



Rotary Young Photographer of the Year 2016

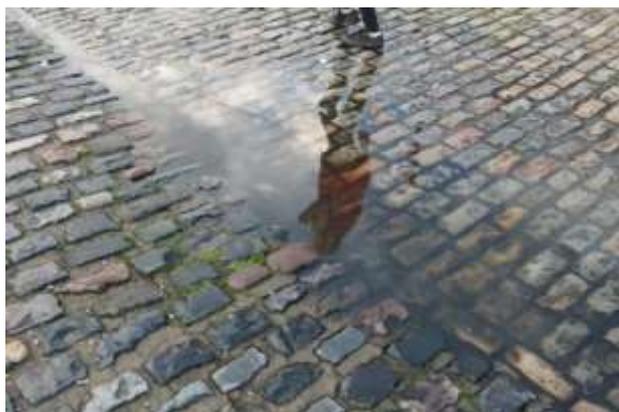
We had over 20 very exciting and creative entries for this year's Young Photographer of the Year competition. Judges from the local Photography club came to school to cast their professional eye over the work to make the very difficult decision to pick a first placed winner.

The young photographers produced a huge and varied range of images with the theme of 'Reflection'. For the first time this year we also saw entries from the Photography club which runs every Monday after school in the Art department. It is organised and taught by the sixth form Photography students Abbie Merritt, Tom Kinnear & Chris Barton.

First place was awarded to Abbie Merritt in Year 13 for her set entitled 'Mirage'. A fantastic response captured during a visit to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park as part of the Manchester, Liverpool Sixth form Art trip in October. Abbie goes through to the local heats; we wish her luck in getting through to the District round and hopefully onto the National final in May 2017.



Second place was awarded to Chloe Danter in Year 12 for her set, 'Puddles'.



Third place was awarded to Matthew Cant in Year 13 for his stunningly colourful and vibrant set.



A 'highly commended' was awarded to one of our Photography club students; Lauren Chambers in Year 7 who came a close 4th, an incredible achievement and someone to look out for in the future.

Others were also recognised for their fantastic efforts and were awarded 'commended':

Beth Butcher, Year 12, Sam Wiles, Year 13 and Ferdinand De Carvalho, Year 12.

The photography team would like to thank all those who entered. We look forward to seeing even more fantastic photos for the Gloucestershire Young Photographer of the Year competition in the New Year.

Rich Hall

Drama Club

The Drama Club put on their first Pantomime on Friday 9 December and it was a fantastic night, with the cast of key stage 3 students being on top form. They really stretched themselves to match a demanding script and they brought talent and confidence by the bucket load. I just wanted to say thank you to all who came to support, as it really was an occasion that put a smile on the faces of everyone in the room, and I'm hoping the experience will be one that builds that cast up.

I'd also like to say a special thank you to Heather Harrison, Joe Marshall-Evans, Tegan Pace and Laura Travis from our sixth form who directed the play and invested a great amount of creative energy and time into bringing it alive.

It was a proud night for me, and I'm sure many of those on stage on this occasion will be back in future productions.

Speaking of which, Chicago is our next venture as we team up with the music department to deliver a production that the school hasn't staged before. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 1/2/3 March 2017 are the dates for your diaries and it would be great to have as many of you along as can make it. Details of tickets will follow next term.

All that's left to say is have a very Merry Christmas ahead of what promises to be an exciting New Year.

Mr Blake

Student online safety talks

PC Alan Earle from the South West Grid for Learning delivered talks to Years 8 and 12 on internet safety last week, covering all aspects of social networking and the implications of sexting, abuse and keeping appropriate profiles. Students were very honest about how much they rely on social media and the amount of time and energy it takes up. Alan vividly demonstrated the fact that whilst the technology is amazing, it is the user in control and who therefore potentially creates the issues for themselves and/or others. If you would like further advice on any aspect of internet safety go to <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>.



