



CIRENCESTER KINGSHILL NEWS

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SWIMMING AWARDS



Graham Edmunds, Charlie McMullen Jordan Thornton, Georgia Miller, Abi Ho, and Mr O Green

In November over 120 pupils received awards in numerous different sports and individual activities from Paralympic swimmer Graham Edmunds, guest speaker for the evening. Headteacher Christine Oates said “the GCSE PE extended group in 2010 achieved 96% A*-C grades”. She praised the pupils for the excellent standards in PE and dance. Mr O Green, Director of Sport, introduced the exciting and competitive finals of the House rowing competition. The audience were impressed with two video clips showing Graham Edmunds winning his Gold Medals at the Athens and Beijing Paralympics. His inspirational talk on his drive and commitment to be selected for the London 2012 Paralympic Games gave the pupils food for thought on ‘striving for excellence’.



THE HEAD writes...

Dear Parents,

As the second term draws to a close there are many exciting events to report to you. This newsletter gives you a taster of life for pupils at Kingshill. Thank you to you as parents for your support at the many Parents' Evenings this term. I would also like to thank the staff for their efforts in the classroom, ensuring that your sons and daughters receive the very high

standard of teaching that is expected at Kingshill. I wish you and your families a happy and peaceful Christmas and look forward to seeing the pupils back on Wednesday 5th January 2011. Tuesday 4th January is a staff training day.

Miss Christine Oates
Headteacher

Staff Changes

Mrs Alex Bateman will be leaving Kingshill at the end of term. She will be moving to Canada with her husband. We wish her good luck for the future and thank Mrs Bateman for her contribution to Humanities and as Head of Year 8.

Mrs Christopher, Assistant Head, Head of Key Stage 3 will be acting Head of Year 8 from January.

Please refer any issues regarding Year 8 to Mrs Christopher.

NEW STAFF



Name: Mrs Zelda Culley
Subject: RE/PHSE
Last Book Read: The Blind Assassin by Margaret Atwood
Best Film: The Life of Brian
Three Words To Describe You: Optimistic, forgetful, determined. (determined not to forget usually!)
Claim to Fame: Held the door open for Dame Judy Dench (who said "how kind")



Name: Miss Jade Fair
Subject: Food Technology
Last Book Read: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows (3rd time)
Best Film: Notting Hill/Face Off/Gone in 60 seconds.
Three Words To Describe You: Happy, expressive, small (feet!)
Claim to Fame: Came 2nd in European ten-pin bowling championships under 15's when I was 14 in Germany and came 10th in spring board diving competition at Crystal Palace when I was 13.



Name: Mrs Abi Keys-Clark
Subject: Science
Last Book Read: Chocolat
Best Film: Green Mile
Three Words To Describe You: Exhausted, dazed, ageing!!!
Claim to Fame: Being picked up/tackled by Sebastien Chabal.



Name: Dr Theresa Clark
Subject: Science
Last Book Read: The White Queen – Phillip Gregory
Best Film: Top Gun
Three Words To Describe You: Busy, caring, slightly mad!
Claim to Fame: My uncle was nearly Pope!



Name: Miss Carly Reynolds
Subject: Science
Last Book Read: Breaking Dawn - Stephanie Meyer
Best Film: The A Team
Three Words To Describe You: Sporty, funny, geek.
Claim to Fame: I can eat my weight in chocolate!

Parents' Forum on Promoting Healthy Lifestyles

On October 21st, the Parents' Forum heard a presentation from the county Well-Being team on sexual health. This was complemented by an overview of the school's work in this area and also a reminder of the drop-in services for health issues that the school provides:

- The School Nurse, Pam Andrew, on Monday lunchtimes. Pam's role is to provide care and advice for pupils' physical, mental and sexual health. Within very strict guidelines, Pam is able to provide family planning support.

- A GP / practice nurse from the Phoenix Surgery on Friday lunchtimes. The aim of this drop-in is to provide pupils with access to all general practice type medical services including the provision of sexual health advice and family planning support.

In the first instance, both services will always encourage pupils to talk to parents or another trusted responsible adult about sexual health concerns. It was clear from the evening that the services provided at the school are in keeping with most others in the county and contribute to ensuring that pupils are well-informed so that they can make responsible decisions where their health is concerned.

