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A Wintery Week

From the Head

This week has been busy for the Music Department. I enjoyed the invitation to drink hot chocolate with those applying for Music Scholarship awards, following on from their superb Senior Musician's Concert at the Old Synagogue in Canterbury. This concert showcased our very talented Year Eight instrumentalists and gave an opportunity for them to polish their performances before their auditions next week. Well done to the performers: Katie, Dustin, Yolanda, Rebecca, Alice and Abigail, who were joined by Caitlin and Else. It was a privilege to listen to their musicianship that evening. The informal music concert on Thursday evening was a wonderful opportunity to hear music making from Pre-Prep soloists to Upper School bands.

I am enjoying holding mock interviews with our Year 8 scholars and I wished them all the very best for next week's exams and assessments. We also had a number of children sitting the 11+ scholarships this week. The Junior King's boys and girls welcomed and looked after our visitors extremely well.

The weather is turning colder and we ask that children please have a school hat, coat and plain gloves to keep them warm outside.

I spoke a little about the life of Robert Burns on Friday in Assembly, embellished by Tommy playing his accordion and Lottie and Mr Jamieson demonstrating the impressive and complex Highland Sword Dance to the whole school. The Burns' Supper tonight is going to be a fun evening and I am very grateful for the energy, enthusiasm and hard work of the Friend's committee in putting this fun event together and bringing a touch of Scotland's heritage to Kent.

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

World Book Day 2019

This year, World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March. Our theme will be 'Myths and Legends' and we would like the whole school to dress up as their favourite character from these wonderful, ancient stories on the day. Costumes can be as elaborate or as simple as you like: a green paper hat with a feather attached, for example, would make a wonderful Robin Hood; although he's half-mortal and half-god, Percy Jackson dresses very much like a normal teenager. As always, the emphasis is on having fun and celebrating the rich tradition of global mythology that continues to fascinate and delight generations today. */RA*

Junior House Stars of the Week!

3AW: Pip V

3L: Charlotte

4C: Andy

4M: Eloise

4W: Hector

Meet the Staff

This week is a chance to meet our Security guards, Mr Allen McNeill and Mr Andrew Medlock.

Hi, I'm Allen. After leaving school I joined the army, serving 18 years in the Ulster Defence Regiment/Royal Irish Regiment. I trained to become a specialist dog handler and continued with it on leaving the Forces. I have worked explosive/drugs and body detection dogs over the years, in the UK and Northern France, before settling into a quieter job her at Junior King's School as a security officer.

Hi, I'm Andrew. I'm originally from Orpington and I now live in the wonderful market town of Faversham. This is my third year at Junior Kings, working as a security officer along side Allen. One of my hobbies is open water swimming; some of my swims over the last few years include, swimming across the gulf of Corryvreckan, Coniston water end to end, an English Channel relay swim in 2014 and ,after Robson Green from TV did it, a swim from the Northumberland coast to Holy Island. I am only the second person ever to do so. To celebrate my 50th birthday in 2016, myself and two old school friends, rode across America coast-to-coast on Indian motorcycles from Atlantic City to San Francisco, some 4500 miles. The picture is at Bonneville salt flats in Utah.

The Mini Week

From the Pre-Prep

In Year 1 this week, we have been exploring the idea of learning about different cultures and religions as a way of getting to know and respecting one another. We have been learning about some Jewish artefacts and understanding how much each item can mean to a believer. The Hannukiah is an eight-stemmed candlearbrum, which is lit during Hannukkah, the Jewish festival of light. We had a look at the Torah scroll, which is the first part of the Jewish bible and the most important document of Judaism. We couldn't read it because it is written in Hebrew, which is a language we haven't yet learned! Meanwhile, we discovered that orthodox Jewish men always cover their heads by wearing a skullcap, known in Hebrew as a kippah.

This week, the children in Reception have been studying the Eatwell Plate. We have learned that we can separate foods into different groups. We thought about our favourite foods and what types from each group we need to make a balanced meal. We discovered that making a plate full of lots of colours is a really good thing. We visited Mr Southgate and Mr Addy in the kitchen. They had chopped up a rainbow of fresh fruit and vegetables to show us and told us how they make hundreds of lunches for everyone in the school. They showed us the kitchen stores. We couldn't believe how big the cans of baked beans and bags of pasta are! Thank you to everyone in the kitchen for showing us around.

