



ST MARY'S
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Kingston Junior academy... the story so far from Mr Berry!

Our link with junior school KJA in Kilifi, Kenya, has grown dramatically over the last couple of years. In 2020 our school community was able to raise enough money to install and supply electricity to the school. This allowed the school to install lights in classrooms and connect the school to WiFi. Students from the school were able to access the internet for the first time to watch videos on Volcanic eruptions and read short stories from around the world.

Students from St Mary's College have been writing letters to students of KJA learning about each other's education and normal day-to-day life. Last year with numerous fundraising events including the Hull 10k, Sports Day and Culture Day, as a community we were able to smash our £2500 target and raise £4000 to develop the physical school site further and build three new classrooms. KJA will now continue to grow and have its very own Junior Secondary school to allow older students to extend their education further. A huge thank you to everyone who has donated and continues to support the growth of our partner school.



MR BERRY

SAVE THE DATES *2022*

- Monday 31st October -school re-opens after half term
- Tuesday 15th November - SM6 Open Evening

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Art Project

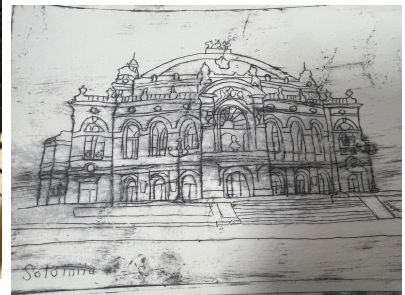
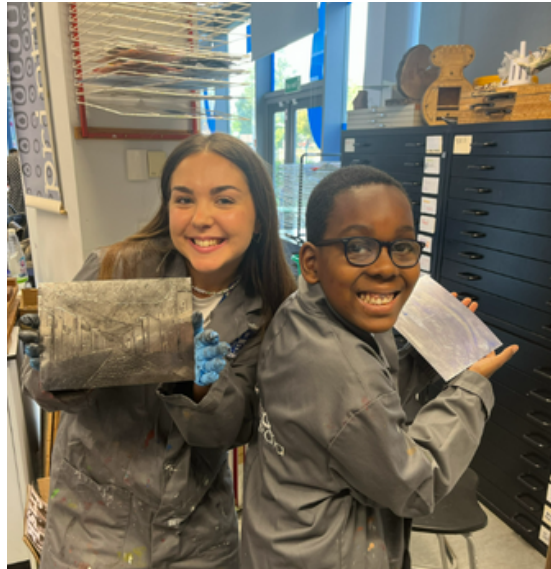


This month we had the privilege of welcoming abstract artist Annie Luke Turner into school. Annie came into work on a project with our Year 8 Core Group and our EAL form group. The students loved the opportunity to explore their own heritage through art.

In the weeks leading up to the project the students were asked to start exploring their own identity and for those who it applied to, their dual heritage. The artwork was centered on landmarks; students were asked to research a landmark from their country of heritage and one from Hull. This project focused on a celebration of culture and positively highlighted diversity in the classroom.

Students began by tracing landmarks into silver card. Once the outline was in place, students had to scratch into the card using etching tools leaving deep grooves in the card in the shape of their chosen landmark. Then ink was pushed into the card and wiped off (no easy task!) leaving just the outline filled with ink. The card was then run through a printing press, leaving unique and beautiful prints.

The outcome of the day was touching – the table was filled with landmarks from across the globe that meant a great deal to the students who had chosen them. The students were proud of the art and proud to see their heritage displayed. Students always welcome a reason to show others who they are and what matters to them; this was a wonderful opportunity for them to do that.



UK Maths Challenge success

We've just heard of some superb results from our post-16 Maths students at the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust challenge, a fantastic achievement! It is clear that they have worked hard to prepare for these tests. The UKMT is aimed at the most talented mathematicians in schools with only the top 66% receiving a certificate. Bronze, silver and gold certificates are allocated in a ratio of 3:2:1, meaning that only the top 11% of students achieve a Gold. An entry into the British Mathematical Olympiad Round 1 also incredibly prestigious and a huge achievement. Each year, roughly 1000 students are invited to take part. Lora is only two steps away from representing the UK at competitions such as the International Mathematical Olympiad.

