



The King's CE School

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Newsletter 23 Friday 12th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been immensely tough for everyone in school following the news of the tragic loss of one of our Year 11 pupils, Samuel Owura-Bonna. As a school community we have come together, united in our shock and grief, to support one another. Our pupils and staff have been amazing, providing support for one another and, as is so often the case, putting the needs of others before their own.

As a school community we have prayed together this week for Samuel and his friends and family and this has brought comfort to many of us. In addition to this we have received many messages of sympathy and offers of support from you as parents and from organisations across the region including the City Council, The Lichfield Diocese and the Department for Education. We received a message from Bishop Clive, the Bishop of Wolverhampton, who stated that both he and the Bishop of Lichfield, Bishop Michael, are holding us all at The King's in their thoughts and prayers. The educational psychologist team from Wolverhampton City Council and representatives from All Nations Church and Engage Trust were in school this week to offer support and remain available as a service of support, over the coming weeks.

Yesterday I delivered many bouquets of flowers, cards and photographs that had been brought into school by Year 11 pupils and staff, to Samuel's family and was able to let them know how much we are thinking of them and praying for them. Over the coming weeks we will find other ways to remember Samuel, to celebrate his life and to treasure our memories of him. In the meantime, we are all here at The King's to offer support in any way we can to all members of our school community and would remind everyone of the support that is available to everyone, both during school time and out of school hours:

- Chat Health - Text a school nurse 07507 332 631
- Online counselling service - www.kooth.com
- Mind - <https://www.mind.org.uk/>
- Cruse - <https://www.cruse.org.uk/>
- If you feel that your child would benefit from further support please contact Pastoral and Safeguarding team.

The email addresses are:

- ◊ Mr Sutton (Vice Principal) – p.sutton@kingswolverhampton.co.uk
- ◊ Mrs Kaur (Head of Year 11) – n.kaur@kingswolverhampton.co.uk
- ◊ Ms Taylor-Cartwright (Head of Year 10) – k.taylor@kingswolverhampton.co.uk
- ◊ Mr Gain (Head of Year 9) – l.gain@kingswolverhampton.co.uk
- ◊ Mrs Douglas (Head of Year 7 & 8) – s.douglas@kingswolverhampton.co.uk
- ◊ Mrs Badger (Safeguarding Lead) – s.badger1@kingswolverhampton.co.uk
- Your child can also access the Wellbeing App via Class Charts

We continue to pray for Samuel's family and friends and I hold the whole school community in my prayers at this very difficult time.

Mr Ludlow

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British Science Week

The theme for this year's British Science Week is innovating for the future!

The events that have been planned for this week include:

- A 'Science in a shoe box' competition for KS3
- An innovation for the future poster competition open to all years
- A form Kahoot Quiz for all Year 9,10 and 11 to play as a form during form time when in school.

A sixth form led assembly on innovation!

All competition entries are to be submitted to Miss Mander in the Science Prep room .

Members of staff from the Science department have also been sharing their favourite Scientist with students.

Miss Dooley	Jane Goodall
Mrs McCabe	Roasalind Franklyn
Miss Mander	Marie Curie
Mr Allen	Ernest Rutherford
Dr Erb	Kiyoshi Mabuchi



Year 6 Parents Welcome Evening

On Thursday we held a welcome evening for our new Year 6 Parents.

This year we are excited about the number of applications we have received and it was wonderful to meet so many Parents virtually and to introduce staff .

It was really special to share our vision and values, our growing community, and to see the smiling faces of our new intake on the screen!

Exciting times ahead!



Welcome Back Message from Mr Shoukat

King's Drama students have been working extremely hard, during remote Drama lessons, since lockdown began. Students have been taking part in LIVE remote lessons via Microsoft Teams, where they have been focusing on their use of voice to communicate meaning and character. We have had some excellent vocal performances from our students. We have even had students creating advertisements and episodes of their very own Soap Operas.

It can be very difficult to act and perform as a group when you can not physically be with, or see, one another. It has been amazing to witness our students overcome these obstacles and **aspire** to be the best they can be, **believe** in themselves, and each other, and **achieve** amazing things together. Mr Shoukat is so, so proud of you all and is looking forward to welcoming you back to the Drama Studio for some practical Drama.

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The Big Read

The World Book Day tokens are in school waiting to be shared with pupils when they return to school. Pupils can either swap their token for a free World Book Day book or use it to get £1 off any book or audiobook worth £2.99 or more!



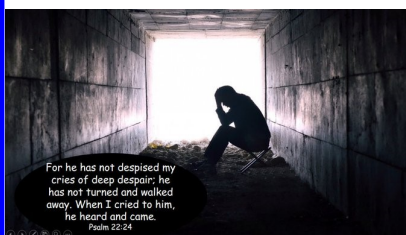
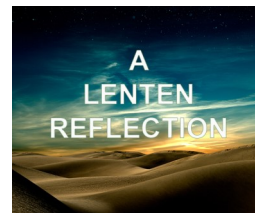
In recognition of International Women's Day on Monday, Amanda Gorman recites her poem - [The Hill we Climb](#).

