



DECEMBER

Y11 OCR KAYAKING TRIP

Our Year 11 Sports Studies students had a great day **Kayaking at Danson Park Adventures**. Fortunately, the lake was not frozen this time and the sun was shining. They had a great time developing their paddling skills and everyone had fun. Only one student fell in the drink but he will remain nameless!!!



For **Chemistry Week**, students got to grow their own crystals, making a foaming reaction called Elephant Toothpaste and even had a completion to see who could make the 'perfect pink' using phenolphthalein!



Another **The Old Vic Theatre visit**, this time the focus was lighting design based around their annual production of A Christmas Carol. Miss Barnes was blown away by the students' focus, engagement and creativity and cannot wait to take them to experience such a magical holiday performance.



We had our **first reading visit to Baugh House Care Centre**, organised for Y8s by Ms Howard, which went brilliantly. Our students and the residents thoroughly enjoyed the session, even when it was time to leave, they were still happily reading and/or having a conversation with them.



We set off in the early morning to have a look at one of London's great cultural gems - **the National Gallery**. Situated on Trafalgar Square, this icon of British Cultural achievement served as a magnet to the enquiring minds of KS3 Art. OK, the gallery had some stiff competition from the Donut vendors in the Christmas Market outside, however in the true spirit of discovery, Kemnal graced these halls of Artistic majesty, taking in stunning works from Rubens, Cezanne, Rubens, Vermeer, and Constable. Soaking in grace, style and elegance, the National Gallery learned a lot from us, and we from it, for example - what *écorché* and *chiaroscuro* are. Any ideas? Answers on a postcard, please.

Next stop the Saatchi Gallery in March 2024 - Modern Art, here we come! **Mr Metz**



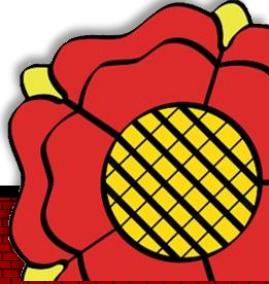
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This term during **Horticulture intervention**, the students have been working so hard to clear the pond. Today the students (and Site) cleared the last bit! Now the pond is cleared, we can work on draining the pond and putting in the new pond liner and pump that the Science Department has!





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CHRISTMAS BAKE-OFF

Christmas drawing closer could only mean one thing... it was **Christmas Bake-Off time!** The students all did really well, loving a chance to be festive & creative in the kitchen and get to show off their baking skills to our staff judges. Congratulations to the 3 winners for **Best Appearance – Layla Armitage (7), Best Taste – Alfie Short (7) and Best Effort – Shaniyah Miller, Zain Conteh & Razma Bary (10)!**



CHRISTMAS FAIR

We had **our second KTC Christmas Fair** on Friday. It was fantastic to see so many of our wonderful students having fun and making memories with their friends, participating in all the games and the big smiles on their faces when they won prizes! We raised over £1,000 which will go back into other school events and to making next year's Christmas Fair even bigger! Raffle tickets are still on sale until Wednesday 20th when we will pick the winning numbers.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On Thursday 19th the students put on their first live Christmas Concert in 4 years - and what a fabulous evening it was! We had solo piano from Rowza in Year 8, song and dance routines from the Musical Theatre group, some great singing from Sound Crowd, the Kemnal Choir, along with Miss Barnes's mini play, 'How the Teacher Stole Christmas'. All students who took part had a wonderful time, made all the more wonderful by the late addition to the programme by some 'old boys'- our Year 11's from 2020! Michael, Joseph and Feranmi performed 'Oh Holy Night' as they did during the last concert in 2019; a nod to the pre-COVID era and a poignant reminder of the musical legacy Kemnal has.



My thanks go to Harry Allart in Year 11 for his fabulous assistance with the music tech; to Mr Metz for his lighting; and to Miss Barnes for her continued support with the Performing Arts. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!
Mrs Dyer

RAFFLE WINNERS



Congratulations to all the winners from our Christmas Fair last week!

Guess The Name

- The Big Dog – Hilla Bostrom (8)
- Green Squashmellow – Jaiden Ocampo (10)

Raffle Winners

- Nerf Blaster – Mr Godden
- Hamper – Zacki Anglin-Ashmead (7)



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Ms Howard arranged a reward for a group of Y8 students, a **#KindnessMatters Christmas Bake**. Staff were asked to nominate any Y8 student they thought had shown a random act of kindness in their lesson or around the school this term, of those nominees, 25 names were chosen. Working together and with some festive Christmas headgear on, they baked and decorated some yummy cupcakes for the hour. The Tech corridor smelled delicious for a good while after they were done! Students also got the chance to nominate 2 members of staff that they believed showed them kindness for #KindnessMatters. Congratulations to the winners - **Miss Herbert and Ms O'Grady**.



As one of our winners of the Jack Petchey award, Hayden Bishop & a group Y10 students went on a **Laser Quest Trip** as his prize.

Rank	Name	Score
1	Hayden Bishop	840
2	...	780
3	...	750
4	...	690
5	...	657
6	...	640
7	...	438
8	...	401
9	...	351
10	...	327



Rank	Team	Score
1st BLUE	2540	2540
2nd RED	1225	1225
3rd PURPLE	535	535

Congratulations to the winners of a **Tech competition** Mrs Morris ran, to **design a Christmas Card!**

- ❖ Lena Zacharczuk (8)
- ❖ Bethany Murhpy (7)
- ❖ Holly Betts (7)
- ❖ Maria Nunes Da Cunha Costa (9)
- ❖ Riley James (7)



Over 40 residents of St Pauls Cray joined Bromley Mayor, Cllr Mike Botting on Friday 15 December 2023 to **plant a tree in memory of a much-loved local resident, John Eveson**. Following a four-month battle with pancreatic cancer, John sadly passed away on 20 December 2022, aged just 75 years old. He helped run the local resident's association, neighbourhood watch and was a school governor for two local primary schools for several decades. John's Wife, Sue Eveson, said: "The Hawthorne tree planted in Sevenoaks Way, marks the tremendous dedication that John showed his local community. Nothing was ever too much for him, if he was able to help somebody else, he would always try. "John was a real family man. He loved his four children and absolutely doted on his nine grandchildren. Losing him so quickly has left a gaping hole in our family – one that we will never be able to fill. "I'd like to thank our friends in the community for working with the council to ensure John has a lasting tribute in our local area. John cared deeply about the local environment and so this tree is very fitting for him. It also gives his friends, as well as us, another way to remember him, talk about him and reminisce the many funny moments we all had with him. We miss him terribly."

KEY DATES:

- ❖ **20th December** – Last Day of Term (Finishing at 12:30pm)
- ❖ **28th February** – Y8 Parents Evening
- ❖ **3rd January** – Start of Term 3 (All Years)
- ❖ **29th February** – Y9 DTP/MEN Vaccinations
- ❖ **8th February** – Y9 Parents Evening

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