

Batchwood Newsletter

March 2024



Headteacher's Letter

The end of another term. It has been a fabulous term. Last Tuesday, our Year 9 and the Year 10 GCSE Literature groups visited the Globe Theatre in London to watch a modern version of 'Romeo and Juliet'. It was a superb production, but more importantly, the students (and staff) were impeccable. We even managed a short tour of the Tate Modern gallery.

Careers week was excellent with a number of visiting speakers talking to different year groups about career options. This is all part of the Cultural Capital and preparing our students for life after Batchwood.

By now, you will have received your child's school report. The letter attached to the report gives details of the next Parent, Teacher Consultation evening in April. This will be an excellent opportunity to discuss progress and how to improve even further.

Lastly, it is with sadness I say farewell to you all, as I retire at the end of this term. It has been a joy and a privilege in serving the community of Batchwood as its Headteacher. We have seen the school grow and improve these last 7 years. The school is so fortunate to have such excellent staff that have great rapport with our students and that the school continues to focus on learning and development. I am proud of what the school has become. Mr Whitaker will be an excellent Headteacher and will most definitely continue to develop the school further. I will return on a consultancy basis on an equivalent of 1 day a week to help support and sustain progress, but much of this work will be in the background.

It just leaves me to say that I wish you all well and thank you for your kindness during my Headship at Batchwood School. Batchwood School really is a Professional, Purposeful, Pupil-centered and Kind school. It is a school I am very proud of and one I hope you are proud of too.

Jonathan Kemp

In this edition:

This edition is dedicated to Mr Jonathan Kemp.

You will find a message from each form group, saying goodbye to our kind, brilliant and inspiring head teacher upon his retirement.

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Nurture 1

Mr. Kemp, you're a hard act to follow.

Roaming the school, visiting Nurture makes our days less hollow.

Kind, caring and funny. You've time for all.

Everybody smiles, greeting us in your suit, looking tall.

Making our days memorable with all your funny quips,

Perseverance and positivity help us get to grips!

Mr. Kemp,

*We will miss you. Dylann will never forget your 'Mr. Bean Suit'.
Emilie hopes you enjoy your retirement since you're 75 trillion
years old. Amelia will miss winding you up. Thank you for making
the school so special. Please come back often to visit. Batchwood
won't be the same without your presence.*

Tally-Ho from,

Nurture 1



Nurture 2

James: You are one of the best headteachers ever. I hope you have a nice retirement and a nice life.

Jenna: Goodbye and best of luck!

Josh: I will miss you, have a good time in your garden.

Jess: Thank you for being the most wonderful headteacher I have ever met.

Hudson: Mr. Kemp, we will miss you. You're the best head teacher the school has ever had everyone is proud of you.

Charlotte: While I've been here you have been the best head teacher ever. Thank you for looking after me. I hope you have a nice retirement.

Sparki: Sad to see you go, goodbye. I hope you had some good Henri Stickman memories!

Riley: Dear Mr. Kemp, I know I haven't been here for long, but you've been the best headteacher and thank you for looking after me, but I hope you have the best life and live your life well.



The Class: Dear Mr. Kemp. Thank you for your amazing teaching at this school. We will miss your 'funny' jokes (not). You are the kindest headteacher ever.

Love From Nurture 2.



7A

Dear Mr. Kemp,

Thank you for everything you have done for us! You have given us the courage to develop and express ourselves as individuals. You believed in us since we started in September and gave us an amazing opportunity to be part of Batchwood School. Words can't express how grateful we are for all the support you have shown the school. Your passion for education is truly inspiring! We hope you enjoy your retirement.

Callum: Thank you Mr.Kemp for being our Headteacher. Thank you for giving me the chance to be part of Batchwood School.

Harry: My journey so far within this school has been fun. You've been the best head teacher I've had so far, you will be missed!

Ollie G: Thank you so much for the opportunity for me to be part of 7A. I hope you enjoy your retirement.

Bradley: Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be part of Batchwood School, I am really happy to be here. Enjoy your retirement!

Lilly-Rose: Thank you Mr. Kemp for always being there for me during the start of my journey at Batchwood School and I hope you have a good time during your retirement.

Lillie-Jay: Thank you for giving me this opportunity to be part of Batchwood School. Enjoy your retirement.

Leo F: Thank you for everything you have done for us and good luck with your retirement.

Leo H: Thank you for all the support you have given me during my time at Batchwood School.



7B

We want to say a huge Thanks and Good luck in your retirement.

Happy Retirement



8A



"Xavier" good luck in retirement

Thank you
good bye
coden

Thank you
good bye
Alex ☺



8B

Dear Mr Kemp

*8B wishes you at long happy retirement
and hope you have as much fun in the
future as we have had at Batchwood.*



9A

Goodbye Mr. Kemp, we will miss you, thank you for everything you have done for us. We will always remember you. Good luck with your next adventure!

Teigan – You will **ALWAYS** be a part of Batchwood School, even after you leave!

Lilly – Thank you for making the school a nice place to be!

Aidan – Good luck for the future, thank you for the chickens!

The school will not be the same without you and the help you give us with Wordle when you visit during tutor times in the morning.





