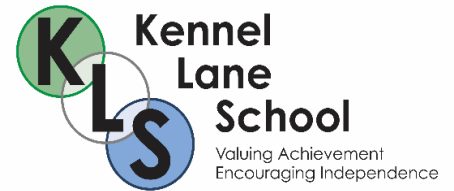


NEWSLETTER, January 2022



Dear all

Welcome to our January newsletter!

This term has been very busy already. We have hosted a Shakespeare workshop on Macbeth and some of our older learners have begun to access various college sessions and placements. It has been fabulous that some of our young people have been able to use our new Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) for extra curricula activities at lunch and break, as well as for their P.E sessions.

During February, we have some activities planned for Child Mental Health Week, 7th-11th February, and these will be further built on during the general Mental Health Awareness Week, 9th-15th May, where we have lots of external visitors coming in to school to run workshops.

Have a safe and enjoyable half term break.

Kind regards

Jenny Baker
Headteacher

Reminder: We are sorry that all face to face Carer and Parent coffee afternoons are postponed.

Covid

Unfortunately, Covid case rates are continuing to rise in our area and at school the impact this term has been the worst it has been throughout the whole pandemic. To minimise the risks to our school community, please could we kindly request the following;

- if your young person is symptomatic they remain at home and you book a PCR test.
- if your young person displays symptoms whilst at school you make every effort to collect them straight away.
- be clear about isolation dates including the onset of symptoms and report to us and NHS Test and Trace.
- report positive LFD and PCR results on the Covid phone, 07387 267434, via text, stating your young person's name and class.

Macbeth Workshop

On Friday 14th January our KS4 learners, who are following the formal curriculum pathway, took part in a Macbeth workshop, led by the company "Finding the Will".



The aim of this workshop was to act as a hook and increase excitement towards their WJEC unit "Exploring Shakespeare". The workshop was interactive and learners were encouraged to play different characters within the play, act out some of the main events and make predictions on what could happen next. We were proud to see their active involvement, creativity and acting skills!



In the lessons which followed the workshop, learners have demonstrated a richer understanding of the play; the main characters and relationships between them, as well as talking about events in good detail. We look forward to the rest of the lessons this Spring Term. You can find more information about Finding the Will and a mention of Kennel Lane here [If you've been hit by the January blues, then read on..... \(findingthewill.com\)](https://www.findingthewill.com).

Ruby's Ramblings

Ruby has been busy this month listening to readers in class and working on her communication skills. She enjoys being given a treat when the working day is done!



Community Learning



We have been asked by the Community Learning Team at Bracknell Forest to pass on the following information.

We have a range of adult learning courses to help parents and carers to de-stress and to forward-focus as we go into 2022. Courses include **Pilates, five pillars of well-being, new year new you, vision boards, time for you and declutter your mind.** There's also the opportunity to brush up on **Maths** and **English** skills and even work towards gaining a qualification. This alongside a range of IT courses and last but not least, our weekly **English Language Café** for those who want to practice their English conversation with others who have English as an additional language. Also featuring this term are courses in **baby massage, paediatric first aid, working in schools, understanding food allergies and nutrition.**

For more information on these courses or information on other Community Learning opportunities, visit www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/community-learning, call 01344 354220, or follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/bracknelladultlearning

Dates for the Diary



Thursday 10 th February	STEM Day									
Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th February	HALF TERM									
Monday 21 st February	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO LEARNERS									
Tuesday 22 nd February	Learners return to school									
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day – further details to follow									
W/c 14 th March	Science Week and Sports Relief Week									
Friday 18 th March	Red Nose Day									
Wednesday 30 th March	World of Work (WOW) day									
Thursday 31 st March	Multicultural Day									
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