

# Parent Bulletin

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017

## 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](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)

## Attendance:

Overall attendance since the start of this new term is 94%.

Attendance for the year groups for last week is as follows:

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| Year 7  | 94% |
| Year 8  | 91% |
| Year 9  | 90% |
| Year 10 | 87% |
| Year 11 | 96% |

As you can see by the drop in attendance, we have had many students absent. This is for many different reasons, there are some nasty cold bugs doing the rounds, as well as sickness. Hopefully this will run its course and we can get our attendance back up to where it should be, at 95%. Well done to Year 11's with 96%.

We had the pleasure of Louise Butterworth in a KS3 Assembly this week. The focus was on attendance and the negative impact it can have on learning if you don't attend. Keegan Murfet from Year 7 was the lucky winner of the £25 Nando's voucher. There were over 200 students in the draw for 100% attendance last term. Well done Keegan!

Please remember to contact me via email, [lorraine.roberts@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:lorraine.roberts@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk) or phone 774671 option 1 if your child will be absent from school, or you have any concerns around attendance. Any medical appointments need to be made after school if possible. If your child has a medical appointment late morning then please send them into school first thing as they will still get their morning mark. If it is an afternoon appointment, again send them in for the morning to get their mark. Please do not keep your child off school for the whole day if it is not necessary.

Thank you for your continued support and working together to raise our attendance and support your child to get the most out of their education.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Roberts

## Homework Matters:

Mr Endersby will be providing a drop-in session to discuss any SMHW or homework related matters. This will take place every Wednesday from 6pm until 7pm in the Central Hub with Mr Endersby, no appointment needed.

## Principal's Surgery:

I would like to inform you that I provide a weekly 'Principal's Surgery' here at the academy every Wednesday from 6-7:30pm.

There is no need to make an appointment – just come into the academy reception and I will be available on a first-come first-served basis, to discuss any issues that may be on your mind.

I look forward to seeing you.

Alan Fletcher  
Principal

## Rewards Update:

House totals since 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

1<sup>st</sup> Cresswell 13,252  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nelson 13,245  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vancouver 13,117  
4<sup>th</sup> MacArthur 12,969

Over 52,609 reward points have been gained by the student's since the start of term.

Many thanks

Mrs Thomas

## Celebration of Success evening 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017:

This is an invitation only event. Former Yr. 11's – please rsvp to your invitation letter if you are coming. No rsvp, no seat. Please reply via email [rachel.mellor@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:rachel.mellor@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk) or by phoning 779665.

Many thanks

Mrs Mellor

## Christmas Fayre:

Our Christmas Fayre is on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December from 3pm until 4pm** in the Central Hub. There will be a selection of stalls including Christmas decorations, a raffle, skin care products and sweets along with refreshments. Many of the students will be managing the stalls. It would be fantastic to see as many parents and family members as possible. All proceeds will go to charity.

If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in having a stall at the Christmas Fayre please contact reception on 01553 774671.

## Christmas Fayre:

My form 11DSC will be raising money for charity, by having a second hand cuddly toy stall. If any parents or students have any unwanted cuddly toys in good condition, please pass them onto Ms Scoles or drop them off into CG7 – we hope to repeat the success of the previous cuddly toy sale a few years ago!

Many thanks for your support!

Diane Scoles

## Library:

'Genre of the Fortnight' is currently 'animals'.

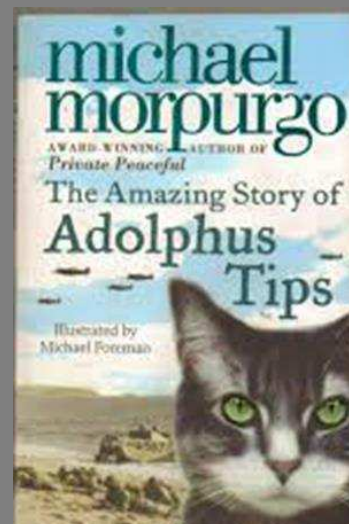
The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips by Michael Morpurgo is highly recommended and has had many good reviews.

Michael (Boowie) reads the diary that his grandmother has sent him. Reading her diary he learns of her childhood during WWII, when Allied forces practised for the D-Day invasion in the area of her home, and about her beloved cat, Adolphus Tips.

The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips BL 4.8

Other books included on the main display are -

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------|
| War Horse                    | Michael Morpurgo         | BL 5.9 |
| An Elephant in the Garden    | Michael Morpurgo         | BL 5.2 |
| I was a Rat                  | Phillip Pullman          | BL 5.2 |
| Kaspar Prince of Cats        | Michael Morpurgo         | BL 5.2 |
| Mr Nobody's Eyes             | Michael Morpurgo         | BL 5.1 |
| The Bomber Dog               | Megan Rix                | BL 5.9 |
| The Child's Elephant         | Rachel Campbell-Johnston | BL 5.9 |
| The Hundred Mile an Hour Dog | Jeremy Strong            | BL 4.8 |
| Tiger                        | Judy Allen               | BL 4.8 |
| The Mouse Butcher            | Dick King-Smith          | BL 6.0 |
| Wolf                         | Tommy Donbravand         | BL 4.8 |



## Rotary Club Technology Competition:

On Tuesday KLA hosted the annual Rotary Club Technology Competition for the fourth successive year. The event involved over 100 students from 5 different schools competing against each other in three different age categories.

