

King Edward VII School & Language College



NEWSLETTER

December 2012

Message from Mrs B Jackson, Headteacher.



BSF is finished!

In November, the public art commissioned as part of the Building Schools for the Future project finally arrived on site.

This marked the final part of the entire project and we are delighted with the results.

The sculptures, named Machine 1 and Machine 2, were installed in November. Students in Y8 & Y12 worked with Steve Carley, Head of Art, and Charlie Whinney the artist on the initial design.

The pictures here feature the sculptures in the work rooms of the artist. They are now sited inside the gates of the Glossop Road entrance at Upper School.

The building work and refurbishment of the Upper School site has been a mammoth undertaking but the end result is well worth all the hard work.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2013

- Thursday 10 January 2013 4.30pm: Y12 Consultation Evening & UCAS Information Evening for Parents
- Thursday 17 January 4pm: KS4 Information Evening & Y9 Parents Evening
- Thursday 14 February: (see website for start time) Y10 Parents Evening
- Monday 18 February – Friday 22 February: Half Term
- Thursday 14 March 4pm: Y7 Parents Evening
- Thursday 28 March last day of term – Easter Holiday Friday 29 March – Friday 12 April. School returns Monday 15 April
- Thursday 18 April 4pm: Y8 Parents Evening
- Monday 6 May: May Day Holiday – School Closed
- Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May: Spring Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 11 June (see website for start time): Y6 Information Evening
- Friday 21 June: Staff Training Day – School Closed to Students
- Thursday 27 June: International Evening
- Friday 28 June: Sports Day
- Friday 19 July: last day of term/ Summer Holidays - Upper & Lower School close at 2.10pm

MINI OLYMPICS AT KES

Year 1 and Year 2 pupils from Westways, Nether Green Infants, Broomhill and St Mary's had a taste of the "Olympics" last month when they came to King Edwards Lower School site for several "mini Olympics" sessions. Enthusiastic young sports leaders from King Edwards ensured that the pupils had a fun time, whilst experiencing some of the sports that they will see international athletes competing in at the London Olympics over the summer. The pupils were also told a brief history of where the Olympic Games started and how all the athletes that have been training to take part, follow the core values of the Olympic (friendship, respect and excellence) and Paralympic Games (equality, courage, determination and inspiration). All participants were encouraged to act like champions too when they performed, by remembering and using these words as they worked. The event culminated in all the pupils performing the Olympics Mascot Dance together. A huge thank you to all the sports leaders from KES, who worked very hard on both afternoons to ensure our "Mini Olympics" were successful.



CAREERS

We are planning on running an event on the 18th January to enable Y9 students to gain an insight into a range of careers prior to them making their final option choices. Students will come down to the hall in forms and circulate the different stands to ask questions. The more stands we have from a wide range of organisations the more successful this event will be. If you feel you could support this event either by representing your organisation or passing on any contact details it would be much appreciated.

LIBRARY NEWS

Upper School Library

The two book groups began well this year. Post 16 readers enjoyed Maggie O'Farrell's *The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox* and the KS4 group read *Stardust* by Neil Gaiman. *The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox* in particular caused an animated debate and scored 8/10 – our most successful book yet! Our next meeting is in December. Check out the library news on the MLE – new readers are always welcome. Our aim is to encourage students to try something they wouldn't normally read and our meetings are generally lively affairs. We have also just started the Reading Mentor scheme again

after its successful launch last year. Post 16 students support Lower School students in reading. This is useful experience for students wanting to follow a career in education or those studying for their AQA Baccalaureate. The Lower School students benefit with one to one help enabling them to become enthusiastic and confident readers. Last year all participants improved by at least one level.

Lower School Library

On Tuesday 9th October a group of Y7 students visited the Benjamin Zephaniah's Poetry Party at Sheffield Lyceum as a reward for working well. They were accompanied by a class of Y8 students as part of their study of poems from other cultures. This Poetry Party formed part of the Sheffield's Off the Shelf Festival of Words. The Festival has grown into one of the UK's most popular and exciting events attracting some of the best known names in literature and the media. It offers a wide range of events for audiences of all ages including readings, workshops, storytelling, exhibitions, talks, walks, poetry and much more. We celebrated the event with our flags and banners and enjoyed a bit of rhyme-time!

GOOD BYE MR MILLS



At the end of the summer term, Mr Nigel Mills retired from King Edward VII School having worked at the school for 35 years. Mr Mills originally joined the school as a Teacher of PE and History but went on to become Head of Year for over ten years. During his time at the school he made an outstanding contribution to many aspects of school life and many young people benefitted from the support he gave them. Although he will be sadly missed by colleagues and students we wish him all the best for a long and happy retirement.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS



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