

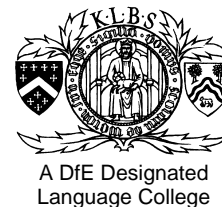
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# KATHARINE LADY BERKELEY'S SCHOOL

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## Newsletter – 26 May 2011

### Academy status

Following the decision by the Governing body to proceed with an application we have:

- Appointed Rickerbys LLP as our solicitors and Davis Mayers Barnett (Accountants) to help us with the financial transfer arrangements;
- Submitted our application on the 8th April;
- Drafted our new Articles of Association which include a revised governance structure;
- Started the process for the transfer of land, employment contracts and service and equipment contracts;
- Sought quotes for insurance post transfer;
- Received our draft funding and transfer agreements on which are currently working.

It is clear that the conditions for transfer are changing all of the time, but we hope to be ready to make the change on the 1st August. Meanwhile, the basis for the additional funding calculations changed in April and it would seem likely that we may receive less than we had anticipated. Our local MPs have taken up the matter on our behalf, as one particular deadline was imposed retrospectively, but the short term additional funding is likely to be less than half of the amount that we had expected initially. The situation with regard to VAT and capital contributions has not changed.

More details concerning the new Governance structure and other matters concerning Academy status will be posted on the school website. These can be found by clicking the Academy Status link under the Parents tab.

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### Governor vacancies

Following resignations, we have two vacancies on the Governing Body, one of which is for an elected parent governor. In the light of the transfer to academy status, we would be particularly interested to hear from parents who are qualified accountants familiar with the reporting requirements of a limited company. If you do not have these particular skills or interests but are keen to become a governor, we would still be pleased to hear from you. If you like to talk about the role, please feel free to contact our clerk, Geoff Keen at school.

The nature of the other vacancy is likely to change when the school transfers to Academy status. Therefore this position will be advertised later in the year when details of the new structure for Governance have been finalised.

Governors meet 7 times per year in September, October, December, January, March, May and July on Wednesdays at 4:30pm for approximately 2 hours. All Governors are also allocated to one of the school's departments which involves at least one annual visit and they are also expected to sit on one of the five committees which each meet 3 to 6 times per year..

If you wish to make an application, please write a statement on no more than a single side of A4 paper describing the relevant experience that you could bring to the Governing Body and your involvement with the school to date.

Applications should be sent to the Clerk to the Governors at the school address from whom further information can also be obtained. The closing date for applications is Friday 17 June 2011.

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### Boys' Hockey

The KLB under 16 boys hockey team crowned themselves district champions after two thumping victories against Deer Park and Thomas Keble. Their first match was against Deer Park, and the away side got off to a flyer with two quick fire goals from Charlie Patterson and Adam Hanney. KLB dominated the first half and after superb build up play, Matt Gosling snuck another goal seconds before the half time whistle. The away side rang the changes for the second half, including year 9 Harry Willcox. The youngster made an immediate impact, firing the ball 20 yards past the helpless Deer Park goal keeper making it 4-0 to the away side, sending them through to the final against Thomas Keble.



KLB once again flew out of the blocks in their final match with Thomas Keble, taking an early lead with a 40 yard pin point pass from captain Ed Sonnex to inform forward Matt Gosling, who duly took his opportunity and made it 1-0. Thomas Keble fought back, earning a short corner. Ed Hill courageously blocked the resulting shot, but the follow up strike forced stand in keeper Tom Etherington into a magnificent save, diving to his left and preventing what seemed a certain goal. Keble didn't trouble the KLB goal for the rest of the match, as Hanney bagged another goal as well as skipper Sonnex giving them a 3-0 half time lead. Pushing for the killer blow, KLB changed their formation, pushing three players up front resulting with Gosling's second of the match. Relentless pressure soon took its toll on Keble, who gave the ball away to Willcox who snuck the ball past the scrambling Keble keeper, finishing an emphatic 5-0 win.

