

NEWSLETTER, May 2023



Dear Carers and Parents,

Welcome to your May newsletter. We have enjoyed another busy half term and to round it off, learners and colleagues are preparing for Friday's Sports Day, which promises to be a sunny one! Please remember to apply sunscreen to your young person before school, and also to yourselves if you are joining us for part of the day.

Also on Friday, Corvus Learning Trust will be in school to talk to carers and parents about joining the Trust. A letter has been sent home at the start of this week but if you have not replied and are intending to come along, please email my PA samantha.morgan@kennellaneschool.com and she will add your name(s) to the list. More information about Corvus is on their website Corvus Learning Trust.

June's newsletter will be the last one of this academic year. As usual, in July the Annual Report will be published instead. This report summarises everything we've done in the last year and showcases what a fun and fantastically busy place of learning Kennel Lane School is.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Sports Day on Friday.

Best wishes for a relaxing and sunny half term.

Jenny Baker
Headteacher

Ash Class visit to Whitegrove Library



Ash class had a great day out at Whitegrove library recently. They travelled by public bus and when they got there, enjoyed a sensory story called 'The Cat at the Library'.



After the story, learners were able to explore the library, which they really enjoyed.

Ruby's Ramblings

Ruby now has a smart new uniform for when she is visiting classes around school! She enjoyed showing it off to Jess during breaktime recently.



Governor Update from Bev Mitchell-Wright, Chair of Governors



As you will all have seen in a recent communication from Jenny, on Thursday 4th May 2023, the Governors passed a resolution to begin the process of Kennel Lane School converting from a maintained school to academy status as part of the Corvus Learning Trust.

Having had my own son Tom attend Kennel Lane for several years, I can imagine that this announcement may have raised some questions and concerns for some of you. Any potential change to our young person's education provision can create anxiety as we all want the very best for our children. I just wanted to reassure you all that this decision has not been taken lightly or in haste. We have been looking at the whole idea of academisation for some considerable time as we consider how we can provide the very best education for all our young people, not just now but into the future.

One of our key considerations when looking to choose any academy trust was the culture and ethos of that trust. We have a very special culture and atmosphere at Kennel Lane and the governors believe that that is one of our greatest strengths. So, it was absolutely vital for us that if we were going to consider moving to be part of an academy trust that their culture, vision and ethos should align with ours. I can say without hesitation that we have definitely found that alignment with Corvus Learning Trust and this will further support giving our learners the best possible opportunities and education.

As Chair of Governors, I want to ensure that all parents and carers feel they have had an opportunity to ask questions, raise any concerns and give their views so I would encourage you all to take advantage of the invitation to send in your questions to academisation@kennellaneschool.com or to attend one of the face-to-face meetings.

Family Support News

Chatty Café – It was great to see some new faces at the Chatty Café last month. This is a chance to meet other carers and parents and have a coffee and a chat. We will be meeting again on **22nd June at 10am** at the Waitrose café in Bracknell - it would be lovely to see more of you there.

Sleep Workshop – We will be running a carer/parent workshop on promoting good sleep on **3rd July**. A separate letter will be sent with more details.

Top Tips

Healthy eating and weight management for children

There is a new resource in Bracknell to support children between the ages of 4 and 12 with healthy diets and promoting exercise. The aim of these sessions is for the parent and child to attend together to learn about healthy lifestyles, how to maintain a healthy weight and to participate in cooking and other activities.

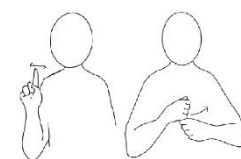
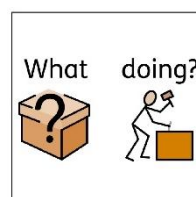
We are looking forward to working with them to support families of children with SEN.

If anyone is interested in this support, please contact the family support team at Kennel Lane for more information.

This month's Buzzword is... 'What doing?'



Follow the link for the video and more information on this month's Buzzword: <https://youtu.be/cn9Uay9cpdY>



Coronation Celebrations

We all had a wonderful time celebrating the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. We dressed in red, white and blue, had 'street' parties with party food and made crowns and wall hangings.



Get outside!

As the weather is (finally) improving, and with half term nearly upon us, you may want to get out and about to enjoy it. We are really lucky in Bracknell Forest to have many off-road walks, taking in plenty of countryside, woodland and fresh air. Bracknell Forest also offers activities designed for children and adults with disabilities including swimming clubs, farms and festivals. Check out the links below for detail.

**Please note that we are not affiliated with All Trails in any way.*



[Countryside walks | Bracknell Forest Council \(bracknell-forest.gov.uk\)](https://bracknell-forest.gov.uk)

[2023 Best 10 Walking Trails in Bracknell | AllTrails](#)

[Short Breaks / SEN Activities - Search Results | Bracknell Directory \(fsd.org.uk\)](#)

Dates for the Diary



Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June	HALF TERM						
Thursday 1st June	Drop-in Clinic – see separate letter from the Family Support Team						
Monday 3rd July	Sleep Clinic – see separate letter from the Family Support Team						
Monday 10th – Friday 14th July	Enrichment Week (including 6 th form Prom)						
Monday 17th July	End of Year Awards and Achievements Assemblies						
Tuesday 18th July	Primary – Year 6 Transition Assembly						
Wednesday 19^h July	Secondary Leavers' Assembly						
Wednesday 19th July	<p>End of Summer Term – see Department finish times below:</p> <table> <tbody> <tr> <td>Woodlands Hub</td> <td>12:45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Primary</td> <td>12:45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secondary</td> <td>13:00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Please remember to notify your young person's transport of the early finish times.</p>	Woodlands Hub	12:45	Primary	12:45	Secondary	13:00
Woodlands Hub	12:45						
Primary	12:45						
Secondary	13:00						