



Year 4 Trip to the Roman Museum

Year 4 had a wonderful trip to the Roman Museum in Canterbury on Wednesday this week. They enjoyed a very interesting talk, discovering Roman artefacts and dressing up in traditional Roman clothing. Their trip ended with a superb lunch at St Augustine's in the Senior School. Thank you to all those involved with a fantastic trip. The pupils were a credit to the school and the staff appreciated compliments received.



From the Head

It has been a busy week for our entrants for the King's School Scholarship Awards, as well as for our own entry assessments.

On Thursday, our singers were treated to an inspiring workshop with James Oldfield, a professional singer. He was full of useful tips and fun for every participant and it was a rewarding and excellent evening.

As per Mrs Hutchings letter last week and, as a reminder, please can all children wear regulation named school coats, hats and gloves to school. The weather is very cold, and they will need these items at playtimes and for travelling to and from school.

My thanks to the Friends Committee for the hard work and enthusiasm in putting together such a brilliant Burns' Night last Friday. There was much merriment, poetry, speeches and ceilidh dancing all evening and it has been a topic of conversation for much of this week! As always, it brings a little bit of Scotland back to my family and was a very special night.

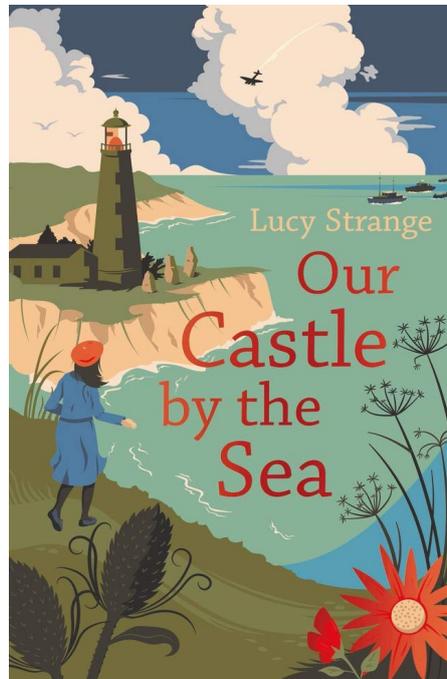
I look forward to seeing a number of you at our Star Party on Saturday night. Parents should attend along with their children. My thanks to Mr Finnis in advance for organising this occasion.



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.

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Lucy Strange returns to Junior King's

On Friday 8th February, Years Seven and Eight will have the opportunity to meet the acclaimed children's author, Lucy Strange. Lucy, who lives locally, last visited us in 2017 to talk about her first novel *The Secret of Nightingale Wood*. This went on to be nominated as one of Amazon's Best Children's Books of the Year and was described by Natasha Farrant as, 'Tender, funny, devastating and just about word perfect.'

Lucy's new title, *Our Castle by the Sea*, is set during the Second World War and has already been chosen as the first ever Independent Booksellers' Children's Book of the Month. It is the story of

twelve-year-old Pet, who lives with her family in a clifftop lighthouse. When her half-German mother is accused of being a spy, Pet is determined to clear her name - and unmask the saboteur in their midst. Exciting, moving and unforgettable, it makes a relevant and thought-provoking read at this time of heightened racial tensions and suspicions.

Our pupils will be able to hear from Lucy about the creation of the novel, where the ideas came from and listen to her reading from it. As an ex-actor, she is an excellent communicator and her background in teaching means that she is always willing to share advice and tips

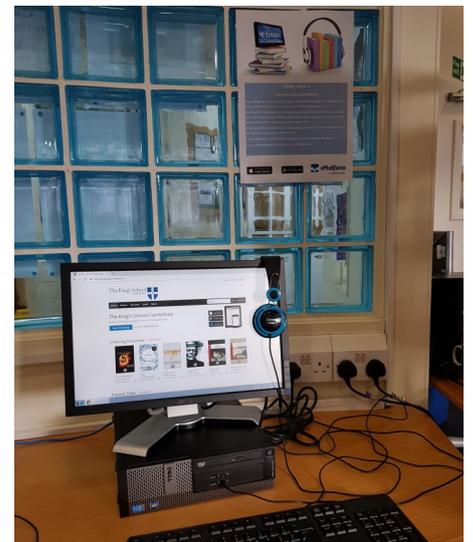
Library News: ebooks and audiobooks

In an exciting new development for our library, pupils in Years Seven and Eight are now able to make use of The King's School subscription to the ePlatform provided by Wheelers Books. This means that they can listen to audiobooks and borrow ebooks from a collection of over 1,750 titles ranging from classics to bestsellers.