On Monday, the Year 2 classes thoroughly enjoyed their final Lent Term session in the Forest School. We packed everything we would need for our day in the woods and made our own bread. Then, as our tummies began to rumble, we watched Mrs Collins and Mrs Sargeant cook our feast on the bonfire. After some forest games, we sat down to a hearty lunch of baked potato, beans and bacon, followed by many marshmallows, which we toasted in the flames! This has been a great term to learn about the forest in winter. Thank you to Mrs Larder and our teachers and thank you, too, to everyone in our kitchen who helped make our campfire lunch a memorable one! Please go to our Facebook and Twitter pages (follow these links, or go to the Junior King's website and click on the icons) and scroll down to Monday 21st January, where you will find many more pictures of us having fun! Don't forget to 'Like' what you see!

It has been a week of learning about frost and snow in the nursery. On Monday, we came to school to find everything in our garden covered in white frost. We went outside to explore. We learned about ice 'columns' when we discovered frost 'growing' on our shells. We all looked at the different shapes through our magnifying glasses. On Wednesday, we had an opportunity to play in the snow. For some of us, it was the first time we had ever seen snow! We caught snowflakes on our tongues and dreamed that one day soon the snow may be deep enough for us to demonstrate our best snow angels!

Pre-Prep Notice Board

- ***Wednesday 6 February*** *– Year 1 trip to Tonbridge Castle. Keep a look out in your child's book bag for further information.*
- ***Friday 8 February*** *– Reception trip to the King's School Recreation Centre. As above, further information to come.*
- ***Monday 11*** *and* ***Thursday 14 February*** *– Parents' Evenings. Sign-up forms will be posted week commencing Monday 4 February.*

Good Luck!

We wish good luck to all of those pupils who are taking scholarships next week, both at King's and other schools in the area.

On Monday there are two Scholarships: Drama and Music. Taking the Drama Scholarship will be Maddie, Caitlin, Téa, Giorgia, Jess, Lilibet and Charlotte. Maddie and Caitlin will also be taking the Dance Scholarship on Friday whilst Alice, Yolanda, Katie, Rebecca and Dustin will take the Music Scholarship, with Abi going for the Choral Scholarship.

On Wednesday, it is the turn of our sports stars of the future, with Jess, Cassius, Joe G, Kouji, Timar, Jesse, George, Oleg and Tia entering for a Sports Scholarship.

On Thursday, we have the Art Scholarships at King's with Cerelia, Maya, Lilibet and Else. Toby and Stanley are taking the Tonbridge DT Scholarship, also on Thursday, with the King's DT Scholarship taking place on Saturday, with Harry C, Maddie, Abi, Caitlin, Alice and Téa entered for that.

From the Music Department

Congratulations to all of those who performed in the Senior Musicians' Concert and Informal Concert this week. Good luck to all of our music scholars for their auditions next week.

Anyone who has singing lessons is invited to perform at the Singers' Workshop next Thursday 31 January. The early workshop starts at 4.30pm (for Years 3-5) and the later event at 6.15pm (for years 6-8). Our guest is James Oldfield, an experienced professional singer, teacher and adjudicator. Family and friends are encouraged to attend as well.

There is a performance of Brahms' 'Requiem' on Saturday 16 March by the combined choirs and orchestras of The King's School. Adult singers are invited to perform. Rehearsals are at 6.30pm each Thursday in the Shirley Hall. Please contact music@kings-school.co.uk if you are interested.

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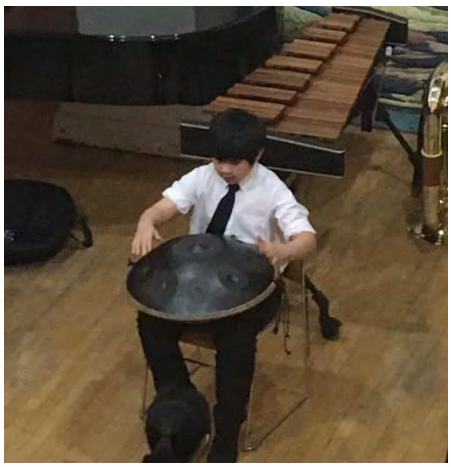

Sports Results

Friday 17th January

Netball
U12A v Kent College
Kent College won 7 - 2
Player of the Match: Immy & Jessie

U12B v Kent College
Junior King's won 5 - 2
Player of the Match: Lisa

Saturday 17th January

Netball
U13A v Duke of York's
Junior King's won 15 - 1
Player of the Match: The Whole Team

U13B v Duke of York's
Junior King's won 7 - 1
Player of the Match: The Whole Team

