



Kendall Church of England
Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

17th May 2024

Newsletter 31 Summer Term 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to say a huge well done to the Year 6 pupils for their hard work and dedication leading up to the week of SATs exams that they have all just taken. The children took these completely in their stride and impressed us all with their focus and determination. Their results will come out later in the year, and will be shared with their parents, but for now, the papers have been securely packaged, collected by the courier and are on their way to be marked by the official examination team.

Secondly, and arguably far more importantly, the Year 6 children have, today, found out what musical theatre production they will be leading KS2 in this summer. They are all very excited that our Summer Production for 2024 will be 'Oliver!' Already the children are being introduced to the script and the songs and auditions will be taking place next week. Years 3, 4 and 5 will also have their parts to play and letters will be coming home shortly about the dates of the performances, what costumes the children will need and how you can order a souvenir programme full of photographs from the show.



Firstsite Holiday Fun May 2024

Firstsite Holiday Fun activities are for families facing economic challenges or who require additional support during the school holidays, including those that qualify for benefit-based free school meals. Please see further details including booking information at the end of the newsletter.

PTA Up and Coming Events



Pop up Cake Stalls

The PTA are organising our popular annual pop-up cake stalls to take place on certain Fridays after school on dates listed below. Each class will be responsible for donating homemade cakes and/or biscuits (with a list of ingredients and allergens clearly labelled), or if, like me, you lack the time or skill, you may donate shop bought items if the ingredients and allergens are listed! Each class will be responsible for managing their stall, so if you are a parent who can help sell our cakes, please turn up on your day to offer a helping hand. Cakes usually sell out in 10-15 minutes, so you won't be hanging around for long! Boxes to put your cakes in will be coming home the week before your class's event along with further information about where to bring the cakes on the day.

Year Group	Date of stall	Money raised so far...
EYFS	Friday 19 th July 2024	£TBC
Yr 1	Thursday 12 th July 2024	£TBC
Yr 2	Friday 5 th July 2024	£TBC
Yr 3	Friday 28 th June 2024	£TBC
Yr 4	Friday 21 st June 2024	£TBC
Yr 5	Friday 14 th June 2024	£TBC
Yr 6	Friday 7 th June 2024	£TBC
GRAND TOTAL SO FAR:		£TBC

Last year we raised **£612.45!** If we beat last year's total, then the whole school will have an extra 30 minutes playtime in the last week of term!

Forest School Diary 17th May 2024

The children in EYFS have started to make themselves a bear's head based on the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. This involves using hand tools such as a bow saw, and will take a couple of weeks to complete. Some of the children were busy cooking up a tasty treat of porridge in the mud kitchen.



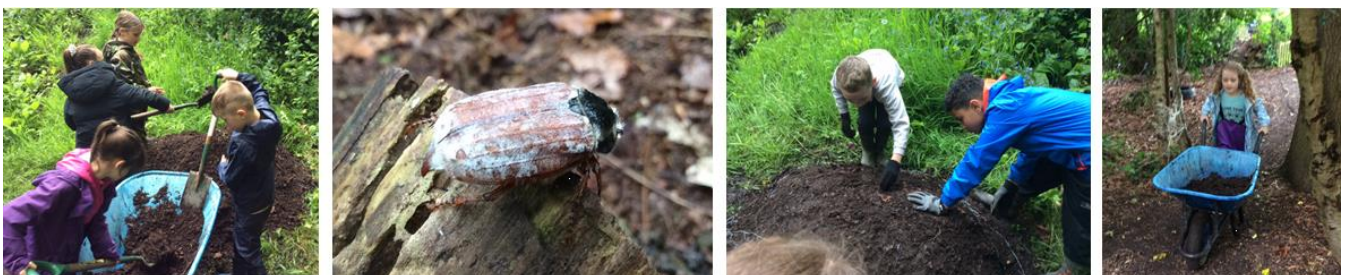
This week in Forest School, Year 1 happily sculpted hedgehogs with clay. They created their spikes using small sticks which they cut with secateurs. Once they had finished making them, they all played together in their 'hedgehog village'. Other children enjoyed the mud kitchen and digging in the mud.