9C

Rebecca: Adios!

Frankie: We will miss you. Best Headteacher Ever

Isaac: Have fun! In the nicest way possible I hope you are having so much fun on your retirement that I never see you again.

Fred:

Dylan: Bye! Have a nice time

Harrison: Bye Bye



10A



Ringo- enjoy your retirement

Geroge- thank you for being a good head teacher

Arlo- thanks for being so nice



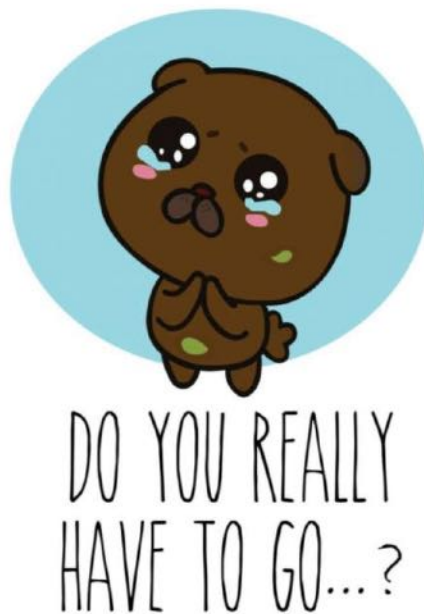
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Frankie B: Wishing you the best!

Amelie B: Byeeeeeee.

Summer N: Enjoy your retirement- you have earned it!

Becky G: Good riddance, you Arsenal fan.



Dear Mr Kemp,

Thank you for being our head teacher and improving our school to make it your own, by the school being lovely, kind and warm hearted.

Without Batchwood, we would not have made significant progresses in our educational achievements and had an immense impact on our lives.

As a form we have very fond memories of you, visiting us in lessons and around school.

We want you to have a great time throughout your retirement and do many more amazing things. Have a long and happy retirement!



11A Forever!

Let it Be – 11A Batchwood School

When I found myself in times of trouble, Mr Kemp came to me
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be
And in my hour of darkness he was standing right next to me
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be

Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be
Batchwood School Forever, let it be

And when we needed a place to be, Batchwood School agreed.
Mr Kemp has an answer, let it be
Now we may be parted, the Isle of Wight calls to thee
11A forever, let it be

Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be
Batchwood School Forever, let it be

Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be
Batchwood School Forever, let it be

Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be
Batchwood School Forever, let it be

And when the night is cloudy there is still a light that shines on me
Mr Kemp we thank you, let it be
Passion, Belief and Courage, you gave to me
Batchwood School Forever, let it be

And let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be
Batchwood School Forever, let it be

And let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be
Batchwood School Forever, let it be



Good Luck
Mr Bell

Good Luck
Rebecca

Good
Luck
Frank

good
luck
Steph

good

luck

Jack

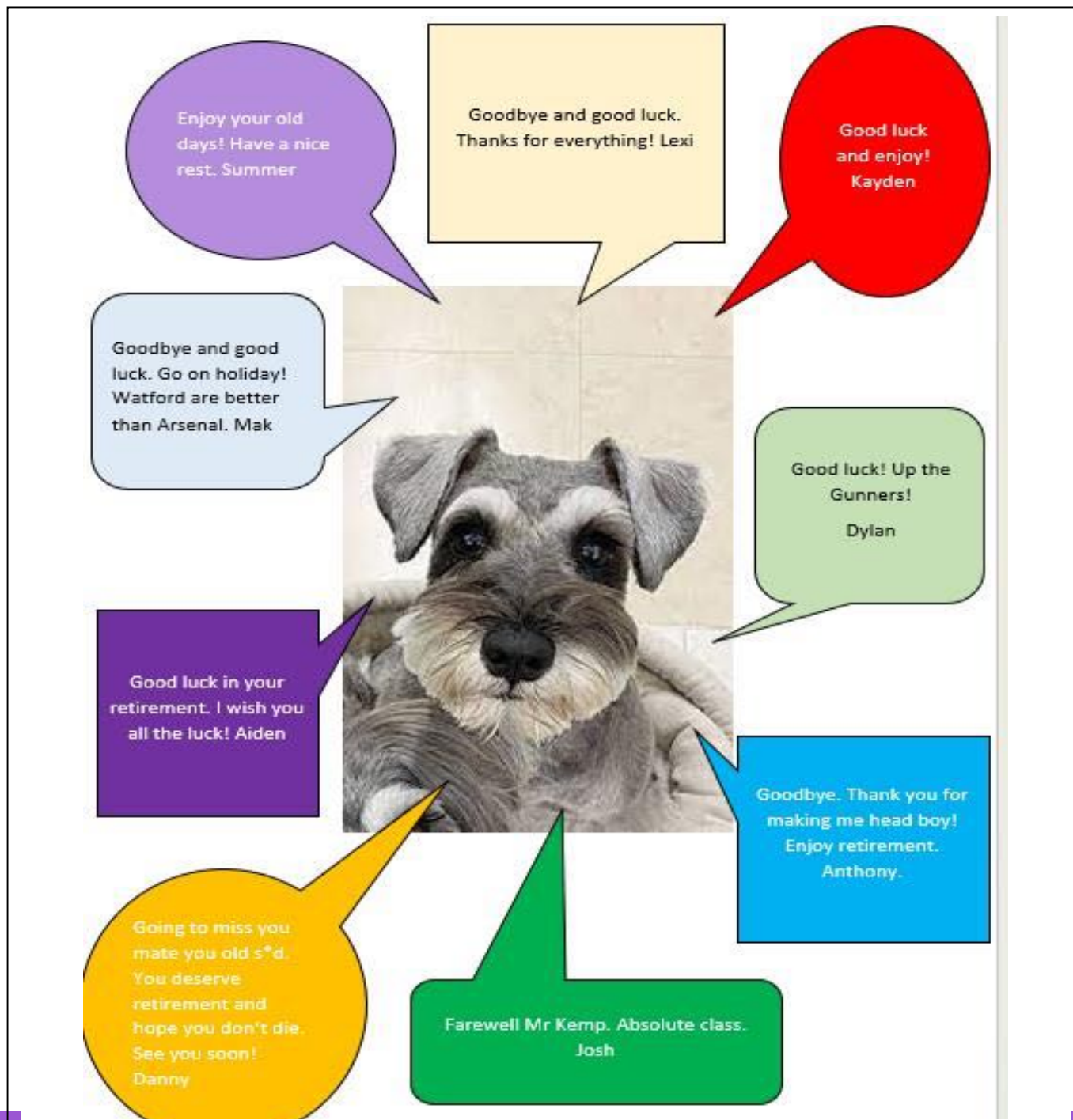
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Alex

