



## Autumn arrives at Junior King's



### From the Head

Everyone is settling well into the routines and it seems incredible that we are now at the end of Week 3 of term already, and a weekend lies ahead. Our Senior Chaplain, Reverend Lindsay Collins (known as 'Rev') gave a really interesting assembly this week on "new beginnings", explaining Rosh Hashanah, Jewish New Year. It was Year 7's turn this week to enjoy listening to assembly live in the barn, while the rest of the school listened online in their "bubbles". We all enjoyed Mr Wilson's form assembly too this week.

The highlight of the week has been the magnificent work of the Friends of Junior King's and their enterprising online Macmillan charity fundraising bake sale. I am very grateful to all who contributed to the delicious baking, to those wrapping them so beautifully, and to all parents and staff who bought them to enjoy over the weekend. A phenomenal **£1,913.90** was raised! If anyone is interested in helping the Friends with their future events or is keen to learn about joining the committee, please contact Camilla or any of the committee members. Our strong community and partnership with parents is particularly special at Junior King's.

Thank you for your ongoing support with the safety measures we have in place at the school, for remembering to check temperatures in the mornings and keeping your child off school if unwell. It is very important that we all continue to look after and support each other during this difficult time. With the exception of our boarding parents, who need to be in regular contact with House Parents, I would like to thank parents for remembering the 7pm email curfew. Please note that staff will respond to emails whenever they can during school hours, but their priority is the care and safety of the children during the school day. Anything of an urgent nature should go via Mrs Jerman in Reception, so that she can alert the relevant member of staff.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely weekend.

## Calendar

<b>Saturday 26 September</b>		Exeat: no Saturday school
<b>Sunday 27 September</b>		Boarders return
<b>Monday 28 September</b>	13:45	Football: U9 House Matches (Round 2)
<b>Tuesday 29 September</b>		Year 3 and 4 Online Parent Consultations (Tuesday to Saturday)
<b>Wednesday 30 September</b>		School Elections
<b>Thursday 1 October</b>		
<b>Friday 2 October</b>	15:00	Football: U13 House Matches (Round 2)

### Junior House Stars of the Week

3AW: Olivia

3L: Oliver

4M: Mackenzie

4W: Guy



Members of Year 6 got stuck in making their own colourful felt creations in their Art activity.

### Charity cake auction

As part of this week’s Macmillan World’s Biggest Coffee Morning event, the Friends of Junior King’s held an online auction for a beautiful autumnal showstopper (pictured below), made by a very talented parent. The winner of the auction very kindly donated this to the staff.

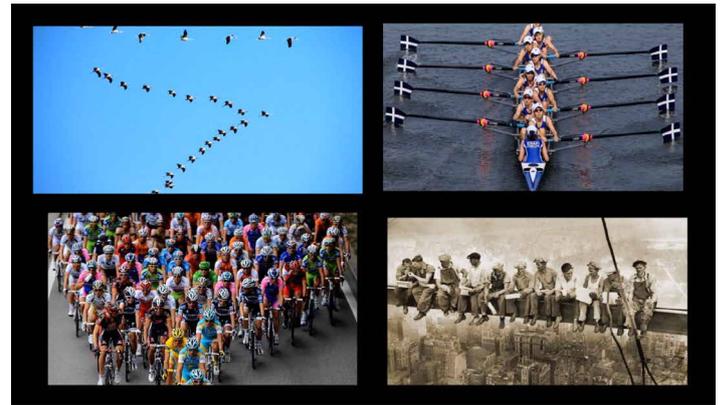
Tuesday afternoon saw members of staff enjoying socially distanced slices with their break time coffees in the dining hall. Delicious!



## Assemblies



Mr Laphorn’s Wednesday assembly on the theme of “teamwork” examined the different teams that we are part of at Junior King’s and what our shared goals as a school are. This year, one of our most important aims is to work together to keep each other safe!



Coinciding with the International Day of Peace, Mrs Károlyi’s Monday assembly focused on what peace is, how we can find it in our own lives and what world peace means. ‘Let us remember: in learning together, we grow together and succeed together’.



Mr Wilson’s Friday assembly took Recycle Week as its theme. In our form room bubbles, we played a remote game where pupils had to race to find recycling themed items and wave them in front of the webcam ahead of the other forms! We also heard some facts and handy top tips from 7W on how to reduce unnecessary waste.

In Chapel on Thursday, Rev’d Collins spoke to us about new beginnings. We learned about Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish new year, which fell on 18 September this year. A time for thinking on the mistakes of the prior year, it is also an opportunity for a fresh start and for appreciating the many chances to do better that await in the new year. At the beginning of our new school year, we should also be aiming to begin afresh.



## Meet the staff: Mrs Waters, Head of Geography



Most of the children in Junior King’s have been taught by me, Mrs Waters, and maybe some of the parents too! I was a teacher in the Pre-Prep when it first started back in the 1980s, when the school was very different to how it is now. I left to travel the world and work as a head teacher in London, but have been back here since 2004. I am married with two teenage children and I teach in Junior House and Upper School.

### How would you describe the Geography Department?

I am Head of Geography (and even a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society) and love all things geographical. There is so much to learn about the world, both physically and politically, and all the teachers in the Geography Department try to inspire their pupils so they too can become passionate about this subject. It is so interesting talking about all the countries we have been to or have lived in.

### What is your favourite memory from the last academic year?

Some of my favourite memories from last year were the trips. I was lucky enough to go to Greenwich, where we visited the Maritime Museum and Observatory, and Dover Museum where we saw a Bronze Age boat. We also went all around the school grounds measuring data for understanding the weather. I also enjoyed lessons in “lockdown”, discovering the creative side of our geographers! It was also fun making the lockdown staff music videos.



