



Kimberley Community Newsletter

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Welcome to our first Community Newsletter of 2011

Welcome to the first edition of our Community Partners Newsletter. We want to use it to showcase the wide ranging and innovative work you facilitate for our children. Through this newsletter we aim to keep all the friends of The Kimberley School informed and in touch. I'm sure you'll remember that I wanted to move away from the Community Panel which seemed to take plenty of your valuable time without necessarily making a direct impact on the classroom. We have now established an executive group, consisting of Mike Baker HSP Consulting, Martin Perret (Boots and Governor), John Sanderson and myself. We plan to coordinate the school's work with our wide range of community partners to ensure the children at this school enjoy a rich experience and are fully prepared for the world of work when they leave us. If you have anything you would like to put into the newsletter feel free to email John at j.sanderson@kimberleyschool.co.uk. On behalf of our children, staff and governors, a big thank you for your continued enthusiastic support.

Chris Teal

Young Dragons' Day



On Thursday 20th January, 30 Year 9 students took part in the next Generation Young Dragons Day. The day was organised by representatives of Formation working on behalf of Nottinghamshire County Council. The aim of the day was to consider the local community and create ideas for a new service or product that would improve the standard of living in the local area. The students were broken into smaller groups and spent time brainstorming a number of problems in the area. The day resulted in a 5 minute presentation to the group and judges explaining their idea. The winning group was presented with £50 to develop this idea in preparation to present it to other schools and a panel of judges at the final in March.

The winning group included:

Tulip Horlington
Leilana Papworth
Alice Richmond
Charlie Bush
Catherine Ellis
Kerris Palmer

Support for Literacy and Self Esteem – Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club

Twenty three students will be on a trip to Trent Bridge on Tuesday 1st February.

They are going to work on literacy and self esteem skills. They will be accompanied by 7 our SEN Coordinator Cynthia Edwards

The Kimberley School and Awsworth Primary and Nursery School have welcomed four visitors from South India 22nd-29th January.

Brother Shantha Paul, the principal of St Francis ICSE School, Chamarajanagar, accompanied his three teaching colleagues, Mrs Chitra Govindaraju, Mrs Roopa Nagendra and Mrs Geetha Jagadeesh. Our guests spent much time in school, observing lessons and interacting with students and staff, giving assemblies and advancing specific curriculum projects and school initiatives which are aimed at enriching the education of students in both schools. At Awsworth they saw a superb array of performances by the whole school in a special assembly. They visited many sights in Nottingham, Lincoln and London, and Eastwood's D H Lawrence museum, were welcomed at County Hall and took part in a pub quiz.



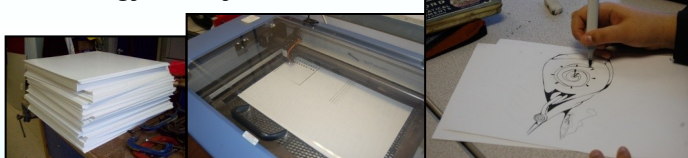
Mr Sanderson with the eco-reps who gave a presentation on sustainability to the Indian guests.



Red and Yellow and Pink and Blue...the children at Awsworth prepare to sing and dance.

Donation of Card to D&T Faculty

We would like to thank Chesapeake Packaging for the supply of materials kindly given to us. This donation will make a big difference to our resources, as you can appreciate our budget in the current economic climate is not very healthy. Card is used in many projects in the subjects of Graphics, Resistant Materials etc within the Design and Technology Faculty.



Thank you again for taking the time to deal with our request and our regards to all your staff as they were very friendly and helpful.

Thank you from the D&T Department,
Angela Cross (D&T Technician)

Community input in the Sixth Form

The Sixth Form have, over the past 5 months, had a great deal of very helpful input into tutorial time from a wide range of outside agencies.

Higher Education advice has been provided by staff from Nottingham Trent University with talks on; applications, budgeting and finance. To raise awareness of the possibilities available after the Sixth Form, a group called Projects Abroad came and spoke to Year 13 giving an inspirational presentation about the projects students could become involved in helping others whilst gaining a great deal of valuable life experience. Paul Bailey from Connexions has regularly spoken with small groups of students who do not intend to go to university and has provided excellent advice on apprenticeships as well as on a range of college courses.

