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Art Department

Activity Week 2011 - Photography

During this year's summer term activity days in July, the Art Department ran a digital photography course for Year 8 pupils. The course, which runs every summer over 3 days is aimed at developing the students' overall photographic abilities, as well as using Photoshop; leading industry standard software for photographers. This year's photography was, without exception, some of the best seen yet. The students seem to improve year on year and the beautiful photography is testament to all their hard work.



Ladybird - Georgia Musty (Year 8)

The Big Splash Draw (October 2011)



Every October the school takes part in the Big Draw, a campaign which aims to get everyone drawing – those who love to draw and even those who think they can't! This year the Art Department decided on the theme of "fish". Throughout the day the students created their own fantasy type fish, and produced some wonderful "underwater sea creatures". The sixth form also participated, bringing their own "collaged" materials to incorporate into their fish, which resulted in some very successful pieces. During November and December some of the fish designs will be displayed in the canteen area, so if you visit the school, take time to take a look at them.

Barcelona

During half term, the Art Department will be taking 51 students to Barcelona. There will be visits to the Dali Museum in Figueres, the Miro Foundation, the Tapies Foundation, Barcelonetta beach and the Christopher Columbus Monument. They will also see the Sagrada Familia Museum, Parc Guell, the Casa Mila and will walk through the Ramblas and the Old Quarter. The group returns on Tuesday 25th October.

Mr Hall

Physical Education

Cross Country

On 21st September a number of the Year 7 and 8 pupils competed in the cross country relay competition at Thomas Keeble School. Pupils competed in teams of 4 and the results are as follows:

Year 7 Girls (13 teams entered)

- Rhiannon Holt, Lowri Thomas, Sophie Chinner, Octavie Kirk – 4th overall
- Scarlett Smith, Kathleen Burden, Ellie Parker, Imogen Webb – 5th overall

Year 7 Boys (9 teams entered)

- Jack Barton, Thomas Barton, Ferdinand de Carvalho, Robert Dakin – 5th overall

Year 8 Girls (11 teams entered)

- Jessie Hale, Yvette Westwood, Megan Bates, Jasna Nickells – 3rd overall

Year 8 Boys (7 teams entered)

- Henry Patteson, Michael Buist, Luke Messer, Elliott Chard – 1st overall

Well done to all those who competed. It was a great event and even though it was a little windy, the pupils seemed to enjoy themselves!

Girls Netball

The netball season, which runs in terms 1 and 2, is now in full swing and there have already been several matches with many more to come in term 2! Please make sure you have noted all the dates for the matches and tournaments in your diaries. Spare copies of the fixture sheet are available on the girls PE notice board.

Year 7

It is fantastic to see so many girls attending netball training this year. Numbers have steadily increased over the last few weeks. Pupils have two netball training sessions per week, one on Mondays (finishing at 4:15pm) with Miss Rudd and the other on Wednesdays (finishing at 4:15pm) with Miss Corfield. Everyone is welcome, so if you haven't been along before, please come to one of the sessions to see if you enjoy it!

The girls are already showing huge potential. On 22nd September the 'B' team played Rednock School and drew 9-9. On 6th October the 'A' Team played Thomas Keeble School and won 15-8, which is really promising. We have lots of A and B matches coming up, so keep coming to training, girls!

Year 8

It is really pleasing to see so many new faces at training. The Year 8 netball team has really improved since last year and although narrowly missing out, they played Rednock and lost by only 1 goal and played Thomas Keeble and lost by 3 goals. I firmly believe with some really hard work we are going to start seeing more wins from this team. Lets keep working hard, girls!

Year 9

On 6th October Year 9 played Thomas Keeble School and won 31-10, which is an amazing result. Well done, girls! Player of the match was awarded to Beccy Chalmers. Attendance at training has been good by a core set of players, but Miss Corfield and myself and would like to see some more pupils attending training, so that we can help to establish a larger squad for matches. The Year 9 clearly have lots of potential and it would be nice for a few more girls to be involved in this success. Training is on Thursdays from 2:45-4:15pm and is open to everyone.

