



# Kingsthorpe College Newsletter

*Edition 164*



## Dear Parents

In what has been some very balmy October weather, we have had another very busy week at the College.

On Tuesday afternoon, Mr Wade and Miss Bennett set up our very first "Pop Up Cafe" at Kingsthorpe Library as one of our developments this year as we look to engage further with the local community. It was lovely to see a wide variety of people drop in for a chat - many of whom were parents of students currently at the school but also parents of past students. The response was overwhelmingly positive, and the discussions didn't just centre around the school but also the surrounding community. It was interesting to see that many of the conversations focused on the transport network in Kingsthorpe itself and the plans for the land at the University of Northampton next to the school. It was also good to

publicise the community events we hold, e.g. the Christmas Fayre and our regular Health Walks. We are looking to visit other local places in the very near future including Kingsthorpe Village Hall. If you have any further suggestions, then please don't hesitate to get in contact with Mr Wade.

We also marked the worldwide Mental Health Day this week with a wide variety of activities. Mr Smith delivered a thought provoking assembly to Year 10 on the support we have in place to help our students who struggle with their mental health on a daily basis. Miss Kinsman encouraged our students and staff to leave a positive message in her classroom which then acted as a support mechanism for some of our students who were able to take a message of support if it resonated with them.

It has been a very successful week for our football teams with our Year 7 and 9 football teams competing against Guilsborough school. Special mention goes to the Year 7 team who won 4-2 in their first ever game. On Friday congratulations went to our Year 11 football team who beat Northampton Academy on penalties in the County Cup. Mr Beck was thrilled, and the boys were an absolute credit to the school. We face Bishop Stopford in the next round...we wish our boys the very best of luck.

Thursday saw us open our doors to prospective students and parents for our Open Morning for prospective Year 6 students. This followed a very busy Open Evening the previous week and it was really nice to be able to show off our school in action! The feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive with parents commenting that they were "really impressed with all aspects of the school", that there were "fantastic opportunities" and that our student tour guides were "a credit to the school."

Next week looks set to be another busy one – particularly on Wednesday where we will be hosting our first ever Post 16 Business Breakfast. This event will see us welcome over 40 people from different industries and job roles who will meet with students to discuss future jobs and careers options. All Post 16 students have signed up to speak with 2 people each and will have 30 minute conversations over a continental breakfast. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students as we look to develop our

careers programme.

Later that same afternoon we welcome families of our most able students for a workshop led by one of our new Senior Strategic Leaders, Mr MacDonald, who will share our exciting programme for the coming year. It is very much our belief at the College that opportunities are available to all and whilst this particular evening is aimed at specific students and parents, plenty of the opportunities will be available to all.

A final reminder regarding our Year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday where parents and students will be able to meet with their subject teachers to review their progress. I can't stress enough just how important this evening is as we are fast approaching the trial exam season. We will also be holding a parents' revision workshop which will give you the opportunity to pick up some exam tips and strategies to help support your son/daughter through the exam season. You can book an appointment on line

at <https://kingsthorpecollege.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/>

I look forward to a successful final week of this halfterm.

Mrs Giovanelli  
**Headteacher**

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**The Everything Machine by  
Ally Kennan (BL: 4.5)**

Eleven year old Olly has a very special delivery - a 3D printing machine, stamped with PROPERTY OF M.O.D and BRITISH SPACE AGENCY. WARNING. DO NOT TAMPER, which has magical powers... It has a name, it speaks, and it can print anything Olly asks it to - a never-ending supply of sweets, a swimming pool in the shed - but what Olly really wants is... his dad, who has separated from his mum and moved out of the family home. Cue the creation of Dad-Bot - he looks just like Dad (on a good day) but is totally chaotic - and his antics tip Olly and co into a heart-racing and heart-warming adventure!



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## Our literacy challenge winner this week is:

- James Farrow 9H, Please come to the library to collect your prize.

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## The word of the week is...

**“Amiable”**

**Definition:** Having or displaying a friendly and pleasant manner.

*Try and use this word in a sentence this week. My sentence is:*

*The student had an amiable and warm personality.*



# Reading Hero of the Week – Louise White (Year 7)

This week we have seen so many of our students working really hard on the Accelerated Reader programme, so it has been especially difficult to choose our reading hero of the week. However, one student who really stood out this week was Louise White (Year 7). She has been taking quizzes in her own time and has achieved some amazing results. She has read a very impressive 6 books since the start of the year, and has already accumulated a word count of 511,020 words. Well done Louise, keep up the great work and we're sure you will make it to our 'Millionaires Club' by the end of this year.