The police liaison officer gave a very useful series of talks to Year 12 students on personal safety. The school nurse gave very informative talks on personal health issues to Year 12 and 13 students. Chris Clifford from 'Face It' spoke to each group of Year 12 and 13 students engaging them really effectively on the whole area of drink and drug awareness. Continuing the theme of safety the Road Safety Awareness group gave a series of talks to all Year 13 students and brought a driving simulator in to school for Year 13 to practice on. We have also been fortunate to have a local driving instructor giving interactive talks to each year 12 group on driving safely.

To promote the importance of positive relationships the Broxtowe Womens' group spoke to all Year 12 students delivering very helpful workshops.

The British Blood service gave two very thought provoking talks to each year group where a person who had benefitted from the donations of others gave a very personal account of their experiences.

We are very grateful for the expertise freely given by so many people in order to enrich and enhance the tutorial programme we offer to the Sixth Form.

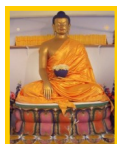
Sixth Formers have also been working voluntarily in the Community as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme which operates as a component of the Sixth Form Enrichment scheme on Wednesday afternoons. Students have been working in; local primaries, charity shops, and taking part in Sports coaching with youth groups. In March a First Aid training programme run by The British Red Cross will begin and this will lead to students then visiting feeder primary schools to give assemblies concerning First Aid.

A number of Year 13 students are also involved in weekly work experience in local primary schools regularly supporting classes including swimming lessons at the leisure centre.

Food Safety Level 2 Qualification

During December and January Tracey Blyth (Design and Technology Teacher) has been leading the Food Hygiene level 2 course. The photo is Christopher Quinn and Helen Clark receiving their certificates from Adrian Pezzotta (Hovis Bakery).

If you are interested in studying for this qualification please contact John Sanderson.



Links with
The Tara
Buddhist
Center



Holy Trinity
Church - Christmas
Carol Service

Cache - Child Care Course supported by many Childcare Organizations

The CACHE course has been very successful thanks to the following schools and nurseries in the area offering placements to our students:



- 1-2 Play Heanor
- Awsworth Primary and Nursery School
- Awsworth School House
- Brookhill Leys Nursery
- Cherubs Day Nursery (Bulwell and Kimberley)
- Cottage Day Nursery (Heanor)
- Discoveries
- Eastwood Infants and Junior School Nursery
- Gilthill Primary School Nursery
- Greasley Beauvale Nursery
- Hemphill Hall Nursery
- Hollywell Primary School Nursery
- Horsendale Primary School Nursery
- Kimberley Primary and Nursery School
- Larkfields Primary School Nursery
- Little Oaks Nursery
- Lyncroft Nursery
- Prioory RC School Eastwood
- Rocking Horse Nursery (Bulwell and Ilkeston)
- Snapewood Primary School Nursery
- Westwood Primary School Nursery
- Wollaton Village Day Nursery

A successful partnership has been forged with both our feeder schools and those in a wider area. Our students have worked hard in their placements and we have received positive feedback from the mentors in their placement nurseries.

I would like to thank all those involved and ask you to take this opportunity to make the most of our students as this will be their penultimate placement.



Personal and Social Education - Support for the Curriculum from Community Groups

As part of the PSHCE curriculum, the whole of year 9 are attending a Safety Day organized by Nottingham Fire Service on 11th and 14th February. A range of agencies will be attending including: Road Safety Team, Police, School Nurses and Lets Build (Drug and Alcohol).



There will be eight interactive workstations covering subjects including Arson awareness, Road Safety awareness, Alcohol, Smoking and other safety messages. It certainly promises to be a very enjoyable and informative day.

Help to support learning is always appreciated.

We are always looking for Business and community partners to support our students and enrich their curriculum experiences. We often need mentors to help build individual student's confidence, provide work placements or provide opportunities for industrial visits. If you feel you can help or think we can provide support for your business or community group please contact John Sanderson on: 0115 938 7000 or email: j.g.sanderson@kimberleyschool.co.uk