## Boys' Fixtures Summer 2011

### Cricket

Tuesday 10 May	Year 9/10 Cricket Home (Kingswood Wicket) v Rednock 4.00 Start
Wednesday 18 May	Year 7/8 Cricket Home (Kingswood Wicket) v Maidenhill 4.00 Start
Thursday 26 May	Year 7/8 Cricket Away v Archway 3.30 Start
Tuesday 7 June	Year 7/8 + 9/10 Cricket Away v Marling 4.00 Start
Thursday 9 June	Year 7/8 Cricket Away v Rednock 4.00 Start

### Athletics

Thursday 12 May	Years 8-11 District Trials Away at Deer Park 4.15 First Race
Wednesday 25 May	Years 9/10 District Competition at Rednock 4.15 First Race
Wednesday 15 June	Years 7 + 8 District Athletics at KLB 4.15 First Race
Saturday 11 June	Years 7-13 County Athletics Championships at Prince of Wales Stadium
Wednesday 22 June	Years 7-10 District Championship Prince of Wales Stadium 10.00 First Race
Thursday 30 June	Years 7-10 School Sports Day (All Day)

### Tennis

Tuesday 24 May	Year 7/8 v Rednock Home 4.00 Start
Wednesday 8 June	Years 7/8 + 9/10 Tennis v Archway Home 4.00 Start
Monday 13 June	Year 10 v Wycliffe Away 4.00 Start
TBC - Marling	Years 7/8 and 9/10

## Sport Leadership at Katharine Lady Berkeley School and Recent Fundamental Festivals in May



In Year 10 our students are invited to apply to take part in a sport leadership course, which runs during the PE curriculum. Places are limited and for the last two years sixty candidates per year have taken this award. The candidates do not need to be sports stars or prima ballerinas – instead an interest in their chosen activity, a positive attitude and a willingness to volunteer are all that is required. Sport Leaders make things happen! They organise, communicate and get people involved in sports activity. Sports Leaders are role models; helping others to achieve their goals and encouraging their communities to lead fit and healthy lifestyles. Candidates learn by doing rather than through written work and assessment are made upon a candidate's ability to lead and demonstrate their leadership skills for a certain period of time, within a specific setting. Sport Leaders gain nationally recognised qualifications that add value to applications for further education, training and employment.

As part of this programme our current Year 10 students recently led two Fundamental Festivals in May for five of our feeder primaries. Over 400 pupils from The British School, Blue Coat School, Kingswood School, Hillesley School and North Nibley took part in these festivals aimed at students in Years 1 to 4.

Each sport leader led an activity within a carousel of stations. The activities were fun and designed to help pupils develop their core movement skills, whilst interacting with pupils from other skills. Sports leaders were tasked with setting up an activity in a safe environment and leading the ten minute sessions throughout the morning with different groups of pupils.

We have received lots of positive feedback from the teachers, accompanying parents and pupils who attended these events. Our sport leaders acted as excellent role models and their self confidence/self belief clearly increased through being given this leadership opportunity. Our sport leaders will now go on to seek opportunities to assist in out of school activities, such as school/club coaching sessions and/or during further festivals/sports days.

Sharron Bates, SSCo KLB

## Girls' Physical Education

### Summer Clubs

#### Tuesday – Tennis

- Years 7-10
- 2:45pm-4:15pm
- On the tennis courts

#### Wednesday – Athletics

- Years 7-10
- 2:45-4:00pm
- On the field

#### Thursday – Rounders

- Years 7-10
- 2:45pm-4:15pm
- On the field

Everyone is welcome – please come along! ☺

### Summer Fixtures

#### Athletics

- 25/05/11 – Competition @ Rednock – Years 9 + 10 (4:15pm start)
- 11/06/11 – District Athletics @ Prince of Wales Stadium (this is only for those pupils that have been selected by the District, not arranged by KLB school)
- 15/06/11 – Competition @ KLB – Years 7 + 8 (4:15pm start)
- 22/06/11 – Competition @ Prince of Wales Stadium (10:00am - 2:00pm)
- 23/06/11 – Reserve date for Competition @ Prince of Wales Stadium

#### Rounders

- 08/06/11 V's SWR (Away) Year 7-10
- 14/06/11 V's Rednock (Away) Years 7-10
- 16/06/11 V's Archway (Home) Years 7-10
- 19/07/11 V's Chipping Sodbury (Away) Years 7-10

Years 7, 8 and 8 travelled to Deer Park School on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May for the first Rounders Fixture of the year. The results are as follows:

- Year 7 won 15½ -10
- Year 8 lost 20½ -8½ (although the girls had a fantastic second innings!)
- Year 9 won 15-13½

The rain stayed away, although it was a bit cold! Well done to all the girls that were involved.