Last week the children in Year 2 were busy with their green fingers. They planted tomato plants, runner beans and mangetout into their vegetable bed and hope to watch them grow over the coming weeks. The children also planted pumpkin seeds into small pots which they will be bringing home to enjoy.



Year 3 are helping to create a giant troll head sculpture covered in moss and other plants in the woodland. This will involve lots of hard graft and working together, but once finished will be worth all the hard work. During the session we were lucky enough to spot a cockchafer beetle, also known as a may bug. She was very chilled out and happy enough for the group to admire her.



The children in Year 4 worked so hard during their session to clear out and make improvements to our hedgehog patch. As a group we will continue with this next week and once completed, we hope it will attract lots of prickly little friends – or at least 1 or 2!



The children in Year 5 continued moving the compost this week to repair the pathways in the woodland. Meanwhile, others were busy constructing a new stag beetle area which, once finished, will consist of 3 hotels and hopefully be home to many stag beetle larvae.



Year 6 will resume their Forest School sessions next week.

Alan McKenzie's Parents Online Safety Videos Week 3

Please see below the third in the series on Alan McKenzie's Online Safety Video Workshop for parents. You will be able to access these today, or come back to the link in the newsletter at your own convenience. We hope that this will be a good way for you to access information about keeping children safe and thriving online, as we know that not all parents can come to Parent Information Events.

Online Gaming

Welcome to the third 11 minute video of this online safety series.

In this video I discuss the topic of online gaming and emphasise that whilst to some, gaming just means playing games, but to children it is quite different and there are 2 main reasons for this:

- A large number of children of all ages play games to socialise – their friendship groups.*
- A small number of children play games to escape something that is, or has, gone wrong in their lives. In other words, they use games as a coping mechanism.*

Click on the link or copy/paste this link into your browser:

<https://vimeo.com/847060817/685f552bc6?share=copy>

You will also find some links below that you may find useful.

Gaming – the benefits:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-gaming-advice/online-gaming-the-benefits/>

Gaming Hub – Lots of useful information here: gaming age guides, what you need to know, choosing the best games, setting limits and more:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-gaming-advice/>

Common Sense Media – If your child is asking you about a game and you're not sure, it's worth having a look on the Common Sense Media website where you can find advice and opinion about thousands of games.

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/game-reviews>

Taming Gaming – this is a brilliant resource for parents, with lots of useful information. The site is owned by a father who is a big gaming enthusiast.

<https://www.taminggaming.com/features/Curated+Lists+of+Amazing+Video+Games+that+Parents+Love>

KidAround – May 2024 Issue

The May Issue has arrived, please click on the link below to see what's inside including:

- Things to do
- Holiday clubs & activities
- Free rainy-day ideas
- Print and colour Father's Day card
- And more

<https://anyflip.com/btwyj/qqr/>



Academic Year 2024–2025 Calendar Non–Pupil Days

Our five non-pupil days have now been confirmed for the Academic Year 2024–2025. Please see the calendar at the end of the newsletter for these dates.

Online E–Safety Magazine for parents

#DITTO is a free online safety newsletter in PDF format for parents to keep you up to date with online safety risks, issues, advice and guidance related to keeping children safe online, with a view to enjoying and learning about technology. You can sign up for this newsletter at

<https://www.esafety-adviser.com/latest-newsletter/>

Reminder! Holidays Taken During term Time

We would like to remind parents and carers that we **do not** authorise term time holidays and the local authority may issue a penalty to both parents. Please find our attendance policy on our [website](#). **Please note that the Government are bringing in new statutory attendance guidance on the 19th August 2024 which outlines the new measures that schools and Local Authorities must take to reduce persistent absence and term time holidays amongst its pupils. This includes increasing fines and prosecution for parents who allow their children to have irregular attendance. I will share this guidance and the Essex school attendance policy with parents as soon as it is published. Please be aware of this if you are considering booking a term time holiday in the near future.**

Amazing Attendance? Free Tuck Friday!

