who organised the competition and sponsored the prizes.

Ultimate Form Challenge:

The Ultimate Form Challenge continued this week, with some very exciting competitions.

Monday saw the first challenge between V1- Mrs Starling and Mrs Goodson's form and V3 – Mr Essex's form. This was an exciting match between the Head of English and Head of Maths forms. It was an even match to start, but then V1 dominated the competition with final scores of V1 – 120 and V3 – 60. So V1 Mrs Starling and Mrs Goodson's form go through to the semi-final against M1 – Ms Scoles and Mrs Amos's form.

Tuesday was the turn of C4 Mrs Senaratne's form v C5 Miss Green's form. This heat started off fairly evenly, then C4 took the lead and held it all the way. The final scores were C4 – 120 and C5 – 55. So C4 – Mrs Senaratne's form go through to the semi- final.

Wednesday saw the turn of N4 Mr Hodkinson's form, and N5 Mr May's form going head-to-head. A very exciting heat with the reigning champions N5 fighting to retain their title. A valiant effort from N4, but N5 took the lead and kept it all the way. Final scores N4 – 40, N5 – 110. So N5, Mr May's form take their place against C4 Mrs Senaratne's form in the semi-final.

Thursday saw the first of the Semi-Finals. M1 Ms Scoles /Mrs Amos form against V1 Mrs Starling/Mrs Goodson's form. This was a much anticipated match with excitement and thrills along the way. The final score was M1 – 65 and V1 – 115. Putting V1 through to the FINAL next Tuesday 3rd May.

Friday saw the last of the Semi-finals, C4 Mrs Senaratne's form against N5 – Mr May's form. N5 are the current reigning holders of the title, so this was a very exciting and anticipated heat. No pressure!! Tension and some nail biting answers and also some very quick answers on the buzzers put N5 in the lead from the start. Final score C4 – 40, and N5 won with an amazing 150 points, which has been the highest score in the competition so far this year.

The FINAL will be played when we return after the May Day holiday on Tuesday 3rd May, is now between V1 v N5.

I am really looking forward to the culmination of the last three weeks of competitions. It has been lovely to witness the 'inter-form' rivalry, but even better to see the support given by all the forms to each other. I have been very proud of all the competitors that have represented their forms, and I have enjoyed their enthusiasm throughout. Well done to you all.

Good Luck to our Finalists on Tuesday – may the best form win!!

Carolyn Fysh
Numeracy Co-ordinator.

Year 11 English 'To Dos' and 'Ta Dahs':

With around three weeks to the first examinations, we are working Year 11 students really hard and I am pleased to see how well they are responding. Please ensure that your children are revising regularly and aim for following optimum study scenarios:

- Encourage revision in an open area of the house – not shut away in bedrooms surrounded by social media
- Be brave – limit TV, computer and games consoles – it's only for a few weeks
- Help your child plan their timetable and make sure they plan in breaks (Five hours of revision per night can be as detrimental as zero hours)
- Encourage healthy eating and plenty of sleep

Important Dates:

Monday 23rd May 2016 – GCSE English Literature Exam Unit 1

Friday 27th May 2016 – GCSE English Literature Exam Unit 2b

These are the first two key dates for English exams for your child and by now, they should be revising daily (little and often). Priorities are to be re-reading the texts (listed below) and completing the revision booklets, issued in February.

Of Mice and Men

To Kill a Mockingbird (Mrs Starling's class only)

Blood Brothers

A Christmas Carol

There are links to revision materials in the 'Student' section, of the new KLA website and most of these texts have revision activities attached to them on GCSE Bitesize.

Student Stars: Our learners of the week are Adam Russell, Josh Rann, Drew Stokes, Ollie Faulkner and Louis Jaques – well done to all for your hard work!

Nelson and Vancouver House update – Compiled by Mrs Germaney:

I would like to start with a big thank you to Mr May for our assembly this week, it was full of information regarding Nelson's house charity, Hearing dogs for the deaf. Sadly I missed most of it as I was supporting Vancouver in the UFC challenge but staff and students have told me how good it was. We have a collection box in the main reception for any used stamps that you may have, this is part of a fundraising campaign for the charity. Please send in any used stamps that have been attached to any post you have received, just simply tear off or cut them out and ask your son/daughter to pop them in the box on the way home. Thank you.

The UFC is getting very tense now, V1 have reached the final alongside N5. Good Luck to you all, the final will take place next week, I will be supporting both forms/houses!!

Nelson

Student of the week nominations are:

N1- No nomination

N2- Liam Sparkes

N3- Bethany Bambridge

N4- Brooke Williams

N5- Jasmin Abrahams

N6- Haydn Bone

Our student of the week is, Haydn Bone for his excellent attitude and determination during the PGL trip.