To celebrate British Science Week, here is an extract from [Frankenstein](#), the moment that the monster is brought to life!

Lent Reflection Week

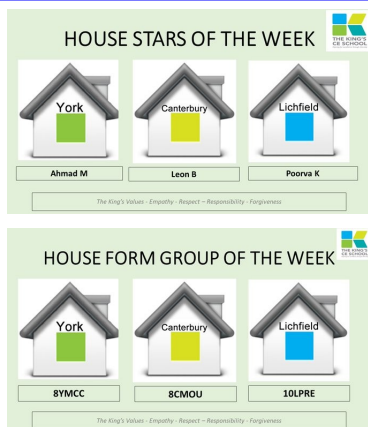
You are warmly invited to join us for a weekly Lenten Reflection.

In [Week 3](#) we reflect on the story of Jesus meeting a Samaritan woman at the well.



Who can we encourage this week?

Well Done to our House Stars and Form Groups of the Week.



Join us in our green challenges this Lent. Here is our challenge for Week 3.



Lent Bags

We have received a lovely "thank you" from our friends at Engelberg House for whom our pupils made Lent Reflection bags.



Hello there.

I am Catrina one of the Activity and Event coordinator's at Engelberg care home.

On behalf of all our residents I would just like to thank you for the kind donation of 30 Lent bags. I apologise if you have not received a Thank you from us earlier only I have been off work with this dreaded virus for some time and I am now trying to catch up with things.

Lateral Flow Tests

Well done to all the pupils that have had a lateral flow test in school this week! The testing has gone really well and we are extremely proud of them.

As we all know, these tests are not the most pleasant to take, but the students have been absolutely brilliant and coped really well.

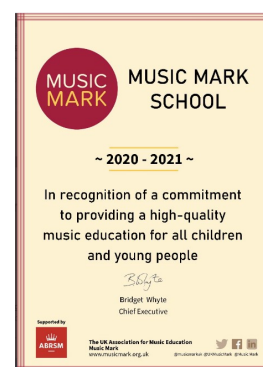
We are looking forward to welcoming **all** our students back into school on Monday for "live" lessons.

Music Award

Great News! We have been nominated by Wolverhampton Music Service to become a Music Mark school for the 2020/21 academic year.

If you would like further information about the music lessons we offer, please contact Mrs McAllister.

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From the Chaplain....

The covenant that God made on Mount Sinai with Moses, as representative of the Hebrew people, and which contained the Ten Commandments we have been reading this week, had many similarities with covenants or legal agreements made today. It was written in duplicate, on two tablets of stone (today we would simply print off two copies), and it began by defining the two parties concerned; God and God's people:

'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery'.

There is no doubt here about the relationship between the two parties. God is clearly in a position of power but his very definition of himself refers to his desire to bring freedom. God wants the very best for his people. And the rules which follow are not about enslaving the Hebrews in a life of guilt and penance, but are consistent with the one who offers freedom and fullness of life.

So what do these rules entail? As we have heard from colleagues in our staff meetings this week, they can be summarised by just two commandments, as Jesus did in Matthew 22. Firstly, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your mind', which includes giving ourselves a rest day, a day to stop rushing around and to just enjoy 'being' in God's presence. And secondly, 'Love your neighbour as yourself'; showing others the respect, dignity and empathy that we would like them to show us. Allowing them to be themselves, without judging them for not conforming to our own ways. Recognising them as beloved children of God.

Our return to school after remote learning sees us re-visiting and re-engaging with our own school routines and expectations. We recognise the importance of these structures in helping to create a sense of security and trust in which we can grow together. But we may also remember the debates Jesus had with those for whom the rules had become more important than kindness and humanity; such as those who berated Jesus for reaching out to heal the suffering on the Sabbath day (Mark 3, Luke 13). It has been a privilege this week to belong to a school where, at a time of great suffering, so much kindness and generosity has been shown and where the priority has been love and understanding. Our thoughts and prayers continue to go out to all those who are grieving the loss of their son, brother and friend Samuel.

May we all take the time to just 'be' over the weekend; that we might enjoy the freedom to be ourselves, to know we are deeply loved and to enjoy the company of those we most care about.

Next Week's Theme for Worship

Matthew 22: 34-40

The greatest commandment



At The King's CE School we believe that everyone is unique and created in God's image. We enable all to achieve their God-given potential; to grow, learn and aspire; to transform their lives and the lives of others and to journey in faith without limits within a unified, respectful and harmonious community.

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