



## From the Head

We all learned more about the history of our lovely school during Monday's assembly, which fell on Kipling Day. It seems hard to believe that it is actually a year ago since our 90th anniversary celebrations when we were whizzing around, carefree, on the carousel outside the Manor House. Little did we know at that moment what lay ahead of us and that five months later the school would be closed as the nation went into lockdown. It was good to reminisce a little and to inspect the trees that we planted last year around the grounds. I am delighted that they are all growing well.

We are very grateful for the generous donations for our Harvest Festival, which fell on Thursday. These will be distributed to Catching Lives and Canterbury Food Bank in the coming week. We had a special service led by Rev'd Collins in the dining hall with Years 3 and 4, while the rest of the school joined in online, and we were able to say thank you and appreciate everything that we have.

Our virtual Open Morning takes place this Saturday, and we look forward to our house cross-country next week. This event will have a rather different format, since we need to remain in our year group "bubbles". We look forward to a time in the future when parents can once again come and attend our events.

Thank you to all parents for your support of the school this half term, working with us to protect each other and the whole community.

## 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.

- ◆ **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. For those 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).

## My School Portal is live

We are delighted to announce that we have launched our new parent portal today. My School Portal is an online system designed to streamline communications between the school and parents by bringing all information and services together into one easy-to-use dashboard.

Parents will have instant access to information about their children, such as school timetables, attendance, sports fixtures, exam results and school reports.

All information is accessed securely online using one username and password, and is accessible via your desktop, tablet or mobile device. All student information is shown

on one dashboard, so you won't have to log in to multiple services to see what you need. All communication is displayed in the portal. Emails are stored and displayed in the 'My Email' section, making it quick and easy to retrieve and receive information.

I have emailed all parents today with further details and instructions on how to set up your login and password.

Mr Gidney



**My School Portal**®



In Thursday's live Harvest Festival assembly, we congratulated Hanya (4M) on an outstanding result in her Grade 1 music theory exam. While Mrs Károlyi wasn't able to shake her hand as per tradition, we all gave her a huge round of applause for her hard work. Well done, Hanya!

## Calendar

<b>Saturday 10 October</b>	10:00	Junior King's Virtual Open Morning
<b>Sunday 11 October</b>		Boarders' activity
	10:00	Service for boarders
<b>Monday 12 October</b>	13:45	Football: U9 House Matches (Round 3)
	16:00	Pre-Prep Online Parent Consultations, Session 1
<b>Tuesday 13 October</b>	13:45	Inter-house cross-country competition
<b>Wednesday 14 October</b>	14:00	Year 3 virtual dentist "visit"
	14:00	Junior King's Governors' Meeting
<b>Thursday 15 October</b>	09:00	Kent 11+ Test
	16:00	Pre-Prep Online Parent Consultations, Session 2
<b>Friday 16 October</b>	09:00	Pre-Prep Harvest Festival
		Half term begins (please see timing details on previous page)

## Junior House Stars of the Week

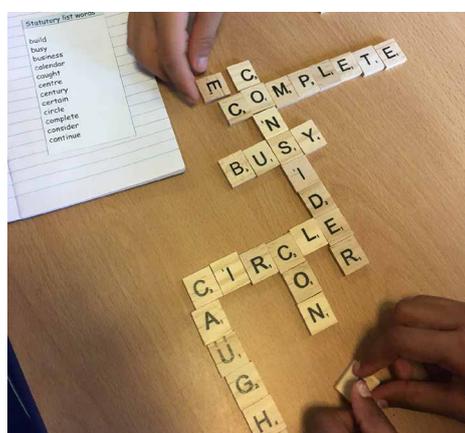
**3AW:** Marina

**3L:** Melody

**4M:** Lewis

**4W:** Jingchen

Members of Year 8 took advantage of Wednesday's sunny afternoon and created some impressive cyanotypes in their art activity.



Year 4 made crosswords to help them learn their spellings.



