

KINGSWOOD COLLEGE TRUST



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THE LAST WEEK

TRIP TO CLC

On Thursday 15th January we went to the CLC in Bootle where Mrs Preston works when she is not at Kingswood. She taught us how to write a series of instructions so we could programme the computer to carry out a number of tasks. Our favourite task was learning to programme a set of traffic lights. We could even make them buzz! We give all our thanks to Mrs Preston for organising the trip, it was really fun and we had a great time. **Millie Hanlon & Katherine Barlow 6M**

On Thursday 15th January the Year 5's and 6's went on a school trip to South Sefton ICT centre. When we arrived we had to walk up loads of stairs but we eventually got to the top. Once everyone arrived at the ICT room itself we met Mrs Preston. She showed us a diagram of how to control a light on the screen. After that we had to make traffic lights work. Then we had to make a buzzer work, Ross Aylmer and Ben Sephton's buzzer went berserk. **Louis Cotton 5B**

On Thursday 15th January Years 5 and 6 went to the South Sefton ICT Centre in Bootle. We went in 2 mini buses. Mrs Preston met us there, and had everything ready for us. There were Mac books for us to work on, and two big projectors. We sat down and watched as Mrs Preston explained how to work on 'flowed' which is a programming system. We had to click on a certain shape and then type in what we wanted the computer to do. It was amazing. Traffic lights were turning red, amber and green. Eventually we got them to 'buzz' and 'wait'. Overall a great day. Thank you to Mrs Preston, Mrs Graham and Miss Mapstone for taking us. **Ross Turpin 5B**

CAPTAIN'S TABLE - Wednesday 21st January

Representative from Reception, Years 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9 and 11 attended breakfast with the Principal on Wednesday 21st January. The main topics of conversation were:

- ◆ The inauguration of President Obama and how interested pupils are in the fact that he is the first black President of the USA.
- ◆ The marketing of the school and this month's edition of the Lancashire magazine where we appear on the front cover.
- ◆ The difficulties of the adolescent years—comparing notes regarding the pressures teenagers put parents under.
- ◆ The feasibility of establishing a Sixth Form. There is much interest amongst the Year 9 age group. We are still contemplating the International Baccalaureate route rather than the AS/A2 level route.
- ◆ The amount of homework in the Prep school and when it is set. Homework time-tables should be in the pupils' Prep Note books. If pupils have out of school commitments on a particular evening please liaise with the Form Mentor in order to discuss possible alternative arrangements for the homework on that day.

Invitations to the next Captain's Table on 25th February will be sent out next week.

MISCELLANEOUS

MUSIC THEORY LESSONS FOR INSTRUMENTALISTS

In order for instrumentalists to proceed to the higher grades in their Music examinations a knowledge of music theory is essential. To supplement what is already taught in music lessons, Mr Kimmance and Mr Larsen-Pass who teach piano and violin are offering group tuition for instrumentalists of any age. If you are interested in your child joining this optional extra group please contact Mrs McWilliams for further details.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

YEAR 1

All Year 1 Parents are invited to attend our Maths lesson on Wednesday 11th February. We will be following a normal lesson and you are free to come and join in! The lesson will be the first one of the day and will end at 09:45 when you will be able to enjoy a cup of coffee and chat with me for approximately 20 mins. We hope to see you then. **Miss Whitehouse**

YEAR 2

Miss Gillam would like to invite the parents of all children in Year 2 to a morning in the classroom. Please come and join us on Thursday 5th February in our numeracy lesson, you may wish to bring a calculator! You will then be able to enjoy a cup of coffee and chat with me for approximately 20 mins. **Miss Gillam**

DRAMA TRIP FOR YEARS 10 & 11

A trip has been arranged for Years 10 and 11 pupils to see 'The Sandman' at Edge Hill's Rose Theatre on Tuesday 10th February. A letter outlining details has been sent to parents. Please return payment, with the consent form to me by Monday 26th January. Thank you. **Mrs Squire**

SPORTS NEWS

Under 11's Football Fixture - Re-arranged

The under 11's football match against Holmeswood Methodist School, that was due to take place on Tuesday 27th January has had to be re-arranged to Friday 6th February. The match is due to Kick off at 3pm and is still going to be played at home. Separate letters have been sent out to all players involved detailing all information.

Football Training

Just a reminder that football training on Monday 26th January and Monday 2nd February have been cancelled. There will be an alternative training session for those involved in the ISA 5-a-side Football Tournament on Wednesday 28th January from 16:00 to 17:00.

Football training for all players will then be held on Tuesday 3rd February in the college gymnasium.

After school football training will then be back to normal as from Monday 9th February.
Sorry for any inconvenience caused.