



## HEAD'S LINES

A hot topic in the educational world at the moment is academy status. There are many issues around this that remain unclear and it seems the government are frequently changing the rules. As you would expect, the governors of The Kimberley School have debated the academy issue. They have a duty to ensure that our students get the best possible deal from their time here and must consider all the opportunities open to us. At the last full governors meeting, they resolved to investigate what academy status might mean for this school – the pros and the cons. I must make it quite clear that they did not vote to become an academy but only to find out what it would mean for us. They were quite clear in the discussion that they wanted to do this openly and that any future decisions would be taken with the best interests of Kimberley students, staff and the wider community at heart.

There is little doubt that schools across the country face challenging times. There is less money around to fund services, so it is more important than ever before that we make the most of what we have. This is all the more reason to be so proud of our students who have raised funds to improve the changing rooms. Many students have quite rightly asked when the work is due to start. I'm delighted to report it is now underway. Progress is likely to be slow because the site staff can only gain access at limited times during the school term but please be patient. They are working hard!

**Chris Teal**  
Headteacher

The school holiday patterns have now been revised to take into account the additional public holiday marking the royal wedding. The date of the public holiday, Fri 29 April 2011, falls within the previously-announced Easter school holidays, therefore schools will now close for an additional day on Tues 3 May 2011.

## Young Dragons STEM Day



On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan, 30 Year 9 students took part in the Next Generation Young Dragons Day. The day was run by representatives from 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 products 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 stating 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
- Alice Richmond
- Catherine Ellis
- Leilana Papworth
- Charlie Bush
- Kerris Palmer

## Physio Room Donation

A donation of £500 was given by Denis Copeland, on behalf of the Giltbrook Retail Park, to refurbish the Physio Room in Lower School. It got a grand re-opening with Denis Copeland, his colleague and some of our staff and students. The Physio Room now has a new lease of life: new colour, new equipment and new furniture. This was organised by Mrs Layton and Mrs Ball.



## CURRENT HOUSE POINT TOTALS:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Clough House	25857
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nightingale House	15351
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Boot House	13934
4 <sup>th</sup>	Lawrence House	13190

## Aerosol Mis-use

Many of our students bring aerosol deodorants to school and we welcome their determination to achieve high levels of personal hygiene. Unfortunately, we occasionally come across situations where aerosols have been misused, often dangerously. Our latest concern was in relation to some Year 9 boys, who were spraying deodorant onto the backs of their hands to see how long they could withstand the freezing sensation. This 'game' resulted in the boys being badly burnt and suffering skin damage. We have strongly advised students about the mis-use of aerosols and will take firm action against anybody not heeding our advice in future. I hope you will want to re-iterate our message at home.

Could I respectfully suggest that in future, students equip themselves with roll-on deodorants as they seem better suited for school use.

## 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.

STEMNET  
Supporting Learning Progress



## Tech Club

Tech Club is going from strength to strength!

Tech club has been running since just before Christmas and each week brings a new face to the crowd. With the aim of enhancing students' skills and enthusiasm in Design and Technology, we seem to be doing just that. Even in the short time we have been running, students have made Christmas decorations, door plaques, toy cars and photo holders, with the next project being vacuum formed clocks I have high hopes of some quality clocks being produced.

We have a few places left, so any student interested in joining come and see me in T6 or T8. If you don't have chance, come and pop in to see what we do, Tuesday lunch 12.30 - 1.00.

Miss S.Cooper

# Have The NAK



## The Kimberley Family Extended Schools Service Newsletter

Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the Kimberley Family Extended Services Newsletter.

Hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and Happy New Year!

The aim of this newsletter is to keep you updated with developments in Extended Services in the Family along with providing information on services, activities and support for you or your family in the Kimberley area.

### !!Parent/Carer Coffee Mornings!!



Thank you to those who attended the coffee morning in December. The success of the raffle has raised funds towards safeguarding the future of the coffee morning.

