

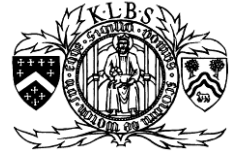
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Art Department

A level exhibition at Fusion Gallery, Wotton under Edge

This year's exhibition was a resounding success with a good flow of visitors throughout the two weeks. The gallery owner, Sarah McCabe, was very impressed with the diversity of the exhibits and the number of 3 dimensional pieces, including a ceramic bowl and a spider's web. The textiles provided a very strong element to the show, and the aprons designed by Becky Stanbridge have been retained by the gallery. There were 13 sales all together, two of the most exciting buys were by a German family who bought Esther Chappell's beautiful jewellery, and a couple who were visiting the area and fell in love with Helen Gibb's stunning painting and bought it on the spot.

The Art Department remains very grateful to Fusion Gallery for the exciting opportunity that is offered to our talented students each year.



Beth Stanbridge



Esther Chappell



Helen Gibb

Year Seven swimming gala

On Wednesday 19 January, four teams of Year 7 students represented our school in a Swim Gala hosted by Archway School. Teams from Rednock, Thomas Keble, Archway, KLB, Stroud High and Marling schools competed against each other. Each team took part in four races.

All of our students showed great sportsmanship and were a credit to our school. After each race points were awarded to each team and school.

In the school competition KLB obtained 57 points and in second place was Rednock with 31 points. A tremendous achievement!

Congratulations to our team 4 (J Lowther, D Holt, M Wallis and N Stinchcombe), who scooped first place in the team competition closely followed by our team 3 (J Paget, R Young, K Carpenter and A Cooper) who came joint second.



To celebrate their achievement all the pupils were awarded certificates in assembly.

S Bates
KLB School Sport Co-ordinator

'Youth Speaks' Public Speaking Competition

On 3 February the regional round of the "Youth Speaks" public speaking competition took place in the library. The competition is part of the Rotary Club national competition and this round is under the auspices of Cotswold Tyndale Rotary Club to whom the school is very grateful. The winning team was Joe Mockford (speaker), Howard Rich (Chairman) and Matthew Glover (Proposer of the Vote of Thanks) who warned the audience of the dangers of an excessive reliance on technology. The evening was great success, with strong performances from all the teams. The fluency of the participants and thoughtful nature of the subjects chosen was commented on by the judges.

Joe Mockford speaker
Howard Rich chairman
Matthew Glover - proposer



Library News

This year World Book Day will take place on Thursday, 3rd March 2011 and is the biggest celebration of books and reading for children in the UK. As in previous years pupils will receive a free £1 World Book Day Book token which can be exchanged at participating bookshops from Monday, 28th February to Saturday 27th March. These tokens can be exchanged for one of six specially published £1 books or used as part-payment for any book. Details of the £1 books can be found on posters around the school, in the school library or by visiting the website on www.worldbookday.com.

As part of our on-going programme for World Book Day on Thursday, 10th February best-selling author of fantasy adventure, Mark Robson came into school. He spent the day talking to all Year 8 and Year 12 pupils giving them an inspirational talk about his life as an RAF pilot and author. Pupils flocked to speak to him in the Library during lunchtime and to buy signed copies of his books. Steph Phillips, Year 8 who attended his workshop said: "the workshop was really amusing and fascinating. I really enjoyed Mark Robson talk about his life, and career on the way to becoming a writer. I am so glad I was chosen to take part in such an amazing activity, knowing not many pupils had the privilege to do so. It was a really enjoyable experience and I hope others who get the chance to take part in another Mark Robson workshop feel the same way."



On World Book Day, Chloe of the Midnight Storytellers will be holding storytelling sessions in the Library all day, including a drop-in session during lunchtime.

Drama Trips

A trip to the Wyvern theatre in Swindon to R C Sherriffs' powerful play set in the First World War trenches '**Journey's End**' has been arranged for 28th April for GCSE and A Level Drama students. There are still 3 places available. Please see Mrs M Clare-Hudson in the drama studio if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity. The trip costs £19.00 (including transport and ticket) and leaves at 12.30 with an anticipated return of 17.30 full details are covered in the letter which students have already had

'**Blood Brothers**' Year 9 are currently enjoying working in drama lessons on Willy Russell's play 'Blood Brothers' and there has been an overwhelming response to our proposed trip to see this in the New Oxford Playhouse on 27th April. For those who were successful we will be leaving at 12pm and returning at approx 6.30pm. For those who were disappointed, there are still a few places on the English trip (the same evening) and it should be noted that the production comes to the Bristol Hippodrome in September 2011.