## Assemblies

Mrs Károlyi’s Monday assembly fell on Kipling Day, which is when we celebrate the history of our school. We learned about the school’s move from the cathedral precincts to Sturry 91 years ago and looked at lots of historical photos of life at Junior King’s through the years. Discovering more about the past is fascinating and reminds us of our place in that history. As Mrs Károlyi said, our school is a place where pupils will always belong, even long after they have left.



On Wednesday, Mr McKeating gave an assembly on human nature. He compared the classic novel *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding, in which British schoolboys stranded on a remote island devolve into chaos and cruelty, with the real-life story of six schoolboys from Tonga who were shipwrecked on an island for 15 months in the 1960s. While Golding’s novel suggests that human nature is essentially selfish and brutal, in the real-life scenario, the boys were kind and resourceful, caring for each other throughout their ordeal until they were rescued. We ourselves have seen so many examples of this essential kindness in our own lives this year as people supported each other throughout the national UK lockdown. Although times can be hard and scary, we can always take comfort in the support of others.

On Thursday we held our Prep School Harvest Festival. Junior House enjoyed a “live” service with Rev’d Collins in the dining room, with all the generous harvest donations provided by our wonderful community laid out on the tables. Mr Frost sang the harvest hymn *For the Fruits of His Creation* for everyone, which was also recorded for the online service that everyone else enjoyed in their bubbles. We also heard a recording of Maël (4W) playing *Andante in F* by Joseph Haydn beautifully on the piano. Catching Lives and Canterbury Food Bank do amazing work in our local community and we are grateful for your support for them in such a difficult year.

### The Wheel of Wellbeing

- It is a handy way to think about things you can do to help improve your mood.
- It is made up of six easy steps.



Tomorrow is World Mental Health Day. Mrs Hutchings spoke about this important day in her Friday assembly, taking us through the “wheel of wellbeing” and explaining what we can focus on to be resilient and maximise our happiness. We hope pupils were able to complete the challenge she set!

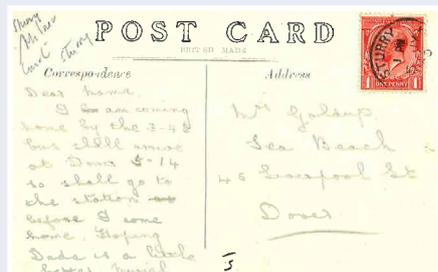
## Year 7 nature trail



This week, Year 7 visited the nature trail on the little piece of woodland on our school site known as Forest Park. Led by Dr Clive Nuttman, an environmental educator, the pupils learned all about “adaptations” in nature through our local flora and fauna. Dr Nuttman explained that everything around us has adapted to thrive in its environment. Pupils then explored the woodland themselves, collecting items to discuss with the class.



To get to Forest Park, one must first cross a bridge over the part of the River Stour that flows through our grounds. The original Japanese bridge, pictured on this old postcard, was installed by Lord Milner and replaced in 2009 to mark the school’s 80th anniversary on the Sturry site.



# Celebrating Nigerian Independence Day and the Chinese Moon Festival

On Saturday night, the boarders marked Nigerian Independence Day with a special meal. Some of the pupils then celebrated the Chinese Moon Festival.

On the 1st of October 1960, Nigeria got independence after being under the British rule. It is the day that Britain decided that Nigeria should be an independent state. In schools it is usually celebrated by wearing your tribal attire and bringing in foods from your tribe. The kitchen staff put together a lovely Nigerian dish consisting of Nigerian jollof and plantain. It was divine!

By Onize



This Saturday we celebrated the Moon Festival. We ate the moon cakes, which Mrs Tugwell ordered, and they were amazing. We also drank bubble tea. This helped to remind us of home.

By Julie and Nora



It was great showing everyone from other countries what we sometimes eat in Nigeria. We loved the jollof rice! The puff puff was great too and we told our friends all about it!

