



## KING'S GOES GREEN

### Green Day

On the 20th September, King's School Rochester celebrated their first Green Day. All Prep School pupils got to wear something green to school. This was to help raise awareness for sustainability. As a school we were awarded the Eco Schools Award over the summer, thanks to the hard work of Mr Rivers, Mr Wilton and Mr Medhurst and all the work conducted by the Eco Council. The King's School is now proud owners of beehives, The Satis Stingers! Bees are incredibly important for pollination, helping to provide food for us all. Also, the school is looking into alternative power sources, including solar panels on the swimming pool.

During Green Day, all pupils in the Prep School took part in a variety of fun and engaging activities including writing green pledges on leaves, writing sustainable themed stories and even designing green superheroes!

It was a fantastic day raising awareness for the climate crisis, thinking of positive ways we can help ensure we all have a bright and green future.

*By Emily T. 7M*



*Pupils wearing green and some of our green pledges to commemorate Green Day*

### Plastics Challenge

On the first week back after the half-term, Year 7 students at Kings joined a Plastics Challenge to find ways to reduce plastic pollution. They worked in groups and researched the issue.

One student, Roman shared, "It helped me learn a lot about what people were going through, how they were living, and it made me become much more aware of my surroundings." He also learned that reducing plastic use is important for a healthier future and that every small action matters. The students came up with ideas like biodegradable packaging and community cleanups. The project taught them teamwork, creativity, and that small actions can make a big difference.

Year 7 and 8 students also heard from local expert, Medway Councillor Mr Simon Curry. Mr Curry spoke about climate change - the endlessly talked about subject that consumes the earth with a frightful thinking for a future. He showed students a future for younger people making a change in the world to create new ways of thinking to better the future.

*By Anaya S. 7R and Janelle D. 8W*

## Year 7 visit

### Cobnor

Year 7 went on an incredible bonding trip to Cobnor at the start of term 1.

This was a great opportunity for the new pupils to bond with the other pupils.

There were lots of fun teambuilding activities such as paddling, sailing and orienteering.

"I enjoyed the sailing as I had never sailed before and it was really fun!" - Roman, 7R

"I enjoyed sitting by the campfire after a long and busy day, roasting marshmallows and chatting with friends. Especially as the fire was so warm." - Anaya, 7R

This reporter believes that the next year 7s will also have a fabulous time and as much fun as we did.

*By Emily T. 7M*



*Rowing and sailing at Cobnor*

## Orchestra Day

On September the 5th in week 5 of Michaelmas term, King's hosted Orchestra Day in the School Hall. In this event, 78 pupils and 19 teachers from 7 different schools (including King's) met to play music together and have fun whilst doing it. The Orchestra consisted of almost every orchestral instrument.

Starting in the morning, we completed an orchestral warm up, played through Edvard Grieg's 'In the Hall of the Mountain King' and the Ghostbusters theme by Ray Parker Jr. Afterwards, we had a short break and split into groups for sectional rehearsals. Later, we had a delicious lunch followed by more group rehearsals before an open rehearsal, which parents were invited to.

The day was a huge success, and as someone who experienced it, I hope for many more to come!

*By Gabby O. 8W*

## Wally Hall Race

This term, the Year 7A and 8A girls team represented Kings against Walthamstow Hall (Wally Hall) for a nail-biting swimming race on Wednesday 16th October.

The competition featured a mix of individual and relay events across various swimming strokes, including freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, and butterfly.

The teams had a very successful afternoon, with swimmers pushing their limits by showing their impressive skills.

The girls that participated in the race were: Anaya S., Safia C., Jessica R., Nikoletta P., Muriah U., Evie H., Leona S., Emma H., Matilda H., Millie P., Isla S.

*By Anaya S. 7R*

## Languages & Culture Week



As we all know, Languages and Culture Week 2024 went off with a bang with loads of fun and cultural outfits from everyone's different cultures - this was very enriching to see. Nearly everyone had a lovely bright outfit representing their unique culture, whether they were a quarter Australian or just from England. What I really thought made it even more interesting was seeing where all your friends and best mates come from and getting to find out more about their backgrounds. The most important thing for me was that as a community we all got to come together as one and celebrate our differences!

