

CANVEY JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Reminders



- 26-2-24 First day back after Half Term
- 27-2-24 Parents open afternoon
- 28-2-24 Parent consultations
- 28-2-24 Cornelius Master Classes begin
- 29-2-24 Year 5 Poetry Slam opens
- 1-3-24 National Offer Day Year 6/7

- 1-3-24 Anglo Saxon workshops

Last 2 weeks at Canvey Junior School

- 5-2-24 Year 5 assessment week
- 7-2-24 Indoor athletics competition
- 9-2-24 Completion of Year 5 First Aid training
- 14-2-24 Valentines disco
- 14-2-24 Badminton Competition

Dear Parents,

I want to say a huge thank you for the generous sponsors that have been coming in this week. As you know, we are busy trying to raise funds for some much needed shade in both the front and the back playground. The total cost for the planned shading is £4000.

I am absolutely blown away by how much we have raised so far—£3,273!! In the 20 years I have worked at this school, we have never raised so much money for one cause!

I am planning on having the shelters ordered and installed over the Easter holidays so all the children can benefit from them as soon as possible.

We still have some more activities planned to meet the final amount such as an Easter Egg raffle and maybe a little parent raffle if we can get some nice prizes!!

Today is the last day of this half term and I would like to say another thank you for your on-going support with your children's learning.

Have a happy and safe half term and I look forward to seeing all on Monday 26th February.

S. Townsley



Year 5 antibullying workshop

Year 5 had a lovely visit from the Anti-Bullying Drama Workshop during Mental Health Week. The workshop embedded the definition of what makes a bully and how the children should handle any situation they may find themselves in; whether it be the person being bullied, a bystander or the bully. They were then asked to participate in a number of different games to work on teambuilding, act out some scenarios and have a discussion on what variations of bullying take place. The Year 5s were very engaged during this and it was beneficial to all children to be part of something that impacts our mental health if we do not know how to deal with certain situations.



Eco Monitors

On Wednesday 14th February, our Eco Monitors proudly represented the school at the Gunny in Canvey Island, where they had the privilege of planting tree saplings for a community project led by the local mental health and environment charity TrustLinks. They worked really hard in the rain, and managed to plant over 50 trees, helping the charity to transform the Gunny into a thriving community space.

Indoor athletics competition

On Wednesday 7th February, 20 children took part in a highly competitive athletics competition against 5 other schools. We had many individual small teams finish in 1st, 2nd and 3rd in their races, which allowed us as a school to finish overall in 3rd place. Well done to everyone who took part.

Badminton

On Wednesday, a team of 4 girls and 4 boys took part in a badminton competition. We played 3 matches against 3 other schools, with each match consisting of 5 games (2x singles and 3x doubles). We had some really good results and played really well, winning most games against 2 of the teams.

Also attached to this newsletter are the new academic term dates for your reference.

Standby to Get Creative!

The primary science company Explorify's have launched a competition to bring together Science and Art. Curiosity and creativity are qualities that both scientists and artists share. You could draw or paint, make a model or a sculpture, create a collage or take a photograph for this competition. Your artwork needs to be original, rather than copies of existing work and you need to show your science learning through your art. It doesn't need to be obvious just thought provoking e.g. A sculpture of a super hero squashing an iron bar, for instance, might prompt a discussion about which materials can be squashed. You can find more information by scanning the QR code on the poster or asking your class teacher. Please bring your entry into school for submitting before the 27th March. Good luck!



Attendance

Regular attendance in school is vital for not only your child's education, but also their mental health. There are clear links between those children who have irregular attendance and those with anxiety. Often poor attendance can affect your child's friendship groups as they feel isolated from the games being played and missed conversation's in the playground. They can also feel anxious in the class due to lack of understanding as to what is being taught because they have missed previous learning. As a school, we understand the effects the pandemic had on attendance and have seen an increase in missed school days since children returned to school full time. However, things are not improving.

Therefore, to help you decide if your child is well enough for school, I have attached a couple of links which offer advice as to when a child should be kept off school and if so, for how long.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

[Health protection in children and young people settings, including education - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Attendance League

Whole school attendance up until 16-02-2024 is 95.3%.

The classes with the best attendance for:

Week Beginning 05/02/2024 is

Lower School - **1st Place** - 3MD 98.6%
Upper School - **1st Place** - 5AC 97.3%

Week Beginning is 12/02/2024

Lower School - **1st Place** - 4AL 98.6%
Upper School - **1st Place** - 6MC 95.5%