

NEWSLETTER, February 2024



Dear Carers and Parents

I hope you had a great ½ term break.

On Friday 1st March, we will no longer be a Bracknell Forest Local Authority maintained school but an academy school as part of The Corvus Learning Trust. Bob Eley, current CEO of the Trust has sent you all a welcome letter and the Spring Newsletter will be following shortly.

I am pleased to inform you that Hollie Wright, Speech and Language Therapist, will be rejoining the Kennel Lane School team on Mondays and Tuesdays from the middle of March.

I look forward to sharing the rest of the Spring Term's news with you in our March newsletter.

Kind regards
Jenny Baker
Headteacher

Personal Development

As part of our Personal Development curriculum the focus for this term's Multi Cultural Day was Poland. Learners across the school listened to Polish music, were told some basic Polish words and created their own Pisanki (decorated egg). In Secondary, learners followed some traditional Polish recipes, including making potato pancakes.

Reaching Rwanda



As part of our World of Work Day charity fundraising event for 'Reaching Rwanda', Key Stage 4 accepted the challenge of raising money by walking 5.5km in and around the local area. Here they are having a well-deserved break at the sculpture near Cabbage Hill with the Bracknell skyline in the distance behind them.

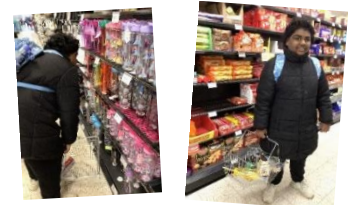
EYFS and Key Stage 1 completed a sponsored assault course, Key Stage 2 had a bake sale, Key Stage 3 learners took part in a sponsored swim and Key Stage 5 ran a bake sale and car wash.

Individual learners in Primary raised in excess of £75 each, well done!

As a school, we raised more than £1,000! This money will be enough to pay for a child to go to school for around 5 years. It will totally change their life. Thank you for your continuing support.

Community Links

Pine class went shopping to The Point during a community links lesson recently. Mishika chose what she wanted to buy and was supported to pay for the items at the till with support from an adult. She then enjoyed a drink and a snack that she had purchased in Morrisons cafe.



Governor Update from Bev Mitchell-Wright, Chair of Governors



The governors have been very busy over the last month, visiting school, taking an active role in the selection process of the new Deputy Head and conducting the final stages of Kennel Lane's conversion to become part of the Corvus Learning Trust from 1st March 2024.

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All of the governors are very excited about the opportunities that being part of Corvus will bring for the development of our learners and our staff. Although not formally part of the Trust until 1st March, we have already had several opportunities to work alongside and collaborate with Trust colleagues, share ideas and best practice, give and receive feedback and look at ways in which we can provide an even better education for all of our Learners at Kennel Lane. From the very start of this process, providing an outstanding education for our learners and ensuring that they are next stage ready has been at the heart of all our aims and I know that becoming part of Corvus will provide us with a great opportunity to do this.

I just wanted to finish by saying that we will be shortly asking for nominations for the role of Parent Governor. The Governors play a key role in determining the strategic direction of the school and we would love to have more current parent/carer representation on the Governing Board. If you are wondering if being a governor might be right for you then please do get in touch with the office or the Clerk of Governors, clerk@kennellaneschool.com and we can arrange to have an informal chat so that you can find out more about what is involved.

Attendance [How to improve your child's school attendance and where to get support - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

'When you register your child at school, you have a legal duty to ensure your child attends that school regularly.

This means that your child must attend every day that the school is open, unless:

- *Your child is too ill to attend that day.*
- *You have asked in advance and been given permission by the school for your child to be absent on that day due to exceptional circumstances.*
- *Your child cannot attend school on that day because it is a day you are taking part in religious observance.*
- *Your local authority is responsible for arranging your child's transport to school and it is not available on that day or has not been provided yet; or*
- *You are a gypsy/traveller family with no fixed abode, and you are required to travel for work that day meaning your child cannot attend their usual school. In most circumstances, however, your child is required to attend another school temporarily during such [absences](#).*

These are the only circumstances where schools can permit your child to be absent.

Carers and parents who take their child out of school without permission may face [paying a fine](#).'

Please notify the school office **before 9am on 01344 483872**, for **each day** of your child's absence.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 4 th March	Secondary Carers & Parents Options Session (by invitation)	13.30pm – 14.30pm
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day	
Monday 11 th March – Friday 15 th March	Science Week and STEM Day (Friday)	
Thursday 28 th March	END OF TERM – please note staggered finish times →	12.45pm – Primary & WH 13.00pm – Secondary
Monday 15 th April	Start of Summer Term	