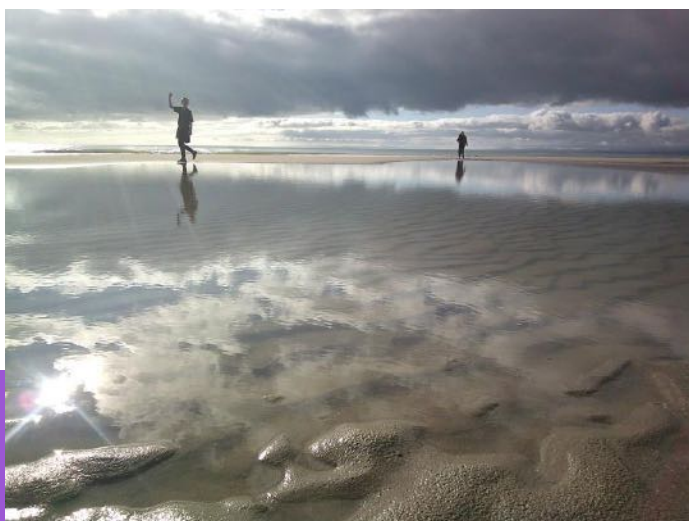
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good luck
ordelia





Batchwood in Photos



SOME STUDENTS FROM NURTURE 1
WENT TO WALES ON AN OVERNIGHT
MOUNTAINEERING TRIP. HOW
AMAZING ARE THESE PHOTOS? IT
LOOKS LIKE THEY HAD A GREAT TIME



Members of the GCSE English Literature group and 9C went to Shakespeare's Globe to watch Romeo and Juliet. Students also visited the Tate Modern. All students had a great time, and were very tired getting back to St Albans at 9.30pm after a full day at school!

Maths Trail

During our Math lesson, this week, we took part in an Easter Maths Trial. We had to go around the school scanning the QR codes to find the questions, answer them and go to the next location. The maths questions were tricky but we worked well as a team to get through them. It was a lot of fun!



Student Shoutouts

This page is for staff to 'shout out' students who have done well in their subjects this term.

DT KS4- For CB who has shown great interest in Horticulture and has worked very hard. Her interest in picking flowers and making bouquets has led to her taking a special unit in floristry.

KS3 - In Design technology Aidan P has learnt to use the scroll saw confidently and independently this term. Massive achievement!

English: L-RW for passing Functional Skills Level 1 & 2 in Reading and 1 in writing

Nurture 2 - RD has shown great resilience over the past few weeks and is now confident in leading some of the morning activities in form.

Nurture 1- IO for getting more involved in PE, taking on more challenge in maths and sharing her learning with her peers.

Charlie: KS4 - Rose

Alex: KS3 - Print of famous person he admires



Batchwood Time Capsule

Following our Five ways to Wellbeing theme, we will be creating a School time capsule that will capture our present, and allow us to connect with the world of our future!

This was suggested by our Mental Health Ambassadors and will be hidden/ buried during Mental Health awareness week, which is between the 13th-19th of May 2024... What would you contribute?



Important Diary Dates



March 2024

- 27th- Talent Show
- 28th- End of term (half day) Goodbye Mr Kemp ☹️



April 2024

- 15th- Term starts (all years)
- 20th- House music Competition



May 2024

- 2nd- Polling Day, Year 11 in school only (school closed)
- 6th - Bank Holiday
- 9th - GCSE exams start
- 13th- Mental health awareness week
- 27th- Half term starts



June 2024

- 3rd- Term starts (all years)

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