

## TRANSMISSION



AWESOME!!



On 20th and 21st of March our students performed in the entertaining production Transmission. The thrilling play gave us talented dancing, beautiful singing and great acting.

Transmission was all about technology and communication through time. It was unlike anything that Kings has done before because the teachers didn't write a script. This allowed them and the students to be very creative and all in all we came up with a very original play.

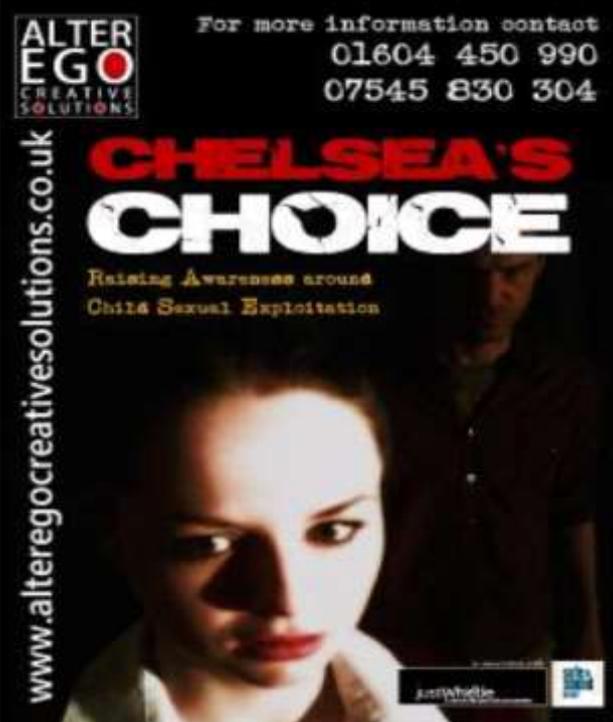
In this performance the audience got an insight into a couple dating in the 40s, a mother and son from the 80s and a modern teenager. There were also 3 observers who looked over everything that happened throughout the performance. They each had a different personality and a different way of looking at the events happening at the time. Transmission shows how, over time, we have become more and more dependent on our phones and that we always end up going back to them.

But most of all Transmission was a lot of fun! Everyone became so close throughout the whole process and even after the rescheduling of the show due to the snow, the enthusiasm from everyone remained. A big thank you to all the cast and musicians that performed in Transmission. Also, thank you to the terrific tech crew and Miss Nelson, Mr Wickenden and Mrs Goddard for giving up so much free time for the enjoyment of the students. A separate thank you goes to Mr Lingwood for installing and providing the set! Thank you Performing Arts for never disappointing us!



By Amelia Maple and Emma Jolliffe

## CHELSEA'S CHOICE



In February the production company AlterEgo performed a powerful play called 'Chelsea's Choice' to Year 8 students with Years 9,10,11 having previously seen the production.

AlterEgo's 'Chelsea's Choice' is an innovative and powerful Production, highlighting the serious and emotional issue of child sexual exploitation. The production focusses on how young people can be groomed by adults for the purposes of sexual exploitation using various methods.

Students, along with staff, found the production very educational. The students were able to grasp the seriousness of this despicable crime and we hope it has raised their awareness of the issues reaching young people, giving them the skills and knowledge to be able to protect themselves and their friends from this type of abuse.

The topic of CSE had also been discussed prior to the production during PSHE lessons with their tutors.

## ARMY STEM DAY: ENGINEERING TRIP

On 8th February, a group of students from Years 9 and 10 took part in a trip to the Hawley Lake Army Base. It was part of the military's campaign for the Year of Engineering. The 'Year of Engineering' is a combined Government and industry led multi-agency campaign. It aims to inspire the next generation of engineers and encourage more school pupils and students into exciting and challenging engineering professions by raising awareness and understanding among young people of what engineers do. As part of this, the Army showcased its engineering and technical expertise, capabilities and opportunities

The day was hosted by British Arm Divisions including The Royal Engineers, The Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, The Royal Corps of Signals and The Royal Logistic Corps.

The students took part in many engineering based activities designed to inform and inspire. The different groups built a military infantry bridge building a mobile bridge across a chasm, got first hand experience of the cutting edge bomb disposal robot, learnt how the army maintains the quality of fuel and used military radio signals.

The day was a fun and exhilarating experience which also showed the opportunities that exist in the army for a career in engineering. A few of our students made it onto the campaign video.

