



The Kennel Lane School community is extremely proud of those learners who took part in such a prestigious event at the Royal Albert Hall with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. You can read more about this below.

Just a reminder that our swimming pool will be closed for refurbishment works from Easter for the whole of the Summer Term and possibly into the beginning of the Autumn Term.

It was really nice to see all of our young people across the school engaged in our latest 'World of Work' day. We were particularly fortunate to welcome members of the 1st Battalion Irish Guards, including Domnhall, their Irish wolfhound. The World of Work days support our aspirations that our young people will enter employment post-school.

Wishing you and your family a lovely Easter. The next newsletter will be at the end of May.

Kind regards
Jenny Baker
Headteacher



Royal Philharmonic Orchestra Music Project

Over the last two months, some of our young people in Key Stages 2, 3, 4 & 5 have taken part in an exciting music project with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and Berkshire Maestros. This project included an introductory concert, followed by a series of small group workshops. Following this, each group took part in an in-school performance where they amazed staff members and peers with their compositions.

On the 11th March one group had the exciting opportunity to perform at the Royal Albert Hall. Our Royal Albert Hall performance was part of a larger gala event featuring Berkshire Youth Symphony Orchestra, Berkshire Youth Choirs, and nearly



2000 Primary and Secondary school pupils from across Berkshire.



It has been wonderful to see our young people engage in this project and the benefits have been evident, including supporting the development of participants' creativity and self-expression; contributing to the development of participants' listening, communication and team working skills and celebrating the musical

successes of our young people through high-profile performances of their work, alongside world class musicians. Our learners did an incredible job throughout this project and the staff that attended the performance at the Royal Albert Hall were so proud! Well done everyone ☺

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Manor Green Swimming Gala



Following our previous swimming Gala at Brookfields SEN School in November, four students from Opal, our Inclusion class, have attended another swimming Gala at Manor Green SEN School in Maidenhead. They all swam against other local authority SEN schools and were able to take part in individual races and team races, giving them the opportunity to make new friends and swim in a different environment. They all had a thoroughly enjoyable day and came away with silver medals for coming joint 2nd place with Manor Green. Well done everyone!



Friends of Kennel Lane Update

Quiz Night - Thank you to everyone who came to our quiz night. It was a fantastic turnout - we had to set up extra tables to fit all the teams in! You helped us raise over £300.

Non-Uniform Day 5th April - We are busy preparing for this year's Fun Day, which will be on Sunday 7th July. The alcohol tombola is always popular on the day and we are asking for donations of £1 or a bottle of alcohol so we can ensure the stall is well stocked, in return for a non-uniform day. However, please do not send bottles of alcohol into school with your young person on transport - please drop your donation into Reception or message us via Facebook or email to arrange collection.

Sponsors Needed! - The Summer Fun Day costs quite a bit to put on so we are looking for sponsors. Do you own or work for a company that could offer us sponsorship in return for advertising? We would be equally grateful for a donation of an enticing raffle prize. Please contact us if you can help.

Finally, we would like to say a **big thank you!** to Kennel Lane parents Peter Bickers, who selected us as his Freemason Lodge's charity of the year and presented us with a cheque for £500, and also to Cammy Reilly, who is doing a 5K Obstacle Course run in May, and has raised an awesome £735 in sponsorship for us! Thank you to both of you and good luck Cammy!

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Dates for the Diary



Thursday 4th April	Introduction to Sixth Form Coffee Afternoon – by invitation	1.30pm – 2.30pm
Friday 5th April	End of Term	1.00pm (for learners)
Tuesday 23rd April	Start of Summer Term	8.50am
Friday 26th April	Options Coffee Morning – by invitation	9.15am – 10.15am
Friday 26th April	Year 6 Transition to KS3 – by invitation	9.15am – 10.15am
Friday 3rd May	ASDAN Pathway Information Session - by invitation	2.00pm – 2.45pm
Friday 10th May	Primary 'All Join In' afternoon	1.30pm – 2.30pm
Thursday 23rd May	Whole School Sports Day	Time to be confirmed