However, the more the merrier, so please visit [www.havethenak.co.uk](http://www.havethenak.co.uk) and click on latest news and take part in our coffee morning survey to find out your views.

Following feedback gained from those who have taken part in the survey, it has been decided that the coffee morning will have a new venue and time from February. This is to try and get more parents/carers from the family of schools attending.

**New Venue!: Gilthill Primary School (Community Room)**  
**Date: Every first Wednesday of the month**  
**(February 2<sup>nd</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup>)**  
**New Time!: 9.00-11.00am**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO PARKING IN THE SCHOOL CAR PARK (THOSE WITH A VALID DISABLED BADGE CAN PARK BUT THIS MUST BE DISPLAYED).**

The coffee mornings are open to all parents or carers in the local community and are a great opportunity to come along and share ideas, problems and experiences with other parents.

Although the coffee mornings are free to attend, donations are always welcome!

To find out more information email: [camilla.denham@fundsport.co.uk](mailto:camilla.denham@fundsport.co.uk)

**Kimberley**  
Leisure Centre

### Half Term Fun at Kimberley Leisure Centre!

A number of activities will be starting on February 7<sup>th</sup> 2011 and will be **FREE** to the appropriate age groups. All activities will be run using Sport Unlimited funding and include X Biking, Fitness for Cricket, and training for the forthcoming Junior Triathlon event which the centre will be hosting in June.

During February half term, the centre will be delivering a programme of activities including the SHOKK gym which are not funded.

For more information please contact: 0115 9173366  
or alternatively visit the website [www.Broxtowe.gov.uk/leisure](http://www.Broxtowe.gov.uk/leisure)



### First Aid Course- First Aid in the Workplace

There is a great opportunity for adults to take part in an accredited Level 2 course.

Topics covered will include:

- The unconscious casualty (recovery position)
- Resuscitation and Choking
- Heart attack and Angina
- Fractures
- Diabetes

The cost is **£22 (£2.20per week)** per person for a one hour session over ten weeks. If you are in receipt of a means tested benefit then the course is **free**.

In order to run the course there needs to be a minimum of 8 participants. Therefore, before a venue is booked and a start date set, I need to know how many adults in the Family of schools would like to take part.

If you are interested in this, please let me know on 01623 723555, alternatively you can contact me on [camilla.denham@fundsport.co.uk](mailto:camilla.denham@fundsport.co.uk).

## Food Safety Exams

In Food Technology, Year 13 have just taken their Food Safety exam and all passed. Three people from Hovis did the Food Safety Exam after school and all passed. Cache have just taken the Food Safety exam and we are eagerly waiting for the results. Year 12 Enrichment Group are taking the Food Safety exam on the 16th Feb.

**Tracey Blythe**

## **PE & Sport News**

**BIKEABILITY:** After being postponed due to the icy and snowy weather, 13 students from Year 7 and 8 got to test their biking skills. They took part in 2 mornings of Bikeability training on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of January. This culminated in all students passing their Level 2 Bikeability. The qualification involved students completing bike checks to ensure their bikes were safe to ride, turning at major and minor roads, stopping, passing parked cars and junction procedures. The majority of this training was completed outside of school in the surrounding areas. Students are now able to confidently ride around the local area.



**EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS:** Students can now be rewarded for attending the many extra curricular opportunities at lunchtimes and after school. Stamps are achieved for each activity they attend and students with the highest number of hours at the end of the year will be rewarded. Many students are well on the way to achieving 10 hours already, recording the stamps on the extra curricular cards.

**YEAR 7 GIRLS AND BOYS BASKETBALL:** Year 7 Boys and Girls teams attended the Broxtowe School Sports Partnership Basketball Competition. The boys team, leading after the first week, unfortunately were unable to maintain the high standards set the first week and finished the competition in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The girls team were up against some very strong opposition and put on a good display during both weeks of the competition.

**YEAR 10 BOYS FOOTBALL COUNTY CUP:** The Year 10 boys football team put on a determined display to beat Arnold Hill 1 nil and are through to the next round.



