



## From the Head

It was a pleasure to have some of our boarders staying at Junior King's for exeat, and what a busy and fun weekend they had: pitching tents in Junior House Garden, building dens and lighting fires in our forest, making and drinking mocktails, eating pizza and enjoying toasted marshmallows and mugs of hot chocolate around our fire pit at the cottage. Most of the boarders braved the weather and camped out in tents, with the high yew hedges giving good protection from the wind and rain! My grateful thanks to Mrs Hutchings and the boarding staff team who spent their exeat weekend looking after the children.

The King's School 13+ Open Morning takes place this Saturday morning, so please do sign up if you are interested in attending this event online. Our Junior King's Open Morning takes place the following week on 10 October, and we very much look forward to welcoming new families to this.

There are signs of autumn here in our beautiful grounds: the leaves are turning golden hues and the conkers are falling on the ground. Following on from Rev'd Collins' assembly on Rosh Hashanah last week, we learned about Yom Kippur in assembly on Monday and the importance of saying sorry and starting afresh. Next week, we look forward to celebrating harvest and supporting our important local charities. We ask that pupils bring items from the list provided on the next page in to their classrooms before Thursday. We are grateful for all donations.

I would like to thank you, our parents, for all the support that you have given the school over the last four weeks. The children are continuing to be responsible in remembering the safety measures, washing their hands frequently and keeping a social distance from adults. An enormous amount of work has been happening behind the scenes by the academic and support staff team to ensure that everyone is kept safe. The community is looking forward to the half term break, starting on 16 October, and then to returning for the second half of this term in November.

## Notices

- ◆ Please note the following times for pick-up at the end of this half of term on Friday 16 October:

**Boarders:** 15:00-16:00

**Pre-Prep:** 15:00-15:30

**Junior House:** 16:15

**Middle School:** 16:30

**Upper School:** 16:45

Parents with children in more than one section of the main school should plan their collection around their eldest child.

- ◆ The annual inter-house cross-country event has been moved from Saturday 10 October and will now take place on **Tuesday 13 October**.
- ◆ On Thursday 8 October we will hold our Prep School Harvest Festival – remotely! We will miss the beauty of St Nicholas' Church but will embrace a new way of giving thanks. The children have been asked to bring food and household items to school and these will be donated to Catching Lives and Canterbury Food Bank. **Both charities have asked for specific items and a list is below**. Please send in donations from Monday 5 October. Form teachers will keep the donations in form rooms until the service. Thank you for supporting these charities, whose work has been even more needed in recent months.



Harvest Festival Donations  
For Canterbury Food Bank and Catching Lives

Food	Toiletries
Tinned meat (corned beef, hot dogs etc)	Shaving Foam
Tinned pies	Deodorants
Coffee	Toilet Rolls
Sugar	Washing up liquid
Flour	Washing detergent
Tomato ketchup	Sun Cream
Brown sauce	
Mustard	
Mayonnaise	
Cereal	
Tinned fruit	
Tinned tuna	
Tinned peas	
Instant mash	
Dried herbs and spices	
Salt and pepper	
Jam	
Marmalade	
Peanut butter	
Marmite	
Cocoa	
Baking powder	
Corn flour	
Sauces	
Pickles	
Biscuits	
Chocolate	
Drinking squash	
Custard powder	
Cooking oil	
Chocolate	

Please, **no** UHT milk, tea bags, pasta, rice, beans, soup or bars of soap as they have plenty!

Last week's cupcake fundraiser for the Macmillan Coffee Morning raised £367. Thank you everyone!

## Notices

- ◆ **After half term, pupils will be returning to wearing school uniform.** Pre-Prep and Junior House pupils should come to school wearing their winter uniform every day. Pupils in Years 5-8 will come to school on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday wearing their winter school uniform, but on Wednesdays and Saturdays each week they should wear their school sports kit all day. This will allow a turnaround for washing for parents. There will be a uniform fitting session at Junior King's by the school shop staff for all new pupils and boarders before half term and the shop staff will be in touch with parents about this. For all others who wish to order any items of school uniform, please do email the school shop on [shop1@kings-busary.co.uk](mailto:shop1@kings-busary.co.uk).

