



From the Head

The last five weeks have flown by and the children should be commended on their resilience and hard work, whether in school or online. It was a joy to present Junior House with their certificates and awards this week. They greatly enjoyed their jumble sale too. Everyone is ready for a really good, screen-free rest over the half term, enjoying some sun and time with families over the coming days.

“Gratitude” was the theme of assembly on Monday: the importance of showing and receiving gratitude in our lives and the lasting impact that this has on all of us. Reverend Collins’ service on Thursday covered the topic of faithfulness and this was picked up again by Mr Laphorn on Friday in an assembly about exploring leaps of faith. We enjoyed listening to some of the staff speaking about how they have taken a “leap of faith” in life.

We say a sad farewell to Sophie Lovegrove-Bacon, our marketing assistant, this week as she moves on to a new role as a Content Editor for her previous employer. Sophie has played an important role in producing *The Week* and the *Chronicle Magazine* in particular, and I am sure you will agree that she has done a wonderful job. We wish her all the very best for the future. We also welcomed Tom Storer to our team this week. He will be taking over from Sophie and will be coordinating the social media and marketing at both Junior King's and The King's School.

I hope that you all have a relaxing half term week, keeping safe and well, and I look forward to welcoming you all back in June for a positive last few weeks of the academic year.

Calendar

Saturday 5 June

Sunday 6 June 19:00 Boarders return

Monday 7 June The King's School 13+ Sports Scholarships at Birley's
Year 7 exams (until Friday)

14:15 Mixed Cricket: U9A & B (H) v Wellesley House

Tuesday 8 June 17:00 Year 6 Parents' Evening (POSTPONED: new date – 22 June)

Wednesday 9 June Year 8 exams (until Friday)

14:00 Girls' Cricket: U11A & B (H) v Lorenden

14:00 Boys' Cricket: Colts A (A) v St Lawrence

14:00 Mixed Cricket: U10A & B (A) v St Lawrence

Thursday 10 June 13:45 Mixed Cricket: U8B (H) v Lorenden

14:00 Mixed Cricket: U9A, B & C (A) v Ashford

14:00 Mixed Cricket: U8A & C (H) v Ashford

Friday 11 June 09:00 Junior House Science Morning

12:30 Year 7 and 8 Barbecue

As we reintroduce sports fixtures to the school calendar, please be aware that the version published in The Week is up-to-date at the time of publication. Any further changes will be communicated to parents directly.

Junior House Stars of the Week

3AW: Agnes

3L: Oliver

4M: Kayesha

4W: Isabelle



Live from the Science labs, it's the Year 3 inter-house quiz!

Junior Maths Challenge Success

Fantastic news from the Maths Department this week! Earlier this term, pupils in Middle and Upper School undertook the Junior Mathematical Challenge, which is a competition run by UKMT for school pupils across the UK. This year, Junior King's pupils achieved a total of 10 gold, 22 silver and 17 bronze certificates. Over 270,000 pupils from across the UK sat the challenge, with roughly 6% receiving a gold certificate, 13% silver and 21% bronze, so this is a fabulous result. On top of this, gold certificate awardees Jihan (6P), Jake (7C), Samuel (8L), Wendy (8L), Bouma (8S), Matthew (8S), Sage (8L), Elena (8M) and Adolph (8L) were in the top 3.4% of pupils in the UK and have qualified for the Junior Kangaroo follow-on round, while Kyle (5C) has qualified for the Junior Mathematical Olympiad with a score that puts him in the top 0.4% of entrants! A truly remarkable achievement.

Message from the UKMT: *'The maths challenges provide material to provoke students' mathematical thinking and test their problem solving skills in an accessible and yet challenging way. Many congratulations to Junior King's School Canterbury on their success in the Junior Maths Challenge; it is great to see achievement in mathematics recognised.'*



Year 4 went on a science walk around the grounds this week, looking for living things as part of their new topic in Science.



In Junior House assembly this week, we celebrated pupils who have been awarded Emerald and Diamond certificates. They got to choose some special treats and enjoyed the applause of their classmates. We're looking forward to handing out more awards in the next half of term!

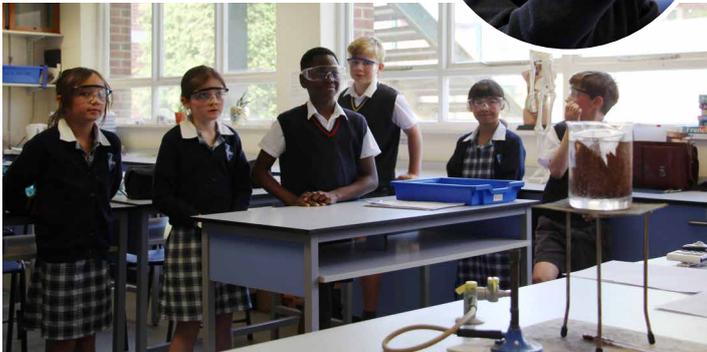




Year 3 dissected flowers in Science this week as part of their investigation into plants and germination.