The system works with free apps which can be downloaded to phones or tablets or it can be accessed via school or home computers at kingsschool.wheelers.co. Pupils simply need to log in with their school e-mail address, using their surname as a password. The settings menu then enables them to change the size, spacing and type of font as well as adjust the background colour. There is even a standardized setting which it is hoped will improve the reading experience for dyslexics.

This, of course, is only designed to supplement our print collection rather than replace it, but feedback from technologically minded pupils so far has been extremely positive. Parents are welcome to explore the site or to call into the library to see it in action.

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about the business of writing!

Waterstones, Canterbury will be on hand to sell books and there will be an opportunity to have them signed over the course of the morning. We look forward to welcoming Lucy back for what is sure to be an interesting and inspiring morning.

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THE MINI WEEK

FROM THE PRE-PREP

There has been some tale telling in Year 1! That of the traditional kind. We have been reading and listening to traditional tales, picking out the common features, such as the characters: the Handsome Prince, the Princess, the Witch, talking animals and happy endings....aaah! Recently we read Rapunzel, chanting out the familiar phrases, then ordering



pictures and re-telling the story. Sometimes we change the endings. What ending would you give to the story?

We continued our winter theme in the Nursery this week. Max returned from a skiing holiday in Norway. He presented a video of his adventures, then answered questions from the children, including where he bought his skis and why he wore a crash helmet. Next, we investigated ice. We froze water into blocks in different shapes and sizes. We touched the ice: it was cold, wet and slippery. We discovered that when we added salt to the ice, the texture changed: it became rough, bumpy with ridges. The salt also had another interesting effect and made the ice 'crack' loudly and start to melt! We drizzled food colouring onto the top of the blocks and watched as it crept down through the cracks.



Our Year 2 Drama Club has been working hard towards well-deserved LAMDA awards. We are extremely proud of these children, who have shown they can learn lines, act and perform in front of people they don't know. That takes a good deal of courage. Well done to you all.





This week during Year 2 PE, some of us have been learning to skip and others are improving their skipping skills. We have all enjoyed the sessions, with skipping and skipping games described by the children as “good fun”, “good for your heart” and “good for keeping fit”. We also discovered that it is an incredibly tiring activity! I wonder how many different types of skipping we can learn?

Having learned all about health and fitness in Reception, the children had a great time putting their knowledge to good use in Forest School. We built our own woodland gym using natural materials and showed that we can keep fit anywhere! We constructed a circuit with different exercises, including pull-ups, step-ups and jumping. The children set their own challenges, deciding how high and how many they would do of each. They gave one-another encouragement and celebrated effort. Well done, Willows!

We are all looking forward to meeting Mr John Astbury next week. Mr Astbury has been appointed Head of Pre-Prep at the new King’s School in Shenzhen, China. We can’t wait to find out all about the new school and how children learn in China. Mr Astbury will be at our front door to say hello to families at the start of the school day next Tuesday, 5th February and we know you will all help us make him feel welcome here in Canterbury.



Pre-Prep Notice Board

- *Wednesday 6th February – Year 1 trip to Tonbridge Castle. Please make sure your child is wrapped up warmly, as this can be a very chilly trip!*
- *Friday 8th February – Reception trip to the Rec Centre. Please complete and return your consent form as soon as possible. Thank you.*
- *Monday 11th and Thursday 14th February – Parents’ Evenings. Sign-up sheets for appointments will be posted first thing on Monday morning.*



From the Music Department

We enjoyed an entertaining and informative Singers’ Workshop with guest, James Oldfield, last night. There were many superb performances and plenty to be learned from watching others and listening to the advice from our guest professional musician.

Anyone who plays recorder, flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone or bassoon is invited to perform at the Woodwind Workshop next Friday 8 February at 4.30pm. Our guest is recorder player Sophie Middleditch. Family and friends are encouraged to attend as well.