Year 10 and 11

On 5th October a selection of Year 10 and 11 pupils competed in the U16 County Netball Tournament at Cheltenham Ladies' College. These County tournaments always present a big challenge as many of the schools that enter play to a very high standard. The girls were drawn a tough group, including 7 other schools such as Dean Close, Ribston Hall and Farmors. They approached all their matches in a really positive manner and worked very hard during the afternoon. There were some pleasing results, including winning 6-5 against Ribston Hall, winning 6-5 against Bournside and winning 6-1 against Dene Magna. Another pleasing result was against Stroud High. Although we lost 6-4, I thought this was a great result and KLB's defence was really effective in preventing Stroud High School scoring lots more goals! Unfortunately KLB did not make it

through to the semi finals, but it was an afternoon filled with top class netball and was lots of fun. Well done to Libby Musty (Year 11), Harriet Wallis (Year 11) and Safia Gilder-Hodgson (Year 10) for being voted players of the tournament by their fellow team mates.

Sixth Form

On 5th October the Sixth Form netball team had a home fixture against Cleeve School, which they were all panicking about! However they all worked really hard and played brilliantly, meaning they won the match 28-13! An excellent result and I'm hoping there are many more results like this to come! Well done to all the girls, especially Maisie Simmonds, who was awarded player of the match. Senior netball training is on Tuesdays, 2:45-4:15pm.

Year 8 Satellite Academy Success

The Satellite Academy is part of the England Netball player pathway for talented young netballers. I am pleased to announce that three of our Year 8 pupils, Elena Azcona, Jess Morse and Lucy Donald were successful at the trials, which took place at the end of last year. This means that they are part of the County squad and will have specialist netball coaching throughout the year. It is a great opportunity and we look forward to seeing how they get on.

Local Netball Clubs

If pupils enjoy their netball at school and would like the opportunity to improve further, one of the best ways to do this is to join a local netball club outside school. This will give them the chance to receive more coaching and play in regular matches, which will really help to improve their skills. There are several local clubs available, including Chipping Sodbury, Randwick and Phoenix. If any pupils or parents would like more information about these or other clubs, then please come and see Miss Upton in the PE office or send an email to supton@klbschool.org.uk

Girls Hockey

Pupils and parents, have no fear, girls' hockey will begin in term 3 and will continue throughout term 4 aswell. In previous years, the pupils have been extremely lucky and have had netball and hockey provision for the majority of terms 1 to 4. This year we are running a more traditional approach, in line with other schools in the district, whereby PE teachers will run both netball and hockey teams throughout terms 1 to 4. Netball season runs during term 1 and 2, whilst hockey will run during term 3 and 4. The competitive hockey league will begin after Christmas. The girls' hockey teams have previously been very successful at KLB and I certainly want this to continue.

Girls Football

The U18, U15 and U13 girls' football teams have all played the first round of the ESFA Cup during the last few weeks. They played really well, but unfortunately did not make it through to the next round of the Cup.

There will be a junior and senior girls' football club beginning in term 2 and we are planning to arrange lots of friendly fixtures and enter the district tournaments. The U13 girls' team have also been entered into the Npower Community Girls Cup Competition, which is being run by Cheltenham Town FC. This 6 a-side tournament will be held on Tuesday 18th October at Oxstalls Campus, University of Gloucestershire. Many thanks to Mr Newall and Dr Thomas who have been a great support in managing the teams over the last few weeks.

Boys Rugby

Mr McRitchie has had a fantastic first month with the Year 7 rugby team. Numbers at training has been consistently high averaging over twenty pupils at each session. On Wednesday 7th he took a squad of twenty-five boys over to Thomas Keeble School in Stroud for their first fixture. It was a training fixture and for many was their first taste of competitive contact rugby. In total the boys played four games of ten-a-side rugby, winning all four matches and scoring lots of tries!

Training for Year 7 is open to all pupils every Tuesday from 3.00 – 4.15. Pupils just need to turn up at the gym changing rooms with their kit and lots of enthusiasm. Lots more games are planned throughout the year, including the district tournament on Saturday 5th November.

