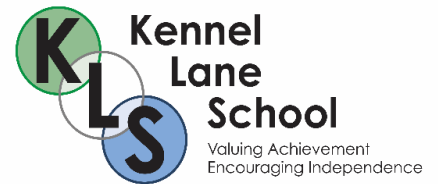


NEWSLETTER, January 2024



Dear Carers and Parents

Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

This newsletter is providing a brief showcase of some of the wonderful activities that took place across the last two weeks of the Autumn Term.

We have also included some of the key dates for the Spring Term to give you plenty of notice about events that are going to be happening.

Thank you to all carers and parents who completed our survey in November. We have attached a brief high-level overview of the results. Your opinions matter to us as we continue to work together to support our learners to achieve and become as independent as possible.

Best wishes for the new year ahead.

Kind regards
Jenny Baker
Headteacher

Winter Wonderland

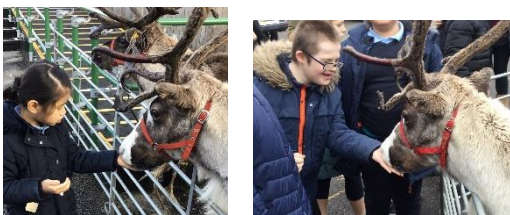


For those of you who didn't get to see our Reception area before Christmas, here are some photos of our Winter Wonderland, created by Carly. Our tree decorations were made by local craftsman, Jon Doolin, who gathers and recycles the previous year's Christmas trees from the community and turns them into these beautiful ornaments. Each Kennel Lane class is represented here.



If you would like more information about Jon's work, please contact Sam by email at samantha.morgan@kennellaneschool.com.

Reindeer Visit



Learners across the school enjoyed another visit from the reindeer and handlers of Riverways Farm in December. We learnt about the reindeer in their natural habitat, what their favourite snack is (lichen) and that their antlers grow in a different shape every year!

Key Stage 5 Work Experience

Some of our KS5 learners got into the Christmas spirit at their work experience placements in December. Here are Aisha and Jasmine decorating the tree and the shop windows at Forget-Me-Knot in Wildridings.



This month's Buzzword is... go



Follow the link for the video and more information on this month's Buzzword:
<https://youtu.be/AC78WlJna10>

Dates for the Diary



Wednesday 3 rd January	Start of Spring Term All learners return to school	
Monday 8 th January – Wednesday 10 th January	TALENTS Meetings	Individual timings as specified by Class Teacher/Tutor
Thursday 18 th January	Preparing for Adulthood Roadshow at B&W College	Not a school event
Thursday 18 th January	Primary & Woodlands Hub (Fir & Yew) 'All Join In'	1.30pm – 2.30pm
Friday 19 th January	Secondary & Woodlands Hub (Pine & Chestnut) Coffee Afternoon	1.30pm – 2.30pm
Friday 26 th January	RWI Training Session	Timings TBC
Monday 12 th February – Friday 16 th February	HALF TERM	
Monday 19 th February	Inset Day – School Closed to all learners	
Thursday 29 th February	Year 6 Carers & Parents (invite only) – Secondary Transition	1.30pm – 2.30pm
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day	
Thursday 28 th March	End of Term – Staggered finish times	12.45pm – Primary & WH 13.00pm – Secondary

Carer and Parent Survey 2023-2024

Statement	% Agreed*	% Disagreed*
My child is happy at Kennel Lane School	100%	0%
My child feels safe at Kennel Lane School	98%	2%
Kennel Lane School makes sure its learners are well behaved taking into consideration their additional needs	97%	3%
Kennel Lane School makes me aware of what my child will learn during the school year	95%	5%
When I have raised concerns with Kennel Lane School they have been dealt with properly	93%	7%
Kennel Lane School gives my child the right support they need to succeed	94%	6%
Kennel Lane School has high expectations of my child	92%	8%
My child does well at Kennel Lane School	97%	3%
Kennel Lane School lets me know how my child is doing	95%	5%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at Kennel Lane School	100%	0%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at Kennel Lane School	90%	10%
The school supports my child's wider personal development	95%	5%
I would recommend Kennel Lane School to another carer or parent	Yes – 95%	No – 5%
My child has not been bullied**	87%	13%
If your child has been bullied did Kennel Lane School deal with the bullying quickly and effectively**	61%	39%

*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 regard to what it meant, for example, some carers and parents ticked multiple boxes and/or responded without responding to the previous question.