U13C v Duke of York's
Junior King's won 6 - 0
Player of the Match: Emily K

U11A v Duke of York's
Junior King's won 8 - 0
Player of the Match: Olivia & Georgia

Rugby
U13A v Wellesley House
Match drawn 20 - 20
Player of the Match: Misan

U11A v Wellesley House
Junior King's won 40 - 25
Player of the Match: The Whole Team

U10A v Wellesley House
Wellesley House won 40 - 15
Player of the Match: Rufus Southgate

Monday 20th January

Rugby
U8A v Wellesley House
Wellesley House won 13 - 11
Player of the Match: Kasi

Wednesday 20th January

Netball
U11A v St Lawrence
Junior King's won 9 - 8
Player of the Match: Kosi & Molly

U11B v St Lawrence
St Lawrence won7 - 3
Player of the Match: Iris

U11C v St Lawrence
Junior King's won 2 - 1
Player of the Match: Anna & Juana

U11D v St Lawrence

Player of the Match:

Rugby
U11A v Northbourne Park
Junior King's won 35 - 5
Player of the Match: William & George

U10A v Dulwich
Dulwich won 45 - 35
Player of the Match: Sisan Rone

Thursday 24th January

Rugby
U9C v Spring Grove
Spring Grove won 11 - 7
Player of the Match: Casper & Oscar

Calendar

Saturday January 26th		No Saturday School
Sunday January 27th	19:00	Boarders' return
Monday January 28th		National Storytelling Week
		The King's School Drama Scholarship Assessment Day
		The King's School Music Scholarship Auditions
	13:45	Rugby: U9 House Matches (Round 3)
Tuesday January 29th		The King's School Drama Scholarship Assessment Day
		The King's School Music Scholarship Auditions
	20:00	Friends' Committee Meeting
Wednesday January 30th		The King's School Sports Scholarship & Awards Assessment Day
	08:30	PAUSE
	09:00	Year 4 Trip to the Roman Museum
	13:45	Netball: U13A, B, C & D (H) v St Edmund's
	14:15	Netball: U11A & B (H) v St Faith's, Ash
	14:15	Netball: U11C (A) v Dover College
	14:15	Rugby: U13A (H) v Northbourne Park
	14:15	Rugby: U10A (A) v Spring Grove
Thursday January 31st		7+, 8+, 9+, 10+ Entry Tests
		The King's School Art Scholarship Assessment Day
	13:45	Netball: U9B (H) v Spring Grove
	16:30	Singers' Workshop for Reception - Year 5
	18:15	Singers' Workshop for Years 6 - 8
Friday February 1st		Kent Indoor Rowing Finals
		The King's School Dance Scholarship Assessment Day
	08:20	Friends' Coffee Morning
	09:00	The Milner Voices rehearsal
	15:00	Netball: U13 House Matches (Round 1)

Junior King's
Canterbury
STAR PARTY!
FOR PUPILS & PARENTS
Saturday, 2nd February, 2019
7.30 to 9.00 pm
If you would like to come, please email Mr Finnis
or give your reply slip in, by Wednesday, 30th January.
You will be asked to wear warm clothing and bring any torches, binoculars and telescopes that you own.
All pupils must be accompanied by an adult.
LET'S GO STARGAZING!
LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SECRETS OF THE NIGHT SKY.
LEARN THE CONSTELLATIONS.
LOOK THROUGH A TELESCOPE.

The Friends of Junior King's Canterbury

Hello Everyone,

Pilgrim's Way Primary School is a local school in our community that could do with some of our help. Ellie Hopkins (JKS parent and former awesome chair of FJKS) has informed me that their Head, Anne-Marie Middleton, would dearly like to create a library for the children and build a collection of exciting books for her pupils who are aged 7-11.

The message I received loud and clear from the Reading Seminar our staff kindly invited us to last weekend was that the importance of books to a child's learning and development cannot be underestimated. How lovely to get the opportunity to help children beyond the JKS gates.

So, next Friday 1st February at the Friends' Coffee morning (8.20am in the dining room) please bring any unwanted books **for children aged 7-11** that are in **new or as good as new condition** that you are happy for us to donate. If you can't make it to coffee on Friday, please leave any donations with the wonderful Mrs Jerman in the main school office next week for collection.

I hope you all have a great exeat weekend, and to those that are attending the Ceilidh, I'm looking forward to sharing a splendid evening with you.

Happy Burns Night everyone!

