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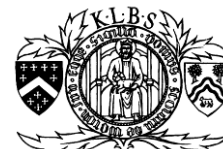
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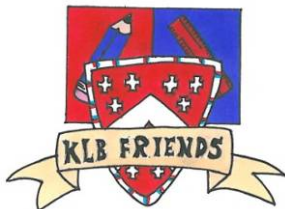
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Newsletter – 15 February 2010

KLB Friends Update



Fundraising - Our fundraising continues and the latest benefactors have been the Year 10 Netball team with a new kit. In addition we are raising funds for a new minibus for the school which will enable more children to benefit from the extra-curricular activities on offer.

Congratulations - go to Jo Geary (1st & 3rd prize) and Lynne Stride (2nd prize) who were the latest winners on the monthly 80:20 draw. This is a fun way of supporting KLB Friends and open to all. Please log onto our link on the KLB website for details of how to join and support our fundraising efforts <http://www.klbfriends.org.uk/>

Triathlon - KLB Friends in conjunction with Wotton Pool are organising a "mini" Triathlon to raise funds for both the school and the pool. The money is to be used by KLB to help purchase a much needed minibus and for Wotton Pool to help keep the pool open (mostly for maintenance, life guard training etc.)

There is a website www.wottontriathlon.co.uk where you can find all the information you need. In summary, the event is:

- 1) Swim - 30 lengths of Wotton pool (15metres)
- 2) Cycle - 13 miles
- 3) Run - 6 miles

The event is aimed primarily at adults although the run element is open to all ages (more details on the website).

The 13 mile cycle ride starts from Wotton Pool ending at KLB School and goes through Bradley Green, North Nibley and Damery, briefly through Charfield before turning to Kingswood and then through Nind, up the hill, through Wotton and then back to KLB.

The 6 mile run starts at KLB School through Kingswood towards Nind, up the hill, left into Wotton and right towards Synwell/Coombe before turning back through Wotton and on towards the school.

In order to apply applicants need to go to the website, download an entry form, complete and then return to the organiser.

This is a terrific opportunity to not only support the school and Wotton Pool but also to prove the success of those New Year's resolutions - to get really fit. Please support these great causes and register now

Drama and PSHE

Year 7 pupils have had an especially interesting time recently in looking at some issues of modern society: "Fags & Me" a performance and discussion on the effects and dangers of smoking, which is a collaboration with the NHS and local actors; and "Burnt Out" a powerful drama on the effects of anti-social behaviour, including bullying, racism, peer pressure and arson. The students responded with a great interest and maturity. Both performances are integrated into our current work in Drama.



"Burnt out" Fairgame Theatre



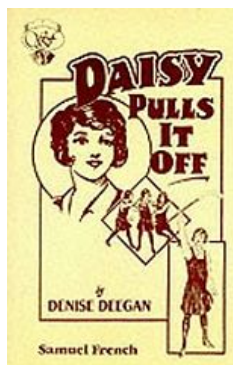
"Fags & Me"

Internet safety – the presentation given by Sergeant John Skilling to parents on 2 December, was extremely informative and felt to be really helpful by the parents who attended. He will be returning to repeat this talk on the evening of 21 April at 6pm in the Drama Studio. The presentation includes and adds to the issues and advice which pupils from Yr 7-10 have received in ICT lessons. Yr 11 will be given a

presentation in the near future. Any pupil in Years 7 to 10 who has missed this work, is welcome to attend the Yr 11 presentation. If you would like to attend on the evening of 21 April, please send an email to mclare-hudson@klbschool.org.uk and similarly to arrange for pupil inclusion in the Yr 11 presentation.

On 28 February, a group of **Yr 12 A level Drama** students will be performing **"Shakers"** by John Godber and Jane Thornton as the **KLB entry** to the **Avon Association of Drama One Act Festival 2010**, at Backwell Theatre, Bristol. I am sure you will join us in wishing them the very best of luck. If anyone would like tickets for the evening, which begins at 6pm, please contact Mrs Clare-Hudson at school. There will be another chance to see the performance, alongside other pieces performed by A level Drama students on the evening of 5 May.

The Senior production:_"Daisy Pulls It Off" is a hilarious parody of the popular adventure stories of a more innocent age. Set in a 1930s girls' English boarding school, it follows one Daisy Meredith as she and her "chums" seek for the treasure of Grangewood School to save the day!



Performed by Drama students in Years 11, 12 and 13, it promises to be a great evening out for the whole family and will be performed from Wednesday 21 April to Friday 23 April in the Drama Hall. (Please note, the production dates have moved

from previously advertised dates in March, due to time lost through snow closures.

Tickets will be on sale from the Drama office and reception from 19 March.

'The Locksmith's Wife'

Some of you may remember seeing the visiting theatre company 'The Essential Cube Theatre' performing 'The Uninvited' last year at Wotton Arts Centre, which proved to be very successful and is still touring. So impressed by the KLB students they encountered, that I have been able to book a performance of their latest production 'The Locksmith's Wife' at school on 4 March. A "Dickensian comedy" about a woman whose husband who tries to suppress her 'literary activities' a but is one day presented with a challenge which may change his fortunes and a difficult choice... For more information and ticket sales please see Mrs Clare-Hudson in the Drama office.

'The Woman in Black'

Still running in London's West End, this is one of theatres most exciting and inspiring productions and has received much acclaim. The Drama department is

running a trip to the Wyvern Theatre, Swindon for GCSE Drama students on 25 March leaving just before lunchtime and returning at approx 6.30pm.

Year 9 Functional Skills in ICT

At the recent Year 9 parents' evening a number of parents asked for more information about the Functional Skills course all Year 9 pupils are following.