We encourage parents and carers to check planners on pages 32 and 33. These pages contain information about what your child is reading, and they also have information about their star reading test scores. Please encourage wider reading at home - we recommend at least twenty minutes per day.

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We are really excited to announce that we have secured tickets for 30 of our Year 7 and 8 students to attend this year's Into Film Festival. This festival is supported by the British Film Institute and the National Schools Partnership. It is the world's largest free film and education event

for young people and its aim is to inspire the next generation of film makers. We will be taking selected students to Vue Cinema in Northampton on the 9th and 14th of November to watch some of this year's chosen films. Watch this space for more information.

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Shelf help is a scheme that has been running in public libraries across the country and here at KC, we wanted to give our students the opportunity to borrow the same book titles in this series. Shelf help is a brand new section in our school library dedicated to books that relate to mental health issues and wellbeing. It provides 13-18 year olds with a unique catalogue of 35 books recommended by health professionals. With 1 in 10 young people experiencing mental health issues, British teens are turning to books for support with anxiety, depression, eating disorders, mental health conditions and difficult life experiences.

There are also real health and wellbeing benefits to reading. Reading for pleasure has been linked to [a reduction in the symptoms of depression](#) and people who read books regularly are on average more satisfied with life, happier, and more likely to feel that [the things they do in life are worthwhile](#). (The Reading Agency, 2017)

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## World Mental Health Day 2018





Students and staff embraced World Mental Health Day 2018 by anonymously writing positive messages and leaving them on a specially designed display board. Anyone who needed a bit of strength or inspiration could then take a message from the board. Heads of Year have also delivered powerful messages through assemblies this week, and these have been followed up through additional tutor period activities. Staff wore items of yellow clothes to show their individual support and Mrs Ainscow's tutor group wore yellow flashes on their blazers.

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## Safety messages for children/families at Halloween and Bonfire Night

**Northamptonshire  
Safety matters**

Please click on the link below to read a copy of the Halloween and Bonfire Night edition of the Safety Matters newsletter produced by Northamptonshire Police and Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service. It contains some important safety messages on topics ranging from fireworks to considerations around trick or treating.



# Northamptonshire Safety matters

Working together to keep you safe  
Safety – Prevention – Protection

Bonfire and Halloween edition 2018



## Don't let fire be the fright this Halloween night!

We want people to have plenty of fun this Halloween, but staying safe when trick or treating, dressing up and using lit decorations is vital. Here are some of our dos and don'ts.



### Please do...

- Keep clear of all flames such as candles and lit pumpkins, which could cause costumes to catch fire or cause burns.
- Be careful how you dress on Halloween. Homemade costumes and some costumes bought in shops or from the internet can be flammable.
- Plan your trick or treat route beforehand. Only go to houses where you or your friends know the residents. Always go in groups.
- Be cautious about eating what people give you when out trick or treating. Check with an adult when you get home.
- Be visible – stay in areas that are well lit with street lights. Take a torch just in case.
- Leave the eggs and flour at home. Don't cause damage to property.
- Keep decorations away from all naked flames.



### Please don't...

- Wear masks that restrict your vision. You need to be able to see when crossing roads.
- Enter any house when trick or treating, stay on the doorstep.
- Go trick or treating without an adult. Never go alone.
- Knock on doors where you see a 'No trick or treat' sign.
- Use your costumes to genuinely frighten people – particularly those who may be elderly or vulnerable.
- Leave children alone with candles.
- Use real candles in lanterns and pumpkins, use battery operated lights.
- Make lanterns from plastic bottles/containers. This would be dangerous and could result in burns and cause a fire.





Some homes may display a 'no trick or treat' sign like this one. Please be respectful of those that do not want to have callers on Halloween. If you are going trick or treating, it is always best to go in a group, with an adult and only to houses where you know the residents.



**NO trick or  
treat callers  
please**

In an emergency call **999**  
For non-emergencies call **101**  
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## Stop, drop and roll

If the worst does happen and the clothing of either you or a friend catches fire, remember the phrase 'STOP, DROP and ROLL'.