The Year 8 team have so far played two very tight games against Kingshill and Marling, losing each one narrowly. The boys are playing in the top division of the district and show the potential to become a very good team. Numbers at training have been very good, however any new players wishing to attend are more than welcome. Training takes place every Tuesday from 3.00 – 4.15pm.

The Year 9 team have played two further games since the opening victory over Beechen Cliff. Against Marling away we lost in the last 5 minutes of the match. It was a disappointing result against a good side, however some soft tackling in the opening 10 minutes meant that we fell two tries down early on and were always chasing the game. A week later the boys made up for the defeat against a spirited Rednock team. The errors and soft tackles from the previous week were replaced by a dominant rucking and running game. A big half time lead allowed for a number of changes and debuts for Callum and Sam which was great to see. Rednock did come back and score some well worked late tries but by this time the game was safe. KLB will play

Farmors School in the last week of term, where a victory should ensure a place in the District final and a chance to revenge the early season defeat to Marling.

Boys Football - English Schools FA Under 14 Premier League Cup

The Under 14 (Year 9) started the football season as they finished last season – with a resounding win. The same squad that won 5 – 0 in the Stroud & District Cup final started the English Schools Cup with a 6-0 away win over Beaufort School, Gloucester. Despite losing influential midfielder Dan Shine to injury, the team continued their good form by convincingly beating Chosen Hill School 7-2 in the 2nd round fixture. Midfielders Joe Stokes, Cameron Pring and Tom Wingent were in excellent form, dominating the match to set up a tough 3rd round game against local rivals Winterbourne Academy. Five of the Under 14 squad were invited to trial for the County Under 14 side and travelled to Hallen FC in Bristol for a series of games on 8th October.

Mr Mewse

Boys Sports Clubs

Below is a list of the boys' clubs that are being held in Term 1. Everyone is welcome, so please come along and have a go ☺. * clubs that are invitation only.

MONDAY

- Year 7-9 Badminton Club (lunchtime)
- Year 7, 8, 9 Badminton Club (3.00-4.30)*
- Year 10-13 Badminton Club (4.30-6.00pm)*
- Year 10-13 Senior Rugby (2:45-4.15pm)

TUESDAY

- Year 8, 9 Table Tennis Club (lunchtime)
- Year 7-9 Rugby Club (2:45-4:15pm)
- Year 7-13 Street Dance Club (2:45-4:00pm)

WEDNESDAY

- Year 7-9 Trampoline Club (lunchtime)
- Year 12, 13 Indoor Hockey Club (lunchtime)
- Year 12, 13 Fitness Club (lunchtime)
- Year 7 Table Tennis Club (lunchtime)
- Year 7 Football Club (2:45-4:15pm) Week 1 only

THURSDAY

- Year 8, 9, 10 COPE group Archery Club (lunchtime)
- Year 12, 13 Archery Club (3-4pm)
- Year 7, 8 Hockey Club

FRIDAY

- Year 7-9 Fun Club (lunchtime)
- Year 9 Basketball Club (lunchtime)
- Year 10 & 11 Fitness Club (lunchtime)

More details about these clubs can be found on the boys PE notice board in the gym changing rooms. Alternatively ask your PE teacher for more information. Please see the September newsletter for girls' PE club details.

Sixth Form Sport

There are a wide variety of clubs that the Sixth Form students can attend. These include rugby, netball, indoor hockey, squash, archery, and use of the fitness suite. Please see Mr Daniel or Miss Upton for more information on these clubs.

The Sixth Form house competitions are in full swing and are as competitive as ever. Dodgeball has already taken place and I table tennis competitions are being held this week. Please see your House Captain for more information. Good luck to all the Harry Potter teams!

Wheelpower National Junior Games Success

At the end of September, Chloe Ball-Hopkins (Year 11) took part in the Air Rifle Shooting Competition at the Junior Games, which were held in Stoke Mandeville. This was the first time Chloe had tried Air Rifle Shooting, but she was a real natural and scored an impressive 78/100, meaning she came second overall. A great achievement – well done!

Trampolining Success

On Sunday 9th October Thornbury Leisure Centre held a Trampolining Competition. Two of our pupils competed in this for their club and did really well. Emma Benson and Rachel Cornick, both in Year 7, competed individually and came 5th and 9th respectively. The girls also competed together and came 3rd overall, which is fantastic. Well done, girls!

