



Senior Musicians' Concert



From the Head

It is Scholarship time for some at Junior King's. Many congratulations to our entrants for the King's School Scholarships. All our pupils this week have done extremely well, were a credit to the school and impressed the Senior King's Heads of Department and staff. We are very proud of them all. I enjoyed having mock interviews with those trying for the Sport Scholarships this week and I was so impressed by their thoughtful and intelligent answers.

It has been a busy week for the Music Department. We had a superb Senior Musicians' Concert this week at the Old Synagogue in Canterbury. This concert showcased our very talented instrumentalists and gave an opportunity for them to polish their performances before their auditions next week. Well done to the performers; it was a treat to listen to such a vast range of instruments. The Informal Concert yesterday evening was a wonderful opportunity to hear music making from Pre-Prep soloists to Upper School bands. There is some exciting talent in all sections of the school.

We have also had a very large number of children sitting the 11+ entry examinations and subsequently our own 11+ Scholarship exams this week. The Junior King's boys and girls welcomed, and looked after, our visitors extremely well this week.

We celebrated the life of Robert Burns on Thursday in assembly; the pupils learned about the rituals of the Burns' Supper, heard some poetry, learned Auld Lang Syne and some of our Year 6 boys enjoyed demonstrating some reels on the stage! The Burns' Supper tonight is going to be a very exciting evening and I am very grateful for the energy, enthusiasm and hard work of the Friends' committee in putting this fun event together.

I hope that you will all enjoy a relaxing and refreshing exeat weekend.

Scholarship News

Design Technology

The process of entering a 13+ Scholarship demands commitment, dedication, enthusiasm, being prepared to step outside of your comfort zone and of course talent. I am extremely proud of both the five Design and Technology Students who entered the King's Scholarship and the students who worked in the Advanced DT group; they encouraged their peers with their imagination and creativity. I am delighted that Bella, Isobel and Jenny have all been invited to join the King's Excellence Class, and that Kitty and Libby have both been awarded a Design Technology Scholarship to King's. Congratulations!

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Drama

This has been an excellent week for Drama and I was delighted that every child who went up to King's for Scholarship received recognition. The feedback from the Drama department at King's was fantastic, and they were very impressed with the performances and workshop contributions of the children.

All of the children involved performed with such sophistication and maturity and I am extremely proud that they have done so well in this style of acting at such a young age. They are a shining example to younger children who may wish to pursue a Drama Scholarship in the future.

Hannah and Natalya received invitations to the Drama Club, with Bear, George G and Zoé being invited to join the Drama Extension Group. Renéé was awarded a Drama Exhibition, and Libby, Theo and Sebastian were all awarded Drama Scholarships to King's Canterbury. Well done!

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Each week there will be 3 questions for you to answer. In-order to win a prize you need to answer questions correctly depending on your section and email your answers to Mr Hounsell: Junior House 1 question, Middle School 2 questions and Upper School 3 questions.

Q1: A box holds 22 apples. How many apples are there in 20 boxes?

- (A) 440
- (B) 420
- (C) 400

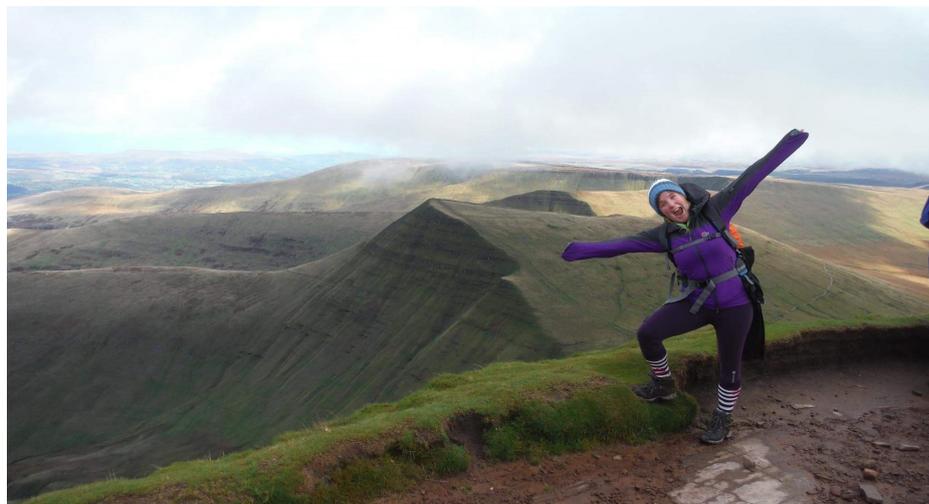
Q2: A worm is at the bottom of a forty metre hole. It can crawl upwards at a rate of four metres in a day but, at night, it slips back three metres. At this rate, how long will it take the worm to crawl out of the hole?

