

NEWSLETTER, November 2021



Dear All

Thank you to all those carers and parents who completed our parent and carer survey this month. I have summarised the results in the table below. The results from the survey indicate that many of you are unaware of some of the clubs and activities we offer our young people. Due to the majority of our young people accessing school via Educational Transport, we run our clubs and activities during lunchtime. Learners have access to a variety of different playground games. In Secondary, a few examples are Chess Club, Library Club, Netball Club and I am pleased to announce that our new Multi Use Games Area was finished on Tuesday 23rd November which means learners can access football and other court sports.

This is a photo of our fabulous new MUGA nicknamed 'Shearer Park' in honour of Kev, our Site Team Leader, who also coaches our school football team. Alan Shearer is Kev's favourite football player and Kev's favourite football team is Portsmouth Football Club who play at Fratton Park, hence 'Shearer Park'.



Next month, all of our young people will be involved in various seasonal activities in the build up to the Christmas holidays. For example, as part of the 'Employability' strand of our curriculum all our young people will be making products to sell at our online Christmas Fayre – more details to follow shortly.

As always, if you have any questions, comments and or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 01344 483872.

Kind regards
Jenny Baker
Headteacher

Parent and Carer Survey Results

Total Surveys Completed = 86

Not all carers and parents completed every section of the survey.

Statement	% Agreed*	% Disagreed*
My child is happy at Kennel Lane School	94%	6%
My child feels safe at Kennel Lane School	96%	4%
Kennel Lane School makes sure its learners are well behaved taking into consideration their additional needs	96%	4%
My child has been bullied and Kennel Lane School dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively**	72%	28%
My child has not been bullied	95%	5%
Kennel Lane School makes me aware of what my child will learn during the school year	92%	8%
When I have raised concerns with Kennel Lane School they have been dealt with properly	94%	6%
Kennel Lane School gives my child the right support they need to succeed	95%	5%
Kennel Lane School has high expectations of my child	92%	8%
My child does well at Kennel Lane School	99%	1%
Kennel Lane School lets me know how my child is doing	100%	-%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at Kennel Lane School	91%	9%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at Kennel Lane School	76%	24%
The school supports my child's wider personal development	97%	3%
I would recommend Kennel Lane School to another carer or parent	94%	6%

*The percentages shown above are for all responses where the Carer/Parent 'Strongly Agreed' or 'Agreed' and 'Disagreed' or 'Strongly Disagreed'. 'Unsure' responses are not included.

**This Statement appeared to cause some confusion in regards to what it meant.

BBC Children in Need

Thank you all for your generous donations once again this year when Pudsey came to visit. There were many different activities throughout the day and we raised in excess of £350.



Quality of Education



I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself and my new role. My name is Jo Roclawski and I am the lead for 'Quality of Education' at Kennel Lane, focusing on Curriculum and Assessment across the whole school, however, many of you will know me from my previous role as Secondary Lead.

It has been lovely meeting so many parents and carers at the recent coffee afternoons and I hope you have found the curriculum information useful. As mentioned in some of your parent feedback forms, can I please remind you that all long term plans are on our website under 'curriculum', where you can also find copies of our 14 – 19 pathway option booklets. In the Spring Term, we will also be starting to send home termly overviews which summarise what your young person will be learning in each curriculum strand/subject. If you do have any further questions, please get in contact via the school office.

STEM Day – Tremors



This term's STEM day focused on Earthquakes and Volcanoes.

Learners tried to design earthquake resistant buildings and tested them on a jelly earthquake, they made model volcanoes and watched them erupt and modelled igneous rock called pumice (but it was actually delicious honeycomb!)



In the lab, learners used different chemicals to make more eruptions and watched a demonstration of Elephant's toothpaste – the biggest eruption of the day!

New Chargeable Laptop Trolley



We now have available in the Secondary department a chargeable laptop trolley that will enable us to use IT more generally in lessons. This will be particularly helpful with the KS3 topic curriculum that encourages learners to independently find out information.

Ruby's Ramblings

Ruby has enjoyed sunny walks on the field with Cedar class this term. Cedar class have enjoyed walking with her and teaching her to sit. Ruby also enjoyed working with learners in Chestnut, helping them to become more confident around dogs.



Governor Update from Bev Mitchell-Wright, Chair of Governors



I am delighted to be able to inform you that we have a new Parent Governor. Following the nomination process after half term, Tania Aspey has been appointed to the role of Parent Governor. Tania's son is a member of Mouse Class in Primary and we are so pleased to be able to welcome her to the governing board as it is so important that we have representation from the current group of parents and carers. Tania has already attended her first Full Governing Body meeting and we will be supporting her through her induction process over the next few months.

Dates for the Diary



Friday 3rd December	999 Cenotaph Muffi Day
Thursday 9th December	Virtual Christmas Fayre
Friday 10th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 16th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch
Friday 17th December	End of term – see table below for times
Tuesday 4th January 2022	Start of Spring Term

Group	Department	Usual finish time	Finish time on Friday 17th December
Group 1	Woodlands Hub	2.45 pm	12.45 pm
Group 2	Primary	2.45 pm	12.45 pm
Group 3	Secondary	3.00 pm	1.00 pm

Christmas at the Library

We are passing on this information on behalf of Bracknell Forest Libraries.

Craft packs

Craft packs will be on sale at all Bracknell Forest Libraries during the festive period. Please contact your local library for further information.

Christmas after school crafts- Binfield Library

Christmas after school crafts will take place every Wednesday in December at Binfield Library from 3.30pm. £1.50 per child.

Competition time at Binfield and Whitegrove Library

- Guess how many sweets are in the jar competition- for 50p
- Guess the number of books used to build the Xmas tree- for 50p



Tinsel Toes at Whitegrove Library

Tinsel Toes will be taking place at Whitegrove Library on **Wednesday 22nd December at 2:00pm**. This will include crafts, a treasure hunt, Christmas stories and singing

Booking is required and costs £2.00



Children's Christmas fun hour at Sandhurst Library

Tuesday 21st December at 3pm

£2 per child – includes a present from Santa's magic sack.

Booking is essential. Please book your place at Sandhurst Library- 01252 870161

Christmas countdown crafts at Sandhurst & Crowthorne Library

From Monday 29th November

Keep your little and not so little ones occupied each week with our Bag of the Week. Collect all 4 to create your own Christmas village.

Each Bag comes with colourful Christmas stickers to decorate your Gift Bag and filled with some Christmas crafts to keep them entertained. £2.00 per bag.

Call 01344 776431 or 01252870161 to order and avoid disappointment as there is a limited supply each week.





A Xmas Star Extravaganza

Thursday 9 December, 4.30 - 6pm
Princess Square, Bracknell

A FESTIVE MUSIC AND DANCE PERFORMANCE FEATURING:
FATHER CHRISTMAS | THE GRINCH | BUDDY THE ELF | SCROOGE
PC IAIN & PC JIM | CRUELLA DEVILLE | FESTIVE MINI & MORE

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