Free Tuck Friday – All classes who have achieved the required attendance of at least 96% are highlighted in green. Well done **Year 3** for having the best attendance this week!

EYFS	91.65%	
Year 1	97.5%	
Year 2	98.75%	
Year 3	100%	★
Year 4	95.4%	
Year 5	98.4%	
Year 6	99.6%	
Overall Attendance	97.35%	

(Week ending 10/05/2024)

Kendall PTA

Our PTA is a group of parents who get together with the teachers and organise fundraising events so the children can enjoy fun extras which are not provided by the school's main income. We desperately need more people to support us in order to continue running these fun events and raising valuable funds. The next **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Thursday 6th June** straight after school. We will also be discussing up and coming events. All are welcome to attend.

Food Bank Vouchers

Please don't forget that the school is an agent for food bank vouchers. Please speak in confidence to a member of the school office or Mrs French if you need to use this service.

Happy Birthday!

Please join us in saying happy birthday to:
Jaygo D, Makeda D and Imogen W.



Maths Awards

Congratulations to all children who received a Mental Maths Award certificate in Monday's Celebration Assembly!

Maths Challenge

Don't forget to enter!

Vision Value Leaves

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a leaf for our 'Vision Values' Tree:
Mosa V, Ayla K and Rosie EB.

Yours sincerely,

Clare French
Headteacher

Diary Dates		
May 2024	June 2024	July 2024
Wednesday 22 nd – Yr 2, Yr 4 & Yr 6 RSE Parent Information Event 4:30pm-5:30pm Friday 24 th – PTA Pyjama Day Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st – Half Term Holiday	Thursday 6 th – PTA AGM (After school) Friday 7 th – Year 6 Bake Sale Tuesday 11 th to Friday 14 th – Father's Day Gift Shop (lunchtimes) Friday 14 th – Year 5 Bake Sale Friday 21 st – Year 4 Bake Sale Thursday 27 th – Year 3 Visit to Harwich Friday 28 th – Year 3 Bake Sale Friday 28 th – PTA Curry & Quiz Night	Monday 1 st – Sports Day & Family Picnic Tuesday 2 nd – Year 5 St Helena Taster Day Friday 5 th – Pride/Rainbow Day Friday 5 th – Year 2 Bake Sale Friday 12 th – Year 1 Bake Sale Friday 12 th – PTA Summer Disco Wednesday 17 th – Year 3 Visit to Pizza Express Thursday 18 th – KS2 Production 7pm Friday 19 th – Kendall Music Festival 9:40am to 10:45am Friday 19 th – KS2 Production 1:30pm Friday 19 th – EYFS Bake Sale Friday 19 th – KS2 Production 7pm Monday 22 nd – Year 6 Treat Trip Tuesday 23 rd – Leavers' Assembly 9:30am Tuesday 23 rd – Last Day of Summer Term

Schedule of Trips and Visits 2023/2024

Budgeting £20 a quarter (£80 a year – or approximately £2 a term-time week) should cover the cost of trips. Where a trip is more expensive, for example £40, we will always try to make sure that over the academic year, the cost for all 4 Quarters comes to no more than £80 for the trips and visits we organise. Sadly, with school funding being at an all-time low in real terms, the school is financially unable to subsidise trips and visits to the extent it has done in the past. If we do not receive enough contributions to cover the cost, we will reluctantly have to cancel trips or visitors to the school. As promised, to help you with budgeting, please see Mrs Nicholson's schedule and the associated charge for each trip for the summer term below:

Quarter 4

Year Group	Trip/Visit	Cost per child
EYFS	Walton trip	TBC (approx. £6)
Year 1	Colne Valley Railway	£22.50
Year 2	St Stephen's	n/a
Year 3	Harwich Boat Trip	£38
	Pizza Express	No charge
Year 4	River Walk	n/a
Year 5	Plants & Nature Workshop in our Woodland	n/a
Year 6	Treat Trip	n/a