Q3: Picture a ship at anchor. Over the side hangs a rope ladder with half a metre rungs. The tide rises a half metre per hour. At the end of five hours, how much of the ladder will remain above the water, assuming the nine rungs were above water when the tide began to rise?

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Congratulations to last week's winners! Well done to Casper, Hector, Tom and Finn from Junior House, and to Ben M, Emily P, Molly, Esphandiar, Purnesh & Phoebe from Middle School. The answers to last week's puzzles are at the bottom of the page.

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Meet the Staff

My name is Natasha Mladek and I joined Junior King's in September 2017. Before working here, I taught in many different places; Oxford, Tunbridge Wells and Malawi. I have taught across many different year groups and am continuing to do here.

I teach several different subjects and enjoy all areas of the curriculum with many different year groups. Science with Year 4; Maths and Geography with Year 8; Computing with Years 3 and 5. I have also been supporting the Girls' Games department and work across the Junior, Middle and Upper School.

I have many passions and interests but the top one, for me, I think has to be the outdoors. I spend a lot of my time in the mountains around the UK and I can be found running, walking, climbing, biking, swimming or canoeing during my free time. I will always try to incorporate this love of nature into the curriculum I am teaching.

Challenge. 888+8+8+8+8+8+8=1000

3. They weigh the same.

2. The fish bank!

three apples!

1. If you take three apples, then you have

Notices

- We have been informed that a number of parents are not receiving emails from us, or that they are going into Junk Folders within email inboxes. Please make sure that you have all email addresses ending in '@junior-kings.co.uk' as 'Not Spam' so that they do not redirect. If you are not receiving emails from the school at all, please email Mrs Jerman in the office with the correct email address, and we will check our systems to make sure we have the correct address on file. Many thanks.
- As we approach the final week of rehearsals for My Son Pinocchio Jr, may I remind you that all children should now be confident with their lines and 'off book'. I would be very grateful if children would bring in the shoes previously requested by next Friday. I would also be grateful for any help prior to the show (from 6pm) for hair and make-up.

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★ **Junior House** ★

★ **Stars of the Week!** ★

★ 3AW: **Adam** ★

★ 3C: **Jessica** ★

★ 3W: **Madhu** ★

★ 4H: **Oliver** ★

★ 4M: **Omkar** ★

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Writer shares his secrets...

The week got off to an exceptionally inspiring and enjoyable start for pupils in the Upper School and their teachers when Young Adult author Jon Robinson spent Monday morning and early afternoon in the English Department. Normal classes were set aside and everyone was able to attend an hour long presentation in the spacious surroundings of the recital room. The big screen and excellent sound quality made the audio-visual sections particularly effective. In an additional hour after lunch, a smaller group took part in a practical workshop where Jon shared valuable insights into idea gathering, character, plot creation and style whilst underlining the importance, above all, of simply picking up a pen and getting started!

The talks traced Jon's determination to be a novelist all the way back to his time in Year 7 and acknowledged the importance of his teacher who praised a particularly gruesome story which was written in response to a Christmas holiday task. Although, "Deck the Halls" was definitely not to her taste, her encouragement and comment, "I think you could be a writer" proved to be life-changing. Other anecdotes concerned early attempts to impress girls, the importance of reading and an unexpected night spent in a police cell. Everyone warmed to Jon's humorous approach and his skill in reaching out to an audience.

Two short films on psychological manipulation led into an introduction to "Nowhere", the novel with which Jon broke into publication with Penguin after seven years of rejection slips. Each session finished with a reading from its dramatic first chapter before questions were answered and there was an opportunity to buy books and have their title pages signed.

The queue for sales, which snaked all the way around the front of the room was a testament to the success of the event. Many hours of enjoyable reading lie ahead and, who knows, perhaps the seeds for some future careers may have been sown.