By Ayo and Bayo



Wendy has written about the Moon Festival in Chinese.

## Meet the staff: Miss French, Head of Design Technology



I am Miss French and I teach Design Technology to all the students in the Prep School and Science in Year 6. I have been teaching at Junior King's since September 2007 and prior to that I taught Design Technology GCSE and A level in Kent and Nottingham. I am married and have two rather tall teenage children. I am a big fan of the creative arts; I love going to the theatre, visiting exhibitions, reading and talking about books, both listening and playing music, but my favourite days include gardening and walking.

### How would you describe the DT Department?

The DT Department is where the imagination becomes reality. It's part of the creative hub of the school, where traditional hand skills are combined with modern technology, and I consider it an absolute privilege to teach the next generation of engineers, innovators and designers. The department has an incredibly supportive team comprising Miss Rooke and Miss Geddes and I trust that our students feel encouraged to consider new possibilities and think in innovative ways; it's a subject that is always changing.



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

As ever, I am most looking forward to seeing the creativity and new approaches that our young designers bring to each project, particularly in this difficult time we are all facing. We are looking into the possibilities of running some projects relevant to the crises of the pandemic and climate change, potentially in conjunction with the [initiative](#) launched by Prince William and Sir David Attenborough.



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

My favourite part of last year was working with the Advanced Year 8 group, running the extra workshop sessions and visiting the Design Museum with them. It was also wonderful to see the fabulous Middle School production of Peter Pan Jr.



## Happy Birthday!

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

### 10 October

Hajun C

Maia-Isabella J

Miss Mitchell

### 12 October

Theo S

Romilly P

### 13 October

Xiao Xiao A

### 14 October

Honor F

## Earth's Saviour

This is not a landfill,  
this is where the world will end.

The smell and heat it produces,  
can destroy our lives.

These aren't resources,  
These are what we rely on to live.

If we run out of these,  
we won't be able to survive.

Recycling isn't what we should ignore,  
every part can change eternally.

Reusing them isn't just a second chance,  
it's our big U-turn.

Animals are suffering,  
stop this from continuing.

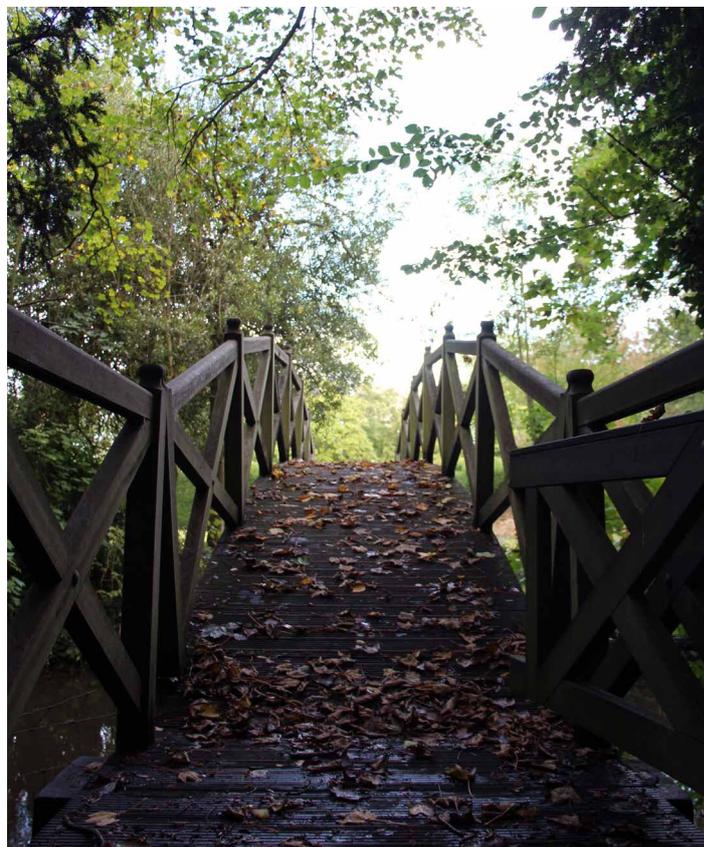
Every day thousands die,  
act fast to save our world.