The Essential Cube Theatre, whose previous productions include 'The Uninvited' and 'The Locksmith's Wife' are returning for one night only with their latest work '**Geppetto**' on March 24 at 7pm aimed at an audience of 14 and over, prices are £5.00 pupils and £6.00 adults. If you would like to book a place please contact Mrs M Clare-Hudson mclare-hudson@klbschool/org.uk or telephone 01453 842227 ext:247. Pupils have been told in their lessons and offered letters with forms for booking places.

They will also be performing '**Pinocchio**' in the afternoon which is for a younger audience (Age 4+) showing on 24th March at 2.30pm this production has also been offered to local primary schools. Places can be booked as above.



Year 7 PSHE

This Friday 18th February the thought-provoking Fairgame Theatre production 'Burnt Out' will be performed to all pupils in Year 7. This raises awareness of a range of issues including the reasons and effects of arson, anti-social behaviour, discrimination and bullying on individuals and in society. Pupils will then work on this in drama lessons until Easter.

Design Technology

On their recent visit to Renishaw, the KLB Year 10 Engineering group were given the opportunity to see the range of measuring products that Renishaw design and make. The visit took place on Wednesday 9th February and was also used as an opportunity for Renishaw to discuss apprenticeship plans for the coming years.

The 16 boys were surprised by how automated, intelligent and accurate the modern measuring processes have become as they watched machines measure components to within tolerances of microns of millimetres. The group were fascinated by the variety of research and development that is taking place on our doorstep.

Machines demonstrated how they could measure teeth and help to design and make dental crowns. They could measure very detailed F1 components while they were being made, and measure engineered components in temperature controlled environments. The boys particularly liked the Rapid Prototyping machine that printed out incredibly detailed 3d models. These models often had moving parts on them from the moment they left the printer. The trip certainly impressed all who attended and made us proud that such leading technology is being conducted successfully from this community.

Design Technology Controlled Assessment

A reminder that all year 11 Design Technology GCSE students, need to have completed their practical controlled assessment work by March 4th 2011 2.45pm. The folio work is due in by March 18th 2011 2.45pm.

Creative Media

On the 9th February 2011 Miss Turner's Creative Media Production BTEC group held focus groups and completed questionnaires with the pupils of years 3-6 at Kingswood Primary School. The aim of this visit was to assess young people's attitude to road safety and the success of previous advertising campaigns. The BTEC group wanted to obtain the primary school pupils' own opinions to inform their final creative project: constructing original public service announcements for local community. When the final advertisements are ready the group intend to take them to Kingswood School and make sure that the clients are happy with the finished project.

By Jack Jones, Sam Welch and Abi Pullen



Careers matters

- 1) Year 10
Many pupils have now secured their **work experience** placements. Would parents encourage those students who have not yet been able to do so. Ms Isaacs is available at school with information about possible locations for placements and any completed paperwork should go to her as soon as possible.
- 2) Year 11
Any pupil who is not going on to the sixth form will have their **destination form**, recently filled out and signed by parents, examined by the careers department and appropriate help and guidance given to any who are unsure about courses next year.
- 3) Year 12
The careers office has increasing amounts of information about firms who offer long term work experience and even short term jobs for students wishing to increase employability. There is information on firms who employ students prior to going to University and even contribute to funding in return for short tie-ins after University. These opportunities and **apprenticeships for post A level students** may well be a more financially attractive route through level 4 education given the current financial situation and University fee levels. Further information available in the careers office.

P Ashford, Head of Careers.

KLB edge exciting Cup Final

Katharine Lady Berkeley's School's Year 8 rugby players secured the District Schools Cup Final at Stroud RFC on Wednesday 9th February. In a thrilling contest against Marling School, KLB emerged 12 - 5 winners under the lights to take the title.

A try in each half from Tom Freer and James Litton along with a conversion from Captain Chris Colston gave KLB the victory, but the game could have gone either way right up to the final minutes when superb combative defence kept a determined Marling side out. KLB Head of Rugby Rich Daniel said, "We played some very good rugby today and I think on balance we deserved this victory. The whole squad have played their part through the season and the winning of the Cup is just reward for consistent performance and all-round ability. I think our defence was the key to this evening's performance. Marling is an excellent side and to keep them down to 5 points was a very good effort. I would like to thank Marling for a very competitive game and also Stroud RFC for hosting the final this evening."

