

NEWSLETTER, October 2018



I hope you all had a restful half term. It was nice to meet so many of you at the Primary 'All Join In' afternoon and the Secondary 'Bring and Share' event. This half term promises to be just as busy with rehearsals already beginning for the Primary and Secondary Christmas

productions, the dates for these are in the 'Dates for the Diary' section below and a letter will go home nearer the time.

Thank you to all those families who helped to support Youth Line and the Friends of Kennel Lane by sending in a donation for our Halloween fancy dress event. Youth Line is a counselling service which works to support some of our young people in school as well as other young people from across Bracknell Forest. The Friends of Kennel Lane raise money for the school throughout the year, this money is used to buy additional things to support the learning and development of our young people, for example, the reindeer visit at the end of this term and the farm in the Summer Term. If you would be interested in joining the Friends of Kennel Lane Committee and/or supporting their events please see their article below.



Kind regards
Jenny Baker
Headteacher

Her Majesty the Queen's Visit to the Lexicon



We were absolutely delighted to receive an invitation to watch the Queen opening the new Lexicon Centre in Bracknell on the 19th October. Two members of staff and two learners, Mikayla and Liam, representing both Primary and Secondary waited excitedly along with staff and learners from many other Bracknell Forest Schools. Everyone waved and cheered and there was a brilliant atmosphere as she formally opened the centre.



Christmas Fayre



Do you, or someone you know, have a small craft business? Would you like to be part of an exciting new pilot at our Christmas Fayre? We would like to give you an opportunity to run a stall on Wednesday 19th December, 1pm – 2.30pm. We are looking for stall holders selling home-made craft items, food (no alcohol please), cards, holly wreaths, Christmas decorations etc.. We are asking just £5 per stall as

this is a not-for-profit pilot scheme for this year. For further details, please contact Victoria.Wilkins@kennellaneschool.com. Thank you!

Tag Rugby

On Wednesday 17th October Elm class were very excited to be invited to a Tag Rugby Festival. The event was held at Great Hollands Recreation Ground and was attended by 8 other Bracknell Forest schools. At the festival Elm class moved around stations practising their tag rugby skills and played small games. Everyone participated with a great attitude, had great fun and went home suitably muddy!!



Staff News



Please join us in welcoming the following new staff to our team:-

- Amelia King – Nurture Leader (part of our Support & Intervention Team)
- Farah Saloub – Bank TA
- Hollie Fry – Secondary TA
- Jenna Lester – Primary TA
- Tanya Varley – Primary TA

Volunteers For School Admission Appeal Panels



Do you have an interest in education? Do you want to play an important role in ensuring the school allocation process is fair? Are you good at listening to people and making balanced decisions? Bracknell Forest are looking for new people to join their group of School Appeal Panel Members. Panel members are independent volunteers who decide the outcome of school appeals, where a parent wants to challenge the Council's decision to refuse their child a place at their preferred school. All panels need to include at least one person with no experience of working in schools, and at least one person who has experience in education. They are particularly looking for volunteers who are or have been employed as a teacher or learning support assistant, or volunteers who have children registered at a school. This is a rewarding voluntary role which makes a difference to the community.

To find out more information or to apply, please go to <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/school-admission-appeals/school-admission-appeals-panel> or email appeals@bracknell-forest.gov.uk with any questions.

GOVERNOR UPDATE FROM PETER FLOYD, CHAIR OF GOVERNORS



Your
Governing Body
Needs
you

Are you ready to make a difference by becoming a Parent Governor?

The Governing Body has two Parent Governor positions, but currently only one is filled. Would you like to join us and make a positive contribution to the schooling of all our learners?

Governors are responsible for ensuring clarity of vision and strategic direction, holding the Headteacher to account for the performance of the school and ensuring that the budget is effectively managed. This is all very serious stuff and although we take it extremely seriously, we also have a bit of fun and a few laughs along the way.

Whereas we need a range of specific skills to make up an effective Governing Body, it is also very important that we have parental representation so please do not be put off if you haven't done this sort of thing before or feel that you might not fit in. We will make you feel welcome and there is some very good training available. Of course there is a commitment in terms of time, for the training, attending meetings and other school activities. It would be best to have a good idea of these before putting yourself forward so, if you are interested, please contact the Clerk to Governors John Carroll, and we can arrange a quick meeting or phone call to take you through the basics. John's email address is john.carroll@kennellaneschool.com



You will shortly receive a letter about the election process, which will be necessary if we get more than one application, but there's no need to wait for that – if you're interested, contact John to find out more. There's no time like the present!

Friends of Kennel Lane School Update and Appeal from Sarah Barnett (FOKL vice chair)

Here is a summary of our AGM which was held in October.



In the last financial year (Oct 2017 to Sept 2018) we raised £3,595. Fundraising is on-going for a new splash pool, which will cost in the region of £15,000. Last year FOKL spent a total of £4,686 on Family Fun sessions, splash pool repairs, contribution to new swings and a new football board. We will also be funding a reindeer visit this Christmas.



Thank you to all those who came to our Halloween party last month - everyone had loads of fun and enjoyed taking part in the treasure hunt. We also raised about £400, which is fantastic! We hope to see you at our Christmas party on Friday 7th December.

Please follow us on Facebook for regular updates: www.facebook.com/fofokls/

Finally, we always need new members to join the committee. If you are interested, please contact me via the school office. As we are not a PTA, committee members do not have to be a parent of a child in school so if you know of anyone outside school who may be interested, please get them to contact me too. Thank you.



Dates for the Diary



Thursday 8th November	Secondary 'Bring and Share' Coffee Afternoon	1.30pm – 2.30pm
Friday 9th November	Primary 'All Join In' Afternoon	1.30pm – 2.30pm
Tuesday 18th December	Secondary Production Primary Production	10.00am 1.30pm
Wednesday 19th December	Reindeer Visit	All day
Thursday 20th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch	12.00 noon
Friday 21st December	Learners' end of day	1.00pm