



King's College Murcia Newsletter

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Message From **The Head**



HEAD'S WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a good week! It has been an excellent week here at school and it is very satisfying to see the students settling so well and enjoying their learning. It has also been good to meet so many of you face-to-face at the Back to School meetings this week. Thank you for your ongoing feedback.

Staff News

We are delighted that Mr Morter-Laing joined us yesterday from the UK. We are still waiting for Mr Staal who we hope will receive his visa soon. Both of these teachers are working in the Secondary department. Recruitment also for a school nurse is underway and I hope to have a nurse in place next week.

Building news

The Sixth Form Common Room is finished and we are waiting for the furniture to arrive. It looks really beautiful and we can't wait to use it. There is also a staffroom nearby and an office for Mrs O'Brien who will be able to be in contact with the students. The Sixth Form Common Room will be a supervised area where the oldest students can engage in independent study and prepare for their exams. There will be an area for relaxation during breaks and lunches only as we want our students to be successful and learn how to spend their time effectively.

Coffee Mornings

As many of you know I like to work closely with parents and this term we are going to try and meet face to face outside with face masks.

I will start my coffee mornings next week on
Wednesday 22nd with Pre-Nursery parents,
Thursday 23rd with Nursery parents

And Friday 24th with Reception parents at 9:15 at drop off. Please meet in front of the school reception area.

Absences

As always please inform us at murcia.info@kings.education before 9am of any absences. Holidays and extended trips have to have my approval please contact me directly in these cases. Dawn.akyurek@kings.education

Online learning

A reminder that permission has to be sought from me if you wish your child to use online learning at the school in case of illness or holiday.

Enjoy your weekend!

Dawn Akyürek
Headteacher

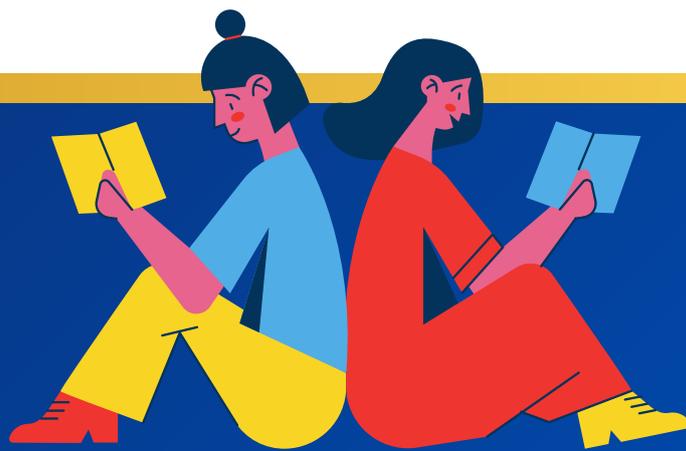




This week in Year 1

This week Year 1 have been reading the story Rosie's Walk. It is about a hen, Rosie, who takes a walk and manages to evade a hungry fox who wants to eat her! We have been exploring prepositional language such as: under, over, through, around and past. We ended the week by using a map of our school to find different locations. We had to decide whether to turn left or right. We then used the iPads to take photographs of the locations and shared them with our class mates. Great job, Year 1!

Miss Laura Kirlew





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Our singing sessions have started outside! After a year of very little singing in school, we are so excited to be able to get together and lift our voices a little. We are looking forward to sharing songs we learn with everyone and will start working towards our Christmas concerts very soon!

Year 5 and 6 have enjoyed composing in the Music room this week, using triple-time rhythms and the pentatonic scale to improvise a melody. Some beautiful collaborative music was made!

Our lunch time Choir club for Year 5 and 6 has started this week! We were very excited to be singing together again and have already chosen 4 of our favourite songs to work on as a choir over the coming weeks!

Years 8 and 9 have been excited to see our new theatre and visualise our upcoming Christmas show - The Greatest Showman! We have been getting to know the story and auditions were held for the main parts this week. What a talent we have in school - with so many amazing voices, it will be difficult to make a decision!



Some lunch time clubs have started this week. We are starting a KS3 Orchestra! This is open to any student in KS3 who plays a musical instrument. They need to bring their instrument into school on Thursdays for our rehearsals. We will be practicing towards a performance to show off our skills!

Lots of students have now started their piano, guitar and drum lessons in school, with some of them already working towards ABRSM exams. There is still space for more! If you would like your child to learn an instrument in school, please email Mrs Rumistrzewicz: louise.rumistrzewicz@kings.education.

Teaching will be one-on-one and payable termly. Each lesson will last 30 minutes and lessons will be on a rota basis, ensuring that children do not miss the same part of the same lesson each week.





Reception Yellow

This week in Reception Yellow class we have been adapting well to our new daily routines and exploring our interests during Children Initiated Learning times. We have introduced family group time where we discuss in small groups our feelings, thoughts and experiences. We have been working hard during our phonics sessions reviewing the sounds /m/, /a/, and /s/, practicing blending the sounds in short words to read them and writing the sounds in shaving foam and on the SMART board. We have been working collaboratively during our maths sessions, working on matching and sorting. We have particularly enjoyed sorting socks into groups and then matching them to create pairs and developing our fine motor skills to peg them up on the washing line. We have also been learning the Makaton signs for hello how are you? Happy, sad, please and thank you. We have also enjoyed creating a welcome rainbow and our own individual birthday cakes using a range of resources for our birthdays display board. We have worked so hard this week on writing our names and displaying them on our amazing work display board in our classroom. The children in Reception have been fantastic this week and they have been working so well together!

Miss Jo, Alison and Reception Yellow class.





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Wellbeing tips

Many teenagers bite their nails or pick on their skin. This is quite common and we want to help them get rid of these habits!

Keeping their nails short is one of the first things people usually try, and it can be helpful sometimes. If that is not enough to get them to stop, the next step is to find a healthier way to fidget that is not distracting, like spinner rings.

Spinner or fidget rings are normal rings that you wear on your fingers, except they have a middle piece that is mobile and can be spun (see pictures below). By wearing one of these rings, teenagers have the option to distract themselves with it when they feel the urge to bite their nails or pick on their skin. I encourage you to try getting your kid one of these if you think they could benefit from them.

That being said, if you feel like your kid is fidgeting a lot because they are stressed and you want us to help, please do not hesitate to contact me at my email: sinews.kcm@kings.education.

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School Counsellor



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