## Assemblies

Following on from Rev'd Collins' virtual chapel service last Thursday, which was about Rosh Hashanah, in Monday's assembly we learned about Yom Kippur with Mrs Károlyi. For Jewish people, Yom Kippur completes the part of the year that begins with Rosh Hashanah. At the end of Yom Kippur, God forgives those who have repented and changed their ways, leaving them ready for a new beginning. Mrs Károlyi asked us to think about how God would judge our own behaviour over the last year and the ways we can put right our wrongs. We all make mistakes but we must also be ready to say sorry and do better.



In Thursday's chapel, Rev'd Collins talked about saying sorry and forgiveness. We thought about what this means in our relationships with those around us and what it means in our relationship with God through Confession. God always forgives, and he wants for us to forgive those around us too.

In Friday's assembly, Mrs Anstey-Watson talked to us about the Harvest Festival, which we will celebrate next Thursday. We learned about the different autumn harvests taking place around the world right now and the Christian tradition of the harvest service and how it is a time for giving. At Junior King's, we acknowledge that we are very lucky, and next week we will be giving back to those in need. Please see the notice on the previous page for further details.



## Pupils published in Mind's Eye Prep

We are thrilled to have had four of our pupils published in Mind's Eye Prep's 2020 edition. Produced by the senior school and featuring a selection of the best writing by prep school pupils in the South East of England, this year Mind's Eye features articles by Theo (8SK), Erik G (8M), Alex (8L) and Molly (8SK). Tackling a range of topics, their pieces are extremely well written and thoughtful. We're so proud to see their writing reaching a wider audience. You can find the magazine [here](#).



The boarders wrapped up warm for a host of outdoorsy activities in the school grounds last weekend. More photos from the boarders' exeat extravaganza can be found later in this week's edition!

## Happy Birthday!

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

### 3 October

Ken H  
Nancy Y  
Mrs Holland

### 5 October

Sophie W  
Isaac W  
Eva R

### 6 October

Rebecca R

### 8 October

Sean E  
Amelie S  
Eloise S  
Cerys E

### 9 October

Sergei R  
Maria R

## Hair today, gone tomorrow!

In recent times, a whopping *three* members of our Junior King's community have independently chosen to go under the hairdresser's scissors in order to donate their locks to charity. Year 7 pupils Anaïs and Asuka, along with teaching assistant Miss Frost, have all



braved the cut, with Anaïs and Asuka going from hip-length hairstyles to swishy, shoulder-length bobs, totalling a donation of approximately 90cm between them, and Miss Frost donating an impressive 30cm. Anaïs and Miss Frost shared their ponytails with The Little Princess Trust, which provides beautiful wigs for young people. Asuka's cut took place over the summer holidays and was donated to a charity in Japan.

A hair-raising experience to see yourself looking so different in the mirror? Anaïs has embraced her cut but still feels a slight twinge of jealousy when she sees other girls with long locks. Asuka is relishing a literal weight lifted and no longer has to deal with a heavy ponytail! Both are very happy with their decision. Amazing and inspirational work from all three members of our community. Well done!

## Meet the staff: Mr Marais, Head of Maths



I'm Mr Marais and I was the Head of IT at Junior King's from 2004 to 2012 and have been Head of Maths since 2016. I teach Maths to Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 in A5, A9, A1 and D8. I am a Year 6 form teacher and my class, 6M, is based in A9. I like road running and have completed a number of ultra-marathons, marathons and half-marathons. These days I keep fit by running around 4km most mornings.

### How would you describe the Maths Department?

The Maths Department is staffed by teachers who are vibrant, energetic and forward thinking. We like to make Maths lessons enjoyable so that our pupils look forward to their classes. We create opportunities for consolidation of the basics as well as challenges for all abilities.