The course was introduced because the GCSE ICT short course that was taken by all Key Stage 4 pupils is no longer being offered and it was felt that all pupils should still leave KLB school with a formal qualification in ICT.

The Functional Skills qualification was chosen because it was developed in consultation with employers and focused strongly on the ICT skills needed in the modern workplace.

From September 2009 onwards therefore all pupils in Year 9 have been studying Functional Skills in their ICT lessons and will take an examination in the summer term, in the week after the half-term holiday.

There are two levels of entry, Level 1 and Level 2, and pupils will be assessed as Pass/Fail (*a pass is roughly 70%*).

The examination is made up of a series of practical tasks using a computer and lasts 90 minutes. Pupils who achieve a Pass will be awarded a certificate.

The actual level of entry will be based on the progress that pupils have made with the assessment tasks built into the course, and a mock exam that will take place around Easter.

The points allocation for Functional Skills qualifications are:

- Level 2 = 23 points (*equivalent to ½ a GCSE grade B*)
- Level 1 = 12.5 points

The following additional information is taken from the Functional Skills website:

- Functional Skills in ICT encourages pupils to use technology in ways which enables them to be confident and capable in using ICT effectively in everyday life.
- Pupils must demonstrate that they can find, select and bring together relevant information and use the knowledge and experiences gained, to develop and interpret ICT purposefully.
- Pupils will be assessed to show that they can use ICT beneficially and adapt their knowledge to new situations in life and work, and show that

they understand the role that ICT plays in the world.

- Having good skills in ICT will help pupils to be more effective in a range of work and life activities.

Functional Skills in ICT are divided into three sections:

- Use ICT systems
- Find and select information
- Develop, present and communicate information

Level 1 learners:

- identify the ICT requirements needed to solve a straightforward task and apply their knowledge and understanding to produce an appropriate solution (complexity)
- apply their knowledge and skills within a non-routine but familiar context (familiarity)
- apply a range of techniques in a number of applications to produce an appropriate outcome (technical demand)
- solve problems that are essentially instructor/tutor guided, demonstrating the confidence to make informed choices and knowing when to seek guidance (independence).

Level 2 learners:

- analyse multi-step tasks and separate the components, identifying the relevant ICT requirements and applying their knowledge and understanding to produce an appropriate solution (complexity)
- apply their knowledge, skills and understanding within non-routine and non-familiar contexts (familiarity)
- demonstrate the application of a wide range of techniques across several applications to produce an appropriate outcome (technical demand)
- solve problems independently, overcoming challenges to produce successful outcomes (independence).

If you would like to discuss the course further then please contact me in school or send an email to:

mcoley@klbschool.org.uk

Mr M Coley - head of ICT

GCSE Design and Technology

This is a reminder for parents of Year 11 students following a Design and Technology course (Food Technology, Textiles, Graphic Products and Resistant Materials) that the deadline for submission of coursework is rapidly approaching. This coursework element comprises 60% of the total marks so please ensure that all aspects have been completed.

Dates are as follows:

Practical work	Friday 5 March 2010	2.45 pm
Folder	Friday 19 March 2010	2.45 pm

Library news

This year World Book Day, the biggest annual celebration of books and reading for children in the UK, falls on Thursday 4 March. As in previous years, pupils will receive a free £1 Book Token, which can be exchanged at all participating bookshops for one of six specially published £1 books, five of which are flip books—two books in one! To find out more please visit the website at www.worldbookday.com.

As part of the celebrations, on Tuesday 2 March well known children's author, Sarah Singleton, will be in school talking to all Year 8 pupils. Sarah Singleton is an internationally published and award-winning author. "*Century*" her first novel for teenage readers, won the Booktrust Teen Award and the Children of the Night Award for Best Gothic novel. All pupils will have the opportunity of talking to her in the Library during lunch when signed copies of her books will also be available for sale.

Badminton

We have three teams through to the county finals on Friday 12 February being held at Wycliffe College, Stroud starting at 3.15pm and finishing at 6.30pm. The following players will be involved and congratulations to them for getting this far.

U14 boys: Cameron Farwell, Tim Osborne, Ali Whittle, Angus Milne and Joel Hamer

U16 girls: Emma Topping, Lucy Johnstone, Mattie Smith, Connie Singer and Charlotte Giggs.

Sixth Form (mixed): Steven Van der Park, Ollie Knibbs, Adrian Teague, James Pecherek, Naomi Jowett, George Kitching and Gavin Pillinger.

Girls Hockey

We have started the league programme for the U14 XI and U16 XI's with mixed results. The U16's were awesome in their demolition of Rednock 5-0 long may it continue!

The U14's tried hard but were beaten by the district champions, Farmors.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Sainsbury's will be starting giving out their vouchers soon and the PE department are collecting for equipment as we do every year. I hope for your continuing support and that we can beat last year's collection. Thank you all in anticipation.

Mrs Chevin

Dates for your diary

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16 Mar	Year 12 Parents' Evening
23 Mar	Year 13 Parents' Evening
24 Mar	Year 11 GCSE Parent Support Evening
24 Mar	Year 11 GCSE Parent Support Evening
31 Mar	Year 10 Parents' Evening
1 April	Last day of term 4
19 April	First day of term 5
21 to 23 April	Senior Drama Production 'Daisy Pulls It off'
3 May	May Day bank holiday
28 May	Last day of term 5
7 June	First day of term 6
9 June	Year 6 information evening
10 June	Year 6 information evening
16 June	Year 6 information evening
21 to 25 June	A Level Art exhibition
29 June	Music and Drama evening
1 July	Sports Day
5 to 9 July	Year 10 Work Experience
7 to 9 July	Years 7, 8, 9 activities days
21 July	Last day of term 6

Academic Year 2010/2011

1 Sept	First day of term 1 – Staff Training Day
2 Sept	First day of term 1 for pupils