**Year 4 SPORTS FESTIVAL:** As you can see from the photos, this was a big success with the children having lots of fun. There were approximately 190 children involved. I would like to thank all the Year 10 students who acted as leaders or helped to run the event. Also a big thank you to Mrs Croft, Miss Charlton, Mr Corbett, Mrs Sutter Hunt and Mr Sells for organising the activities.



### Free Family Learning!

Some of the schools in the family have teamed up with Nottinghamshire Community Health and 'Cook For Life' and will be holding Parent/Child cookery courses starting in the new year. The course is free to attend but places are limited and will be offered on a first come first serve basis, so please contact the schools listed below for more information:

- Gilthill
- Kimberley Primary
- Larkfields Junior
- Hollywell Primary

If the course is fully booked and you would like you and your child to be considered should the course be held again, then please email me on [camilla.denham@fundsport.co.uk](mailto:camilla.denham@fundsport.co.uk)



### Looking for Childcare?

For the latest information on Nottinghamshire County Council's approved childcare settings, nurseries and out of school clubs within Kimberley, please contact the **Families Information Service** on:

**0800 7812161**



### Calling All Adults!!

In each school reception there is a suggestion box available for parents and carers to submit any comments on extended services or request any information on specific adult education courses they would like to participate in, any activities they would like to attend and any sessions they would like to be offered in order to help them help their children.

Alternatively, please feel free to submit your opinions online at [www.havethenak.co.uk](http://www.havethenak.co.uk) and click on latest news!

### Information on Extended Services

Don't forget, for more information on extended services please visit the website:

[www.havethenak.co.uk](http://www.havethenak.co.uk)

You can also find information on the Extended Services noticeboards, which can be found outside every school within the family.

### Next Step- Helping you get on in work and life!

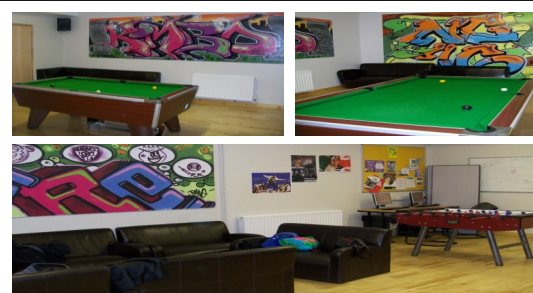
Next Step is available free to every adult in England and has already helped millions of people improve their working lives. It provides information, careers and skills advice that's tailored to you. Next Step can help you:

- Find learning and training that is right for you.
- Improve your reading, writing and maths.
- Understand the local job market and find the right job.
- Develop your CV.
- Progress in your current job.
- Find out about funding to support your learning.



Help is available online, or with one of the Connexions careers advisers over the phone or face-to-face.

For more information please visit [www.cnxnotts.co.uk/advice](http://www.cnxnotts.co.uk/advice). You can contact Eastwood Connexions Centre on 01773 713 449 or alternatively you can email on [eastwoodadvice@cnxnotts.co.uk](mailto:eastwoodadvice@cnxnotts.co.uk).



## **Are you 11-13? Then Chillax is for you!**

'Chillax' is a fantastic place to go after you finish school. You can hang out with your friends and play pool and table tennis, as well as watch TV and use the internet.

Below are all the details you will need to know!

**Place:** Youth Service Centre (next to The Kimberley School and down the side of Kimberley Leisure Centre).

**Cost:** Free!

**Age:** 11-13

**Day:** Monday to Friday

**Time:** 3.30-5.30pm

('Chillax' is a safe environment lead by fully qualified adults and with the help of The Kimberley School volunteer students. Although you must sign in, you are free to leave at any point.)



The Kimberley Family of Schools Extended Services are provided by the Fundsport Group.  
[www.fundsport.co.uk](http://www.fundsport.co.uk)

For more information on Extended Services please contact your Extended Services Co-ordinator Camilla Denham.