I’m playing some Estonian piano music in the Northern Lights Concert next Saturday 9 February 7.30pm at the Colyer-Fergusson Hall, University of Kent. The music, by Urmas Si-sask, is all about constellations. The concert is shared with Caritas Chamber Choir, a fantastic local group, who will sing Scandinavian Choral Music. It would be lovely to see some Junior King’s families there. Tickets are £10 and are available from the Gulbenkian Box Office. Please [email](#) me if you would like more information.

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 ★ Junior House ★
 ★ Stars of the Week! ★
 ★ 3AW: Avery ★
 ★ 3L: Ewan ★
 ★ 4C: Tom ★
 ★ 4M: Nathan ★
 ★ 4W: Daniela ★
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Sports Noticeboard

Please note that the U9 Fledgling Festival has been postponed to next Saturday, 9 February, due to bad weather conditions along with the U12 & U10 Regional Schools Rugby Tournament on Sunday. The U13 & U11 Tournaments are, currently, still on. There are also some additional rugby matches on Wednesday that can be seen on the calendar.

From the Drama Department

Well done to Charlotte, Lilibet, Caitlin, Madeleine, Jessica, Téa and Giorgia for all their hard work on the drama scholarships this week, and also to Giorgia and Madeleine for the dance scholarship on Friday. We got lovely feedback on their pieces and look forward to hearing the result.

We are also looking forward to the Middle School production of Mary Poppins Jr; you should have received a letter about reserving tickets for the two performances on 13 & 14 February. Please return your reply to Miss Scott-Kilvert by Wednesday 6th February.



Sports Results

Wednesday 20th January

Netball

U13A v St Edmund’s

St Edmund’s won 13 - 3

Player of the Match: Nene

U13B v St Edmund’s

St Edmund’s won 7 - 3

Players of the Match: Gabrielle & Katie

U13C v St Edmund’s

Junior King’s won 8 - 4

Player of the Match: Cerelia

U13D v St Edmund’s

St Edmund’s won 11 - 6

U11A v St Faith’s

Junior King’s won 18 - 6

Players of the Match: Olivia & Lottie

U11B v St Faith’s

St Faith’s won 3 - 2

Player of the Match: Sophia P

U11C v Dover College

Dover College won 14 - 2

Players of the Match: Anna & Josie

Rugby

U13B v Northbourne Park

Northbourne Park won 50 - 15

Player of the Match: Will H

U10A v Spring Grove

Spring Grove won 10 - 6

Players of the Match: The Whole Team

Thursday 24th January

Netball

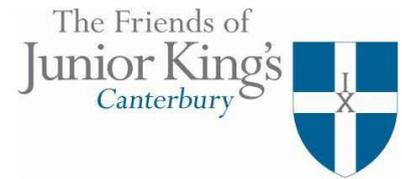
U9B & C v Spring Grove

Spring Grove won 6 - 1

Players of the Match: Hewina & Sasha

Calendar

Saturday February 2nd		Fencing: U13 LPJS
		The King's School DT Assessment Day
	10:00	Rugby: U9 Fledgling Festival - POSTPONED to February 9 th
	14:15	Netball: U11A/B (H) v Wellesley House
	19:30	Star Party: Astronomy Event for parents & pupils in the Barn
Sunday February 3rd		Boarders' Activity: Graffiti Workshop
	10:00	Informal Service in the Recital Room
	14:00	Rugby: U13, & U11 Regional Schools Rugby Tournament at St John's School, Leatherhead (U12 & U10 Cancelled)
Monday February 4th	15:00	Rugby: U11A & U10A (H) v Ashford
Tuesday February 5th	12:30	Boy's Hockey: U13 Kent Mini Hockey Tournament at Kent College
Wednesday February 6th		Year 1 Trip to Tonbridge Castle
	08:30	PAUSE
	14:00	Rugby: U11A Milner 7s Festival (H)
	14:15	Rugby: U11B (A) v Spring Grove
	14:15	Rugby: U10A (A) v Northbourne Park
	14:30	Netball: U13A, B, C & D (H) v King's Rochester
	14:30	Netball: U11A, B, C & D (A) v King's Rochester
	16:15	Rugby: U13B & U12A (A) v Simon Langton Grammar School
Thursday February 7th	13:30	Netball: U9A, B & C (H) v St Lawrence
	14:15	Rugby: U9A & B (A) v Wellesley House
	17:00	Year 5 Parents' Evening in the CDT Block
Friday February 8th		Reception Trip to The King's School Recreation Centre
		Visiting Writer Lucy Strange
	08:20	Friends' Coffee Morning
	09:00	The Milner Voices rehearsal
	15:00	Netball: U13 House Matches (Round 2)
	15:00	Rugby: U13 House Matches (Round 3)
	16:30	Woodwind Workshop in the Recital Room