Trampolining club is open to all Year 7 pupils and is held on Wednesday lunchtimes. Please see Miss Corfield for more details.

Lifesaving Championship Success

In September Bethany Jarrett (Year 9), Catherine Lang (Year 9), Angharad Lewis (Year 9) and Emily Osbourne (Year 10) attended the Regional heat of the RLSS Lifesaving Championships in Frome, Somerset. They were all very successful; Angharad and Emily came joint fourth, while Catherine and Bethany came second. This means that Catherine and Bethany are reserves for the Nationals which will take place in November, in Sheffield. Well done to all of you!

Double success for KLB Badminton.



Two of KLB's U13 Badminton squad have had great success at the Gloucestershire County Restricted Tournament. The two county players cleaned up in the boys' events, taking three wins and a runner up in two age groups.

Rory Farwell, Year 7, and Henry Jones, Year 8, won the U13 Boys' Doubles Competition. Not content with this victory, Rory, playing with another partner, went on to win the U15 Boys' Doubles Competition.

In the Boys' Singles, Rory beat Henry to take the U13 Singles, and Henry was knocked out in the semis of the U15 Singles.

All in all a great performance, and good news for the KLB U14 Boys' team in the forthcoming BAoE Centre Parcs Tournament.

Mr McRitchie

Parent Support at Fixtures

It is really lovely to see so many parents supporting the KLB teams at matches and competitions. We know the pupils really appreciate it and it is always nice to have some extra cheers for KLB! Please feel free to come along and support either the home or away fixtures.

Old PE Kit

The PE department are on the look-out for any old KLB PE kit that your son or daughter has outgrown and no longer needs at home. If you have any old kit that you think we could use, please either drop it into reception or the PE department. Old boots and trainers would be particularly welcome!

Miss Upton and Mr Daniel

Careers

On Monday 17th October, approximately 65 pupils from Year 11 and 12 took part in some careers "speed-dating". They had a few minutes to get to know some invited guests who all use mathematics and science in their careers. The students had a number of questions to choose from, before the "bell" rung and they moved on to their next "date"! We hope they found this a useful exercise in seeing the different pathways into employment and the range of jobs that are out there. We extend our thanks to the volunteers from the business community who gave up their time to help out.

Some Year 11 pupils are also applying for a mock interviews provided by the Cotswold Rotary Club. This is an amazing opportunity for the students to receive feedback on their interview skills and the school is grateful to the Rotary Club for this commitment to the young people of the area.

The prospectuses for most of the local colleges have arrived and they can be obtained from Mr Ashford in the careers office.

Careers Convention

On Thursday 24th November, pupils from Year 9-13 and their parents are invited to the biennial Careers Convention starting at 7pm. Over 50 firms and organisations will be present, including a number that offer apprenticeships. Any parents who wish to help at the Parents' Careers stall parents (we have a specific need for a primary school teacher), talking to students about their work how young people can train for it, should contact Helen Isaacs or me, at school. pashford@klbschool.org.uk , hisaacs@klbschool.org.uk.

Mr Ashford

Drama

The Drama Department has recently run two very successful trips: 'Blood Brothers' in Swindon (Year 9) and 'Earthquakes in London' in Bath (Year 10, 11 and 12). Students found the productions exciting, inspiring and highly enjoyable. As usual the students were a credit to the school with comments being passed onto members of staff from the general public, praising their behaviour.

For GCSE, our next theatre trip is 'The Wild Bride' on November 10th at Cheltenham Everyman Theatre. Please can all students who are going on the trip check the notice board outside the drama studio, which has the names of those who were successful in getting a place on this trip and the reserve list. Please can pupils also hand in any medical forms as soon as possible. (Only needed for pupils who have not been on a theatre trip whilst on the GCSE course, although parents are reminded to update us with any changes in the information we hold.)

School production: 'Oliver'

The dates for performances have changed to the following:

November 28th and 29th and December 1st and 2nd.

There are two main casts which will be performing on alternate nights.