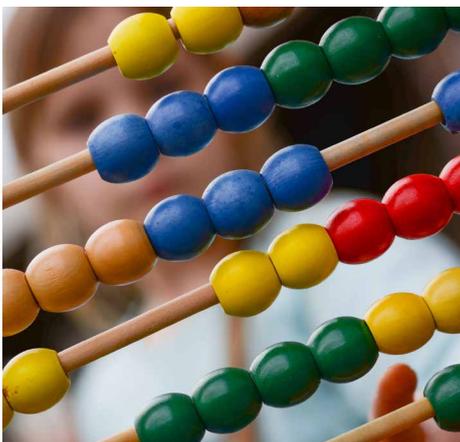
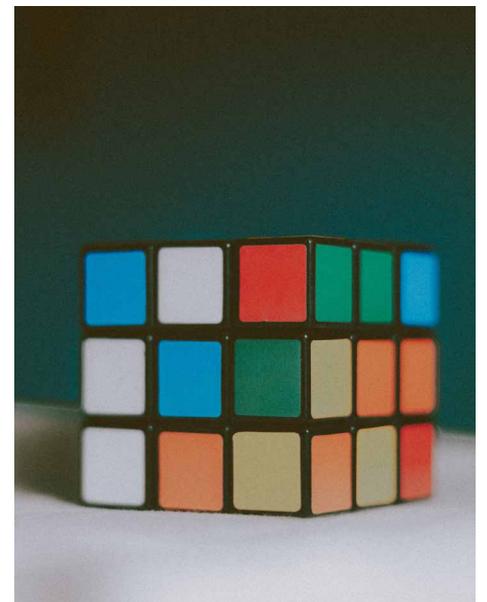


### What is your favourite thing about life at Junior King's?

My favourite thing about teaching at Junior King's is the opportunity to share my enthusiasm for and enjoyment of mathematics with our pupils. I am happy when someone has had fun in a Maths lesson, even if they were not expecting to.

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

We are looking forward to enthusing our pupils about maths, meeting them where they are and taking them forward through new topics. We want our pupils to enjoy the satisfaction that comes with being able to solve mathematical problems. We are looking to nurture confidence in this very important subject.



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

My favourite memory from the last academic year was seeing so many of our pupils making good progress in Maths through the summer term, even though they were learning remotely from home.

## National Poetry Day



This week, we celebrated National Poetry Day, which fell on Thursday 1 October. English lessons took poetry as the focal point and classes examined this year's theme of "vision".



We're looking forward to seeing what everyone comes up with for this year's poetry competition. There are three categories – Junior House, Middle School and Upper School – and first, second and third prizes up for grabs. Pupils are limited to one entry each and the poem must incorporate the theme of vision. The deadline is 6 November, with Mrs Károlyi judging the winners. Now get those pens to paper!



Members of Year 6 enjoying an exercise in Drama, acting out the story of The Emperor's New Clothes.



Luke (Year 7) is getting very close to his aim of raising £15,000 for Evelina Children's Hospital. He recently made the local news for raising £255 through raffle ticket sales with a friend at a cricket presentation evening. This leaves him only £560 away from his £15k target. Well done, Luke! We've been following his progress with pride since last year and we are thrilled to see him so close to his goal!



We've been enjoying our sport this week. Although we're missing playing competitive matches against other schools, we're doing plenty to sharpen our skills.

## Calendar

<b>Saturday 3 October</b>	10:00	King's 13+ Virtual Open Morning ( <a href="#">booking essential</a> )
<b>Sunday 4 October</b>		Boarders' activity
	10:00	Service for boarders
<b>Monday 5 October</b>		Kipling Day
<b>Tuesday 6 October</b>	09:00	Uniform Fitting (Pre-Prep)
	17:00	Year 5 Online Parent Consultations
<b>Wednesday 7 October</b>	09:00	Uniform Fitting (Years 3-8)
<b>Thursday 8 October</b>	08:30	Remote Harvest Festival Service (Prep School)
	15:00	Football: U11 House Matches (Round 3)
	15:00	Hockey: U11 House Matches (Round 2)
<b>Friday 9 October</b>	15:00	Hockey: U13 House Matches (Round 2)
	15:00	Football: U13 House Matches (Round 3)