RESULTS

Maths Olympiad for girls:

- Mia Stamatova – distinction

Senior maths challenge:

3 have got through to Kangaroo Round:

- Suki Huang
- Jeevan Xavier
- Roberto Seminara

One through to British Mathematical Olympiad Round 1:

- Lora Stamatova

- Best in school – Lora Stamatova
- Best in Year 13 – Lora Stamatova
- Best in Year 12 – Jeevan Xavier, Suki Huang

Gold certificates for Suki Huang, Jeevan Xavier, Roberto Seminara, Lora Stamatova

Silver certificates for Irina Zaceste, Jacob Coldham

Bronze certificates for Vera Lukashenko, Mofeoluwa Fabiya, Oliver Hutchinson, Bradley Jackson

Hull Youth Parliament

Student reps from SMC attended Hull Youth Parliament last week. Firstly, we made mind maps about where you can find help if you are experiencing bullying and actually talking about what bullying really is. We also discussed how members of the LGBTQ+ community may suffer from bullying. We then went into the council chamber and were introduced to many people that worked with the NHS and other services that work to combat bullying, some students had the opportunity to ask questions about bullying directed to these people. They provided some lovely lunch for us!

Carla

Student Council rep



National Poetry Day

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+ 6TH OCTOBER 2022 +



Thursday 6th October marked National Poetry Day.

Poetry is an integral part of teaching and learning in the English curriculum, so we thought we would share one of the poems that Year 10 have been studying recently.

Vernon Scannell was born under the name John Vernon Bain and enlisted in the British army in 1940, at the age of 18. He changed his name after deserting the army — though he was arrested and sentenced despite this. His desertion came from his personal distaste for the war, and his belief that there was nothing inside of him that was fit for a soldier's life.

After the war, he settled down to work on writing as his primary focus.

Nettles by Vernon Scannell

My son aged three fell in the nettle bed.
'Bed' seemed a curious name for those
green spears,
That regiment of spite behind the shed:
It was no place for rest. With sobs and tears
The boy came seeking comfort and I saw
White blisters beaded on his tender skin.
We soothed him till his pain was not so raw.
At last he offered us a watery grin,
And then I took my billhook, honed the
blade
And went outside and slashed in fury with it
Till not a nettle in that fierce parade
Stood upright any more. And then I lit
A funeral pyre to burn the fallen dead,
But in two weeks the busy sun and rain
Had called up tall recruits behind the shed:
My son would often feel sharp wounds
again.

A PRAYER AT HARVEST TIME:

Dear Lord, we pray today for world leaders: that they may make wise decisions for the good of all people, so that everyone may have enough to eat.

We pray for all those who are hungry: that they may know that they are not forgotten and that they may find a way to grow or buy enough food.

We pray for our parish, families and friends: that we may be moved to share what we have with our brothers and sisters throughout the world.

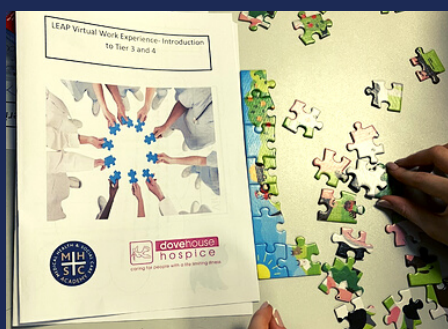
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.



AND FINALLY...

Our Medical, Health & Social Care students did us proud when Dove House Hospice came into SMC to deliver their amazing Virtual Work Experience training sessions.

Well done to our amazing Y12 & 13 cohort and thank you Dove House Hospice



Yorkshire Ambulance Service attended SMC on 14th October to deliver essential life saving skills as part of the national 'Restart A Heart Day 2022'



The SMC Science snake has been named! MEDUSA! She has grown a lot since we got her in easter and has shed her skin twice!

One of her sheds can be seen on her display board down the science corridor. Ecology club will be studying Medusa over the course of this year.

Remember to follow her on Instagram at:
smchull_snake



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