Mr C Patrick - Head of Key Stage 4

Car Parks

The safety of our pupils is of paramount importance to us. Therefore, could all parents please use the Town Council Car Park next to the school for dropping off and picking up their children at the start and end of the day. Can we please request that parents drive one-way around the Town Council Car Park when dropping off and collecting children. If you wait in a parking bay at the end of the school day please also use the one way system to exit the car park, this is to ensure the safety of our pupils and staff. Also, please be aware that the Town Council Car Park closes at 3.50pm. Please do not drive onto the school site at the start and end of the school day as it becomes very congested with the buses entering the school site at these times. If there is a genuine need to come onto the school site, then please remember there is a one way system in place, again for the safety of pupils.

Free School Meals

We appreciate these are difficult times for all of us. If you want to enquire about eligibility for free school meals please contact the Finance Office.

GCSE Awards Evening

The class of 2005-2010 returned to Kingshill School on Thursday November 11th to receive their GCSE certificates and school awards presented by Guest Speaker Mr Marcus Moore, Performance Poet, Theatrical Director and Educational Consultant. "Technological advancement has meant even more that the world is your oyster" said Mr Moore. Headteacher, Christine Oates reflected on the exceptional examination results achieved at GCSE level by the Year group, eighty per cent of the pupils achieved 5A* to C grades, and twenty-five per cent were graded at A* or A grade. These were the best results the school has ever achieved. Sam



Miss C Oates, Sam Goldman, Mr M Moore.

Goldman was presented with student of the year award based on achieving the highest attainment since his entry to the school. His excellent GCSE results reflected this and were far in excess of his predictions. The Award was kindly donated by St James's Place in Cirencester. The Head of Year Mr Edwards praised the Year group for all their achievements in extra-curricular activities and Mr Patrick, Assistant Headteacher acknowledged how successful the Year group had been in so many different aspects of school life. The majority of students are now studying at Cirencester College, Farmor's Sixth-Form and Hartpury College.



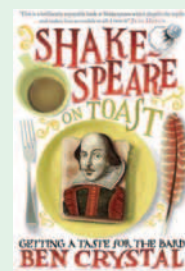
Pupils with Mr C Patrick (Assistant Head), Mrs Richards (Governor), Mr Moore, Mr M Edwards (Head of Year11) & Miss C. Oates.

Cheltenham Literature Festival October 2010. Year 8 and 9 Gifted and Talented visit. Ben Crystal – 'Shakespeare on Toast'.

On a perfect autumn day fifteen Year 8 and 9 pupils visited the annual Cheltenham Literature Festival. After a leisurely browse in the book tent, we took our seats and waited; none of us quite sure what lay ahead.

Ben Crystal, author of 'Shakespeare on Toast', burst onto the stage and began his performance. He entertained and educated us all about the joys of Shakespeare. A self-confessed 'Shakespeare Geek' (does that make him a Sheek?) Crystal is an actor as well as a writer. He took us on a lively (and sometimes bawdy) journey back to The Globe Theatre in 1600. Crystal reminded the pupils that Shakespeare's audiences were really loud, extremely superstitious and ready to be entertained. The event itself was a master class in appreciating and enjoying Shakespeare's work in all its glory as the Bard himself intended. As well as discussing key moments, Crystal encouraged his young fans to act out scenes for themselves.

Kingshill pupils left the event buzzing and enthused about what they had just experienced. Matilda Pilonel, Year 9, commented: "It was all really inspiring about Shakespeare! Normally people think that Shakespeare's plays are dull, but this event made Shakespeare really exciting and made me want to read Shakespeare more". Dan Shrigley added: "Ben Crystal was very funny and he threw a different light on Shakespeare". Mrs C. Collins



Visiting Author – Joe Craig

Year 8 were recently treated to a wonderfully entertaining session with popular author, Joe Craig, writer of the Jimmy Coates series. During the fun packed hour, Joe gave the whole of the year some excellent tips on how to write their own fantastic fiction. He had the audience hooked from beginning to end with tales of killer squirrels and some bizarre love triangles!

In the afternoon, twenty Year 8 pupils were given the opportunity to take part in a Gifted & Talented Writers' Workshop. Once again, Joe delivered some great tips and bizarre tales that will hopefully inspire the next generation of best selling authors!



Bloodhound Challenge

Tom Dixon and James Sharp from our STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) club had the opportunity to visit INTEL in Swindon this term, to see a full scale model of the Bloodhound car that is attempting to beat the world land speed record in 2012. They built their own models using KNex kits and had a chance to talk to Engineering Ambassadors about their role in the design and development of the car. The club will be holding activities later in the year to follow the progress of the project. If anyone is interested in finding out more see Mr Lloyd who runs the STEM club.