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Bristol University Christmas Chemistry Lectures

On Wednesday 7 December a group of Year 10 and Year 12 students attended an excellent series of Chemistry Lectures at the University of Bristol, each one linking to a different aspect of chemistry.

The first presentation was about perfumes, fragrances and the sense of smell. I think when most people think about perfumes they don't realise how much chemistry is actually involved in developing certain fragrances. Four samples of fragrances were passed around. These smells involved lavender and vanilla which are relatively well known smells. My personal favourite however was a scent entitled Whale Vomit. To everyone's surprise it smelt very good despite its nature.

A post-graduate gave the next presentation about proteins and how they are made up of amino acids. We were told that there are 21 amino acids that each makes a protein unique. It was interesting to hear about how chemistry is so broad and links a lot to other sciences like biology making it even more interesting and exciting. I thought that it was brilliant to have a post-graduate speak to us about his own experience at university.

The final presentation was great fun as it involved something called Kitchen Chemistry. We were shown a range of experiments involving everyday kitchen ingredients and products. It was interesting to see how electricity did not conduct through pure water but it did when salt was added. This was demonstrated by asking for a number of volunteers to hold hands at the front. When the chain of people was connected the electricity passed through which then enabled music to play. When it disconnected the music stopped.

The whole experience was very interesting and involving and I think I can say everyone enjoyed it!

Lexy Bond, Y12

EON Micro Mix Energy Workshop

Towards the end of last month, groups of Year 10 students attended a workshop looking at the importance of researching and developing alternative green energy sources and at how engineers use their skills and ingenuity to push at the boundaries in this field.

Firstly, the students were challenged to generate as much electricity as they could, using an environmentally friendly energy source. They worked in groups designing a wind turbine, water wheel or solar panel. Dr Chris Beer, who ran the event, tested the models and measured the energy each generated. The students then discussed and refined their models to make improvements to their final designs.

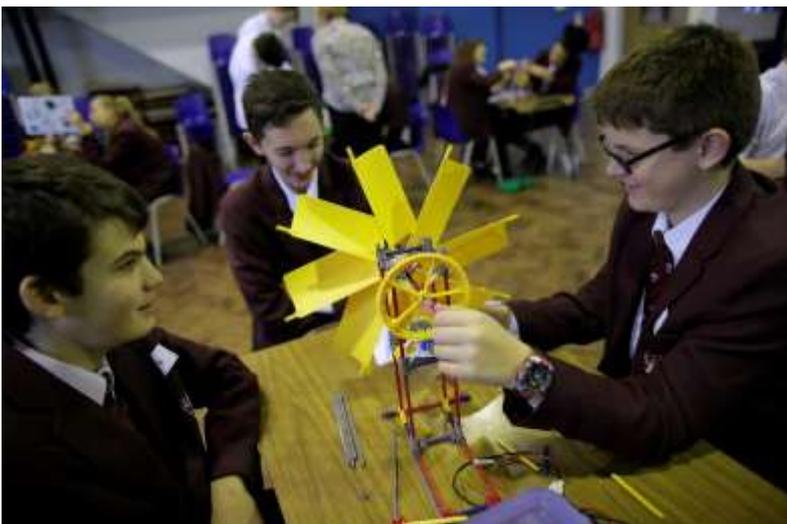
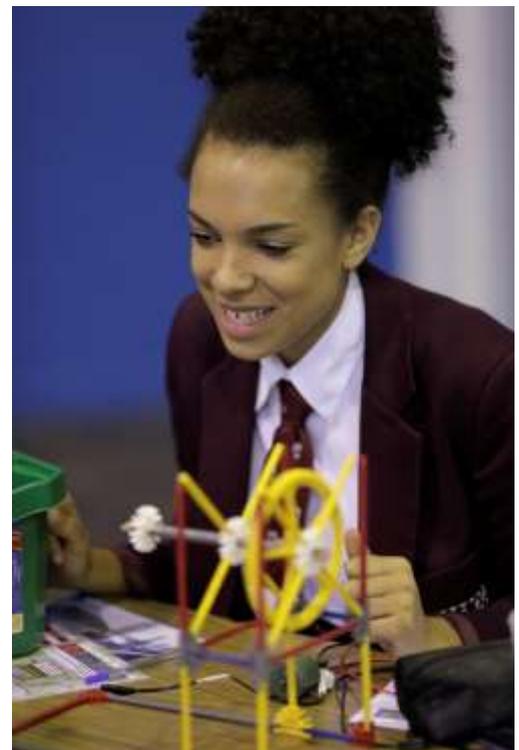