Mr Daniel awarded the Man of the Match award jointly to centres Tom Freer and James Litton, as well as scoring vital tries both boys made some excellent tackles to deny the opposition victory.



KLB have reached 4 out of 5 finals in years 7 to 11 this year, one of their most successful seasons. With both years 7 & 8 winning their respective District Championship, the future is looking bright for KLB Rugby.

A big thank you to all the boys who have put in so much effort in to training this year and a special thank you to Angus for all his help running the team.

Badminton

We have finished our league matches now for the younger age groups and have done well this year. The U14 girls came 2nd in their league, the U16 girls came 3rd. The boys, in both U14 and u16, were outstanding. They are both undefeated in their leagues and now go to the county finals at Wycliffe on Friday 18 February.

The U19 girls and boys are still completing matches and although they will not be at the county finals this year; they have competed well in their matches so far, winning some and losing some.

Girls' Hockey

So far we have only played one league match – U16s beat Sir William Romney's 2 – 0.

I am again having problems fielding an U14th (Year 10) team and would ask parents if they could encourage their daughters to give their time when selected so as not to disappoint the rest of their team mates.

Many thanks
Mrs Chevin

Ten Tors Training

The Outdoor Club has had a good start with its training for the Ten Tors expedition. Nearly 50 students have been attending navigation training and local walks. The walks occur once a week after school and during the weekends. Good weather helped all students complete the 15 mile walk from Kings Stanley to school. However the persistent rain made it more difficult to complete the 24 mile walk from Bath race course to school. Coming up students have a local camp, a day walk on the Brecon Beacons and 2 gruelling expeditions on Dartmoor.

GCSE Animal Graphics Exhibition 15th February – 20th March 2011 at Slimbridge

For four weeks from Wednesday 16th February until Sunday 20th March the Art Department is involved in exhibiting Year 11 students' work in the foyer area of the Slimbridge Wildfowl and Wetlands Centre. This display represents the first of many from different sources which will appear at the venue during the course of the year, and has the distinction of re-starting the Slimbridge calendar after the winter hiatus.

The private viewing took place on the evening of Tuesday 15th February and was attended by the families of the students involved, staff of the Art Department, the learning manager of the Slimbridge educational centre, and the Artist Nat Morley, a specialist in relief printmaking who worked with the students, and whose work was also on display.

The exhibition was opened in a short speech given by the Head of the Art Department, after which refreshments were taken and the work on display was appreciated in a pleasantly informal atmosphere. The evening was voted a success, much enjoyed by all who attended.

The year 11 students have enjoyed creating the prints and illustrations for this exhibition, and both the school and the Art Department are delighted to have had the opportunity to showcase some of the pupils' talent. If you have the opportunity to visit the Wildlife and Wetlands Centre during February and March, do take a look at the students' work as well as enjoying all the other amazing spectacles that Slimbridge has to offer.



Fairtrade Love Week

2011 sees KLB host its 5th Fairtrade Love Week. Pupils are able to buy the Fairtrade chocolate during break time, add a message tag and wait until the last day of term for the chocolate to be delivered. The event helps pupils to see how simple it can be to make the swap to Fairtrade produce and share a little bit of love at the end of term.

Midweek update - The Fairtrade chocolate is selling well and I look forward to distributing the chocolate on the last day of term. This year we will have sold over 1000 bars of Dubble Fairtrade chocolate beating 2010s total of 800 bars!

Fairtrade fortnight will soon be upon us (28th Feb - 13th March). If you would like more information on the value and purpose of Fairtrade please visit www.fairtrade.org.uk.



Holocaust Memorial Day

Holocaust Memorial Day is a worldwide event which takes place on the 27th January every year. The theme for HMD 2011 is Untold Stories. More information can be found at www.hmd.org.uk.

To commemorate the event at KLB we had an assembly on the untold story of Fani Heim. Her story is told through a picture, found in a museum in New York, known as 'The crying woman'. The museum wanted to identify the crying woman so that her story could be told. The picture is of Fani and the other women of her town as they waited to board a train, a train which was to take them to the concentration camps of Poland. Fani survived the war and returned to Greece but spoke very little of her experience until this photo was discovered four years ago. Thankfully her story has now been told.

KLB was also lucky to be able to host a Holocaust Survivor. On Wednesday 26th January a group of Year 9 students were able to meet Mr Harry Bibring. Mr Bibring shared his testimony of his experience as a Jew in pre-war Austria and then his journey on the Kindertransport to Britain (www.kindertransport.org). His testimony was an emotional experience for many of us and the questions and comments from students showed the value of his visit. More information can be found about Mr Bibring at www.het.org.uk/education-survivors-hb.html.