## Junior House Stars of the Week

**3AW:** Zen

**3L:** Hajun

**4M:** Ella

**4W:** Mariia

*And apologies to Oliver, who should have been listed as 3L's Star of the Week last week!*

## OJKS delivers online King's Talk

Former Junior King's pupil Nathan Hudson-Peacock, who went on to the King's School in 2005, delivered a fascinating talk for the senior school's series of King's Talks on Zoom last Wednesday. Titled 'Deserts, Mountains and Covid-19', Nathan's talk covered his work as an expedition doctor providing medical support on national and international expeditions, and his work for the NHs during the pandemic. Having been due to assist on a remote expedition through the Wadi Rum Desert in Jordan in March, Nathan has instead been at work in two major London hospitals, working in Intensive Care and Emergency Medicine throughout the pandemic. You can watch the talk in its entirety [here](#), on the OKS YouTube channel.



# THE MINI WEEK

FROM THE PRE-PREP



In the Nursery this week, we have been investigating autumn! We went on an autumn walk to collect conkers. On our walk we explored the mini forest and when we got back, Michael, Freddie and Cressy counted our conkers.



This week, the Hazels have been exploring and investigating signs of autumn and changes in the seasons. We found lots of colourful, spiky leaves and shiny conkers. We even found a double conker! We learnt that the autumn weather can sometimes be sunny, windy, rainy, foggy and cold. We look forward to learning more about autumn next week.

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FROM THE PRE-PREP

The Oaks have made hedgehogs from clay! Each hedgehog has its own character so we decided to give them names. Coco has called her hedgehog Sunflower because, she says, 'its prickles look like the leaves and petals of a sunflower'.



All aboard the pirate galleon in Year 2! This week in English, we have labelled a galleon and used the topic language to write super setting descriptions. During Geography, we learnt about directional language and we made our own compasses, which are very useful for helping pirates to navigate the seas and find hidden treasure. Yo ho ho me hearties!



## Pre-Prep notices

We are looking forward to producing an online Harvest Festival for you on 16 October. We will be joining forces with the Prep School in their harvest fundraising and will be asking for donations for Catching Lives and Canterbury Food Bank. Please see the note and donations list from Mrs Anstey-Watson in the Prep School notices earlier in this publication.

# The King's School, Shenzhen International



You may already know that The King's School opened its first overseas international school in Shenzhen, China, last year. As an addendum to our Mini Week, please enjoy the following pictures from the Shenzhen Pre-Prep, which is flourishing in its second year. As we have done for years in Canterbury, the Pre-Prep in Shenzhen provides a curriculum that encourages active learning, creativity, critical thinking, playing and exploring.

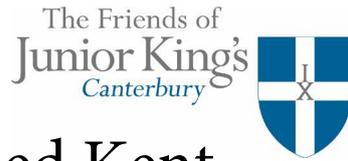




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26th - 27th September





# FJKS Pressed Kent Apple and Pear Juice

Our juice comes from apples and pears grown in the school grounds, the Head's garden, the gardens and orchards of our school families and this year, from the very lovely owners of Selson Farm near Eastry.

It has been pressed and bottled by Preston's Forstal Marsh. The only thing they add is Ascorbic Acid (Vitamin C) to stop the juice going brown.

We shall be selling it for £3 per bottle throughout the year, and all profit will go towards JKS projects and chosen charities.

A big thank you to our Groundsmen for their help and this year's apple and pear pickers:

Anna Bartle, Harriet Carter, Tiziana Ismael-Mia, Sarah Kennedy, Anastasiya Kozlova, Mary Langford, Laura Michie, Eni Obiora, Camilla Roberts, Emma s'Jacob and Carolina Wishart