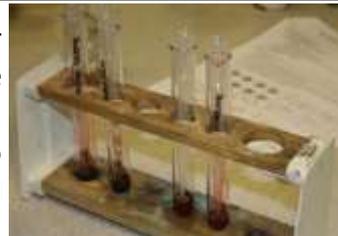
Lucy Briggs



## Celebrating British Science Week 2018



Year 7 students took on a Forensics challenge to discover who was responsible for the 'body' found in the laboratory. They used a range of analytical techniques, from chromatography to DNA analysis, to discover who the 'murderer' was. Blood samples were investigated and used to gather the evidence against the suspect.



Year 8 students used their creativity and problem-solving skills to take on the Engineering challenge. They designed



and built balloon-powered cars to race against each other in a Formula 1 style contest.



Year 9 students took on the Fluor challenge and designed their very own 'catapults'. They had to construct these ball launchers using a limited range of materials and with the strict instruction that they could only use a single finger for propulsion.



Winners in each class were awarded a prize for making their ball go the furthest!

Year 10 students competed in the Biology Online Challenge, a National test of GCSE knowledge and understanding of recent news and events in the biological world. Results will be out in a few weeks, so watch this space for updates. They also got creative in the lab, using flame tests and precipitation reactions to identify unknown substances.



Assemblies this week followed a Science theme and students were treated to a "sublime" display of solid carbon dioxide in water. The solid CO<sub>2</sub> 'boils' in water turning directly into a gas.

Universal indicator starts off green and turns orange as the carbon dioxide dissolves in the water.



Well done to all the students that took part; and many thanks to Alex Evans-Holmes, our KS3 Science Learning Ambassador, Science club members, students from 7ACH and all the teachers and technicians for their support



# BERLIN

Over the February half term, 40 students travelled to Berlin, Germany. The trip was filled with lots of laughs but it was also quite emotional. Students visited a concentration camp called Sachsenhausen where they saw first hand where Jewish people and other people disliked by the Nazis were transported. Students also visited the Jewish Museum. This was a particularly moving experience. Not only does it contain family possessions and poignant letters, it also included sensory rooms and sculptures that were particularly effective and thought provoking. On a walking tour, we visited Checkpoint Charlie, the crossing between the East and the West and admired the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe with its 2,711 concrete slabs designed by Peter Eisenmann. We visited the Topography of Terror and the car park that is the site of Hitler's bunker. The house at Wannasee was another interesting location as it was here that senior Nazi officials decided on The Final Solution in a forty-five minute meeting. This really gave us an understanding of what being a Jewish person was like under the power of the Nazis.

The next stop was the Reichstag. We not only gained a lot of history from this magnificent building but we also gained an incredible view of the city of Berlin.

This trip was so educational and it was quite an eye opener. We got to move around the streets of Berlin and take the public transport as well. We also got some lovely photos, courtesy of Mr Meek! Thank you to Mr Davies, Mr Meek, Miss Hatch and Miss Beattie for planning this trip and giving up your free time.

Amelia Maple



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One of the many highlights of the trip was our visit to the stadium built for the 1936 Summer Olympics at which Hitler thought his Aryan athletes would outshine all other athletes. When the games opened there was no global awareness of the Sachsenhausen concentration camp ( pictured below) which opened the previous day. The games were a propaganda victory despite the four gold medals won by the black American athlete, Jesse Owens.

The group photograph is taken in front of the Olympic Flame and the bell is also another important symbol of the games. It bears the only two swastikas that are openly on display in the city.

The oak tree by the entrance is the last one of those removed to make way for the building of the stadium. Every winning athlete was given an oak tree seedling along with their medals. Just over 20 still remain alive around the world.

The pictures below are of Sachsenhausen—we will leave them to speak for themselves.



## SACHSENHAUSEN



# Carnegie Book Club

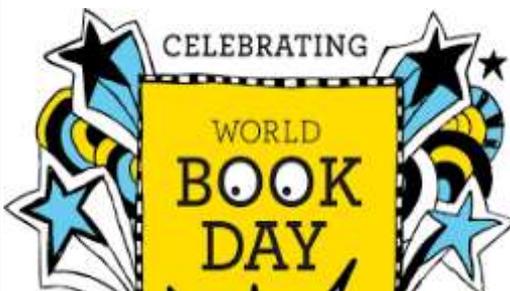
## Attendance at the First Kings Carnegie Book Club Meeting was Overwhelming

The Kings Carnegie Book Club is the next initiative to be launched under the Operation Read umbrella. At Kings we greatly value reading, not only as a source of pleasure, but also as life skill which has been shown to have a strong correlation with academic success. Over 40 students from Year 7 – Year 9, who are passionate about reading and have demonstrated high levels of reading comprehension, have joined the Kings Carnegie Book Club which met for the first time last week. The aim of the Club is to nurture this love of reading through the discussion and comparison of interpretations and opinions of the chosen books and to gain a better understanding of these books through the communal analysis of characters, themes, setting, plot and background.