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Mac and cheese (v)	All day breakfast	Roast topside of beef	Packed lunch Ham roll	Birds Eye Omega 3 Fish Fingers
Vegetarian (v) Or Vegan (ve)	Roasted vegetable and cheese quesadilla wrap	Vegetarian all day breakfast (V) (VE)	Cheese puff (V) (VE)	Cheese roll (v) Vegan cheese roll (ve)	Crispy Quorn dippers (v) Vegetable fingers (Ve)
Sides	Garlic bread Sweetcorn Freshly prepared salad bar – lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, peppers, sweetcorn, sultanas	Mushrooms Beans Hash brown Tomatoes Scrambled eggs	Roast potatoes Stuffing Yorkshire pudding Fresh carrots, cabbage and broccoli Gravy (ve)	Vegetable sticks Tortilla chips Freshly prepared salad bar – lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, peppers, sweetcorn, sultanas	Chips Baked beans Peas Freshly prepared salad bar – lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, peppers, sweetcorn, sultanas
Dessert	Fruit cocktail and cream Or Yoghurt	Fruit Shortbread (ve) Or Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit – honeydew melon and pineapple Or Voochurt	White chocolate chip sponge cake Or Fresh fruit	Fruit lolly (ve) Or Fresh fruit

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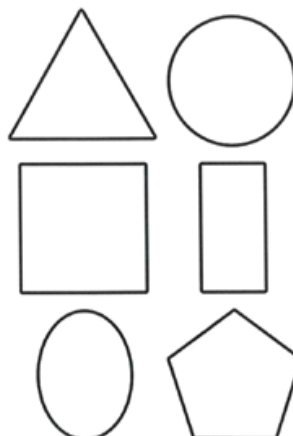
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In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days. These are to be confirmed.

Kendall KS1 Fortnightly Maths Challenge

Using the clues below find out what colour each of these shapes are.

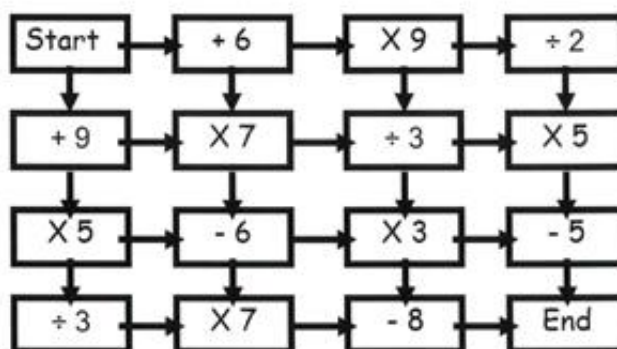
Blue is not next to pink.
Green is between grey and pink.
Red is not a square.
Green is on the right of white.



If you think you know, write your name and answer on a slip of paper and post it into the correct box on the table. The winner will be announced in two weeks. Good luck!

Kendall KS2 Fortnightly Maths Challenge

Start with 0. Find the path to the end that totals 100.



If you think you know, write your name and answer on a slip of paper and post it into the correct box on the table. The winner will be announced in two weeks. Good luck!

Firstsite Holiday Fun

May 2024

Tue 28 May - Sat 1 Jun

Colchester

Activities take place at:
Firstsite
Lewis Gardens, High St
Colchester, Essex
CO1 1JH

FREE

MAKE

Free creative
art activities
10:00am -
2:30pm

MOVE

Free fun sports
activities
10:45am - 11:45am
& 12:00pm
- 1:00pm

CANTEEN

Free freshly made
hot meals for all
the family
11:45am &
1:00pm

Our Holiday Fun activities are for families facing economic challenges or who require additional support during the school holidays, including those that qualify for benefit-based free school meals.

- Advanced booking is essential
- Activities most suitable for 4-11 years, but all ages welcome
- Caregivers are required to stay on site throughout the activities.
- Menus and lists of activities available at www.firstsite.uk

Delivered in partnership with:



How to book

Early bird tickets released
from 9am on Tue 21 May

More tickets will be
released three days in
advance of each
session.

Limited spaces available,
offered on a first come first
served basis.

If you can no longer attend
your booking, please let us
know as soon as possible
by calling 01206 713700. If you
contact us 24 hours before the
event your space can be made
available for another family.

Thank you!

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