Email: [camilla.denham@fundsport.co.uk](mailto:camilla.denham@fundsport.co.uk)

Telephone: 01623 723555

## LRC News

Another Author visits The Kimberley School. Following close on the heels of Alan Gibbons, our school has been chosen to host a visit by author **Sam Enthoven**. His books include *The Black Tattoo*, *TIM: defender of the earth*, and *Crawlers*. Students who have read books by Sam Enthoven will be invited to meet the author on the afternoon of Monday 7 March, along with selected students from other schools taking part in the **Brilliant Book Award**. Other shortlisted books for the award are *The Boy who fell down Exit 43* by Harriet Goodwin, *Desperate Measures* by Laura Summers, *Fightback* by Steve Voake, *Now* by Maurice Gleitzman and *The Vampire Blog* by Pete Johnson.

Copies of these books are available in the LRC.

We encourage anyone who reads one of these books to write a review on the website:

<http://brilliantbookaward.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/bba-schoollogin>.

User ID: kimb01. Password: frog143

We will vote for the winner during the week beginning 14 March.



**Celebrate World Book Day on 3 March 2011!**

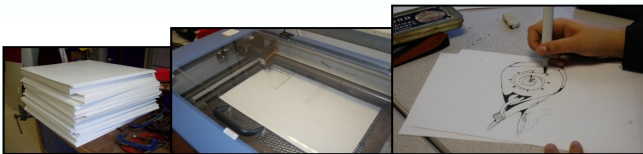
Every student will be given a **£1 World Book Day token** which can be used towards buying a book worth £2.99 or more, or exchanged for a special £1 book at participating bookshops. Look out for book related competitions in the LRC throughout March. A **Scholastic Book Fair** continues in the LRC until 28 February. All books are £1 off the marked price, using World Book Day vouchers.

**Accelerated Reader Program (AR)**

58 Key Stage 3 students are currently enrolled on the Accelerated Reader program, reading books and taking quizzes to show their understanding of the text. If they answer all questions correctly, they join the 100% club, and their names go into a prize draw at the end of each half term. Already, we see that AR is having a big impact on certain students who previously were not reading anything independently. Remarks from students include, 'I read lots at home now and I never used to' and 'I really love these books'. Hearing these words makes librarians very happy!

## 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)

## Maths News



**Number Day** – Well done to our Year 7 students who raised **£289.54** for the NSPCC!

**UK Intermediate Maths Challenge** – 150 students from Years 9, 10 and 11 were invited to take part in the Maths Challenge. They all spent an hour solving interesting problems. Here is just one of those questions:

A shop advertised "Everything half price in our sale", but also now advertises that there is "An additional 15% off sale prices". Overall, this is equivalent to what reduction on the original prices?

A 7.5% B 35% C 57.5% D 65% E 80%

Year 7 and 8 students will be invited to take part in the UK Junior Maths Challenge on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

Mrs Cumiskey

## GCSE Mathematics exam for ALL Year 10 students

March 9<sup>th</sup> 2011 will see the first GCSE Mathematics examination for Year 10 students, accounting for one third of their overall GCSE grade. The new assessment strands for GCSE include assessing students mathematical knowledge in both real-life and problem solving situations. In order to support students the Mathematics department are running a series of after school revision workshops, for details see below. We hope you will encourage your son/daughter to attend these important sessions.

### Higher revision workshops

Date	Topic
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Forming algebraic expressions
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Linear graphs and equations
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Quadratic equations

### Foundation revision workshops

Date	Topic
Weds 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Linear graphs
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Ratio
Weds 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Fractions, Decimals, Percentages

Miss Yuill

## YEAR 7-9 MATHS CLUB



- Are you in Year 7-9?
- Need help with your Maths homework, or just need some extra support or guidance?
- Want to go on MyMaths to gain some extra understanding of a tricky topic?
- Do you want to play Maths-based games?

**Come along to the Maths Club**

**Tuesday and Thursday  
Lunchtime 12.30-13.00  
in CR1**

**See Mrs  
Cumiskey for  
details.**