

NEWSLETTER, January 2019



I hope your new year has got off to a fantastic start - our Spring Term certainly has. We have already held and been involved in many extra-curricular events including all our learners in Primary watching a pantomime staged by M and M Theatre Company, a local SEN Football Tournament and a collaborative project we are working on with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.



It was great to see so many of you attending our parents and carers events this half term. The 'Dates for the Diary' section at the end of the newsletter details all the other key dates for the remainder of this term. We are also on Twitter @KLSBracknell and often update and share Tweets about current developments within the school as they happen, so please follow us.

The Friends of Kennel Lane, our school charity, raises money to support the school with buying non-essential equipment and supporting extra-curricular activities which benefit our learners that we otherwise might not be able to afford to do. The extremely popular reindeer visit, enjoyed by learners across the school, is one of these activities. The main events that the Friends of Kennel Lane organise throughout the year are our Halloween disco and Christmas disco in the Autumn Term, Quiz Night in the Spring Term and the Summer Fun Day in July. The Quiz Night is being held on Friday 15th March at the Binfield Club, it would be great if you could organise a team to help support the school and have a fun night out at the same time!

Kind regards
Jenny Baker
Headteacher

SEN Schools Football Tournament Thursday 17th January 2019



Well done to our very own Green League football team, who braved the cold weather today to take part in the SEN schools football tournament in Reading. The team showed sportsmanship, team work and determination throughout and, most importantly, had fun with the results as follows:-

Kennel Lane V Heathermount	4 – 0	Mary-Hare V Kennel Lane	1 – 0
Kennel Lane V Brookfields	0 – 2	Kennel Lane V Manor Green	2 – 4
Addington V Kennel Lane	0 – 0	Kennel Lane V Arbour Vale	0 – 2

EYFS News



This term, Emerald, our Early Years class, has been following the topic "How many colours in a rainbow?" Activities have involved making a giant rainbow outside using paint squirted through syringes, using different coloured torches in the Sensory room to make light patterns and playing in our brand new ball pool, which we are very proud of!



M and M Theatre Visit

We were once again enthralled by another visit of M and M Productions who presented "Jack and the Beanstalk" to Primary and some Secondary learners on 23rd January. The characters and costumes captured everyone's attention and the favourite was certainly Buttercup the black and white cow. Learners joined in with the songs and music and two members of staff were also "chosen" to go onto the stage area and dance!



Governor Update from Chair of Governors, Peter Floyd

Belatedly, Happy New Year to all – as always, time seems to be flying and Half Term is now closer in front of us than Christmas and New Year are behind us.



I would like to welcome George Wells to the Governing Body. George is a Maths Teacher and Assistant Housemaster at Wellington College and has been very much involved in the support that the College give us on a regular basis - some of our staff and learners will be familiar with him as he regularly accompanies students from the College when they visit on a Wednesday. Currently they are completing a conservation project with Bracknell Forest Council. When I first met George he told me that he was enthusiastic to be a Governor as he thoroughly enjoyed the time that he spent in our school and wanted to continue to build on the already existing partnership between the two schools. I know that George will prove to be a valuable addition to the Governing Body.

Feeling the pinch this January? You are not alone...

We have been asked by the Berkshire Credit Union to pass the following information to our parents and carers:-

Half the population start the year 'in the red'. Christmas and New Year spending is just one of the reasons that we often start the year overdrawn and in debt. Most of us also end up spending more than we can afford on food and drink over the festive season. But saving just a little each week or month throughout the year can make a big difference and add up to a tidy sum by the end of the year, but maybe you're not sure how to go about this?

Berkshire Credit Union (BCU) may be able to help. Credit unions are not for profit, community institutions, owned and controlled by their members — the people who save and borrow with it. Bank of England figures show that for the early part 2018, in the UK, over 2 million people were members of a credit union. This can often provide a vital alternative to payday or door step lending and loan sharks.

Find out more about the Berkshire Credit Union or how to become a member by going to our website: <https://www.cslberks.org.uk/>. The website will also give locations, dates and times of our Contact Points, where you can come and talk to a volunteer for help.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 15th February	Staff Training Day – School closed to learners	
Monday 18th – Friday 22nd Feb	HALF TERM	
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day	
Thursday 7th March	Secondary Bring and Share Coffee Afternoon	1.30pm – 2.30pm
Friday 8th March	Primary All Join In Afternoon	1.30pm – 2.30pm
Friday 15th March	Friends of Kennel Lane Quiz Night – Binfield Club	7.30pm