The students were set an engineering challenge, which this year was to design and make a device to launch a golf ball into the air at least 3 metres and then deploy a parachute to allow a graceful descent.

The day was a huge success with the three local high schools sharing a win in each age category.

Thank you and well done to the 24 students who represented KLA in the competition, and special congratulations go to Ross Chilvers, Alfie Holman, Callum Bentley and Georgia Dix who won the KS4 event securing the trophy for KLA for the third year running.



## Key Stage 3 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Germaney:

Mrs Roberts led our assembly this week. As KLA's attendance manager she wanted to talk about...yes you guessed it, attendance! Sadly, I wasn't there myself, but students have spoken to me about how they enjoyed it, from what they have told me it was quite interactive. Thank you Mrs Roberts.

We had the Rotary Club Technology Challenge this week, well done to all the students that took part in this event.

It's nearly time again for our Christmas Fayre, which will be held at KLA on the 15<sup>th</sup> December. Parents and extended family are welcome to join us 3-4pm. It is always a great afternoon enjoyed by all please do come along and join in the fun!

Year 7 Student of the Week nominations:

7JMA Fern Barnett, for showing real enthusiasm for our form Christmas project. Thank you Fern!

7KPO Imogen Peters, for having one of the highest achievement points in the form, 0 behaviour points, 100% attendance, and no lates. She is an enthusiastic, hard-working member of the form. A real model student!

7MIL Shannon Wyatt, over the past 2 weeks she has accumulated 24 Achievement points. She has also been our writer for the student voice activities in form.

7LES Jason Bennett. Most positive points in form last week - but more importantly - he is incredibly polite, helpful and always tries his hardest. Well done Jason!!

7THO Emily Ballantyne, for working very hard and most positive behaviour points in class at present.

Well done Emily, you are working incredibly hard here at KLA and always have a beautiful smile when you come in every morning!

Year 8 Student of the Week nominations:

8ABL Max Andrews has offered to arrange a stall for the KLA Christmas Fayre, this is in his own time and shows a passion for KLA!

8CMC Leo Scoles. He is a polite conscientious pupil.

8EBL Charlie Hammond for his hard work with his project and good manners.

8RCL Keenan Howe for making some positive choices this year and showing great improvement!

8HDR Wiktoria Kozikowska. For settling into the form well and helping out by making props for the form assembly.

Well done Keenan, this is great to hear!

Please remember if you do wish to contact me you can ring me on 01553 779621 or email

[debbie.germaney@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:debbie.germaney@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk) alternatively Miss Tea at [laura.tea@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:laura.tea@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk)

Have a great weekend everyone!

## Key Stage 4 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Defty:

Apologies for the briefness of this report but I was poleaxed by the dreaded bug that has been going around the school.

I was also unable to attend Year 9 parents evening. If you need to meet with me or would like me to follow anything up please call or email.

Students with the highest achievement points this week:

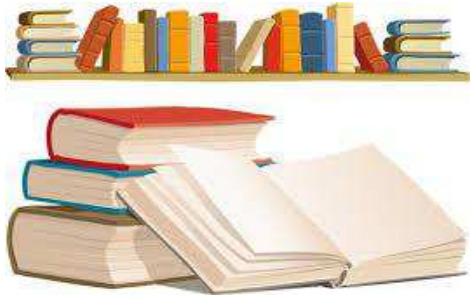
Abigail Poll, Jessica Smith. Well done.

Year 11 exams are in full swing and according to the students going well. Another weekend of revision for them?

I have been looking at the Help you Choose website and whilst many have enrolled they have not made any choices for Post 16. Please encourage your son or daughter to do this as soon as possible as there will be limitations on some courses.

Good luck to Abigail Mason Brown and Sophie Brown who are competing in the World Kuk Sool U.K. Championships in Liverpool this weekend. They will also be trying to be promoted to 2nd Degree Black Belts.

Have a good weekend.



# KLA Library

## HALLOWEEN WRITING COMPETITION

It was a real challenge to pick the winners of our Halloween writing competition as the standard of the entries was very high!



### For Scary Poetry

1. Erin Berry Yr 7 *The Night of Halloween*
2. Leanna Fitzgerald Yr 8 *The Roots*

### For Scary Stories

1. Saffron Krill, Yr 7 *Halloween*
2. Andrei Buldumea Yr 8 *Halloween Story*

All winners were presented with a £10 High Street Voucher and a Creativity Badge.