If anyone is able to help with costume it would be greatly appreciated. Also if anyone knows of businesses that may be willing to offer sponsorship to help with the costs involved in the production, with the incentive of advertisement space in the programme, please let Mrs Clare-Hudson know (mclare-hudson@klbschool.org.uk).

If your child is in the cast of 'Oliver', please support us by ensuring their attendance at all required rehearsals or provide, in advance, a note from parent/ carer note (to either Mrs Clare-Hudson or Mr Bull). The performance nights seem very soon now and there is a lot to be done.

We hope that parents/carers, pupils and friends will come and support this exciting production. Tickets will be on sale after half term. Prices £7.00 adults £5.00 students/children.

Music Department Autumn Concert

Following the hugely enjoyable Year 7 concert on October 13th, the Music Department will be putting on its next evening of entertainment on Tuesday 8th November, in the Drama Hall. The concert will start at 7.30pm, and will involve all the Department's vocal and instrumental groups, as well as plenty of solo and small group items. The programme will, as usual, feature music to suit all tastes – a choral medley from the stage musical *Les Miserables*, jazz band music from the swinging sixties and seventies, film music from *Pirates of the Caribbean*, and a seasonal instrumental offering from Handel's *Music for the Royal Fireworks*. Admission will be by programme - available on the door. Prices £3.00 for adults and £1.50 for children. The usual interval refreshments will, of course, be available.

Library

Having added a fabulous selection of new books to the library in September, which flew off the shelves, we have another brilliant range of books with which to tempt you this month.

For our Graphix fans who enjoy their stories and information in a comic strip style, we have several [Graphix Fiction](#) books including '*Journey To The Centre Of The Earth*' by Jules Verne (retold by Blake Hoena), where three men discover the secrets of past civilizations during a fantastic expedition beneath the Earth's surface. We also have [Graphic Science](#) and [Graphic History](#)

titles to enjoy ranging from 'Chemical Reactions', by Agnieszka Biscup which is an ideal support for Chemistry students at Key Stage 3 level, to the 'The Salem Witch Trials', by Michael Martin.

More [Next in Series](#) - Maggie Stiefvater's 'Forever', the eagerly awaited finale to 'Shiver' and 'Linger' – is now in, along with Garth Nix's 'Lord Sunday'. For the full list of these great new titles, which includes [Non-Fiction](#), [Biographies](#) and [Audio books](#), please visit our Library page, under 'Information' on the school website.

We will be holding our annual Book Fair from Thursday 3rd to Wednesday 9th November. There will be plenty of books for pupils to browse through covering fantasy, thrillers, non-fiction, comedy and lots more. Prices are very reasonable starting at just £2.99 so that pocket money can go a long way. Plus, up to 60p in every £1 spent is given back to our school in free books. We managed to sell over £700 of books last year and are hoping to do even better this time. Parents are welcome to browse after school.

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who, following our plea in last month's newsletter, has donated books to the library.

Please keep them coming!

KLB Friends Update

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 19th October 2011, this will be our annual AGM and it is to be held in the sixth form study library at school, starting at 7.30pm. We would be delighted to see you there. Please contact the Friends should you require further details using the address below. A reminder that our normal meetings are held monthly so 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.

We are busy planning events to help us in our fundraising, one of which will be to provide refreshments at key events during the school year. We always welcome donations of cakes for these events, or help during the intervals should you be attending. The Friends can be contacted at the address below for help in this way, which does not involve you having to join the committee - volunteers are just as important.



Please contact the KLB Friends if you require information about the 80/20 Club, which involves monthly payments to possibly win cash prizes, or any of our other fundraising schemes which run alongside our individual events.

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

Governors' Annual General Meeting

Following the school's conversion to Academy Status, the Governors have decided to reinstate their Annual General Meeting. These were held until the requirements changed in 2005 – the last AGM was held at this school in November 2004. This meeting provides an opportunity to collate the various policy changes that have taken place over the previous 12 months, to highlight the progress and other changes made at the school and to provide an overview of the financial status of the school. A report is sent to the parents/carers of all pupils registered at the school in advance of the meeting at which there will be opportunities for those attending to meet the Governors and to ask questions.

The 2011 Annual General Meeting will take place in the school on Thursday 17 November at 7:30pm.