The CILIP Carnegie Medal is one of the UK's oldest and most prestigious children's book award and is awarded by children's librarians for an outstanding book written in English for young people. Since its inception over 80 years ago, it has become one of the main national reading for pleasure initiatives and engages young people from all over the country in reading the books. We have chosen several titles from the Carnegie Award longlist and will be reading these over the course of the next 3 months. Participating students will come together every Wednesday lunchtime in the LRC where the books will be discussed and ultimately vote on the book they would most like to see awarded the Gold Carnegie Medal for 2018. The Carnegie Medal winner is announced on 18<sup>th</sup> June – will Kings' students agree with their decision?



## World Book Day

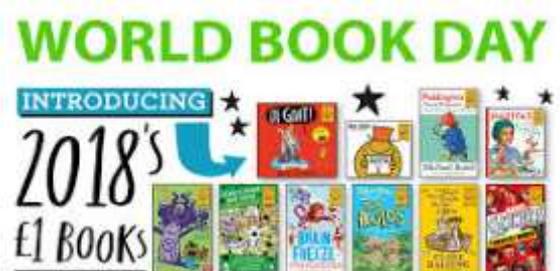


Once again a large number of activities were organised by Ms Phillips to celebrate World Book Day. Although the original day had to be postponed due to the inclement weather. It was hastily rearranged and was hugely successful.

Students were able to bring in old books and trade them with others in a Book Swap. There were also books on sale for just 50p. Bespoke bookmarks were also available with students able to choose a design and a charm to be attached by Miss Bavin's nimble fingers.

Entries were welcome for a proverb quiz and a scavenger hunt around the school. There were also prizes up for grabs.

World Book Day vouchers were given to students in their English Lessons either to be used in local bookshops or ordering from the Scholastic Teen Club through the LRC. Orders not yet made must be placed by 23rd April using the leaflets in the LRC.



# SPORTS NEWS



In a previous issue, we told you how Kings' students were asked to officiate at the Surrey County Boccia Championships. The pictures above show our students receiving their final briefing, carefully measuring the game and finally celebrating a successful tournament. A huge well done to all involved!



More of our students provided an excellent days badminton coaching for local primary students. Tola can be seen giving individual coaching whilst Rachel high fives successful participants. All our sports leaders are providing excellent work within the community.

## Trampolining interhouse results

1st Ellie Warr (Windsor)  
2nd Ella Hollingworth (Windsor)  
3rd Abigail Hughes (Lancaster)

## Gymnastics interhouse results

1st Phoebe Hall (Lancaster)  
2nd Gracie Hall (Lancaster)  
3rd Nathaniel Light (Mercia)

# SPORT RELIEF

Students have been running the mile as part of Sports Relief in their PE lessons this week. Unfortunately some in year 7 & 8 missed out due to the bad weather conditions. However on Wednesday 21st March the other 61 students in year 7 collectively ran 127 miles. 37 year 11 students ran a combined total of 68 miles, with a couple of boys achieving 4 miles each. On Thursday 9SJA and 9NJO went into the lead with 128 miles collectively. This was brilliant considering they had less students than the year 8 classes. Huge efforts were put in by Josh Underdown and Alicia Davies to name just two. Friday 23rd saw all of year 10 run during period 1, 9ABR and 9CDI performed period 3. While the remainder of year 11 walked/ran during period 5.

In addition, Ms Digby organised another successful cake sale and there was a Beat the Keeper Competition



**GRAND TOTAL RAISED : £851.39**

**WELL DONE TO ALL!**



## Kings Parents Association Quiz Night

The Quiz Night will now take place on Friday 27th April 2018 starting at 7pm in the Cyber Cafe and will raise money for further projects around the College.

There can be up to 6 adults per team, but there is no limit on the number of children in a team. The cost of entry is £10 per person, including a chip supper. A smaller child's portion is also available for £5. Payment is to be made via Parentpay.com. For your convenience, a quick link to the ParentPay login is now available on the Kings website. If you do not have a ParentPay account please contact Ms Phillips via email at [j.phillips@kings-international.co.uk](mailto:j.phillips@kings-international.co.uk) or phone 01276 683539 ext. 240. If you have already returned your order form and made payment via ParentPay and can make the revised date, you don't need to do anything. If you are unable to make the new date and require a refund, or wish to amend your order as a result of the change in date, please contact: [j.phillips@kings-international.co.uk](mailto:j.phillips@kings-international.co.uk).