**STOP** where you are. Don't run, it'll only make the fire worse. Protect your face.



**DROP** to the ground and lie down flat



**ROLL** over and over on the ground, with your arms above your head, until the flames are out.

Remember to practise **STOP-DROP-ROLL** so you don't panic if your clothes ever catch fire

## Give children a firework night to remember... ...not one they will want to forget.

- Sparklers burn furiously and are not suitable for children under the age of five
- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
- Always supervise children around fireworks
- Never throw fireworks or put them in your pocket
- Only buy fireworks which are CE marked
- Keep a bucket of water handy
- Make sure everyone stands clear of fireworks
- Never return to a lit firework
- Fireworks cannot be purchased by under 18s
- Light fireworks at arm's length, using a safety firework lighter or fuse wick
- Always read and follow fireworks instructions

## Don't let safety go up in smoke this Bonfire Night!

November 5 may be celebrated with fireworks, but bonfires also feature heavily in celebrations. Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service has put together some safety advice to help guide those planning to light their own bonfire.

### Bonfire safety tips:

- Position a bonfire away from sheds, fences and trees.
- Before lighting a bonfire, check the structure is sound and does not have small children or animals hiding inside it.
- Never use petrol or paraffin to light a fire. A safer way to light it is to use paper and solid firelighters in two or three places to ensure an even burn.
- Never burn dangerous rubbish such as foam-filled furniture, rubber, aerosols, tins of paint, pressurised gas cylinders, tyres and bottles.
- Materials producing light ash which could blow about, such as corrugated cardboard, are unsuitable for burning.
- Have one person responsible for lighting the fire. That person, and any helpers, should wear suitable clothing such as a substantial outer garment made of wool or other low flammable material and strong boots or shoes.
- Remember to 'stop, drop and roll' if clothing catches fire. Have a fire blanket ready in the bonfire area.

To find out more about firework legislation, please see [www.gov.uk/fireworks-the-law](http://www.gov.uk/fireworks-the-law)

Everyone at Northamptonshire Police and Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service wishes you a happy Halloween and Bonfire Night. Stay safe!



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**Safety**

**Prevention**

**Protection**

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FUNDRAISING FOR  
MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT  
& TO SUPPORT MRS LOYNES

MONDAY 15TH - FRIDAY 19TH OCTOBER



## BAKE SALE

Wednesday 17th October

Student bake sale - MFL  
Staff bake sale - Reception  
Please bring donations to the  
main reception (staff) / library (students)  
by Wednesday morning.

50% proceeds to  
**WE ARE  
MACMILLAN.**  
CANCER SUPPORT

## NON-UNIFORM DAY

Friday 19th October

Wear something green  
to show your support.

£1

## MR BARON BRAVES THE SHAVE!

Thursday 18th October

Sponsor Mr Baron to shave his head to raise  
money for a specialist chair for Mrs Loynes.  
The person that sponsors the  
most will get to shave half his head!



## RAFFLE

Tickets on sale all week.  
Raffle will be drawn on  
Friday 19th October

Please bring  
donations to  
reprographics



## MRS LOYNES

Mrs Loynes has worked at KC for 10 years, the last 7 years in the role of Finance Officer. In 2017 she was diagnosed with cancer. Treatment followed very quickly and with the help of chemotherapy we were optimistic of her return to KC, but sadly the cancer returned. This time the doctors recommended amputation mid-thigh. Unbelievably within days of the surgery Mrs Loynes was up and about! Sadly the cancer returned once again which meant more chemotherapy, which she is still undergoing.

The cancer is now life limiting but Mrs Loynes continues to be an inspiration to us all and is fighting it with all her strength. Mobility is a major issue for her so we would like to raise money towards a special chair for her home that will lift her to a standing position which will greatly improve her quality of life and independence.





## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Thursday 18th October** - Year 11 Parents Evening / Year 11 & 13 Revision Session
- **Friday 19th October** – School Closes
- **Monday 29th October** – School Opens
- **Thursday 15th November** - Year 9 parents evening
- **Thursday 29th November** - Post 16 Open Evening
- **Monday 10th December** - Year 11 Options Meetings
- **Thursday 13th December** - Year 12/13 Parents Evening
- **Friday 21st December** – School Closes

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