Above: Jon Richardson in the practical workshop.
Below: Jon Richardson giving his talk to the Upper School



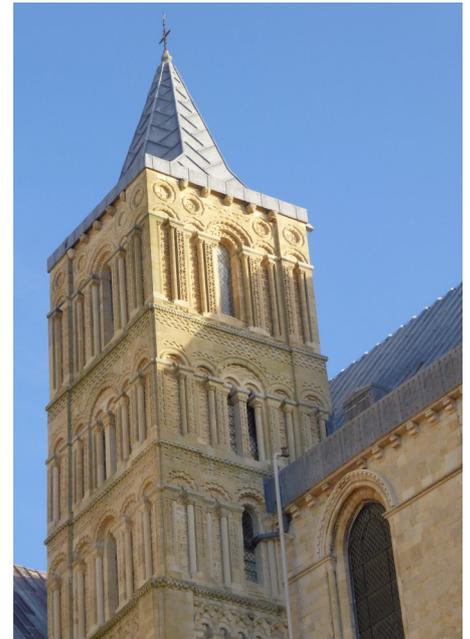
Mrs McConkey bought each of the Pre-Prep children a colourful hanging plant pot and a brightly coloured primula. On a beautiful, sunny morning, we took our time to plant the flowers carefully to make sure their roots have plenty of food and water before hanging them around our garden and playground.

Next time you visit, have a look at how beautiful they are. Each pot is

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named so we can keep them planted with new flowers each season. Thank you Mrs McConkey!



We took a pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral this week in Year 2. We enjoyed a workshop in the Education Centre, where we built a model of the Cathedral and had an opportunity to practise carving the kind of stone which the real Cathedral is built from. It was very hard and it is unbelievable that such a huge building was built without any machines to help!

We have been learning about Thomas Becket in class, but it was amazing to be able to act out the story in the very place he was murdered! There was so much to see in the Cathedral: we loved the stained glass windows, we spotted the difference between old and new statues, and admired the little design features, especially the gargoyles.





Nursery children have been using descriptive language with their friends and the adults around them this week. At show and tell, Arabella told us about a trip to the cinema she and her family had taken. She was particularly pleased with her beautiful crown, which has bright lights, pink fur and sparkling diamonds on it.

Meanwhile, Aarav demonstrated careful hammering of nails into board as he created his farm picture. He told us he built a bridge on the farm, which has a cow, a chicken, a sheep and a tree on it.



At this time of year in Reception, we really begin to see how our letter and sound work is beginning to show great results. We produced some lovely examples of emergent writing on our weekend news. We are using recognisable letters in the correct order and are able to read our writing back to ourselves and to others. We also love sharing books and are able to re-tell the stories to each other, showing that we understand the process of reading and sequencing a story.

In addition, we visited the Junior King's kitchen as part of our topic on New Year, New You. Mr Cummins gave us a talk about healthy eating and we enjoyed our tour of the kitchen. We found out how our delicious lunches are made and met everyone who does the cooking. Thank you, Catering Department!



Year 1 ventured into Forest Park this week. We explored the Forest as a habitat for different types of animals and groups of animals, such as reptiles, birds and mammals. We spotted insects, including woodlice and spiders, we listened out for birds tweeting in the trees and rustling on the ground looking for food. We hunted for a mammoth, but we couldn't find one this week!

It's very important to remember the safety rules whenever we're in the Forest, but it's interesting that some of the rules can be used outside the Forest, too. Keep yourself safe and ask us the vital rules of the Forest!



Pre-Prep Notice Board

- *Parents' Evenings – next Monday 29th January and Thursday 1st February – don't forget to sign up to see your child's teacher and find out how they have been getting on so far this term.*
- *Year 1 Trip to Tonbridge Castle – Wednesday 9th February – further information to come, but please bear in mind your child will need to be in school on time that morning and we will all need to keep an eye on the weather. It can be a chilly day at Tonbridge Castle at this time of year.*
- *Reception Trip to the King's School Recreation Centre – Friday 9th February – once again, more information to come, but please make a note that your child will need to be in school on time that morning.*

Sports Noticeboard

Well done to the girls who went to the Copper Box Stadium last Saturday. Their behaviour was exemplary. They enjoyed two matches. Firstly, they saw Australia beat South Africa. Then they watched an impressive comeback from England who went on to beat New Zealand in extra time. What a wonderful experience for staff and pupils alike!

