

NEWSLETTER, October 2022



I hope you all had a lovely ½ Term holiday and managed to get outside and make the most of the sunshine on the days it was bright.

We have been updating our school website and have recently added additional information to our Parents and Carers, Internet Safety page. Please look at the information on how you can support your young person to stay safe online using this link: [Internet Safety – Kennel Lane School](#)

We have also added an internet safety help button to our website so if your young person needs help to stay safe whilst using the internet it will generate an alert to school.

Internet Safety HELP



Our 'Buzzword Newsletter' will now also appear online on a monthly basis, through our YouTube channel. Here is the link to our first online addition <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yQVEJYhB3cl>. A massive thank you to our own Speech and Language Therapist, Hollie, for putting this together. I hope you find it really useful to help support your young person's communication at home. There are also lots of other helpful videos we have previously put together on our YouTube channel.

Year 11 working experience starts this week for some of our young people but the main timetable of activities will take place during the week commencing the 21st November.

In school, to try to keep all our young people as settled as possible, we try not to mention 'Christmas' until the very end of November at the earliest. This is when we begin our preparations for our productions. The preparations for the Secondary Christmas Fayre, linked to the Employability strand of our curriculum, are the only exception to this.

Lastly from me, our annual carer and parent survey will be sent home tomorrow, 1st November, through your young person's Home/School Link Book, please could you complete and return it in the envelope provided by Friday 11th November.

Kind regards
Jenny Baker
Headteacher

Encouraging Independence

Some of our KS5 learners have begun their visits to Bracknell & Wokingham College. Pictured is Harry ordering and paying for his food independently and enjoying lunch with friends.



Ethan independently added plates to the back of his AAC (Lightwriter) so that a strap of his choice could be added, allowing him to have his device on him at all times. He was very happy with it and was able to fully enjoy his visit to college too.

Jamaican Cooking

As part of Black History month, Ash class developed their motor and cooking skills by making sweet potato chips and Jamaican Kebabs using chicken, Tofu, various vegetables and fruit, all seasoned with Jamaican seasoning. The following day it was cooked and learners tried their tasty kebabs and chips using a communication board to ask for their choice of food. After they had eaten, learners were able to communicate whether they liked or didn't like various different foods. Tofu and the sweet potato chips were a hit! This was a great opportunity to develop communication, express opinion and discuss tastes, colours and textures.



Ruby's Ramblings

Ruby has been working in Cedar class.
Lucy can now touch Ruby with the glove without an adult holding her hand. Well done Lucy!



School Council News



Get popping! As part of the ongoing projects which the School Council have nominated, Kennel Lane School is now an "official" recycling centre for Pringles Tubes.

Please send in any empty tubes that you have – for every tube that we recycle, the school will receive important funds for other projects within school. Thank you for your support.

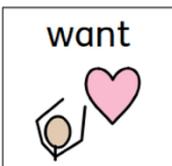
Food Bank Harvest Donations

The Bracknell Foodbank were very grateful for our large donation which was delivered recently following the Harvest assemblies.

Thank you to all of you who donated.



Buzzword is now online!



We are excited to announce that Buzzword will now be available to view online on our You Tube channel. This month's Buzzword is '**want**'. You can view the entire publication here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yQVEJYhB3cl>

Governor Update from Bev Mitchell-Wright, Chair of Governors



I hope you all enjoyed half term. We will shortly be sending out information about our upcoming election for Parent Governors. We have two parent vacancies on the governing board so I would encourage you all to have a think about whether this is something you might be interested in doing. Being a parent governor is very rewarding and you get to make a difference not only for your own child but for all young people at Kennel Lane, both now and in the future. As you would expect, there is a time commitment involved and there will be new things that you will need to learn but you will find that we are a very friendly group and you will get lots of help and support to help you to settle in.

If you would like to know a bit more about the role before you make a decision we would be very happy to have informal chat to you to explain more about what is involved. Please just contact our Clerk fiona.stanton@kennellaneschool.com.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 18 th November	Children in Need	
Friday 9 th December	Christmas Jumper Day & Secondary Christmas Fayre	Timings TBC
Tuesday 13 th December	Primary Christmas Production	Timings TBC
Wednesday 14 th December	Secondary Christmas Production	Timings TBC
Thursday 15 th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch	
Friday 16 th December	End of Autumn Term Primary & Woodlands Hub 12.45pm Finish Secondary 13.00pm Finish	
Monday 19 th December to Tuesday 3 rd January	WINTER HOLIDAY	
Wednesday 4 th January	Start of Spring Term All learners return to school	