The students were then asked to recommend an ideal mix of renewable technologies to meet the energy needs of a fictional city. They needed to consider factors such as climate, natural resources and the budget available.

Both tasks encouraged the students to use skills used by 'real' engineers every day, including team-work, problem solving and creativity.

"We found that we could generate more energy by changing the number and position of blades in our wind turbine. Engineering is so important to the future of our planet." Leo Wells

"The workshop provided a good insight into the world of energy production and it helped me learn how to solve problems and find the best solution." Oliver Wilson



Health and Social Care visit to Yercombe Lodge



Following on from a recent visit to Blue Coat Pre-school, Year 10 students visited Yercombe Lodge to provide help and support to its service users. Yercombe Lodge is a local Residential Care Home and Day Centre and many of its service users have disabilities, health problems and learning difficulties. During their visit students supported adults with learning and health difficulties and the elderly in activities such as cooking, arts and crafts and a poetry workshop. This further developed their understanding of how to support individuals whilst promoting enablement. They also demonstrated 'care values' such as respect, maintaining dignity and a person-centred approach to delivering care.



This was a fantastic opportunity for students to demonstrate the skills and knowledge learned in the classroom in a health and social care setting. While for some, this can be a daunting experience, KLB students handled themselves with professionalism, sensitivity and maturity.



Mrs S Nagra



The Edge Factor

Congratulations to KLB students who took part in the local talent contest, The Edge Factor organised through the Under the Edge Arts Centre. After an intense audition these students made it to the final, with Mollie Swain taking 2nd place winning £50.



Charlie Reynolds Y9



Mollie Swain Y9



Teya Quinnell Y10



George Bailey Y10



Eloise Clough-Whitbread - Y9

Thank you to Matt Bigwood for kindly providing these photographs



Mini Mix - Y7

Year 7 Girls Netball results

The Girls' Physical Education department's most recent results have illustrated KLB students doing exceptionally well. The Year 7 netball team played their first netball game together at the District qualifier round at Rednock School on Wednesday 30 November. Despite their netball season just starting, the team won all but one match, enabling them to go through to the Year 7 District Netball Tournament at Wycliffe School on Monday 5 December. During the District Netball Tournament, the team used each match as a learning experience and grew in confidence, consequently placing them fourth overall.



The team have learnt a lot, ready for the formal start of the netball season, next term. The Year 7 netball team consisted of Eliza Reynolds, Tabby Cowan, Rosie Brown, Cara Bates, Lily Clarke, Katie Siddle, Lucy Forman, Evie Bridges, Millie Crutchley and Natalie Pacini. A special mention to Lily Clarke, who was selected as captain for the Year 7 netball team.

Year 7 and Year 8 Girls Hockey results

Another successful result was the Year 7 and Year 8 Girls' hockey teams, who competed in the National Schools In two Hockey Championships in the Under 13 age group on Friday 9 December at Dean Close School. Both teams worked extremely hard, playing six matches throughout the day against strong opponents. The girls' hard work and perseverance paid off, resulting in the Year 7 Girls finishing joint third with St Peters and Year 8 Girls finishing ninth place overall. The Year 7 Hockey team consisted of Eliza Reynolds, Rosie Brown, Francesca Barton, Niamh Keane, Freya Wallace, Lily Clarke, Millie Toal, Zoe Boyd and Imogen Sparrow. The Year 8 Hockey team consisted of Francesca Benjamin, Jo York, Louise O' Brien, Amy Gribben, Darcie Amor, Bailey Jones, Emma Gribben, Millie Burton, Rowen Moss. A special mention to Rosie Brown, who captained the Year 7 Hockey team and to Jo York who captained the Year 8 hockey team. Additionally, a big thank you to Jo York who went out of her way to aid the Year 7 hockey team when their goalkeeper, Ella King was unfortunately too ill to compete.