Year 5 learned about the chemistry of chocolate in Science this week. They conducted an experiment to change the state of some of this delicious sweet stuff by heating it over a Bunsen burner, and discovered the importance of “tempering” and how temperature affects the crystals in chocolate. Needless to say, the labs smelled delicious afterwards!



Year 8 enjoyed a theory PE session on the history of the Olympic Games. Did you know that only five sports have been contested at every summer Olympic Games since 1896? These were in Athletics, Cycling, Fencing, Gymnastics and Swimming.

Olympic Stories...



It was retail heaven in Junior House Garden on Thursday afternoon, with Years 3 and 4 holding a jumble sale to raise funds for the WWF and Surfers Against Sewage. The children brought in their unwanted items and then, in exchange for a donation, they were allowed to fill a bag with loot! There were many bargains to be found, great fun was had by all, and we raised a brilliant £326!

More beautiful poetry from members of Mrs Holland's Year 7 English group to enjoy this week. Here, the pupils have written weather poems using the techniques of personification and enjambment to create poetic effects.

The rain arrives gradually
On dogs' paws
It scatters everywhere
In the backyard garden
As if waiting for its owner to
calm it down.

Bobby (7C)



Drizzle falls silent and gentle
Making patterns on the windows
The snail slips slow and steady
Leaving a silvery trail
The drizzle slides away.

Riichi (7C)



The wind comes unexpectedly
With fox feet
It appears in the city
From slow to fast
Soft to hard, howling and crying,
Sneaking through each road.

Nora (7J)



The snow arrives silently
On little owl wings,
It slowly flows
over trees and city,
It turns all white
And then flies away.

Flora (7D)



The snow arrives gently
With soft Arctic fox's feet
The snow secretly covers the
ground in the forest gently
The snow suddenly stops
Like when Arctic foxes smell
their prey.

Darren (7D)



The rain drizzled down with a
buzzing sound
Floating around
Evaporates back up
Like bees finishing their job
And flying back to their home.

Steven (7J)



The water swirls and flows
As it arrives on the shore.
It expands steadily
Until the vigorous waves sweep in
Like the frenzied sharks that bite.

Sze Wing (7W)



Meet the Staff: Mrs Berry, Music Administrator



My job is pretty varied and includes timetabling for well over 350 individual music lessons a week. I do the boarders' practise timetables, organise theory lessons and ensembles, arrange and enter exams and calendar entries, book the piano tuner for our many pianos (there are a lot!), get instruments repaired, do end of term accounting, help Mr Frost with concerts and programmes, robe the Chapel Choir, deal with queries from parents, staff, children and VMTs, and all sorts of other things. During the quieter months of covid, I've been cataloguing all the school's choral music, which I don't believe has ever been done before! This is almost finished, so next I'll start the orchestral music!

Tell us a little about yourself.

I am married and have two "children", who were at Junior King's a long time ago: Guy is 29, and Izzy, 27. They both live and work in London. I play quite a lot of golf and am a member at Royal Cinque Ports in Deal, which has an incredible course. I've just been notified that I'm going to be a walking scorer at The Open in July! I also love gardening, tennis, table tennis, walking and anything outside actually. We live in Littlebourne and have a 21 month old golden retriever called Jess, who I'm hoping to breed from early next year. She occasionally comes into school and loves playing with the children. I bought a bike at the beginning of the first lockdown and have cycled around most of Kent since. I also did the Couch to 5k run. A few years ago, I did the London to Brighton walk, which took 27 hours!



What is your favourite thing about Junior King's?

I really enjoy my job and am very privileged to work with the most incredibly talented bunch of 27 musicians in our fabulous new music school. There's a great sense of humour in the department and we all enjoy coming to work. During the school's closure, the VMTs did a brilliant job teaching music lessons on Teams. I also love hearing about their lives when gigging – from busking at the seaside to playing in the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra!



Happy Birthday!

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

29 May

Katerina M

30 May

Ewan M

1 June

Jack B

3 June

Wendy F

5 June

Benedict S

7 June

Mrs Bondatti

10 June

Mrs Károlyi

11 June

Amara F

We don't let the great British weather get in the way of our fun. Last Friday brought us gales and rain showers, so Year 5's social tennis afternoon activity moved inside to the table tennis tables in the Sports Hall. Chits were chatted, pings were ponged, and no fun was missed!



