



Kendall Church of England

Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

6th December 2024

Newsletter 13 Autumn Term 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Operation Encompass

Our school is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces. Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse and other issues that may impact upon their wellbeing. Our police force will now share details about children who are missing from home with us so that we can appropriately understand and support their needs when they return. As a school we have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care. The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right. We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Thank you!

The Year 1 children wanted to say a big thank you to the PTA for funding the shelters that are now open for use on the KS1 playground. They will now offer shelter from the rain and sun and provide a sheltered spot to take outdoor lessons. A big thank you also goes to Matthew Magpie who has been putting the shelters up and has coupled a water butt up to the guttering so that there is easy access to water for the espaliered fruit trees that Gardening Club planted in the summer.



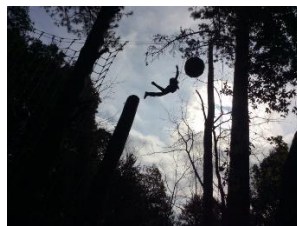
PTA Wreath Making Workshop

Here are some of the Christmas wreaths that were made in the PTA wreath making workshop this week. I think you will agree, they look amazing! Thank you to all who came along and those of you who bought wreaths made on the day, supporting the PTA to raise money for the school.



What are our PTA raising funds for now?

It has been nearly 5 years since the high ropes were installed at Kendall. The children love this exciting part of their outdoor adventurous Forest School education. Over the next couple of years, we will need to replace the harnesses, helmets and climbing ropes. We will do this as they come to the end of their usable life. We will also need to update the computers in our ICT suite. We do get some grant money from the government which will go towards this, however, it only covers half the cost of purchasing and installing enough computers for every child to use. So please, if you can, keep supporting our PTA as these are the next two projects in our pipeline!



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.

Reminder! No Chocolate Spread in Home Packed Lunches

Once again, we would like to remind all parents/carers that we **do not** permit **chocolate spread** in sandwiches, etc. in children's home packed lunches brought into school. Many chocolate spreads contain hazelnuts, almonds, or other nut products, which pose a serious risk to children in our school with nut allergies as written in our prospectus and the School Dinner information pages of our school website.

After School Clubs – Spring 2025

The new Spring Term After School Clubs are now available to apply for online. The form will close at the end of the school day on **Friday 13th December**. All clubs will start during the week beginning **13th January 2025** and finish week ending **28th March 2025**. Please complete 1 form per child – do not include multiple children on 1 form. Allocation of clubs will be confirmed the week beginning **6th January 2025**. Please click on the link below (or copy and paste into your browser) to see all clubs available and submit your applications:

<https://forms.gle/6CEuqwbQDDWQdK34A>

Clubs available to apply for:

Club	Day	Yr Group/KS	Cost Per Half Term
Football (KS1)	Monday	EYFS, Yr 1 & 2	1st & 2nd Half Term £25 £25
Basketball	Tuesday	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6	1st & 2nd Half Term £25 £25
Multisports	Wednesday	EYFS, Yr 1 & 2	1st & 2nd Half Term £25 £25
Spanish	Thursday	Yr 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Whole term £40
Football (KS2)	Friday	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6	1 st & 2 nd Half Term £25 £25
Chess	Friday	Yr 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Whole term £40

Flu Vaccine Catch Up Clinics


Essex Partnership University
NHS Foundation Trust

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Has your child missed their school vaccinations?

We are running catch up clinics for the flu vaccine this winter, your nearest clinic is:

**16/17 Clough Road,
Severalls Business Park,
Colchester, CO4 9QS**

- Saturday 7th December
- Wednesday 18th December
- Monday 23rd December

**It's easy to catch up, simply
call for an appointment on
0300 790 0597.**

For information on school aged
vaccinations please visit our website:
eput.nhs.uk/childrensvaccines

#GetWinterStrong



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/>

Forest School Diary 6th December 2024

EYFS kept busy in the woods with activities such as mini beast spotting and digging. A few of the children made good use of the fallen leaves and raked them all up into a big pile. They then had great fun jumping into them.



The children in Year 1 are feeling festive and have started to create Christmas snowmen with wood slices and felt accessories. In the meantime other children were bug hunting and having a competition to see who could find the longest worm.



Year 2 celebrated National Tree Week in the woodland and enjoyed activities such as bark rubbing and stick painting. We plan to use the sticks to decorate the trees in the woodland.



Year 3 took to the Pirate Challenge once more this week. Well done to everyone for pushing their personal limits a little bit further and climbing that extra step higher!



Year 4 have been putting the finishing touches to their Viking long boats and are now working towards designing the sail. We hope to share the end results with you over the next couple of weeks.



This week Year 5 carried on with their winter woodland decorations by making some amazing mobiles. We chose the natural resources we wanted to use, then let our imaginations go crazy by creating some magical pieces.



Year 6 have kicked off December in true Forest School fashion and 'Operation Christmas' is well underway, with the children putting together Christmas themed decorations using the hand tools and natural resources such as holly and wood.



e-Safetly for Parents - Loot Boxes

For many children and young people, playing games is predominantly about socialising with their friends. Because of this there can be significant peer pressure to look and be better than everyone else, to get further in the game than others and more. In-game purchases such as loot boxes capitalise on this peer pressure, essentially enticing users to get ahead more quickly by spending money.

