



Kendall Church of England

Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

6th September 2024

Newsletter 1 Autumn Term 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic first week back it has been; it feels like we have never been away! So much has happened, including the Year 6 residential trip to PGL at Bawdsey Manor, the Year 3 Stone Age Day experience in the woodland, Forest Schools, outdoor learning and lots of new faces around school, including Miss Sibthorp, who we welcome to Kendall as our new LSA in Year 5.

EYFS

A warm welcome to all our new children starting school for the first time. The children have impressed us with their independence and how well they have settled in. They have spent this week familiarising themselves with the classroom, their new resources, getting to know each other and learning the routines of the day.



PGL at Bawdsey Manor

Year 6 have begun the new school year in style with their 5-day residential visit to PGL at Bawdsey Manor in Suffolk. The children have had a great time taking part in lots of different activities such as Zip Wire, Abseiling, Rafting and Archery. For many of the children this has been their first time staying away from their families. Throughout the week they have been developing their teamwork and communication skills as well as setting themselves challenges and overcoming their fears. All of the children have represented Kendall brilliantly whilst away and it has been a fantastic start to their final year at primary school.





Year 3 Stone Age Day Experience

Year 3 took part in a Stone Age Day this week. They were met by Memma, the Stone Age woman in the woodland, who seemed like she didn't speak any English. She was very surprised to see lots of children in the woodland. After figuring out we spoke English, she invited us all into her camp and showed us all the amazing Stone Age objects she had; including animal skins, tools, animal skulls and cooking equipment. The children then learnt to defeather a pigeon, make a fire from flint and cook the pigeon on the fire. Most children had a chance of tasting the pigeon and to everyone's surprise it was a massive hit! We finished the day completing some Stone Age jobs for Memma and having a walk around the woodland. The day was a huge success and a great way to begin our Stone Age topic!



Autumn After School Clubs

Allocations for our Autumn Term After School Clubs will be coming home with your child on Monday if you had made an application for them. All clubs **MUST** be paid (via School Gateway) half termly in advance of your child's first session of their allocated club. If we do not receive payment in time your child will need to be collected at the usual time of 3:15pm until the first half term payment has been paid. All clubs commence **week beginning 16th September** apart from Musical Mash up, which will commence week **beginning 23rd September**, and all will finish **week ending 13th December**. If you do not wish to accept your child's allocated place, please call or email the office to advise us as soon as possible next week.

Joe, Year 7, is in Panto at the Mercury Theatre!

Some of you will recollect Joe's memorable performance as Fagin in our end of Year Key Stage 2 production of Oliver! in the summer term. He made so many friends across all year groups at Kendall and as such, I would like to share the dates he will be performing at the Mercury Theatre pantomime over the festive period, should you wish to go and see him in 'The New Adventures of Peter Pan'.

Date of show	Time of performance/s
Saturday 23 rd November 2024	7.00pm
Friday 29 th November 2024	7.00pm
Sunday 1 st December 2024	12 noon and 4.30pm
Saturday 7 th December 2024	2.00pm and 7.00pm
Friday 13 th December 2024	7.00pm
Sunday 15 th December 2024	12 noon and 4.30pm
Saturday 21 st December 2024	1.00pm and 6.00pm
Tuesday 24 th December 2024	12 noon
Friday 27 th December 2024	6.00pm
Sunday 29 th December 2024	12 noon and 4.30pm
Wednesday 1 st January 2025	2.00pm and 7.00pm
Friday 3 rd January 2025	2.00pm and 7.00pm
Sunday 5 th January 2025	12 noon and 4.30pm
Sunday 12 th January 2025	12 noon and 4.30pm
Saturday 18 th January 2025	2.00pm
Sunday 19 th January 2025	4.30pm

Forest School Diary 6th September 2024

Year 1 planted some pond grasses today. Firstly, the children had to dig a few holes that would be sufficient, before placing the grasses into the ground and giving them a good water. Some of the group also enjoyed making acorn stick men and spelling out their names using acorns.



The children of Year 2 finished off the last academic year doing some of their most favourite things. They cooked up summer treats in the mud kitchen, crawled their way through the giant web of ropes and created some cool art work using the leaves found on the woodland floor.



As we welcomed the children of Year 3 back into the forest this week, they were quick to notice the massive amounts of acorns that have already fallen from the oak trees and are covering the woodland floor. It was soon decided that as a group we would work together in gathering as many as we could to enjoy some acorn activities. As you will see from our photos the children created some really lovely artwork with them and even had a competition to see who could make the longest line of acorns.



