

Newsletter, March 2024



Dear Carers and Parents

Thank you for your continued support over the Spring Term.

This month we have learnt about and had the chance to experience various different topics, for example, STEM Week had a sustainability focus and our R.E. focus day explored Christianity as we head towards Easter.



During the Easter break, please use Earwig as a means to capture and share records of your young person with their class team. Class teams, where appropriate, will be sending home Easter activities for your young person to complete.

When we return after Easter, we will be working with our young people who will be leaving us at the end of the Summer Term to transition to college and/or employment. This is an important milestone in these young people's life journeys, as they also prepare for their final exams and submit their coursework.

Wishing you a happy, safe and peaceful Easter break.

Best wishes

Jenny Baker
Headteacher

World Book Day 2024

We had another brilliant World Book Day on the 7th March. Learners completed various activities around a specific text. Learners amazed us with their creativity in both their Writing and Art projects.

Here are some of the fantastic classroom doors (right) and pieces of artwork (below) which were created:



Best dressed winners for each Key Stage will be decided near the start of the Summer Term. If you're able to do so, please encourage your young person to have a go at the Easter reading challenge. Happy reading!

Role Play Room

Hedgehog class have been enjoying the role play room this ½ term, which has been set up with a 'Construction' theme. They built towers from foam bricks, houses from Duplo and chose correct tools for banging in nails.



Hatching into Spring!



Once again, the Primary Department were excited to receive five duck eggs which were placed in an incubator until they hatched. Learners were able to watch the ducklings hatch and move around thanks to a webcam on their cage. They grew so fast and were great fun to watch and learn about! Here are three of them, having a drink of water and posing for the camera 😊

Update from the Chair of Governors



I am delighted to say that over the last few weeks we have been able to recruit two new parent governors to the Local Governing Board at KLS. Please join me in welcoming Tanya Pledger and Paul Barker, both of whom have children in the Primary department. I will be giving them both the opportunity to tell you a bit more about themselves in a future newsletter. We will be supporting them over the coming weeks and months to get fully up to speed with their new roles.

As you are all aware, on 1st March we became part of the Corvus Learning Trust and we are all looking forward to forging even closer links with the other schools in the Trust over the coming months so that we can ensure that we are providing the very best education for all our learners at Kennel Lane. I have already attended a meeting of all the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Local Governing Boards in the Trust and was delighted to see that there is a strong spirit of co-operation and support between all the boards which will serve to make all of us more effective in our governor roles. Looking forward to next term, at our next Governing Board meeting we will be starting to work together with the SLT on the one-year school development plan for next academic year.

I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a happy Easter break and look forward to updating you further on governor activities in the Summer term.

Community News

We have been asked to share the following information with our school community.

**Please note, Kennel Lane School has no affiliation with any group advertising here, unless stated, and carers/parents should take all necessary precautions when engaging.*

- Hurst Scout Group currently has spaces in our Beavers (6-8 years), Cubs (8-10 years) & Scouts (10-14 years) sections. These fun, once weekly term time sessions for girls and boys are based at our local Scout Hall on School Road in Hurst. We can also offer volunteering opportunities to adults who are looking for new challenges and would like to learn new skills. For more information, visit <http://www.hurstscouts.org.uk/>
- OnePlusOne relationship specialists have just launched a new free app for parents separating. Called "Separating Better" it includes advice, videos and plans for helping to manage parenting and money. It's available in the usual way from the app store. Click the link to find out more.
[Separating better \(oneplusone.org.uk\)](http://oneplusone.org.uk)

Dates for the Diary



Monday 15th April	Start of Summer Term	
Friday 19th April	Secondary RSHE Coffee morning – please respond to letter if you haven't already done so	10.00 – 11.00
Monday 6th May	Early May Bank Holiday	
Friday 24th May	Sports Day (weather dependant)	
Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May	HALF TERM	
Monday 8th July – Friday 12th July	Enrichment Week	