Loot boxes have been a concern for a long time. A few years ago in the UK it was thought that loot boxes would come under the updated Gambling Act but this never happened due to a lack of research, however, it is thought by my many that loot boxes can be a gateway or lead-in to gambling. Concerningly, a BBC investigation has found that, out of the top 45 biggest games on the Google Play store, most are not disclosing that the games contain loot boxes properly. Many parents rely on the information that is available on the various game/app stores as well as ads to decide what is/is not appropriate for their children and this lack of important information is inexcusable. The BBC article can be found [HERE](#).

e-Safetly for Parents - My Family's Digital Toolkit

I've shared this resource from Internet Matters before, but with Christmas just a few weeks away I thought it worth sharing again. The Family Digital Toolkit is where parents can get personalised online safety advice based on a number of factors such as age, popular apps and platforms their children use, tackling online issues and more. As a bonus, parents can also be entered into a draw to win a prize bundle (including an iPhone 15). The Family Digital Toolkit can be found [HERE](#).

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	86%	
Year 1	88.7%	
Year 2	96.45%	
Year 3	98.1%	★
Year 4	98%	
Year 5	97.3%	
Year 6	97.8%	
Overall Attendance	94.7%	

(Week ending 29/11/2024)

Happy Birthday!

Please join us in saying happy birthday to: Penelope O, Rosie EB and Riley G



Headteacher Cups

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Headteacher Cup in assembly this week:
Jana F, Alesha A and Sereen F.

Golden Awards

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Gold Award in assembly this week:
Milana G, Jack H, Esther B, Kaine W, Isabelle D, Reuben H, Victoria B, Hatice O, Mahaut DJ, Penelope O, Rudi B, Darcy R, Jensen BD and Leo M

Maths Challenge

Don't forget to enter!

Kendall Team Points

Congratulations to the Weekly Team Winners: **Ash!**

Elm	Ash	Birch	Yew
3rd	1st	2nd	4th

Have a lovely weekend!

Clare French, Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

December 2024	
Monday 9 th	EYFS/KS1 Nativity 2:20pm
Tuesday 10 th	EYFS/KS1 Nativity 9:30am & 2:20pm
Friday 20 th	Christmas Service at St Stephen's Church 10am
Friday 20 th	Kendall Christmas Lunch
Friday 20 th	PTA Discos KS1 5pm–6:15pm KS2 6:30pm–8pm
Friday 20 th	Last Day of Autumn Term 2024
January 2025	
Monday 20 th	Forest School Parent Information Event 9–11am (PIE)
Friday 24 th	Eco-School Non-Uniform day to raise money for Water Aid.
Tuesday 28 th	Kendall SEND Support Group
Wednesday 29 th	Writing Parent Information Event (PIE)
February 2025	
Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st	Half Term
March 2025	
Tuesday 4 th	Parent Consultations 3:30pm–6pm
Wednesday 5 th	Reading Parent Information Event (PIE)
Wednesday 5 th	Parent Consultations 5:30pm–8pm
Wednesday 12 th	Kendall SEND Support Group
April 2025	
Friday 4 th	Easter Service at St Stephen's Church 10am
Monday 7 th to Monday 21 st	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 22 nd	First Day of Summer Term

Schedule of Trips and Visits 2024/2025

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 next quarter below

Quarter 2

Year Group	Trip/Visit	Cost per child
EYFS	No trips/visits this quarter	n/a
Year 1	Arctic Explorer	£7.50
Year 2	Roman Circus	£5
Year 3	Colchester Castle	£5.50
Year 4	French Day	n/a
Year 5	Ancient Greeks Day	£20
Year 6	Ancient Maya Day	£8

Week 3	MONDAY (meat free)	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Oven baked jacket potato with cheese(v) beans or vegan cheese (ve)	Homemade chicken casserole	Roasted top side of beef	All day brunch Pork sausage bacon	Birdseye Omega 3 fish fingers
Vegetarian (V) Or Vegan (Ve)	Winter vegetable pasta(v) (ve)	Quorn and vegetable casserole	Quorn fillet (v, ve)	All day vegetarian brunch (v,) (ve)	Quorn dippers (v) Vegetable fingers (ve)
Sides	Peas Garlic bread Freshly prepared salad – lettuce, tomatoes and cucumber	Creamy mashed potato Sweetcorn	Roast potatoes, stuffing, Yorkshire pudding, fresh carrots, cabbage, broccoli, vegan gravy (ve)	Mushrooms Beans Hash brown Tomatoes Scrambled eggs	Chips Baked beans Peas Freshly prepared salad – lettuce, tomatoes and cucumber
Dessert	Vegan ice cream and sauce or yogurt	Chocolate shortbread or yogurt or fresh fruit	Honeydew melon and pineapple or yogurt	Apple crumble and custard or yogurt	Iced sponge cake or fresh fruit

Academic Year 2024-2025

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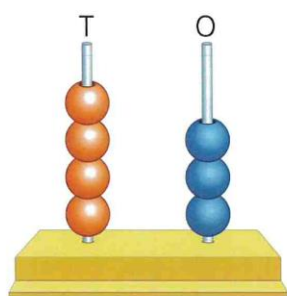
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Kendall KS1 Fortnightly Maths Challenge



Ryan is making numbers from 7 beads.

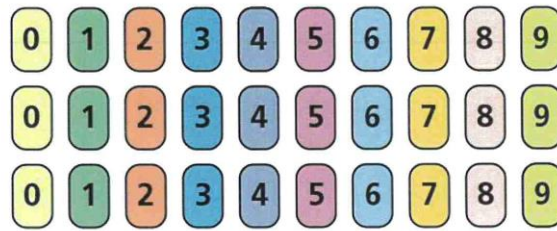
In this diagram he has put 4 beads on the Tens peg and 3 beads on the Ones peg, making 43.

How many different numbers can you make using 7 beads?

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

You have 3 sets of 0-9 digit cards.



What is the closest number you can make to 60000?

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!*