

NEWSLETTER, December 2019



Hello and welcome to the final newsletter of 2019.

Kennel Lane School has been an exciting hive of activity for the last few weeks, preparing for the Primary and Secondary Productions, the Christmas Fayre and looking forward to a yummy Christmas lunch with some very special guests. The productions and lunch events are taking place after we go to print so we will report on them in the January newsletter.

So all that is left for me to do, on behalf of the Senior Leadership Team and the entire staff team, is to wish you all a very peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming our young people back to school on **Monday 6th January 2020 at 8:50am.**

Best wishes
Jenny Baker
Headteacher

'Frozen' Reception



Anyone who has been into school recently will have seen our Reception transformed into a 'Frozen' film set! Thank you to our very talented Carly in the office who created this, along with photo booth props, trolls and Olaf! We bet you can't guess which members of staff are behind the Anna and Elsa masks?!



Reindeer Visit



Learners and staff alike were enchanted with our reindeer visitors on Thursday 12th December. Despite the rain, everyone got to meet Blizzard and Tornado and were able to ask lots of questions about them. Thank you to Riverways Farm in Twyford for bringing them to see us for the day and helping us feel all Christmassy!

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to all of you who attended the Christmas Fayre on the 12th December. There were lots of lovely gifts to buy including beautiful laser cut reindeer and snowman table decorations. Shoppers were entertained by the choir and Santa and his elves even popped by to pick up some last minute presents and chat to our learners. Well done and thank you to Vicky and her 'Green Leaves' team for organising such a successful event again this year.



Opal Class Victorian Day



On Wednesday 13th November, Year 6 from Opal class experienced a Victorian school day. The girls did cross stitch and the boys did Maths. We had a visit from the school inspector and sang the National Anthem to him.

The teachers were very strict and some of our friends got the cane and Dunce's hat. We enjoyed dressing up as Victorian school children. We didn't enjoy the drill outside or marching to the school room.



Report written by Brandon, Rory and Ruby ☺

Table Cricket



Last year we were fortunate enough for some of our learners to receive coaching from the Berkshire Cricket Foundation in Table Cricket. They encouraged us to take part in the Berkshire Inter Schools Competition, which we won, and then represented Berkshire in the Inter County Competition at Stoke Mandeville. The learners tried their best in a very tough competition but unfortunately did not win. However, this led to contacts with the Berkshire Cricket Foundation, who began coaching the learners this year and guided us towards sponsorship with The Lord's Taverner. We are now the proud owners of our own table, which means that our enthusiastic learners can practice regularly for next year's tournament. Many thanks to The Lord's Taverner for this generous donation.

Friends of Kennel Lane School Update

Merry Christmas from the Friends Committee and thank you to everyone who came to our Christmas Party and to those who helped on the night. It was lovely to see all the young people dancing and having fun.



Our FOKLS Bracknell Forest Lottery page is now up and running. Please help raise money for our school and be in with a chance to win £25,000!

Go to www.bracknellforestlottery.co.uk/support/friends-of-kennel-lane-school and get your tickets at only £1 each! You can play monthly, weekly or even as a one-off! Thank you ☺

Dates for your 2020 diary are the **FOKL Quiz Night on Friday 20th March** at a venue to be confirmed, and the ever-popular **Fun Day on Sunday 5th July** at Kennel Lane School.

Accessible Swimming Sessions at Coral Reef

We've been asked to pass on information regarding accessible fun swimming sessions for people with disabilities and their friends, carers and families at Coral Reef Waterworld in Bracknell. For further information and to book online please visit www.everyoneactive.com/CoralReef.



Governor Update from Peter Floyd, Chair of Governors



And so the end of another year approaches. It may be the end of the calendar year but only half way through the school year and the break provides a chance for staff and learners alike to relax, spend quality time with family and friends and recharge batteries for the second half of the school year.

The highlight of this time of the year for me is always the school productions, at the time of writing these haven't taken place but I am hearing about the hard work and preparation that is going into making them the outstanding success that they always are – can't wait!

As with every year that I've experienced, 2019 has been a mixture of ups and downs, joy and sorrow, but at the end of it we reflect philosophically, celebrate the good times and look forward optimistically to what the New Year may bring.

So, on behalf of the Governors of Kennel Lane School, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas, however you celebrate it, and the very best of luck for 2020.