Mrs S. Pearson
Director of Science



EXPRESSIVE ARTS

Talent Show

On Friday 12th November, for the fourth year running, we produced a Talent Show. This event raised well over £1,000 for Children in Need, which included over £100 raised by The Friends of Kingshill School. Nearly 100 pupils auditioned for the final. On the night, 50 pupils (21 acts) performed. The five judges voted Archie Mead, Andrew Aiken, Danny Gordon-Walker and James Rogers overall winners for their unique performance, which combined music and masks. After the interval many members of staff did their bit for Children in Need by putting themselves in the spotlight. This was followed by a performance by last year's winner Mitch Potts who had been invited back as a judge. The evening ended with a performance by the winning act.



Stone Carving Workshop

In July the Art department took 12 "Gifted and Talented" pupils to a 2 day stone carving workshop at the Brewery Art centre in Cirencester. Each pupil was given a stone slab to carve into using specialist tools and equipment. We looked at Indian Mendhi patterns for inspiration because we wanted the carvings to have a cultural theme to support our "International Schools" status. We all thoroughly enjoyed the experience and have learnt a lot about this technique. We hope to display the work outside somewhere but need to work out a safe and secure way of presenting them.



Spamalot

On 12th November fifty Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE Drama students went to see Monty Python's "Spamalot" at Bath Theatre Royal. The students gained a great deal from seeing "Spamalot" as it is such a fine example of high quality drama.



Christmas Concert

On 15th December our annual Christmas Concert was performed in Watermoor Church. The concert involved over sixty singers and musicians, including several parents and staff. Refreshments were kindly provided by The Friends of Kingshill School. This year we again chose Watermoor Church, because it creates a beautiful and intimate venue. All profits from the concert were donated to Children in Need.

Mr R Blackaller - Head of Expressive Arts

WORK EXPERIENCE

Shoebbox Appeal 2010

This year the pupils have thoroughly enjoyed filling the boxes with interesting and useful items for children in Romania.

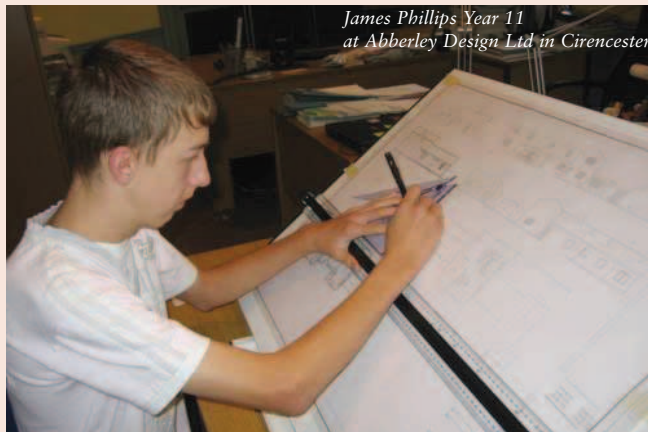
A huge thank you to all pupils, staff and parents who helped to make this year's collection so successful.



Work Experience 4th – 8th October 2010

Year 11's went out on Work Experience and had the most fantastic week. There were many varied placements this year including, working in theatres, fashion, interior design, sport, solicitors and garages to name but a few. Every child completed the whole week.

This year pupils showed the employers what committed and hard working young adults they were and many managed to get part-time jobs from their work experience week. The feedback from both the employers and pupils has been outstanding. Well done Year 11 you should all be very proud of the way you presented yourselves during the week.



James Phillips Year 11 at Abberley Design Ltd in Cirencester

Hats off to the Chefs...

GLOSCOL Chefs Gareth and Sean cooked up a treat for Year 10 and Year 11 pupils when they called in to Kingshill catering classes last term. The 'Chefs on Tour' made a wide variety of dishes with chicken and fish, and also a fantastic chocolate mousse served

beautifully with strawberries and honeycomb. They educated and entertained, providing a very enjoyable morning! Pupils really enjoyed seeing the Chefs cook the dishes. We look forward to seeing them back again next year.

Miss M. Thomas



Film Club chats with the stars!

Members of the Kingshill Film Club recently had a rare opportunity to speak with the makers of popular films, 'Son of Rambow' and 'Hitchhiker's

Guide to the Galaxy'. The pupils were asked to join an exclusive live web chat with Garth Jennings and Nick Goldsmith, the team behind these films as well as countless popular music videos. It gave the pupils a rare insight into the movie making

world, allowing them to pose some burning questions about the films and the movie-making business! A really great experience!

Well done, also, to Gilbert Whittaker who was recently awarded the title of 'Review of

the Week' by the people at Film Club for his review of 'Edward Scissorhands'. Have a look for yourself at Filmclub.org.



