KINGSDOWN SCHOOL

Parent Newsletter - 20th Nov 2026

Anti-Bullying Week 2026

This week we have been talking about anti-bullying week in assemblies.

The theme this year is ' Break the Silence'. We are asking students to be upstanders rather than bystanders and to do this in a SAFE way.



S= Stay safe - Making sure first and foremest they do not put themselves at risk.
A= Awareness they are aware of what is not ok with this behaviour witnessed.
F- Find an adult they should tell a trusted adult or report it on SHARPs.
E= Echo nothing this means not laughing, sharing or repeating.

Extra-curricular clubs

Attached to the newsletter are details of the extra-curricular clubs that take place at lunchtime and afterschool at Kingsdown. These have been shared with students in the student bulletin.

Thank you from the Swindon Food Collective

On behalf of everyone here at Swindon Food Collective, we would like to say a HUGE thank you for your generous donation this harvest season.

These donations ensure we can support those in our local community who need it the most over the coming Christmas period, winter months and into the new year.



SWINDON FOOD COLLECTIVE

Children in Need

Thank you so much for supporting last week's 'non uniform' day and for your donations to Children in Need.
Kingsdown School raised **£276.11.**

The Brilliant Club

Swindon Parent Power's next community meeting is on Tuesday 1st December
6.00 - 8.00pm at The Cricketers Lounge, 14 Emlyn Square, Railway Village, Swindon.

If you would like to join please see the meeting flyer attached with the newsletter or contact Vikki at parentpowerswindon@thebrilliantclub.org or call on 07946 560058.

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra

Last Thursday Year 10 GCSE Music students attended a concert given by members of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. This was a fantastic opportunity to hear music relevant to the GCSE course played live. The inspiring music, which was explained by the composer and conductor Patrick Bailey, ranged from Bach to music for a Netflix nature documentary.

Well done to the Year 10 students for engaging so well.



Cross Country

A massive shoutout to the 56 Kingsdown students who competed in the Swindon Schools Cross Country Championships on Saturday 14th November. The students performed fantastically in tough conditions, representing the school with great pride.

Some stand out performances came from Evie in Year 7, placing 6th in a field of over 100 Year 7 and Year 8 runners, Eli who placed 9th in the Year 7 and 8 boys. In KS4 we saw a strong race from Ollie, placing 6th in the Y10 and Y11 race and also Evie and Izzie, our only KS4 girls representatives, placing 12th and 4th in their races. A proud day for our PE team.

New Caterers

We are delighted to confirm that Aramark are our new school caterers

You can find the latest menus on the school website under parents/catering.

A hot or cold meal deal is £3.00, other prices can be found on the page above.

Allergen information for individual dishes can be found https://viewthe.menu/swrg, and all packaged food includes an allergen label and price.

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Social Kitchen co.

Future events and important dates

25.11.26 - Recital Evening 6.30pm
27.11.26 - Non Uniform whole school
30.11.26 - TD Day (school closed)
03.12.26 - Year 7 Christmas Disco
09.12.26 - Year 11 Mock Results Assembly
10.12.26 - Year 11 Parents' Evening 3.30pm - 6.30pm
14.12.26 - Christmas Concert 6.30pm
18.12.26 - Christmas Jumper/Non School Uniform
18.12.26 - End of Term students finish at 12.15pm
04.01.27 - Start of Term - students to arrive by 8.15am
14.01.27 - Y9 Parents/Carers Option Information Evening 5.30pm



With our continued thanks. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need any further information. Please be reminded that we have a 5 day response time.

Mrs Leigh-Bennett
Headteacher

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