### District Tournaments

#### Rounders

- 27/06/11 – Year 9 @ Stroud High School
- 29/06/11 – Year 10 @ Stroud High School
- 05/07/11 – Year 8 @ Archway School
- 12/07/11 – Year 7 @ Archway

#### Tennis

- 27/06/11 – Year 8 @ Stroud High School
- 29/06/11 – Year 9 @ Stroud High School
- 05/07/11 – Year 7 @ Archway School
- 12/07/11 – Year 10 @ Archway

Please check the girls PE notice board on a regular notice board to see if you have been selected to represent the school at these fixtures and gain more information about departure and estimated return/finish times.

Miss Upton

## Year 8 Cricket team make a winning start

Despite a sudden downpour of rain 5 minutes before the start of play KLB were able to play their first year 8 cricket match of the year at home versus Maidenhill. KLB opted to field first. The wickets fell in quick succession with Tom Wingent taking a brilliant hat-trick and Chris Colston taking a three wicket maiden. Captain Toby Read ended their batting display. Tight bowling from KLB left Maidenhill scoring just 10 runs off 10 over's. Great sportsmanship from Maidenhill allowed KLB to also bat for 10 over's rather than chasing down the small total. Good batting displays were on show from all the team with Finlay McCubbing, Oscar Adams and Henry Patterson looking particularly dangerous. KLB finished with a commanding 75-2 off their 10 over's, with all 11 players getting the opportunity to bat. The day finished with drinks and cakes provided from our excellent hosts North Nibley Cricket Club, who have kindly allowed the school the use of their pitch for a few games this year. A special thank you to Mark Patterson for helping to arrange this.



Tom Wingent  
Vice-Captain Year 8 Cricket Team

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## Sport Award Evening – 7 July 2011 Colours Awards



Pupils who have represented the District/County or above in a sport during this school year may be eligible for Sporting Colours. Students should collect a 'Sports Colour Award' form from Reception this should be completed and returned to Reception by Friday 10 June. For further information pupils should speak to either Mr Daniel or Miss Upton.

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## Careers

Year 10 work experience. Thank you if, as part of your work, you have offered a work experience placement to any of our pupils. There are a few pupils who have not returned their work experience forms to school, so if that applies please could they be taken to Helen Isaacs in the school office as soon as possible.

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## Bike safety

We want to encourage pupils, where practical, to ride their bikes to school as it is both healthy and it helps environmentally.

However it has recently been brought to our attention that some pupils have been riding bikes to school in a dangerous way or have been riding bikes that are not roadworthy. This raises clear Health & Safety issues for the school.

In future, pupils will only be permitted to ride bikes to school with the permission of their parent/guardian. The bikes must be in a safe condition and must be ridden responsibly. If you are happy for your child to ride his/her bike to school, please ask your child to collect a permission letter from Reception and return the reply slip to the site manager or the Reception desk. We ask that pupils should not to bring scooters to school. If a bike is deemed to be unsafe it will be kept at school and parents will be asked to collect it .

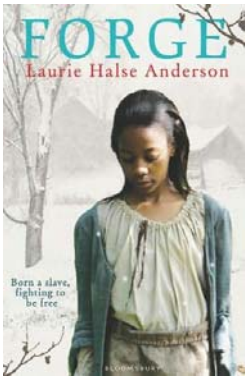
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## Support for parents and carers

We have links to Family Lives, formerly known as Parentline, and they intend to run 2 workshops for parents and carers this summer at KLB on the issues surrounding drugs. The proposed dates are Thursday 30 June and Thursday 7 July. If you are interested in attending please phone Jude Loveridge at Family Lives on 07756 085626.

If you wish to find out more information on help and support for parents and carers visit [www.famililives.org.uk](http://www.famililives.org.uk) or phone the confidential advice line on 0808 800 2222.

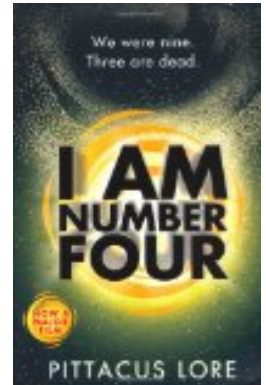
## New Fiction Books In The Library!



Have you read a great book and are waiting to read the next in the series? Do you want to find out how the witty but dead skeleton detective Skulduggery Pleasant, is rescued from the Faceless Ones? Perhaps you are keen to read the electrifying conclusion to the multi-award-winning 'Chaos Walking' trilogy. 'Monsters of Men' finishes the story of Todd and Viola which began in 'The Knife Of Never Letting Go'. Or maybe you've been gripped by the action packed adventures of Henderson's teenage spies, set in the 1940s during World War II and are eagerly awaiting the next instalment 'Grey Wolves'.