Nelson students that received the most achievement points in a day are:

Michael Haslam, Andrew Fitzgerald, Georgia Goldsmith and Jaileigh Allen, well done to you all and keep up the good work!

Nelson's attendance is on the up, it is great that we are finally catching up with the other houses.

Vancouver

Student of the week nominations are:

V1- Charlie Lake

V2- Katie Rump

V3- Reuben Webster

V4- Kira McMahan

V5- Anzela Tihhonova

V6- Georgina Harris Samaranthunga

Our student of the week is, Georgina Harris Samaranthunga for her commitment to form activities and participating in the UFC

Vancouver students that received the most achievement points in a day are:

Leo Bambridge and Ellie Gaskins, congratulations to you both!

Have a great weekend!

Cresswell and MacArthur House update – Compiled by Mrs Defty:

Ultimate Form Challenge on Tuesday saw C4 and C5 in the quarter finals. C4 triumphed with an impressive score of 120.

Wednesday was the first semi-final between M1 and V1. Due to illness M1 had to call on reserves, sadly they lost despite a valiant effort. They were just not quick enough on the buzzer. Well done and thank you to the team from MacArthur: Louis Jaques, Millie Lines, Sharnia Soden, Aliesha Chappel, Padraig Denmark and Lennon Wardale.

Friday's second semi-final between C4 and N5 saw the highest score of the competition so far with N5 scoring 150 points. They will compete against V1 in the final next Tuesday. Again well done and thank you to Cresswell's team; Emily McGhee, Isaac Shipp, Dilara Ortet and Edward Dew.

Assembly was delivered by Millie Lines and Megan Barnes with the support of Ms Scoles and Mrs Westbury. They spoke about the history of Venice. Megan produced and delivered a highly entertaining video clip about her recent school visit to Venice.

Student Receptionist were from MacArthur this week:

Nicola Barraclough, Sophie Brown, Tegan Crouch, Aimee Eracleous, Spencer Cole Mendoca, Daniel Grange, Charlotte Marks, Aliesha Fincham, Alana Merrishaw and Arabella Gingell. They were all very supportive, polite and helpful.

Amongst the highest achievement points this week:

MacArthur House Sophie Brown and Bethany Ross.

Cresswell House Kacey Tinkler, Nikola Matisone, Misela Matisone and Megija Pesika.

Nominations for Student of the Week:

- C1 William Girdlestone - For being an exceptional friend to another member of C1 in their time of need and for making very mature choices in improving his behaviour.
- C2 Dareks Knospe - Continued wholehearted involvement in all activities, including all challenges and student commission + 413 achievement points.
- C3 Elise Cornwell - Following an absence for medical reasons, Elise is striving hard to catch up with her studies.
- C4 Dilara Oter - She volunteers and spends her time to support the form group
- C5 Holly Tong - Really settled well into life at the Academy.
- C6 Rebecca Gogos - Always gives her best.

This week's winner is Dareks, well done!

- M1 Charlie Moore - A hard working pupil who always tries his best. He is a polite, helpful and friendly. He has 100% attendance and 128 achievement points.
- M2 Madison Hawes – A delightful hard working student who deserves every success.
- M3 Kayleigh Emmerson - Kayleigh is always really helpful in form and tries hard at whatever we are doing.
- M4 Josh Barrett - For his continued optimism and collaboration in all form activities
- M5 Jack Price Waring - Jack shared some great stories and photos of his pets and really engaged with the National Pet Week activity.
- M6 Alana Merrishaw –A delightful young lady who always is always smiling.

Well done to Madison, who is this week's winner for MacArthur.

Ms Backham has asked that we make you aware of the following opportunity:

In July next year (2017) there will be joint KES/KLA trip which is an adventure holiday in the Ardeche in the south of France. The trip will be a week long involving canoeing, shopping, team building games, abseiling etc. students who are interested need to see Ms Backham for a letter. Cost will be about £650 and it is a fantastic trip.

Enjoy the long weekend.



Sports News:

Year 7 & 8 PGL Trip – 22nd – 24th April 2016:

On Friday 22nd – Sunday 24th April, KLA staff took 50 Year 7 and 8's to PGL, Liddington for an Adventurous Activities weekend. Students arrived at the centre Friday afternoon and took part in evening entertainment of capture the flag and sports night. Over the entire weekend students took part in the following adventurous activities: raft building, Giant Swing, Climbing, Crate Challenge, Zip Wire and Archery.

