



KINGSWORTH
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



WELCOME TO KINGSWORTH NEWS

Dear Parents,

Saturday's Open Day I felt to be a great success. It was brimming with energy and excitement and there was a genuine buzz in the air. I met quite a few potential new parents as well as meeting many of you who have been with us in varying degrees of 'for quite a while'. I truly enjoyed myself and I would like to thank all the parents who got involved with helping set up the stands and so on. The food – and the wine! – was excellent. I would also like to thank all the teachers that were there, for joining in heartily with the House Shout; the primary school teachers for coming in and helping out with the younger ones; Ms Cameron for having set up with the shows with both the young ones and year 11, as well Ms Doval for doing the make-up; Mr Steidte for coming in and helping set up the light and sound system (despite being very ill); Mr Kamaliddin for having prepared the primary school singing so well and Mr Standing for giving lots of 'oomph' to the handing out of prizes. I hope I have not missed anyone.

I think I failed to mention that about two weeks ago there was the first meeting – which I hope was (and will continue to be) casual in its format – with myself and parents. This has been organised under the umbrella of the KWPA and for the first meeting (much to the chagrin of some of the teachers who came into the staffroom for their tea or coffee only to find that the room had been invaded!) we discussed the problems that children as students face today in a world dominated by the Internet. We went on to discuss various

strategies that we could have as parents and as teachers to counteract this influence. This was particularly pertinent in the light of recent events where – following the American elections – certain newspapers accused social media of spreading hoax stories that were passed off as the genuine thing. I thought I would just leave you with a hyperlink continuing this theme; I have to thank Mr Standing for pointing it out to me.

<http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2016/11/23/503129818/study-finds-students-have-dismaying-inability-to-tell-fake-news-from-re>

Once again thank you for all the work you put in and I shall be back next week before we all go on a three week hiatus/break.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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