Japanese Exchange 2011

Many thanks to all those families who have offered to host a pupil from Hikawa High School from the 12th – 21st March.

We are also planning for the trip out from the 13th – 23rd October. The deadline for applications and deposits (£150) is Friday 25th March. If we do not have enough applications by this date, the trip may be subject to cancellation. Please see Ms De Silva for more information

Adult Language Classes

We are pleased to be able to continue to offer a range of adult language classes.

French:	Daytime Thursday	12.30-1.30pm	Intermediate
	Evening Wednesday	6.00-7.00pm	Intermediate
Spanish:	Daytime Wednesday	1.45-2.45pm	Beginner
	Evening Wednesday	6.00-7.00pm	Beginner

The cost for a 12 week course is £85 for evening classes and £50 for daytime classes.

Please contact Mrs Jo Godfrey by e-mail to express an interest in the course at jgodfrey@klbschool.org.uk or telephone the school on 01453 842227.

Canteen

There will be a small increase in prices with effect from 1 April 2011

KLB Friends Update February 2011

The GCSE Music Evening was held at KLB on the 8th February and a big thank you to all those who helped before and during the event to provide refreshments for families attending the performance. Once again the refreshments proved popular and a total of £40.00 was raised during the evening.

We are looking ahead to the Summer Fayre to be held on Saturday 25th June 2011.

The first sub committee meeting for the organisation of this has been held and plans are well under way for the event. Their next meeting is on 16 February. Please let us know if you are able to offer help or support in any way.

Please do not forget that you can support our fundraising efforts in other ways such as the 80:20 club. The winner of this months 80:20 draw was Moira Buist. Well done to her and many thanks for all those that contribute monthly to this fund raising scheme. Please contact the KLB Friends if you require further information about this or our monthly donation scheme.

A reminder that our meetings are held monthly and please feel free to come along and join in, all are welcome, fresh ideas are always great to hear and are invaluable in supporting our fundraising efforts. The date of the next meeting is Thursday 24th March 2011 at the Well Being Centre on The Chipping in Kingswood Village.

If you wish to contact the KLB Friends for more information please email us at klbfriends@klbschool.org.uk

Dates for your diary

The school calendar can be accessed from the front page of the school website or directly at <http://calendar.klb.org.uk>

28 Feb	First day of term 4	29 April	Royal Wedding Bank Holiday
3 Mar	Year 8 Parents' Evening	2 May	Bank Holiday
8 Mar	Year 9 Options Evening	27 May	Last day of term 5
15 Mar	Year 12 Parents' Evening (2)	6 June	First day of term 6
22 Mar	Year 13 Parents' Evening (2)	8/9/15 Jun	Year 6 information evenings
30/31 March	Music and Drama Concerts	25 Jun	KLB Summer Fayre – 11:00am – 3:00pm
8 April	Last day of term 4	21 July	Last day of term 6
26 April	First day of term 5		

2011/2012 Academic Year

1 Sep 2011	First day of term 1 – Staff Training (1)	4 Jan 2012	First day of term 3
2 Sep	Staff training day (2)	10 Feb	Staff training day (4) – last day of term 3
5 Sep	First day of term 1 for pupils	20 Feb	First day of term 4
29 Sep	Year 6 information evening – 6:15pm	30 Mar	Last day of term 4
30 Sep	Staff training day (3)	16 Apr	First day of term 5
21 Oct	Last day of term 1	7 May	Bank Holiday
31 Oct	First day of term 2	1 June	Last day of term 5
16 Dec	Last day of term 2	11 June	First day of term 6
		19 July	Last day of term 6

2012/2013 Academic Year

3 Sep 2012	First day of term 1 – Staff Training (1)	7 Jan 2013	First day of term 3
4 Sep 2012	Staff training day (2)	8 Feb	Last day of term 3
5 Sep	First day of term 1 for pupils	18 Feb	First day of term 4
27 Sep	Year 6 information evening – 6:15pm	22 Mar	Last day of term 4
28 Sep	Staff training day (3)	8 Apr	First day of term 5
19 Oct	Last day of term 1	6 May	Bank Holiday
29 Oct	First day of term 2	24 May	Last day of term 5
20 Dec	Last day of term 2	3 Jun	First day of term 6
		19 Jul	Last day of term 6