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WELCOME TO KINGSWORTH NEWS

It's good to be back at school and the first week – although not a full one – was very eventful. With the opening of our new premises in rue Copernic and the opening of the primary school, followed by a small but friendly inauguration on Wednesday evening, and then our end of week parent teacher meeting with myself and Julien, we have got the New Year off to a great start. So this is my opportunity to wish you all once more very happy and fruitful and prosperous New Year. I would also like to welcome for new students that have joined us in the primary school, two from Canada and two from South Korea – Jasper (Y4) & Imogen (Y6), and Junga (Y2) & Jungyoon (Y4).

Several students this week have popped by to have a quick chat with me, as well as of course meeting up with their mates. The students who have left for whatever reason seem to have a strong link and affinity with Kingsworth even after a year or two. One of the students who came by was Antti, a Finnish pupil. We were discussing how his education was going and ironically – in one of those Jungian synchronicity moments – the next day I came across an article on how Finnish schools are about to scrap all subjects and to replace the subject-driven system with a topic-driven one. Briefly, this means the approach will now be an interdisciplinary one which clearly the Finnish education authorities feel is much more appropriate for the world of the 21st-century. I myself also feel that this is the way to go, although it is early days yet. There

will be many mountains to climb, including convincing not only governments and examination boards but teachers too. Already, universities are asking for a different breed of student, and education systems across the world will have to start listening and come up with some answers.

In the meantime, Finland is indeed being extremely brave in taking that stride where no one else follows, or is following. I am sure that many of us will be keeping an eye on what will be happening in their country over the next few years. It is being called Phenomenon Based Learning; it would seem the teachers who have already been involved with introducing this system in various pilot schemes across the country are not only highly enthusiastic about it but have stated that they would not go back to the 'old ways'. I am sure that this will create many discussions amongst you and I myself will be more than happy to discuss how this can work. In the meantime let me wish you once again that happy New Year.

See you all next week...

UPCOMING EVENTS

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