Students developed team building and co-operation skills as well as being pushed out of their normal comfort zones to try new exciting activities. A big thank you goes to the staff that gave up their time to accompany the students on the trip, to make it an enjoyable and memorable experience for all.

If you would like any pictures from the trip, they are placed in student area – PGL Trip April 2016.



Sports Events:

Tuesday 3rd May:

Year 7 & 8 Girls Rounders
Training

U13 Cricket Vs Litcham (Home)

Wednesday 4th May:

H.I.T.T. Training

Year 7, 8 & 9 Girls Rounders
Fixture Vs NHA (Away)

Thursday 5th May:

Year 10 & 11 Girls Rounders
Training.

Friday 6th May

Cycling club

PE TRIPS:

There are 6 places left on the Year 9 & 10 PGL Trip in July. The trip consists of four days doing Outdoor Adventurous Activities including, climbing, abseiling, Jacobs ladder, raft building, leap of faith, zip wire and obstacle course. If you are interested in going please see a member of the PE team.

If you are interested in keeping up to date with sports news, fixtures and results follow us on twitter: **@KLA_PE**



Clubs and Activities:

Tuesday's & Thursday's

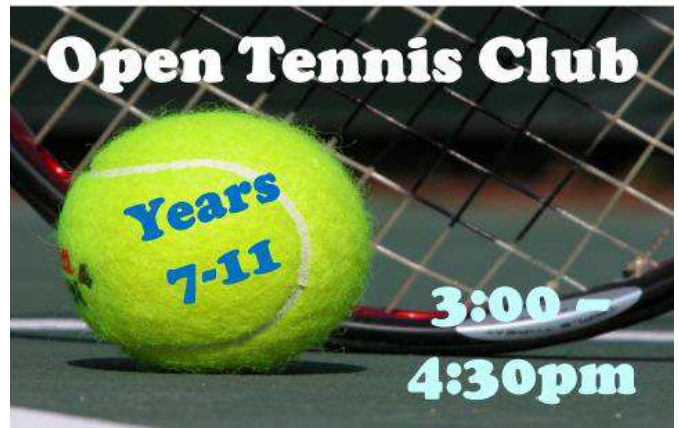
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Cricket
Years 7-10
3:00 - 4:45pm

Monday - Thursday

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Open Tennis Club
Years 7-11
3:00 - 4:30pm

Wednesday

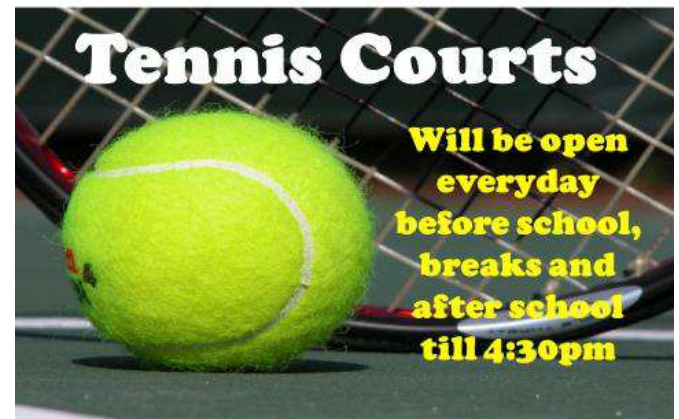
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H.I.T.T Training
Years 7-11
3:00 - 4:30pm

Monday - Thursday

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Tennis Courts
Will be open everyday before school, breaks and after school till 4:30pm

Tuesday

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Years 7-8
3:00 - 4:45pm
Rounders

Thursday

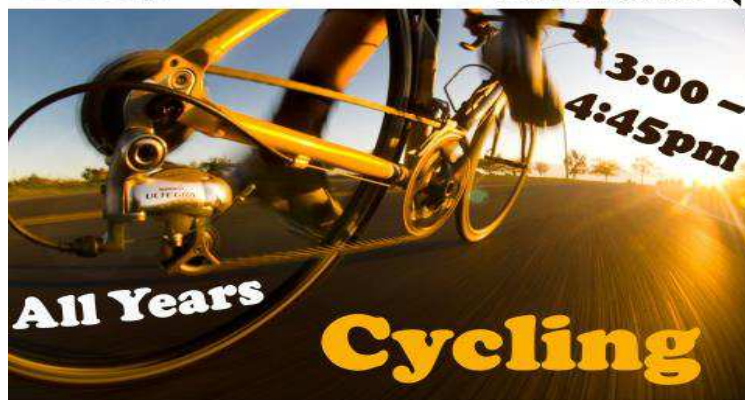
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Years 9-10
3:00 - 4:45pm
Rounders

Friday

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3:00 - 4:45pm
All Years
Cycling