Regional Handball Competition

On Saturday 10 December a group of our students were selected to represent Gloucestershire in a handball competition at Bournemouth. They joined other students from schools throughout Gloucestershire. Ben Hitchings and Thomas Warburton, seen in the picture to the right, were our representatives in the Boy's County team.

In the Girls County team, Jodie Dale joined Elodie Sparrow and Eliza Boyd, shown in the photo on the left.

This competition was the first opportunity for the teams to play competitively together. Both Gloucestershire teams showed fantastic skills and teamwork. They both went on to win all their matches against opposition from Dorset, Somerset and Hampshire.

Since the Olympics the popularity of handball as a sport has risen and a new competition structure has evolved in the region. Any student interested in having a go at handball is welcome to attend our lunchtime sessions in our sports hall, which are led by the regional handball development coach, Matt Durber, or attend the local handball club based at Stratford Park Leisure Centre, Stroud.



Success at County Finals in Cheltenham

On Tuesday 6 January our U13 and U16 Girls teams took part in the County Table Tennis Tournament at the YMCA in Cheltenham, having qualified at the District finals earlier in the year.

In the U16 team, last year's finalists, Naomi Culpepper and Elissa Duffner, were joined by Elodie Sparrow and Peggy-Sue Phillips. Our U13 team comprised of Sophie Ainsley and three newcomers to the sport, Ruby Roberts, Katie Mc Cuaig and Evelyn Scull.

The players were seeded and played opponents from schools throughout Gloucestershire. Each match was the best of three games. The total number of wins for the team was totalled against each opposition to decide if the result was a win (3 points), draw (2 points) or a loss (1 point).



Our U13 side started well against All Saints School with a draw. A strong performance by Sophie Ainsley, see photo on left, saw her win all her games and Ruby showed great determination fighting her way back to win two games to one. Both Katie and Evie played well, narrowly losing to their respective oppositions.

The U16 side were next to face strong opposition from the High School for Girls. They matched the U13 team performance gaining a draw in their opening fixture of the day. Naomi Culpepper impressed again this year, winning all her games and Elodie Sparrow, new to the sport, triumphed with a close three game thriller. She won 12-10 in the final deciding game. Peggy-Sue and Elissa were narrowly defeated in their opening games.

The U16 side continued to show excellent form in their next fixture, winning all their games against their opponents from All Saints School. This meant they registered their first win of the day. Next to take the floor was our U13 team against Dene Magna. Wins for both Sophie and Katie and defeats for our remaining two players meant that this fixture was again declared a draw.



Our U13 team played Sir William Romney's School and the game mirrored the last game with Sophie and Katie winning their matches and Ruby and Evie narrowly losing out to their opposition, resulting in another draw for the team.

Our U16 team next game was against last year's winners, Lakers School, who had narrowly defeated them in the final. Excellent play from all our players saw us triumph in all matches, getting revenge for last year's defeat. This was then followed by a match against Sir William Romney's School where we won three matches to one.

Our U13 team finished the day with a match against formidable opposition from Ribston School. Amongst the Ribston team was a player who was ranked in the top ten in the Country in her age group. The matches went to form and Ribston won all their matches. Credit must go to our U13 team who showed Great Spirit and were gracious in defeat to the overall winners of their group. When results were posted our U13 team came fourth in the County. This was a creditable performance considering some members of our team had just started playing the game at the start of this academic year.