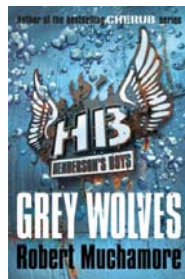
If so you are in luck. We have just added these and several other new books to the library, which continue or finish a popular series.

We have also added a couple of fabulous books that have been made into films. So come and grab a good read for the half-term holiday!



### Grey Wolves

Spring, 1941. German submarines are prowling the North Atlantic, sinking ships filled with the food, fuel and weapons that Britain needs to survive. With the Royal Navy losing the war at sea, six young agents must sneak into Nazi-occupied Europe and sabotage a submarine base on France's western coast. If the submarines aren't stopped, the British people will starve.



## New 'Next in Series' Titles

Forge – Laurie Halse Anderson (Chains)  
Don't Judge A Girl By Her Cover – Ally Carter  
Cross My Heart And Hope To Spy - Ally Carter  
Only The Good Spy Young – Ally Carter (Gallagher Girls)  
The Demon Assassin – Alan Gibbons  
Renegade – Alan Gibbons (Hell's Underground)  
Dark Days – Derek Landy  
Mortal Coil – Derek Landy (Skulduggery Pleasant)  
Grey Wolves – Robert Muchamore (Henderson's Boys)  
Monsters Of Men – Patrick Ness (Chaos Walking Trilogy)

### New Book & Film Titles

I am Number Four – Pittacus Lore  
I am Legend – Richard Matheson

### Dark Days

Skulduggery Pleasant is lost on the other side of a portal, with only some evil gods for company. Can he possibly survive? (Yes, all right, he's already dead. But still). This book is hilarious, it's tense, and it's packed with all the eye-popping action, crackling one liners and imaginative set pieces you've come to expect. There's a new threat to our plucky heroine, of course. But that's not all. There's also the little fact of the Big Bad, the uber-baddy who's going to come along and really, really destroy the world. And what we learn about that villain in this book will literally make your jaw fall off and your hair go white with shock. (Not really). Will Skulduggery make it out of the Faceless Ones' dimension? Who knows? The problem is, he may not have much to come back to!



### Monsters of Men

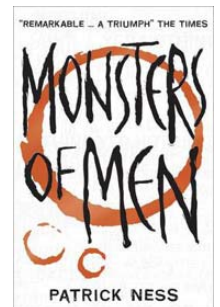
Three armies march on New Prentissstown, each one intent on destroying the others.

Todd and Viola are caught in the middle, with no chance of escape.

As the battles commence, how can they hope to stop the fighting? How can there be peace when they're so hopelessly outnumbered? And if war makes monsters of men, what terrible choices await?

But then a third voice breaks into the battle, one bent on revenge...

The electrifying finale to the award-winning Chaos Walking trilogy.



## KLB Friends Update

### KLB Summer Fayre 25 June 2011

We are looking ahead to the Summer Fayre to be held on Saturday 25 June 2011. Plans are well under way for the event and are progressing well. Can you help with the following?

#### Cake sale

Calling all you cake bakers, please contact the Friends if you are able to donate to the cake stall at the Fayre, or any of our other fundraising events.

#### Marquee

We are also looking to source a marquee in the event of bad weather – if you know of anyone who would be able to lend us one for the event we would love to hear from you.

Any offers of help before or during the Summer Fayre will be most welcome; please contact us and let us know what you might be able to offer.

#### Other news

We supplied refreshments at the Music and Drama Evenings, held at the school on 30 and 31 March raising a total of £130.00.

The winner of the 80:20 club last month was Geoff Robson. Please contact KLB Friends if you require further information about this or any of our other fundraising schemes.

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 Tuesday 26 April 2011, start time 7.30pm at the Well Being Centre on The Chipping in Kingswood Village.

If you wish to contact KLB Friends for more information, please email us at [klbfriends@klbschool.org.uk](mailto:klbfriends@klbschool.org.uk)

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## 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>

6 June	First day of term 6	6 July	Music and Drama performance – 7:00pm
8/9/15 Jun	Year 6 information evenings	21 July	Last day of term 6
25 Jun	KLB Summer Fayre – 11:00am – 3:00pm		

### 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	Staff training day (2)	8 Feb	Staff training day (4) – 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 June	First day of term 6
		19 July	Last day of term 6