Hello Everyone,

I keep getting the most wonderful flashbacks of our Burns Night Ceilidh and laughing out loud. It was so much fun. Thank you so much to everyone who came along, and particular thanks to all those parents and staff who helped put the evening together and who 'performed' on the night. Figures are yet to be finalized, but I think that as well as having a fabulous evening, we raised in the region of £880 for the Dean's Bursary Fund.

Thank you too to everyone who donated their unwanted books to Pilgrim's Way Primary School. Anne-Marie Middleton, their Head, and their Deputy Head were absolutely thrilled that we were willing and able to help build their collection. We had a look at their current library, and there was definitely room on the shelves for our books. Well done everyone, and thank you Buffy for collecting and delivering the books with me.

Looking ahead, please make a note in your diaries that the Friends will be holding a brand new Easter Event on Saturday 9th March from 3.30pm – 5.30pm for all our JKS families – our **Mad Hatter's Easter Tea Party**. There will be a Mad Hatter's Hat Competition, a bake off with prizes for various age groups (including veterans!), an Easter treasure hunt and plenty of fun and games. Creme egg and spoon race anyone...?!

In the meantime, do join us for a coffee on Friday mornings if you can, it would be lovely to see you.

Best wishes, and thank you for your support,

Camilla Roberts





Hi Everyone!

This year I have decided to take on the challenge of running the 2019 London Landmark's Half-Marathon. I am running on behalf of Jude and Action Duchenne.

If you would like to know more or even donate, please go to my JustGiving page and read my story.

Many thanks from Jude and myself!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/louise-scott305>





Ethan Allen and his Sponsored Walk Raising money for the National Autistic Society

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ethanallen>

My name is Steven Allen and together with my wife, Natasha Allen shall be supporting our 4 year old son Ethan, who is Autistic and remains non-verbal during a sponsored walk on 21/4/19, from the Sea View Cafe at Tankerton all the way to Whitstable Costa Coffee with a lovely Lemon Muffin as a reward, a grand total of 1.5 miles along the beach, through the harbour and into Whitstable town centre.

In March 2018, Ethan was diagnosed with Autism. Since then, both my wife and I have been welcomed with open arms into an entire world of support and resources which we didn't even know existed. To show our gratitude and appreciation for all we have learnt and experienced these past 9 months, and for the difference it has made not only to us both but to Ethan as well, we decided it is time to give something back.

A 1.5 mile walk will be a real test for Ethan, especially as he will insist on walking on the pebble beach and stop frequently to get Daddy to throw stones into the sea and make big splashes. The town centre will likely also be a challenge for him if it is busy, as he can find busy places overwhelming, but we have no doubt that the promise of a Lemon Muffin (one of his favourites) will help guide him to the finish line!

Please would you be so kind as to make a small donation for Ethan and help him and his family raise autism awareness. Thank you for your time.

Coverage of the event will be found on his Daddy's blog, Instagram and of course the Just Giving Page.

Blog: Daddyofe.wordpress.com

Instagram: @daddyofe

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Thank you for your time and consideration, it is truly appreciated.

The Friends of
Junior King's
Canterbury



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!

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DIRECTED BY BENEDICT PREECE

Pianist: Tim Frost

NORTHERN LIGHTS

NORDIC CHORAL MUSIC

and **Starry Sky Cycle** by

Estonian composer Urmas Sisask

9th February, 7.30

Colyer Fergusson Hall,

University of Kent

Tickets £10



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