*By Karyn K. 8WM*





## Cross Country

On 13th of November, a team of 23 students from Years 5 to 8 took part in a challenging cross-country competition at Cobham Hall.

The event was a great success, with all participants giving their absolute best on a tough course. We are thrilled to report that a number of our pupils finished in the top 10, a fantastic achievement considering each race featured over 120 runners!

Top 10 places included: Millie P. 9th, Nicky S. 7th, Oscar M. 6th, Annabelle G. 7th and Deborah L. achieving an amazing 3rd! The U13 boys team also managed to achieve a silver medal position. We are extremely proud of all the pupils who participated, as they truly represented the school with distinction. I must also say, we all thoroughly enjoyed the snacks that were provided afterward. Thanks to the outstanding performance of the U13 team, we have been given the opportunity to take part in the prestigious Knole Park run!

*By Anaya S. 7R*

## Book Fair

The Prep school Book Fair is an opportunity for pupils to get their desired books to promote reading for pleasure. It was arranged last week from the 28th-29th November.

The Book Fair was arranged by Mrs Rivers with our bookseller Rosie Hill, who brings many different titles, both fiction and non-fiction for the pupils to browse. Also included were many books which pupils had requested through a Google Form organised by the year 8 librarians. The money parents pay towards buying books from the book fair allows King's to buy more books for our amazing library, giving us new recent releases, popular and more creative books to read.

*By Sherbano T. 7M*



## Sports update

Hello, Pupils of Kings, I am your new sports guide, Faven F. and we have had a lot of sports' events, so let's get straight into it.

First, we had a boys under-nine football fixture against Ashford Prep School (Teams A and B ONLY) on the 7th of October 2024. Next, we had a girls

under-nine hockey fixture against Ashford Prep School on the 7th of October 2024 (Teams A and B ONLY). Following that, there were another two fixtures, one for boys under thirteen football against Bethany school on the 9th of October 2024 (All teams).

Here are some of our results this term:

Against Ashford prep school (boys u9 A and B):

A: won 3-1

B: lost 11-1

Against Ashford (girls under 9 hockey)

A: lost 4-1

B: drew 0-0

Against Bethany school (under 13 boys)

A: won 6-0

B: won 3-1

C: lost 4-1

D: won 3-0

Against St Edmunds (Girls under 11)

A: lost 2-0

B: won 1-0

I interviewed some pupils about what they thought about sport at King's. This is what they said.

"I think King's sport is very good for athletic people and helps us learn in different ways"

"I like KSR sport, however, there is too much rugby"

"Sports here is really good"

Thank you for your time and patience in sports!

*By Faven F. 8W*

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In England, the month of October is devoted to Black History Month, meant to uplift and speak out about black history and experiences. Our theme this year was 'Reclaiming narratives'.

This year, we held the Black History Month Competition. where we had an abundance of entries. Some of the entries that really stood out were: the winning

entry - a poem, a poem titled 'WE RISE' by Ebi T. 7R and the runner-up - an art entry by Kira Y. 5W. We thank everyone who took part  
*By Farah K. 8W and Maci W. 8E.*

WE RISE - by Ebi T. 7R

1st

We rise like flowers from the ground,  
From fields where voices made a sound.  
Our ancestors, strong and brave,  
Worked so hard for the dreams they gave.

They marched and fought to make things right,  
Through every storm, through every night.  
With every step and every try,  
They said, "Keep going, reach the sky!"

From songs of hope to dreams of peace,  
They showed us love that will not cease.  
And though some days were full of pain,  
They taught us we can break the chain.

From streets of hope to mountain tops,  
We keep on going, we never stop.  
We honour all who came before,  
Their strength has opened every door.

For Black is bright like stars that shine,  
Full of dreams that are yours and mine.  
We rise, we smile, we stand so tall,  
With kindness, hope, and love for all.

So lift your voice, sing loud and clear,  
For Black History's always here.  
It's in the past, the future too,  
It lives in me, it lives in you.  
We rise, we rise, strong and proud,

In every heart, we're shouting loud.  
For Black is beauty, bold and true -  
We rise, we rise, me and you!

2nd

