



Kendall Church of England
Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

24th May 2024

Newsletter 32 Summer Term 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is the last week of the first half of our summer term, our busiest term of the year. Thank you to everyone who has sold raffle tickets so far and returned them with the money to the office. Please keep it coming in, and if you think you could sell a few more, please pop into the office and pick up some of the spare booklets we still have. These funds are going straight back into improving the school and its grounds for the children to make it safer and more enjoyable, for example the Key Stage 1 playground, as well as making our curriculum provision better, by purchasing a 3D printer for Design Technology lessons. On behalf of the children and Team Kendall – **Thank you!**

Disney Shooting Stars Event

This week, 6 girls from Year 3 took part in a Disney shooting stars football event lead by the FA and Colchester United Community Foundation. The girls took part in a variety of activities inspired by characters from the Disney movies and learnt different football skills. The activities learnt on the event and the shooting stars programme will now be delivered by Mrs Van in the Autumn term extracurricular activity timetable for KS2 girls only. Make sure you sign up!



ECO Council – Blue Lids Needed

The Eco-Council have been busy working on creating a piece of art made from recycled bottle tops. Our piece is almost complete but we have now run out of blue lids and are desperate for more to be able to finish our piece. If you have any blue lids saved at home or can collect a few more in the next few weeks we would be very grateful for them.

Visit from Mr Bosch's son

Today we were visited by Mr Bosch's son Ivan who is an expert bass player and regularly plays gigs in his own band. He demonstrated his playing skills to inspire our children and showed them how bass playing can transform the performance of the band.



10 Reads

Children will need to have completed 10 reads by the end of the first week back after the half term holiday, 7th June 2024.

PTA Up and Coming Events



KENDALL PTA

FATHERS DAY GIFT SHOP

THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CHILDREN TO BUY A PRESENT FOR A LOVED ONE.

TAKING PLACE 13TH AND 14TH JUNE DURING LUNCH TIMES AT SCHOOL.

ALL PRESENTS ARE READY WRAPPED TO BE BROUGHT HOME ON THE DAY, CASH ONLY PLEASE.

All gifts £2



KENDALL PTA

QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT

Friday 28th June
Doors open at 6.30pm
Curry to be served from 7pm
Bring your own drinks!

Teams of 4-6 people
£10 a ticket.

Please purchase tickets via the school gateway app and email the school with the details requested at the payment stage.

Raffle on the night also!

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!

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.

Forest School Diary 24th May 2024

EYFS continued making their bear heads during their session. They drew on the faces and attached some ears to complete them, and we must say they looked amazing. The children also joined in the hedgehog fun and put together a giant hedgehog using lots of mud and sticks.



Year 1 were busy building bridges this week. There were many different types from wooden bridges to mud bridges. One of the children even made a bridge for our squirrels!



Year 2 crafted hedgehogs during their session. These were made using natural items such as pinecones, mud, sticks and pine needles. The finished results were rather cute.



Year 3 took on the high ropes this week. Firstly, the children tackled the Pirate Challenge before moving onto the Leap of Faith. Well done to everyone, for doing their best!



Year 4 continued with jobs in our hedgehog patch. The children made bunting and some new signage; we look forward to adding these to the patch after the half term break. Some of the group kept busy brushing up on their fire-lighting skills. Firstly, mastering lighting a cotton wool ball before moving on to light chippings of fat wood, which many agreed was much harder.



Year 5 made elderflower cordial during their session. This was done using the elderflower that grows in our woodland. They added lemons to the mix and simmered it over the fire. We will allow the flavours to infuse and then we will enjoy tasting it after the half term break.



After a very busy week of exams last week, Year 6 were able to enjoy some much-deserved down time during their session. Many activities were on offer such as whittling, the rope swing and climbing the leap of faith.



Alan McKenzie's Parents Online Safety Videos Week 4

Please see below the fourth 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.

Welcome to the 4th video in this series in **YouTube**. In this 9-minute video we look at one of the most popular activities where I discuss what types of content is most popular with children and some of the risks and issues.

YouTube was originally designed for persons 13 years and over. If you're not aware there is another version of YouTube which is specifically for younger children, called YouTube Kids. I like YouTube Kids, there are some great parental controls that can be used. However, the content on YouTube Kids is for very young children, so it's not a surprise to see younger children using the main YouTube service.

Click on the link or copy and paste the link into your browser:

<https://vimeo.com/847256970/b62ac1c2de?share=copy>

You will also find some links below the video link that you may find useful:

In the video I mention some features in YouTube which can help you as a parent. These are Supervised Experience (in the main YouTube app) and Parent Allow listing (in the YouTube Kids app). This link has 5 short videos explaining what these are and how to set them up:

<https://www.esafety-adviser.com/youtube-parental-restrictions/>

Information on the Google Family Link app, which also includes how to set up a Google (plus YouTube) account for children under 13:

<https://families.google/familylink/faq/#:~:text=Parents%20can%20also%20create%20a,device%20with%20their%20new%20account.>

Supporting Local Events



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 6** for having the best attendance this week!

EYFS	92%	
Year 1	96%	
Year 2	98.3%	
Year 3	98.1%	
Year 4	96.3%	
Year 5	98.05%	
Year 6	99.3%	★
Overall Attendance	96.09%	

(Week ending 17/05/2024)

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:

Orlagh Rose T, Charlie R, Sylvie R, Lilly H, Freddie B, Archie H and Leon K.



Headteacher Cups

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Headteacher Cup in assembly this week:
Delilah M, Mahmood HK and Dexter EB.

Golden Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who received Golden Awards this week:

Joshua G, Kaine W, Flo P, Jax W, Rory B, Leon K, Willow L, Ella W, Millie H, Bea H, Tyler E, Bella P and Year 6 Whole Class.

Writer of the Week

Congratulations to **Jasmine** in **Year 5** who received our Writer of the Week award and took home a new stationery set and journal – keep up that good writing!

Maths Awards Winners!

KS1 Winner – Kassandra G

KS2 Winner – Isaac B

New Challenge attached!

Vision Value Leaves

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a leaf for our 'Vision Values' Tree:
Lenny O, Martha G and Freddie M.

Have a lovely half term holiday!

Yours sincerely,



Clare French
Headteacher

Diary Dates		
May 2024	June 2024	July 2024
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 Tuesday 25 th – Year 1 Visit to Colne Valley Railway 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

Academic Year 2024-2025

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DRAFT School Term and Holiday Dates for Academic Year 2025-2026

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

Kendall KS2 Fortnightly Maths Challenge

There are 3 baskets, a brown one, a pink one and a red one, holding a total of 10 eggs. The brown basket has one more egg in it than the red basket. The red basket has three fewer eggs than the pink basket.



How many eggs are in the brown basket?

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 at the end of the week.

Good luck!

Kendall KS1 Fortnightly Maths Challenge



Can you estimate how many sweets are in the jar?

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 at the end of the week.

Good luck!