Last year's event was a huge success, raising money for new resources for the LRC and the PE and Arts Departments; so please get your money and team sheets in as soon as possible. We will again include student/child friendly rounds, as well as normal quiz rounds, so that everyone can fully participate. The drinks bar will be available again, where wine and beer/lager can be purchased, as well as a selection of soft drinks and sweets (cash only). The event is open to families, students, adults and staff. To get involved, simply make your payment via Parentpay.com and then complete the form below and return to the Red Box in Student Reception by Friday 20th April.

Could you help raise some extra funds for Kings? On previous years, this event has been supported by matched funding through one of our parents' employers, but that link is unfortunately no longer available. If your company would be willing to support Kings in this way, please contact me; [l.welmers@kings-international.co.uk](mailto:l.welmers@kings-international.co.uk)

## MAISIE'S GOLDEN HAUL



Year 7 student, Maisie Savage had the most amazing half term. Not content to sit around, she competed in two dance festivals over the seven days. At the end of it she came away with the most spectacular haul of medals:

- ◆ 3 individual gold medals.
- ◆ 2 individual silver medals.
- ◆ 2 individual bronze medals.
- ◆ Numerous group gold awards.
- ◆ 2 group cups.

Maisie practises every night of the week for up to four hours each evening and it is clear that her determination and hard work has paid off.

The school would like to congratulate Maisie on her remarkable achievement and we look forward to even greater things in the future.



## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

Although it has been a short half term it has been a busy one. It was a delight to welcome Year 6 students to start their journey as part of the Kings community during British Science Week. We are thrilled that over 150 local students have been offered places at Kings for September 2018 and for the first time the transition into secondary school started for them just 10 days after national offer day. Students, ably supported by some of our learning ambassadors, experienced their first of many Science lessons including an introduction to chromatography and “making a gold coin”.

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March I had the pleasure of watching 13 boys from Years 7-10 dance at the Rhoda McGraw Theatre Woking as part of the Dance Woking, Boys Only Platform. The students had learnt the routine over just four after school sessions. The performance took inspiration from the movement and quality of James Wilton’s Leviathan focusing on waves and circular patterns and was choreographed by Steve Johnson. The boys gave an extremely professional performance. Thank you to Mrs Batley and Miss Nelson for their time in giving the students this opportunity.

It has been a tricky half term with some difficult snowy weather to cope with and I thank parents for their understanding when we have had to close the school or had a late start. It was a pleasure therefore when we finally managed to watch our annual production “Transmission”. I was immensely proud of all the young people and staff involved in the production which highlighted the dependency on social media. With a fantastic musical score that gave us music from the last 70 years it combined both humour and thought provoking moments. The students were incredibly professional, and the performance was smooth from start to finish.

At Kings we encourage students to recognise that they can support individuals through raising money for charity. The recent Sports relief day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March raised a fantastic £851.39! For the following term House councils have been asked to nominate a charity for the school to raise money for over the next year. I am pleased to announce that the following charities will be supported by events in school; Lancaster House - Marie Curie, Mercia house - Water Aid, and Windsor House - Frimley Health Charity.

I look forward to a busy Summer term and I hope that students will feel well rested after their Easter break.

With best wishes,

Jo Luhman

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| Dates for your diary | College closes at 1.05pm for the Easter Holidays | - | Thursday 29th March                  |
|                      | Spring term begins                               | - | Monday 16th April                    |
|                      | Year 8 exams                                     | - | Monday 16th-Friday 20th April        |
|                      | Year 8 & 9 HPV immunisations                     | - | Wednesday 18th April                 |
|                      | GCSE examinations                                | - | Monday 7th May - Wednesday 27th June |
|                      | Half Term  | - | Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June    |
|                      | Year 10 exams                                    | - | Monday 18th-Friday 22nd June         |
|                      | ‘Posh Togs’ Year 11                              | - | Monday 25th June                     |
|                      | Sports Day                                       | - | Thursday 5th July                    |
|                      | INSET  | - | Friday 6th July                      |
|                      | College closes at 1.05pm for the Summer Holidays | - | Friday 20th July                     |

If you are interested in becoming part of our growing and enthusiastic Parents’ Association, please contact Mrs Welmers:

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