You might think this is a joke,  
but it's definitely, definitely not.

Yinjun (8M)



Year 5 showed off their acting by playing the parts of Lady Milner, Rudyard Kipling, and Mr and Mrs Jukes at the school's opening, with everyone else asking questions in character. There was some great knowledge of the time and of the history of our school.



# THE MINI WEEK

FROM THE PRE-PREP



Kipling Day celebrations took over the Pre-Prep on Monday. We learnt that Mr Kipling not only opened our school but also that he was the author of *The Jungle Book*! The Hazels decided to focus on the elephants in the story. After watching a clip from the movie, we spent the day marching like elephants and following the leader of the herd. The children used sponge painting and their scissor skills to make their own wonderful 3D elephants too!



We enjoyed singing nursery rhymes, action and counting songs in Nursery this week. We learnt a new song about Mr Pumpkin Head during Music and Movement and we really liked the teddy bear sharing song. We became very good at passing our teddies to our friends. We then pretended to be teddy bear jack-in-the-boxes. It was great fun!

## Pre-Prep notices

- ◆ Thank you for all your Harvest Festival donations. The collection box will remain outside the blue door until Tuesday 13 October.
- ◆ Next Friday is our Online Harvest Festival celebration. Details to follow.
- ◆ Half term starts on Friday 16 October with a 15:00-15:30 finish. Please note that late club will only run until 16:00 on this day.

# THE MINI WEEK

FROM THE PRE-PREP



Year 1 have found out lots of information about different animals this term. They have also listened to a variety of different animal stories too. This week, we have been authors and have retold the story of *The Hedgehog's Balloon*, by Nick Butterworth, in our own words. We love hedgehogs so much in the Oak class that we just had to choose this story to help us with our writing!



Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed listening to and watching *The Jungle Book*, by Rudyard Kipling, as part of their Kipling Day celebrations this week. The children took further inspiration from our incredible *Jungle Book* mural in Pre-Prep and have since been creating some terrific tiger art!





**Boarders' Weekends**

4th - 5th October



The Friends of  
Junior King's  
Canterbury



# Empty Jam Jars

We need **empty** jam jars for the FJKS online Christmas Market.

Please can your children bring in any empty jam jars (the size of a Bonne Maman jar) and give them to their Prep School Form Teachers or leave them in the box by the entrance (blue door) of the Pre Prep between 12th-16th October?

Thank you for your help!





Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Re: FJKS Annual General Meeting**

I am pleased to confirm that the Friends of Junior King's will be holding a 'remote' Annual General Meeting over the weekend of 7th/8th November 2020. The Friends play an important role in the school community and all parents, as members of the Friends, are invited to support the AGM.

Instead of gathering in the Dining Hall, you shall all be sent an email on the morning of Saturday 7th November with a link to a short prerecorded video presentation that will cover the necessary reports from the President, Chair and Treasurer of the Committee. Last year's AGM minutes and the FJKS Financial Report will be attached to the message for your review. In the same message you will be sent a link to a google form that will enable you to vote in the election of new Officers and Committee Members. Voting will open at 9am on Saturday 7th November 2020 and close at 6pm on Sunday 8th November 2020.

Below is the nomination list for Officer and Committee Member appointments.

**Nominations to the Committee**

**Election of Officers:**

Chair – Tiziana Ismael-Mia

Treasurer – Monika Gumber-Kamboj

Secretary – Mary Langford

**Committee Members:**

Michelle Axford

Emma s'Jacob

If anyone would like to propose any further nominations, please contact Camilla Roberts on Classlist by 2nd November 2020.

With best wishes, and thanks again for your continued support,

Camilla Roberts

On behalf of The Friends of Junior King's