KEVICC Newsletter Autumn Term







Inspirational learning

International artist comes to KEVICC

October saw international artist **Xiao Bai Li** hold his latest exhibition in the Ariel Centre. Originally from China, Xiao Bai now resides in the West Country. Born in 1957, Xiao Bai's schooling spanned ten years of the Cultural Revolution. Completing his Fine Art degree in Nanjing, he came to England in 1993. His work aims to transcend cultural barriers and establish meaningful connections with others. Xiao Bai also took a morning to run a life painting workshop at KEVICC with our students. Modelling for the session were our very own Tom Greig, Lucinda Wheater and Ken Isaaks.





Operation Disaster Relief

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) skills are at the forefront when the British Army deploys around the world and are never more crucial than when disaster strikes. In this activity, Year 8 students worked with the Army's Engineers, Medics and Logisticians on a scenario which involved deploying to a remote part of the world which had been hit by a destructive earthquake. Learning how to build, programme and operate their LEGO[™] Mindstorm Robots, students used their robot to undertake a series of engineering and logistical challenges in order to achieve their mission and deliver the life-saving humanitarian aid to the local people.



Flossy & Jim Day!

Illustrators Flossy and Jim came to KEVICC in October to run workshops with our students. The workshops were received brilliantly by our students, who enjoyed the opportunity of working with professional artists in this way. Flossy and Jim is a brand created by Lynette and James who live locally in Brixham. They started trading as 'Flossy and Jim Ltd' in May 2013, where they built an extensive portfolio of work, featuring in Heat magazine, ASOS, Warehouse, Accessorize and MTV with app illustrations.







Amazing student stories





Welsh Open Taekwondo Champion

After 6 months out after fracturing her foot Cleona entered the UK open taekwondo championships. A two day event with over 500 competitors she achieved ibronze in sparring and silver in special technique (flying side kick). Following this Cleona was selected for the England team in January.

In February she entered the BTF British open championships and achieved gold in sparring, bronze in patterns. Cleona travelled to Estonia in April to represent England at European Championships.

She eventually lost to the European Champion and ended up coming 5th. A brilliant achievement!

After much persuasion Cleona entered the Welsh Open Championships and achieved an incredible **gold medal** by beating the Welsh European medalist. Cleona you are a true inspiration to us all!

UK Longboard Surf Champion

We are so proud of our very own **Estella Carter Briggs** who has finished 1st in the **National Longboard Championship** under 18s. We got in touch with Norman Wright, President of the Hotdoggers Longboard Surf Club. His words are below:

"Since Stella joined the Hotdoggers Longboard Surf Club she has shown determination in succeeding and doing well in competitions.She listens to advice and takes it on board and has shown improvement every time I have seen her compete."

"The surf at the last contest was very big for the juniors and we were lucky it was clean as it allowed the juniors to get out and catch some nice waves. Stella's trophy cabinet is filling up nicely and still the clubs' trophies for 2018 are to come. More success is on the horizon."

"But for now Stella is **THE** under 18 Longboard Champion of England! Stella is also in the Ben Skinner team. Ben is a world champion, many consider him to be in a league of his own. Stella rides one of Ben's own boards - so all the omens are looking good! You're amazing Stella!"





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U18 County Cup Tennis Champion

Teya Sheppard in the final year of her A level studies managed to record considerable success at the recent Devon County Tennis Championships. Teya won the Under 18 mixed and girls' doubles. Coach Tonia Gooderham commented: **"Her willingness to work hard whilst clearly enjoying the challenge that the game provides is a shining example to the many juniors"**