Well done to those who took part in the King's School Sports Scholarship Assessment Day yesterday. We look forward to hearing the results.



Sports Results

Friday 19th January

Netball

U13A v Sevenoaks

Sevenoaks won 20 - 12

Player of the Match: Ruona

U13B v Sevenoaks

Sevenoaks won 29 - 7

Player of the Match: Nicole

U13C v Sevenoaks

Sevenoaks won 26 - 3

Players of the Match: Natalya & Ekaterina

U13D v Sevenoaks

Sevenoaks won 9 - 4

Player of the Match: Tia

U13E v Sevenoaks

Junior King's won 6 - 4

Players of the Match: Nene & Ginebra

Saturday 20th January

Netball

U13B/C v Kent College

Kent College won 12 - 5

Players of the Match: Jianing & Scarlett

U13D/E v Kent College

Junior King's won 11 - 8

Players of the Match: The Whole Team

Rugby

U13A v Wellesley House

Junior King's won 20 - 15

U12A v Wellesley House

Match drawn 15 - 15

Player of the Match: Misan

U11A v Wellesley House

Junior King's won 65 - 5

Players of the Match: The Whole Team

U10A v Wellesley House

Junior King's won 85 - 5

Players of the Match: The Whole Team

Monday 22nd January

Rugby

U9A v Wellesley House

Junior King's won 30 - 20

Players of the Match: The Whole Team

Wednesday 24th January

Netball

U13B v Sutton Valence

Junior King's won 9 - 2

Player of the Match: Elizabeth

U13C v Sutton Valence

Junior King's won 7 - 0

Player of the Match: Cherry

Rugby

U13B v Northbourne Park

Northbourne Park won 15 - 10

Player of the Match: Cassius

U11B v Northbourne Park

Northbourne Park won 35 - 10

Players of the Match: The Whole Team

Thursday 25th January

Netball

U9A v St Lawrence

Junior King's won 10 - 4

Player of the Match: Elena

U9B v St Lawrence

St Lawrence won 3 - 0

Players of the Match: Jessica & Dasha

U9C v St Lawrence

Junior King's won 4 - 2

Player of the Match: Sophie

Rugby

U9A v Lorenden

Match drawn 55 - 55

Player of the Match: Sam

U8A v Lorenden

Junior King's won 80 - 45

Calendar

Saturday January 27th		No Saturday School
Sunday January 28th	19:00	Boarders return
Monday January 29th		The King's School Music Scholarship Auditions
	12:30	Year 5 SMT Work Review
	13:45	Rugby: U9 House Matches (Round 3)
	15:00	Netball: U11A, B, C & D (H) v Ashford
	16:00	Pre-Prep Parents' Evening - Part 1
Tuesday January 30th		The King's School Music Scholarship Auditions
	15:10	Netball: U13 House Matches (Round 1)
	16:30	Singing Workshop for Years 3 - 5 in the Recital Room
	18:15	Singing Workshop for Years 6 - 8 in the Recital Room
Wednesday January 31st	08:30	PAUSE
	14:00	Rugby: U13 7-a-side Foster Cup (H)
	14:15	Netball: U13A, B & D (H) v Clarendon Grammar School
	14:15	Netball: U13C & E (H) v Northbourne Park
	14:15	Netball: U11B & D (A) v Northbourne Park
	14:15	Netball: U11D (H) v Dover College
	14:30	Rugby: U11A & B (A) v Dulwich Prep
	14:30	Rugby: U10A (A) v Dulwich Prep
Thursday February 1st	14:00	Rugby: U8A & B (A) v Spring Grove Cancelled
	14:30	Netball: U9A, B & C (A) v <u>Sutton Valence</u> & Kent College, Pembury
	16:00	Pre-Prep Parents' Evening - Part 2
Friday February 2nd		Entry testing for 7+, 8+, 9+ & 10+
	08:20	Friends' Coffee Morning
	09:00	The Milner Voices rehearsal
	16:00	Netball: U13B & U11B (H) v Framlingham College



Cash Bar

Raffle

Tickets: £15.00 each

Tables of 8 - payment to Mrs Jerman in the School Office