Year 4 took advantage of the fallen acorns in the woodland this week. The children enjoyed using them to make crafts such as bracelets and funny faces.



Year 5 helped with some much-needed improvements around the pond area this week. Cutting back overgrown nettles and weeds, the group worked extremely hard, and by the end of the session the area was looking much tidier. We were also lucky enough to spot a young newt hiding in the undergrowth.



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School Age Community Drop-in

The School Age team at Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Services will provide two weekly drop-ins within our Family Hubs across Colchester and Tendring. One of these is for parents and a second for young people. The Family Hub drop-in is available for all young people including those who may be home educated or unable to access the support they require in the school environment. **No need to book, just come along.**

- Emotional health and wellbeing
- Improving sleep
- Nutrition support
- Physical and sexual health
- Health needs assessment
- Personal hygiene
- Managing health conditions
- Signposting, advice and support.

Berechurch Family Hub, School Road, CO2 8NN

Every Monday 13:30-15:30 drop-in for parents/carers.
Every Thursday 15:30-16:30 drop-in for young people.

Sydney House Family Hub, Maldon Way, CO16 7PA

Every Monday 10:00-11:00 drop-in for parents/carers.
Every Thursday 15:30-16:45 drop-in for young people.

Contact the Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Services
Tel: 0300 247 0015
(Mon-Friday 9am-5pm)

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Asda's new Cashpot for Schools initiative has raised almost £1million for UK primary schools in its first 72 hours. The industry's first campaign sees Asda donate 0.5% of the value of its customers' shopping to a primary school of their choice – every time they shop using Asda Rewards.

How does Asda Cashpot work?

Asda will kickstart each school's Cashpot with £50, and will add an additional £1 to the school pot for every customer who signs up. Asda anticipates around £500 will be raised for each school taking part.

Please click (or copy and paste to your browser) on the link below to see how to participate.

<https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

We hope you have a restful weekend!

Yours sincerely,



Clare French
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

September 2024	
Friday 6 th	Year 4 Parent Information Event
Wednesday 11 th	Year 6 Parent Information Event
Thursday 12 th	EYFS Tapestry Parent Information Event
Tuesday 17 th	SEND Parent Information
Friday 20 th	Year 5 Visit to Henry Moore Studio & grounds
Tuesday 24 th	Kendall SEND Support Group 1pm-3pm
Thursday 26 th	PTA Meeting, 3.20pm - meet at school office
October 2024	
Tuesday 1 st	Maths Parent Information Event 9:15am
Wednesday 2 nd	EYFS & Year 1 Phonics Parent Information Event 9:15am
Wednesday 2 nd	Year 4 Visit to West Stow
Monday 7 th	Individual Photos
Tuesday 15 th	Harvest Festival at St Stephen's Church 10am
Friday 18 th	Kendall Conker Competition
Monday 28 th – Friday 1st November	Autumn Half Term Holiday
November 2024	
Monday 4 th	Non- Pupil Day
Tuesday 5 th	First day of 2 nd half of autumn term
Tuesday 5 th	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 6 th	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 7 th	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 8 th	Year 6 Bikeability
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Friday 15 th	Non- Pupil Day
Monday 18 th	Non- Pupil Day
Tuesday 26 th	Parent Consultations 3:30pm-6pm
Wednesday 27 th	Year 1 Arctic Explorer
Wednesday 27 th	Parent Consultations 5:30pm-8pm

Week Two

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Baked jacket potato (v/ve)	Chinese Chicken stir fry	Roasted gammon	Packed lunch Chicken roll	Birds Eye Omega 3 Fish Fingers
Vegetarian (v) Or Vegan (ve)	Cheese and tomato pasta bake (v/ve)	Fresh vegetable stir fry	Baked Quorn fillet (v/ve)	Cheese roll (v) Vegan cheese roll (ve)	Crispy Quorn dippers (v) Vegetable fingers (Ve)
Sides	Cheese (v) Vegan cheese (ve) Beans Freshly prepared salad bar – lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, peppers, sweetcorn, sultanas	Noodles Peas Freshly prepared salad bar – lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, peppers, sweetcorn, sultanas	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 Freshly prepared salad bar – lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, peppers, sweetcorn, sultanas
Dessert	Strawberry Angel delight (v) Or Fresh fruit	Chocolate brownie (v) Or Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit salad and vegan ice cream (ve) Or yoghurt	Chocolate chip sponge cake (v) Or Fresh fruit	Cookie (ve) Or Fresh fruit

Academic Year 2024-2025

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