Members of Year 5 presented their Spanish prep on their favourite things about Spain to the class. Perhaps unsurprisingly, Spain's delicious paella dishes and the sunshine were singled out for particular praise!

Jack Takes Bronze

Over the weekend, Jack (7C) attended the first Youth Series fencing event of the year up in Manchester. Fencing in the U12 category, Jack did fantastically, finishing third overall and returning home with a bronze medal. Congratulations, Jack!



Farewell and thank you to outgoing Week editor, Mrs Lovegrove-Bacon, and welcome to Mr Storer!

THE MINI WEEK

FROM THE PRE-PREP



Nursery have had a bee-eautiful week and have been as busy as the bees they have been investigating. They enjoyed looking at bee facts, learning how bees make honey and how the honey is extracted from honeycomb and stored in jars. They made their own honey sandwiches and cut them into squares, rectangles and triangles. Although not everyone enjoyed the honey, most decided it was delicious! Nursery were also very fortunate to have Mr Brinton, George’s daddy, come to talk to them about beekeeping. Mr Brinton is a seasoned beekeeper and brought a hive into the Nursery to show how the bees use this to make honey. They were fascinated to learn that bees provide their own central heating in winter to keep warm and their own air conditioning in the summer to keep cool. Everyone agreed that bees are very clever! Thank you, Mr Brinton, for such an informative visit and for allowing us such a fantastic hands-on experience.

On top of their very busy bee week, Nursery also enjoyed a minibeast dress-up day. Minibeast-tastic! Meanwhile, in the garden, to get everyone into the half term mood, some of the children decided a quick trip into space would be great fun: 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, lift off! The Nursery team wishes everyone a very happy half term and that the weather treats you well. They look forward to the children returning refreshed and ready for pirate adventures!



Year 1 have been using “Bee-Bots” in their Computing lessons: programmable robots that introduce basic programming skills. This week, they used a game on the iPads that replicates the controls of the robot. They had to remember how to use the controls and transfer this knowledge to the game on the iPad. Did they complete the mission to help the Bee-Bot pollinate the flowers in the garden? Yes, they did! Year 1 wish everyone a happy half term holiday.



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Year 2 have been discovering all about Beatrix Potter and enjoying her many wonderful books. The children have written detailed descriptions about the Beatrix Potter character they are playing in their Summer Show and have also completed delightful, detailed sketches of them. Rehearsals are well underway and the excitement is mounting!



Reception have come to the end of their dinosaur topic, and what an amazing three weeks it has been! They have continued to learn about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores by looking at the shape of their teeth. Here are some great illustrations by Ellie, Kathie and Will. Reception have also made their own books about the life cycle of a dinosaur. They used time words such as “first”, “next” and “last” to describe the order of a dinosaur’s life. Kiara and Isaac would like to share their books with you. Here are some fun facts about dinosaurs created by Reception:

“An asteroid killed them a really long time ago” – Will

“Some were herbivores, some were carnivores and some were greedy omnivores” – Cerys

“There were lots of different-sized dinosaurs” – Kathie

“Brontosaurus, Diplodocus and Apatosaurus had long necks” – Sophia, Will and Cerys

“The T-Rex was a carnivore because it ate other dinosaurs” – William

“The Triceratops frill was made out of solid bone! They had it to be fancy” – everyone in Reception



Pre-Prep Notices

We wish all of our Pre-Prep families a very sunny half term!



Boarders' Weekends

22nd - 23rd May



Thank you

Dear Friends,

What a year this has been! It surely feels like the last stretch of a long and arduous marathon. But we mustn't forget that we are almost at the finishing line.

Looking back at the last nine months we can be proud of what we have achieved, despite the restrictions and difficulties we have all faced. We managed to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Research, Porchlight, and the Covid-19 Pandemic response in India. Not to mention the new JKS Cricket Pavilion, with construction going ahead this summer, and the Pre-Prep playground refurbishment, thanks to donations from the previous administration.

We are now in the digital space and we thank you for your wonderful response to our website launch and the branded products we have created, thanks to the generosity and skill of many JKS parents.

We have progressed towards gender and demographic representation within the FJKS Committee and are striving to create a website with foreign languages capabilities and social media integration, so as to create a wider sense of community. Although there is nothing better than meeting a friend in person, we must adapt to a changing world, so that no matter what happens we are prepared.

We are planning on running an additional charity raffle before the end of the summer term, and would be grateful for any donations towards it. We will also resume our famous strawberry sale after the half term and organise fun forest walks, with the hope that the weather will significantly improve!

We wish you a wonderful half term and look forward to your donations and the end of restrictions.

**Thank you.
The FJKS Committee**

