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WELCOME TO KINGSWORTH NEWS

Dear Parents,

It's newsletter time again! I thought I would talk her text last night – I went to the theatre with my year 13 and year 12 students to watch a play called *Le Temps se Fige* (Frozen Time, I think would be a decent translation?). We all enjoyed it very much. It was Hollywoodian in scope with a text that was not primordial as it was very much a mix of mime, clowning and physical theatre, following a theme that as far as I understood was dealing with the loss of innocence as we "grow up" in the world. Only got me to thinking, why is it that I like it so much. As I came up with a variety of reasons. Firstly there is no way you could ever see anything like that on the television or on the big silver screen. The power of imagination and the flight of fancy rules. Then of course you have to actually get up out of your chair, leave the house and go to the theatre. You find yourself in an audience sharing a moment that will never be shared again and it is something that I like to think of as the magic of theatre. Then there is the audience actor engagement where in many ways we are like children pretending that I'm watching someone and something "real". Finally, what I particularly like in theatre is the fact that it is a debating chamber. We may not always agree with the ideas that are being thrown out at us but we have to engage with them and coming out of the theatre we have to reflect upon what we have seen and argue – even if it is with our own self – why.

So why am I talking about theatre? Because it reminds me of what good education is all about –

engagements, the spelling mode WOW factor and hopefully always learning something new. In the theatre where we were last night they had some expressions up (and I don't know for what reason) but one of them that attracted me particularly was a Japanese expression. Apparently the Japanese say you only get old the moment you start learning. That is the lesson that I hope that our school Kingsworth gives out to all the children and that it is something they will take away with them for life.

Do have a great weekend. See you next week...

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