

NEWSLETTER, March 2022



Dear all

As another busy term draws to a close, I'd like to thank you all for your continued support. Next term, as Covid restrictions continue to ease, we are hoping that we will be able to provide more opportunities for you all to come onto the school site to spend time with your young person and colleagues who support them.

This term we have held various workshops across the school for our young people to get involved in. Make/Sense Theatre delivered sessions to Woodlands Hub learners and we are pleased to announce they will be coming on a weekly basis from the Summer Term. In addition, we now have a qualified Dance teacher delivering Dance sessions across the school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, including a Dance Club on a Tuesday lunchtime.

I hope you are all finding the Earwig website useful and are enjoying the updates about your young person on a weekly basis. Please could you contact Jo Roclawski if you have any feedback via email jo.roclawski@kennellaneschool.com.

There will be a consultation with carers and parents about our school uniform at the beginning of the Summer Term for next academic year. In addition, we will also be asking for feedback on our 'new' Language for Learning to help us report on your young person's progress.

Wishing you and your family a lovely Spring break.

Kind regards

Jenny Baker
Headteacher

STEM Day February 10th 2022 – 'Growth'



This term's STEM Day focused on growth. Learners spent the day growing crystals and making structures. In the science lab, learners used the microscopes to look at onion cells and then went back to classrooms to make model cells to enter in the school competition. There were many wonderful entries and more prizes had to be awarded to reflect the excellent standard of entries!

Here is a photo of Ruby making a model cell out of jelly and sweets!

Newbury and District Agricultural Society

At the end of February, Newbury and District Agricultural Society visited Primary with "Rasher" the pig and "Buttercup" the cow.



These models were used to demonstrate parts of each animal and how we use them. Some learners were able to watch a sausage making demonstration and other could participate in milking. Rabbit and Mole classes used this event as their Memorable Experience for this half term's topic 'Me and My World', and after milking Buttercup, returned to their classrooms to make delicious milkshakes!



A Mexican Afternoon!

To launch KS3's topic for this half term – 'Hola Mexico', learners enjoyed an afternoon of Mexican music from a mariachi band called Beato Burrito! We all danced and sang along to the tunes and when learners got hot and thirsty they enjoyed a refreshing fruit cocktail and a chocolate.



In this topic, learners will look at how people in Mexico live, what festivals they celebrate, what they eat as well as looking at the history of Mexico and the Maya. They will also learn a Mexican hat dance and a Mexican song! Look out for more updates in subsequent newsletters.

World Book Day

Learners and colleagues dressed up for World Book Day and enjoying listening to and recreating stories in their classes. Here is Badger class recreating a messy sensory story of 'The Enormous Turnip' and going on a book character scavenger hunt, whilst in Secondary, learners took part in an illustration session with the author and illustrator Simon Murray, learning how to draw his main character.



Sports Relief Week

Sports Relief week was a brilliant success. It was a chance for our learners in both Primary and Secondary to access alternative sports that they may not have ever experienced before.



Throughout the week, learners participated in sessions delivered by professional qualified coaches in Boxercise, Archery and Fencing. Having been present throughout all sessions, it was clear that learners had a wonderful time and credit goes to

them for listening and behaving admirably with some potentially risky equipment!



Teachers and coaches alike were extremely impressed with how learners performed. Alongside the alternate sports, learners were set daily challenges throughout the week which proved to be good fun and brought out a competitive edge as learners tried to beat "Coach Jamaal's" scores. All in all, a great week ☺

Red Nose Day



It was a gloriously sunny day for Red Nose Day, which ended a week of fun activities in school. This year's theme was 'Superheroes' and learners and adults dressed up as Superman, Wonder Woman, a superhero of their own creation and some people just dressed in red.

Here is our 'Super Fun' Support and Intervention Team dressed as their heroes – Scooby Doo and Mystery Inc.

If you would like to make a donation, there's still time! Please donate via the website at <https://donation.comicrelief.com>

School Council News by Dawn Day, School Council Co-ordinator

On 3rd March we had our first meeting for the newly nominated School Council representatives. This introduced the purpose of the School Council to the learners and each of them discussed and decided what ground rules each of them would follow as a member of the Council. The learners were amazing at coming up with their own ideas about what they considered to be acceptable and not acceptable at the meetings and these now form the School Council's Mission Statement. They agreed:

They will ALWAYS; Listen, be nice, be a role model to others, be aware of other people and have good ideas

They will NOT; shout, bully others, swear, hit or kick



Each of the Councillor representatives have now been tasked with asking a number of questions to each of their classes about which types of activities and clubs they would like to have at school, what they like about school and how they think school could be improved.

The next meeting will be on 31st March when I will be excited to hear our learners voice and views on these important topics.

Ruby's Ramblings

It has been a busy term for Ruby. We enjoyed dressing up for Red Nose Day. We have been visiting lots of classes. Ruby has also been supporting with Speech and Language Therapy sessions in Ash.



Here is Logan asking to stroke Ruby using a Level Three Communication Board and Yarin taking her for a walk.



Community Information

Lions International Funfest 2022



We have been asked to pass on information to families regarding this event:

The annual 'Lions Funfest' will take place on **Sunday 26th June** at **Yateley Manor School, Yateley** from **11:30 – 4:00**. The Funfest is a fun packed day out for people with disabilities or special educational needs and their families/helpers. The emphasis will be on music and fun, for people of all ages and abilities and everything is free except for food and drink.

You will need to pre-register for this event by the 26th May. Registration forms and further information can be found at www.lions-funfest.org.uk.

Dates for the Diary



Friday 1 st April	End of Spring Term – see below for Department finish times Group 1 Woodlands Hub 12.45 pm Group 2 Primary 12.45 pm Group 3 Secondary 1.00 pm
Tuesday 19th April	Additional school holiday in lieu of 3rd June
Wednesday 20th April	Staff training day – school closed to learners
Thursday 21st April	Learners return to school