EUROPEAN VISIT

Geography Trip To Barcelona



Over the October break a group of Year 11 GCSE Geography pupils went to Catalonia to study volcanic landforms and the impact of tourism on Barcelona. We climbed inside an extinct volcano, visited Barcelona's Olympic Stadium and saw the world's greatest collection of living statues on las Ramblas. For many of those who went the abiding memory will be the epic games of beach volleyball that we played as the sun went down over the Mediterranean.

House Cross-Country Competition -

Over 700 pupils participated in the House Cross-country Competition in October. In perfect sunny weather and good ground conditions pupils participated with effort, enthusiasm and determination in the races.



Rock Climbing

Another successful Rock climbing club at Wild Rock this term.

The age ranged from Year 7 -11 pupils.

They thoroughly enjoyed the heights they scaled and the outdoor section which concentrated on team building

Miss A Moss



SPORTS AWARDS PRESENTATION



**Rob Jenkins Year 11
Sports Plate Award**

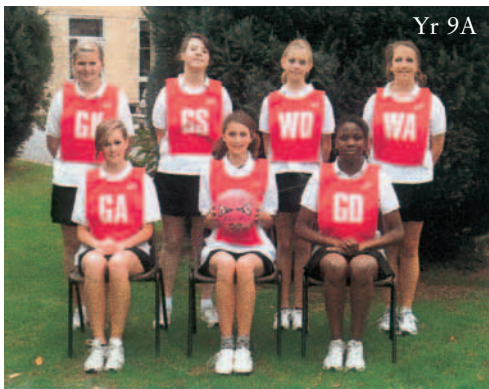
This award is presented for all round sports performance both in and out of school.

Mr O Green Director of Sport, Rob Jenkins Year 11, Graham Edmonds Guest Speaker, Headteacher Miss C Oates.

