



KINGSWORTH
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



WELCOME TO KINGSWORTH NEWS

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and I hope you and your children are refreshed and raring to go once again. I would like to start by welcoming our 5 new students who have joined since we came back from Yule break!

- Ben Slingsby (Y4)
- Yoonwoo (Y4) and Sungyoon (Y7) Kim
- Doyeon (Y4) and Sihyun (Y7) Lee

My recurring theme of education is back with the concept of what we can call an engaged education. *Education is the most powerful weapon for changing the world:* a quote from Nelson Mandela. An engaged education is one capable of meeting the challenge of the times and where we properly engage with the head, heart and hand.

The Head – otherwise known as an academic education - is the one we value the most but that is because it starts with the basics of literacy and numeracy, spiralling outwards to a love of words and facility with language and learning. It then develops a depth of knowledge of key concepts and ways of thinking in areas such as science, maths, history and creative arts. This empowers the child to move forward and to understand the world in a formalistic way. It is often this part of education that can be over-emphasised, while the other two aspects are forgotten or considered unimportant.

The Heart – to build the character of a young person is to provide the emotional side to learning. You cannot appreciate a poem without feeling or emotional engagement; you cannot love chemistry without understanding its fundamental importance in underpinning the experience of smell, of taste, or of being to explain the fundamentals of life around us. But the heart also tries to understand and explain the experiences and situations that young people go through as they attempt to develop a set of ethical values, in creating an open mind, in not accepting received wisdom blindly. And it is also about serving the community and giving back to it.

The Hand – the can-do education, the practical and pragmatic, and the one that is often undervalued. The science laboratory experiment is the Hand combining with the Heart and the Mind; putting on the show for the end-of-year in theatre is the hand nurturing creativity and problem-solving. To be able to make and do and produce work through craftsmanship that also is of genuine value beyond the classroom.

Anyway, a few thoughts for you. I am sure I will be coming back to these points in my next newsletter. On two further points, may I remind you all of the Quiz Night coming up on Friday 17th March – I have already put my questions in and they are tough! Finally, yesterday morning at assembly, we had a talk from the charity **Room to Read**. Effectively it is an organisation that promotes literacy worldwide; it is a global one that seeks to transform the lives of children by focusing on literacy and gender equality in education. Something I think you'll find enmeshes well within the ethos of Kingsworth. We will be having a *Readathon* at school which will be sponsored by parents, teachers and friends. We are spending the next four weeks carrying out this *Readathon* – sponsoring reading as much as the student can. For more information please go to their site: <https://www.roomtoread.org>

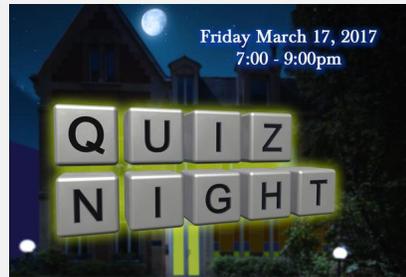
Well, *effloresce nobiscum*.

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Quiz Night

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