With best wishes, and thank you for your support,

Camilla Roberts

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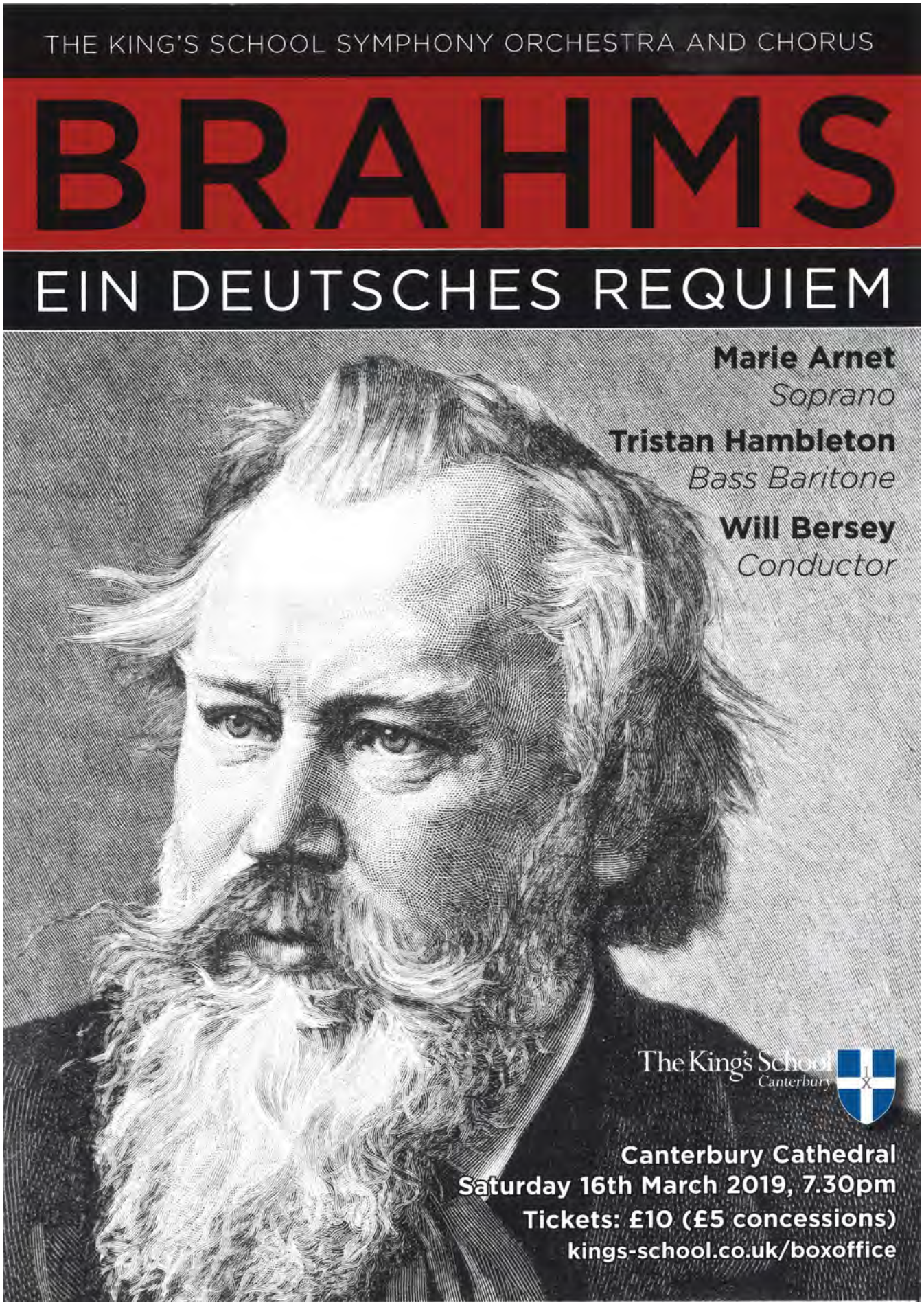
FJKS COFFEE MORNINGS

Every Friday at 8.20am in the JKS Dining Hall

Coffee, tea and pastries for a £1 donation

Please join us for a chat!


THE KING'S SCHOOL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS
BRAHMS
EIN DEUTSCHES REQUIEM
Marie Arnet
Soprano
Tristan Hambleton
Bass Baritone
Will Bersey
Conductor
The King's School
Canterbury
Canterbury Cathedral
Saturday 16th March 2019, 7.30pm
Tickets: £10 (£5 concessions)
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