### What are you looking forward to this term in the Geography Department?

This term, I am looking forward to studying our local geography. We will be seeing how our river meanders through the fields, recording the weather and understanding the microclimates of the school. In the Upper School, we have made some posters about where we are from, some of which you can see above.

## Happy Birthday!

We wish a very happy birthday to the following pupils and staff who have their birthdays next week.

**26 September**

Mrs Vanstone-Hallam

**27 September**

Jessica K

**30 September**

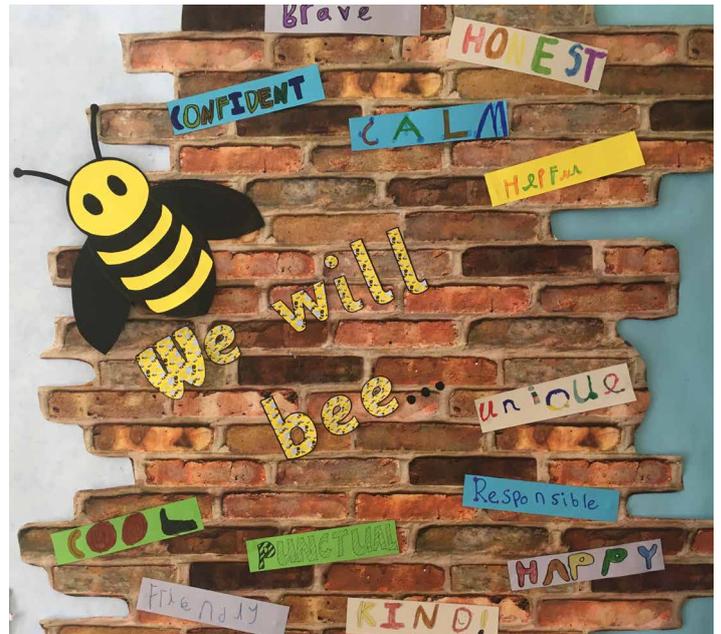
Noah R-C



Training for cross-country has begun in PE lessons. Time to build that endurance! Year 7 did their first multi-stage fitness test (aka beep test) this week.



3AW learned lots about the Tudors this week. They had an exciting treasure trove of replica Tudor artefacts to explore and they learned all about catgut lute strings (yuck!), ruffs and the stocks.



Pupils in 4M designed words to inspire them for the new school year. These are on display in Junior House to remind everyone what they should be striving for.





Year 5 girls getting creative with Lego during their Wednesday afternoon activity session.

## OKS literary talent

Exciting news from former King's School pupil Annabel Steadman, who accepted a record-breaking book deal from publisher Simon & Schuster last week for a trilogy of children's fantasy novels.



First-time author Annabel, who left the senior school in 2010 to study Law at Selwyn College, Cambridge, has also secured a contract from Sony Pictures to transfer the series to the big screen.

Titled *Skandar and the Unicorn Thief*, the series will follow protagonist Skandar Smith and will plunge readers into a world where unicorns are dangerous creatures that can only be tamed by whoever hatches them. The first novel is due for release in spring 2022 under Annabel's pen name, AF Steadman.

Annabel has described her early love of writing, nurtured at the senior school, where she had a short story published in their Cantuarian magazine. Having left law in 2017 to undertake a master's degree in creative writing, Annabel's success is an inspirational reminder to us at Junior King's to be resilient and to work hard at what we are passionate about.

We very much look forward to reading the first book and to stocking it in the Junior King's library!



Pupils enjoyed some enormous cupcakes made by our talented catering team at morning break on Friday in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you to everyone for bringing in their donation in support of this amazing cause. We hope parents enjoyed their baked goods remotely!



# THE MINI WEEK

FROM THE PRE-PREP



We are getting ready for harvest in the Nursery this week. We've been investigating wheat and learning lots of songs. We have also been exploring our school on the 'Nursery Trolley Tours'. Buttercup has returned home and we're so happy to see her again!



What a week we have had in Reception! We went to visit the school orchard to pick apples and then turned them into our own apple crumbles.



Toffee is back in the Pre-Prep! Reception learned all about our guinea pig and how we look after her. She is absolutely gorgeous.

Happy pirates with our perching parrots we arrrrghh!

In Year 2, we have created our own parrots by tracing around a template and cutting it out. Then we coloured in the face, added a beady eye and decorated our parrots with a range of colourful feathers.



In Year 1's English lessons this week, we have been learning about the differences between fiction and non-fiction books. We visited our library to locate some non-fiction books that we were interested in. We found out lots of information!





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# Thank You



for supporting our  
FJKS Macmillan Cancer Support Bake Sale

## We raised £1913.90



Particular thanks to our fantastic bakers:

Anna Bartle  
Harriet Carter  
Janice Choo  
Victoria Doswell  
Katharine Fahy  
Monika Gumber-  
Kamboj  
Tiziana Ismael-Mia  
Sian Johnson  
Emma Károlyi  
Anastasiya Kozlova  
Sarah Kennedy



Gaynor Marais  
Laura Michie  
Claire Milligan  
Tara Nicholas  
Maggie Poon  
Georgia Roberts  
Sim Roberts  
Emma s'Jacob  
Buffy Smiley  
Laurence Tricker  
Annabel Wakeling  
Carolina Wishart  
and Annie Waters



And also to the incredibly talented  
Maggie Poon who created and donated our Autumn Showstopper Cake for  
auction