Our U16 Girls' team will now go on to represent Gloucestershire in the Zonal Final at Wood Green Academy, Wednesbury on Sunday 15 January to represent Gloucestershire.

Final note of thanks should be made to Alice Trinder, our resident table tennis coach, who gave our teams extra training before the tournament and supported the teams on the day.

House Christmas Tree Competition

Congratulations to Wellicome House for winning this year's Christmas Tree competition. All four trees look fabulous in reception having been decorated brilliantly by students from each House. Here is some close-up detail:



Wellicome



Berkeley



Durand



Logan

Used stamp collection

If you have any used stamps from your Christmas post, we have a collection box at Reception and would welcome any contributions.

Dates for your diary

The school calendar for 2016/17 can be accessed from the menu on the front page of the school website or directly at: <http://calendar.klb.org.uk>

NB change of date for Year 11 Parents' Evening – now Wednesday 18 January

Tue 3 Jan	First day of term 3	Wed 22 Feb	Governors' Annual General Meeting
Wed 18 Jan	Year 11 Parents' Evening	Thu 23 Feb	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Tue 24 Jan	Year 8 Parents' Evening	1 to 3 Mar	School Production – 'Chicago'
Tue 7 Feb	Year 9 Options Information Evening	7 Mar	Year 13 Parents' Evening
Fri 10 Feb	Last day of term 3	16 Mar	Year 12 Parents' Evening
Mon 20 Feb	First day of term 4	7 Apr	Last day of term 4

Coaching by **ME**
MARK ELDRIDGE Level 2 Coach



Learn the 'essentials' of Badminton in only **8 weeks !!** At Wotton Sports Centre, KLB School

In collaboration with Badminton England – The Essentials course is focused on a social, fun setting to cover the fundamentals of Badminton.

For beginners and intermediate players, in a structured program of 1 hour sessions, with a qualified Badminton England Level 2 Coach.

Each week in a relaxed social group you will focus on a different part of the game to give you the confidence across a breadth of Badminton core skills.

Next course dates starting in Jan 2017 at KLB (Sun - Juniors, Mon - Adults):

SUNDAYS Juniors 10-16yrs (max 12 per session)				MONDAYS Adults 16yrs + (max 12 per session)			
Session	SUNDAY	Time	Date	Session	MONDAY	Time	Date
1	Beginnners	1pm-2pm	Jan 15th	1	Beginnne	6:15-7:15	Jan 16th
	Improvers	2pm-3pm	Jan 15th		Improvers	7:15-8:15	Jan 16th
2	Beginnners	1pm-2pm	Jan 22nd	2	Beginnne	6:15-7:15	Jan 23rd
	Improvers	2pm-3pm	Jan 22nd		Improvers	7:15-8:15	Jan 23rd
3	Beginnners	1pm-2pm	Feb 5th	3	Beginnne	6:15-7:15	Feb 6th
	Improvers	2pm-3pm	Feb 5th		Improvers	7:15-8:15	Feb 6th
Half Term							
4	Beginnners	1pm-2pm	Feb 19th	4	Beginnne	6:15-7:15	Feb 20th
	Improvers	2pm-3pm	Feb 19th		Improvers	7:15-8:15	Feb 20th
5	Beginnners	1pm-2pm	Feb 26th	5	Beginnne	6:15-7:15	Feb 27th
	Improvers	2pm-3pm	Feb 26th		Improvers	7:15-8:15	Feb 27th
6	Beginnners	1pm-2pm	Mar 5th	6	Beginnne	6:15-7:15	Mar 6th
	Improvers	2pm-3pm	Mar 5th		Improvers	7:15-8:15	Mar 6th
7	Beginnners	1pm-2pm	Mar 12th	7	Beginnne	6:15-7:15	Mar 13th
	Improvers	2pm-3pm	Mar 12th		Improvers	7:15-8:15	Mar 13th
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Fees for the 8 week course is £55 – Adults £40 – Juniors

For more information and to book a place please contact:
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