

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term and our final two weeks of KGS@Home remote learning.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our pupils back into school on Monday 8 March but for now we hope you enjoy reading the latest KGS@Home news!



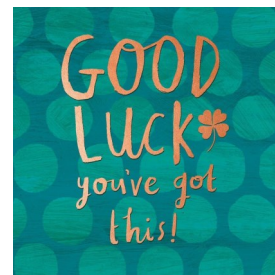
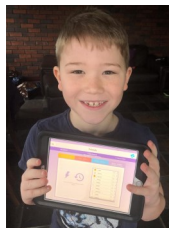
Before half-term, our Pre-School, I1 and Boarding House pupils celebrated Chinese New Year 2021 - the 'Year of the Ox'. An animal which, very appropriately, symbolises strength and determination, something the whole KGS family have shown throughout the last twelve months.

Pre-School pupils, Charlotte and Larrisa, kindly brought in some lovely traditional decorations and they decorated the reception area and made spring rolls ready for their Chinese New Year party. Throughout the week the children used Chinese paper to experiment with Chinese writing, counted out gold coins into play-dough, used glitter for mark-making and made a Chinese dragon. Lots of expressive dancing and music-making took place to Chinese music, using masks that the children made. What a busy and wonderful week they all had celebrating the 'Year of the Ox'!

Our I1 pupils celebrated Chinese New Year as part of their KGS@Home remote learning. They made Chinese lanterns and created rattle drums! Well done to you all.

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Congratulations to J1 pupil, Jake, who has achieved an 850 day streak on Doodle Maths. An amazing achievement.



The 11+ Entrance Examination is taking place tomorrow, Saturday 27 February. We are looking forward to welcoming all candidates to Kirkham Grammar School.

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At the beginning of the half term break, we shared The Prince of Wales' Half Term 'Blue Peter' Style Nature Challenge. I1 pupil, Rocco, really enjoyed joining in with the nature challenges and is patiently waiting for his caterpillar and egg head to grow. Well done, Rocco! For more details about the challenge, please visit:

<https://youtu.be/CVdu9HzD-CM>



Week 6 of our KGS CCF Challenge is to identify ten CCF items. The challenge video clip can be viewed on the school website at:

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-02-25-ccf-challenge-week-6>

Anyone who gets five or more correct will be entered into the draw for a £10 Amazon gift voucher.

Please email your answers to [s.moffatt@kirkhamgrammar.co.uk](mailto:s.moffatt@kirkhamgrammar.co.uk).

Good luck!

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KGS Lower Sixth students, Fen McLean, Lily Hitchen, Amy Wildish, Ellie Rockey, Jasper Kemp, Harry Lee and Henry Smith are taking on a running challenge to raise money for charity.

In June this year, they will be running around Ullswater in the Lake District. Fen, Jasper, Harry and Henry are tackling a 22 mile route, while Lily, Amy and Ellie run a 10 mile route. They are all fundraising for Cancer Research UK and Stonewall, two charities close to their hearts.

The cold weather of late has proved challenging as their training picks up pace, as well as not being able to train as a group due to the current situation. However, they remain upbeat and motivated by the fact they are taking on this challenge for a good cause.

The pupils would be enormously grateful for any donations. To make a donation please visit:

<https://www.justgiving.com/team/ullswater2021>





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Applications have recently opened for the 7th series of Junior Bake Off; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

They are looking for young budding bakers between 9 - 15 years old. Filming would take place from July 2021, but applications close on Sunday 28 March 2021.

Interested bakers can apply online at -

<https://junior.take-part.co.uk/>



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We are delighted to announce that we will be hosting a fully residential Rugby Sevens Summer Camp from Monday 19 July 2021 – Thursday 22 July 2021.

Places are limited and will be offered on a first come, first served basis to pupils in J4 to the Third Year. At the time of writing, the camp is already over a third full.

To book a place please email:

[m.tickle@kirkhamgrammar.co.uk](mailto:m.tickle@kirkhamgrammar.co.uk)

Our Summer Hockey Camp sold out in less than a week, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

**Dan Bibby's Rugby Sevens Summer Camp**

Monday 19 July 2021 – Thursday 22 July 2021



"Having just attended our first parents' evening at Kirkham Grammar, I just wanted to take a moment to share our thoughts.

I have to say it was outstanding, from the beginning of the process to the closing of the final call. The configuring of the system was simple to use, intuitive and took excellent care of arranging the various appointment calendars. The promptness of all of the teachers in each of the sessions, their respective preparations and thought-sharing were all impeccable. With this being a key year for our daughter and trying to steer her through the myriad of subject choices, it was great to hear the perspective of all of her teachers. In this regard they all provided sound advice and guidance, but in the end stressing that our daughter needs to make her own decisions.

Again, I can only stress just how impressed we were with the entire event. This being of course a virtual event, having never met the teachers and barely seen the school, it was a truly rewarding experience and handled with the utmost professionalism. Please pass on our thanks to the entire staff."

*Parent of a Third Year pupil*

"We just wanted to contact you and let you know that we thought last night's parents evening was an outstanding success and would like to thank you and your staff for this. It was incredibly well organised and worked so well, perhaps it's the way forward. What better way to spend an evening with people saying nice things about your daughter with a glass of wine in hand! We only got cut off once and that was because my husband was practising his Spanish with Mr Routh!

Our daughter has actually thrived from online lessons and most of her teachers mentioned this, hopefully, this has given her the confidence to carry this on in the classroom.

Thank you again to you all, keep up the great work."

*Parent of a Third Year pupil*

Thank you for continuing to send in your feedback with regards to KGS@Home remote learning.

It is also wonderful to hear that the virtual Parents' Evening events are proving very successful and we thank you for your continued support.

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It has been another fantastic year of entries for the Young Seaside's Art Competition and we have been overwhelmed by the high standard of art which has been produced.

Congratulations to everyone who has participated; you should feel very proud of yourselves!

We are delighted to announce that this year's finalists, who will have their work displayed in the Young Seaside's Online Art Exhibition, are:

Hugh Donbavand (Pre-School), Rocco Houston (I1X), Mariam Omer (I2X), Lucy Holland (I3X), Niki Tafti (I3Y), James Manion (J1Y), Harry Bowen (J2Y), William Desoer (J3X), Charlotte Pickervance (J3Y) and Sophia Gough (J4X).

All of the finalists' artwork can be viewed on our school website at: <https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-02-24-kgjs-young-seaside-s-art-competition-finalists-announced>

Further information about the online event will be distributed in the coming week. Congratulations to you all!



In Science, our J1 pupils have been completing a STEM project looking at how to help regions which flood and are unable to grow crops. The pupils were asked to design and build their own 'Floating Garden' using sustainable materials. To the left is a photograph of J1 pupil, Zach with his floating garden.

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