Archery	CE Sam Mitchell MI Orsino Brassington B Callum Fraser	Football Y7	B Edie Cooke MI Michael White B Elliot Pitt	Swimming Boys	MI Charlie Macmillan B Jordan Thornton	SPORTS AMBASSADORS	Rebecca Aylett Tom Hayes Georgia Miller Danny Bridgeman Laura Lewis Harry Wilson
Athletics Y7	CE Abigail Harvey MI Lewis Clarke B Alice George B Toby Bridgeman	Football Y8	MI Toby Twinning B Tom Luce MI Ben Finch B Callum Richings	Tennis Y7	MI Beatrice Kinsey B Becky Giles	KS3 PE Award	Best Girl Emma McDonald Best Boy Dan Hill
Athletics Y8	MI Edie Cooke MI Mason Heley B Rita Baker B Tom Cox	Football Y9	MI Callum Parker B Oliver Byrnes MI Sidney Taylor B Jordan Thornton	Tennis Y9	MI Tia Phin MI Emma McDonald MI Becky Aylett B Shannon Ward B Georgia Bew	KS4 PE Award	Best Girl Laura Lewis Best Boy Danny Bridgeman
Athletics Y9	MI Beth Maloney MI Tom Juggins B Beth Godwin B Louis Prosser	Golf	MI Amie Devine MI Jess Leighton B Ellie Ramsey	Trampolining KS3	MI Shannon Ward B Lia Brookes MI Strathian Anslow B Tom Howe MI James Rogers	Runner up team of the year- Y8 Cricket	Hugh Alder Edward Jeffs Seth Plowman Toby Twinning Oliver Armitage Charlie Macmillan Joseph Short Patrick Whelan Jake Holmes Luke Newman George Shutt Harry Wilson
Athletics Y10	MI Tuesday Townsend MI Clayton Shutt B Laura Lewis B Rob Jenkins	Netball Y7	MI Ellie Burston B Lucy Mackenzie MI Abi Waldron B Tia Phin	Trampolining KS4	B Callum Parker B Andrew Aiken MI Bill Williams MI Jack Simpson B Marcus Smart	Team of the year-Y10 Football	Luke Allen Matt Fletcher George Jones Callum Parker Rodelbert Anenias Ryan Heaven Jacob King Michael Rahman Danny Bridgeman Thomas Jehu Elliot Mace Daniel Roberts Oliver Byrnes Robert Jenkins John McDonald Clayton Shutt
Badminton Y7	B James Tipping	Netball Y8	MI Lucy Christopher B Jake Harris	Volleyball	MI Will Christopher B Georgia Miller Frances Hopkins Rosa Spencer	KS3 Leadership Award	Harry Wilson
Badminton Y9	MI Victoria Perry	Netball Y9	MI Beatrice Kinsey B Rebecca Giles	Wakeboarding	MI Luke Leonard B Archie Doyle MI Will Armitage B Oliver Byrnes	KS4 Leadership Cup	Georgia Bew
Basketball	B Jake Grant-Smith MI Peter Jones	Netball Y10	MI Victoria Parry B Emma McDonald	Windsurfing	Rugby Y7	Coach of the year	Mr Paul Hamblin
Bollywood Dancing	B Roxanne Ryan MI Lauren Grainger-Williams	Paddle	MI Imogen Cooke B Becky Dunlop	Playground to Podium	Rugby Y8	Sports College Plate	Rob Jenkins
Boot Camp	MI Madeline Clark B Jordan Messenger	Rounders Y7	MI Alex Moreing B Toby Bridgeman	National Standard Award	Rugby Y9	House Rowing Competition Rowers	
Climbing	MI Madeleine Bunn B Lottie Woodward B Becky Peel	Rounders Y8	MI Oliver Armitage B George Shutt	Archery	Rugby Y10	Y8 Boys	Ben Clarke Tom Dixon Lewis Clark - winner
Cricket Y7	MI Michael White B Toby Bridgeman	Rounders Y9	MI Luke Leonard B Archie Doyle	Swimming	Rugby Y10	Y8 Girls	Mollie Potts Elle Simpson
Cricket Y8	MI Jake Holmes B Hugh Alder	Rounders Y10	MI Will Armitage B Oliver Byrnes	GATE	Rugby Y10	Amber Mawdsley-Chamberlain - winner	
Cricket Y9	MI Archie Doyle B Daniel Hill	Rugby Y7	MI Alice Luce MI Matthew Woodward	INTERNATIONAL INSPIRATIONS	Rugby Y10	Y11 Boys	Jake Grant-Smith Rob Jenkins Clayton Shutt - winner
Cricket Y10	MI Pat Humphreys B Luke Allen	Rugby Y8	MI Keiron Andrews CE Jordan Amos	Rebecca Aylett Tom Hayes Emma McDonald Georgia Bew Sophie Isles Archie Mead Will Christopher Rachel Jago Abi Waldron Emma Clifford Sian Leadbeater Bill Williams	Rugby Y8		
Dance KS3	MI Sian Leadbeater MI Catherine James MI Zoe Koenig B Francesca Lever	Rugby Y9	MI Jake Grant-Smith MI Libby Tompkins		Rugby Y9		
Dance KS4	MI Jess Caudle MI Mikaela Wheeldon Leadership Sophie Phelps Leadership Hollie Jones	Rugby Y10	MI Mollie Potts B Georgia Miller MI Georgia Miller B Abigail Ho B Sophie Brown		Rugby Y10		
Football		Rugby KS4 Girls	MI Alice Luce MI Matthew Woodward		Rugby Y10		
KS3 Girls	MI Beatrice Kinsey	Running	MI Keiron Andrews CE Jordan Amos B Jake Grant-Smith MI Libby Tompkins MI Mollie Potts B Georgia Miller MI Georgia Miller B Abigail Ho B Sophie Brown		Rugby Y10		

Netball Teams

The Netball teams have had a busy season training and playing competitive matches in league teams and a few friendly matches. This year we have been able to field seven playing teams including A & B teams in Years 7 and 9. Matches have been played against Deer Park, Farmor's, Sir William Romney's, Katherine Lady Berkeley, Thomas Keble and Archway. There have been good results in Years 11, 9 and 7. The district tournaments took place at Wycliffe College in December. Congratulations to Years 7 and 11 teams who reached the semi-finals.



The U'12 SOUTH COTSWOLD DISTRICT RUGBY TOURNAMENT



The team started well in the competition with comfortable wins over Rednock, Thomas Keble and Archway. Topping their group they played Marling in the Semi-Final, which proved to be a hard fought thriller. With the scores level at 0-0 the game went into sudden death extra time, the first to score would win the game. A stunning team score from Kingshill booked their place in the final. Despite lots of tired legs, Kingshill was again level 5-5 at full time, unfortunately this time, Katherine Lady Berkeley school proved too strong and scored the winning try deep into extra time. The whole squad of players deserved their place in the final and just could not quite cap the perfect day. Well done to all those boys involved.



Year 9, 10 and 11 Rugby Teams

Congratulations to the Year 11 rugby team who have not lost a game this season progressing into the Cotswold Floodlit Cup. The Year 10, following wins against Deer Park, Farmor's and Thomas Keble have reached the knock out stages of the Daily Mail National Cup. The Year 9 team have reached the final of the district competition. Well done to all teams!