Governor Vacancies

You will be aware that on the 1 August, the school became an Academy. While this makes very little difference to the day to day operation of the school, it has involved significant changes in the way that the school is run behind the scenes. Part of this, has been a reconstitution of the Governing Body to introduce a slightly different balance of types of governor.

This means that the LEA governor role has disappeared, as have the parent governors appointed by the Foundation. Instead we now have an additional parent governor role elected directly by parents, and three co-opted governor roles which are for people invited to join by the rest of the governing body in order to bring in specific expertise. In July, two existing governors were invited to take up co-opted posts until the end of their current terms as their previous posts had ceased to exist (myself and Mike Challis) and we also had a staff governor vacancy as the result of Stephen McInstry's move to another school and the resignation of Trevor Davies' due to other commitments. You will find more details about the existing governors on the school website (www.kلبschool.org.uk) and our various roles, along with our Articles of Association and Code of Conduct.

Tim Andrews, (geography teacher) has recently been elected as the new teacher governor. We would now like to hear from any parents who would be prepared to stand for election to fill the new parent governor post. While the role involves expressing the parent perspective in our governing body discussions, parent governors are also expected to take on the full duties of the role in terms of involvement in committees, attendance at school events and subject links. If you would like to know more about

what is involved, please contact myself (chair@klbschool.org.uk or via school on 01453 842227) or our new clerk, Mrs Debbie Pavey (dpavey@klbschool.org.uk). You will also find a great deal of general information about the governor role at www.nga.org.uk,

We would also like to hear from anyone who would wish to be considered for a co-opted position on the governing body. You may also like to suggest others who are not current parents, but who have much to offer. We are particularly interested in hearing from anyone who is involved in sports development in the area or has experience of running a medium sized company with a turnover of around £10m, but please don't be put off if you could offer something different, just let us know what you can bring. We will be delighted to hear from you.

At present, all of our governor meetings start at 4.30 or 5.00pm on Wednesdays but the Governing Body has agreed that this could be moved to 6.00pm if more convenient for new governors.

The closing date for applications/expressions of interest is Friday, 4 November 2011 and these should be sent to Mrs Pavey at school either by email or in writing.

Gillian Hayward
Chair of Governors

Dates for your diary

The school calendar for 2011/12 can be accessed from the front page of the school website or directly at: <http://calendar.klb.org.uk>

<i>19 Oct</i>	<i>KLB Friends AGM – 7:30pm</i>
<i>21 Oct</i>	<i>Last day of term 1</i>
<i>31 Oct</i>	<i>First day of term 2</i>
<i>3 Nov</i>	<i>Year 13 Parents' Evening – 4:30pm</i>
<i>8 Nov</i>	<i>Music Department concert – 7:30pm</i>
<i>9 Nov</i>	<i>Year 8 Parents' Evening</i>
<i>16 Nov</i>	<i>Post 16 information evening – 7:00pm</i>
<i>17 Nov</i>	<i>Governors' AGM</i>
<i>22 Nov</i>	<i>Year 12 Parents' Evening – 4:30pm</i>
<i>24 Nov</i>	<i>Careers Convention</i>
<i>28 Nov – 2 Dec</i>	<i>School Production – 'Oliver'</i>
<i>8 Dec</i>	<i>Year 7 Parents' Evening</i>
<i>12 Dec</i>	<i>Parent Focus Group – 7:30pm</i>
<i>13 Dec</i>	<i>Carol Service – St Mary's, Wotton</i>
<i>16 Dec</i>	<i>Last day of term 2</i>
<i>4 Jan 2012</i>	<i>First day of term 3</i>
<i>10 Feb</i>	<i>Staff training day (4) – last day of term 3</i>
<i>20 Feb</i>	<i>First day of term 4</i>
<i>30 Mar</i>	<i>Last day of term 4</i>
<i>16 Apr</i>	<i>First day of term 5</i>
<i>7 May</i>	<i>Bank Holiday</i>
<i>1 June</i>	<i>Last day of term 5</i>
<i>11 June</i>	<i>First day of term 6</i>
<i>19 July 2012</i>	<i>Last day of term 6</i>