

# Kingsbrook School Newsletter

Summer Term 2020

Welcome to the second edition of Kingsbrook School's Newsletter. As you will see we have had a very busy but lovely term. The students have worked very hard upon not just their school work, but, have made the school look a wonderful place, have raised money for charity and we have had the delight of poetry recitals to listen to as well as some guitar and ukulele playing.

Despite the Covid-19 restrictions and as a consequence not being able to attend our usual outdoor activities such as PACT, swimming or have our much looked forward to monthly visits from the miniature donkeys, we have kept incredibly busy. I would like to say a big thank you to all of our students who have demonstrated immense resilience to the changes we have had to make to their usual routines, not to mention adhering without resistance to the additional hand washing and infection control measures we have implemented within school. I am very proud of the students for their mature attitudes and unquestionable adherence to our hygiene routines; they are a credit to all the parents and carers whom I would also like to thank for your continued help and support of the school.

The 5<sup>th</sup> July took me to my first official year as Head of School at Kingsbrook. As we draw to the end of this academic year, looking back, what a year it has been! I have been writing my Head of School comments in the student's end of term reports and have taken the opportunity to reflect upon the student's past year. For every student I can see the progress they have made, not just academically but, socially, emotionally and behaviourally. I could burst with pride at the students we have now compared to September 2019 and I hope they too can recognise the amazing progress they have made.

I cannot wait for the new academic year to begin, but, before I finish writing; the wonderful year we have had and the progress the students have made, would not have been possible without the continued hard work, help and support of the whole team at Kingsbrook School. So, before I end, I am sending a big thank you to you all. For all the students and staff, please keep safe, rest and relax over the summer holiday, ready for another busy year at Kingsbrook School!

*Ursula*



Staff and Students have come together to enjoy lots of activities and celebrations over the summer term. Thank a Teacher day was a great success with, as you can imagine, lots of coffee and biscuits! Everyone embraced the spirit of VE day with students baking eggless cakes and enjoying the music of the time. We look forward to many more fun and interesting activities in the Autumn.

Paula, Courtney and Stephanie, our very own land girls and evacuee getting into the spirit of VE day.



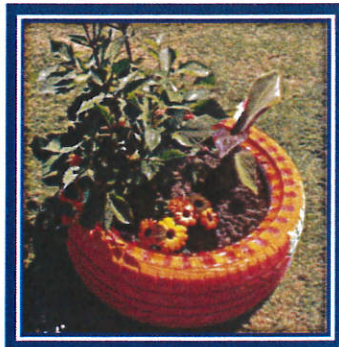


Despite all of the COVID-19 restrictions, it really has been a fantastic term with some wonderful achievements by our students; work enterprise projects, fundraising and improving the school environment to name just a few.



One of our students in Rhino group has been working hard on their car wash work experience enterprise and has so far raised a fantastic £53.47 that she donated to our friends at PACT animal sanctuary – A really fantastic effort, well done!

As part of their ASDAN Environment module, students were set the challenge of improving the school environment. We are now the very proud owners of some beautiful tyre planters and handmade wooden wind chimes that you will see in the school grounds. Rhino group did a brilliant job when they visited the garden centre and selected some beautiful plants for us all to enjoy.



Our beautiful tyre planters and just one of our wind chimes all designed and made by Rhino group.





Skodidi have been embracing their Expressive Arts module this term with lots of poetry, music and even a little Shakespeare! We had a beautiful poetry recital from a student and the corridors have been filled with some fabulous guitar and Ukulele playing.



Stephanie and Ursula enjoying the bake sale

One of the challenges set in the ASDAN Community module is to organise a fundraising event for a charity of your choice. It was fantastic to see all of the effort that one of our Rhino students put into their PJ day and Bake Sale event in aid of children in need. We had a wonderful day and raised a whopping £72.00 for Children in Need. This was only the first of our student-led events, there are many more to come - so watch this space!!!

## Dates for your Diary

We are hoping that as lockdown continues to ease we will be able to get back to all of our extra-curricular activities, we will of course, keep you posted with dates and times as things change and we are able to welcome visitors back and get out and about a bit more.

## Term Dates – Autumn 2020

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Summer Term ends

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Autumn Term begins

22<sup>nd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Autumn term ends