

CANVEY JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Reminders



- 02-05-24 - School closed for
- 03-05-24 - Polling. School In-set Days
- 07-05-24 - Deadline Day for Year 3 trip payments
- 07-05-24 - 3MD trip to Canvey Beach
- 08-05-24 - 3DS trip to Canvey Beach

Last 2 weeks at Canvey Junior School

- 17-04-24 - Class photos
- 23-04-24 - Netball match against Leigh Beck
- 23-04-24 - Year 4 trip to Colchester Castle
- 24-04-24 - Year 5 trip to Colchester Zoo
- 24-04-24 - Year 6 Mersea information evening
- 29-04-24 - Whole school water safety assembly from Fire Service

Dear Parents,

What an exciting start we have had to the summer term already! Where does the time go?

We started the term with Health Week, where the children took part in lots of fun and engaging activities to educate them in the importance of looking after ourselves and others around us. We have had Year 4's trip to Colchester Castle, as well as Year 5 travelling to Colchester Zoo. It was also smiles all round as we had our class photos taken, and these are now available to order using the photo proof which was sent home with the children.

The school really has been a hive of learning and it has been a real joy to see how maturely and respectfully the children arrive to school each day.

As always, we continue to encourage the children to read and revise at home, as well as having that healthy balance between work and play.

Please don't forget, that the school will be closed to pupils Thursday and Friday, and as the Monday is a bank holiday, we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday when we return.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend!

S. Townsley



E-safety

In our constantly connected world, it is vital to strike a healthy balance between children's screen time and their overall wellbeing. The correct equilibrium between downtime and technology usage is crucial for their development and academic success.

Research indicates that primary school-aged children should ideally be getting between 9 to 11 hours of sleep each night. Sufficient sleep is essential for their physical health, cognitive function, and emotional well-being. Establishing a regular bedtime routine and limiting screen time before bed can significantly aid in achieving this target.

Furthermore, open and honest communication with your children about internet safety is paramount. Encourage your child to approach you with any concerns they may have about their online experiences. This dialogue fosters trust and ensures that children feel supported in navigating the digital world safely.

By prioritising sleep, maintaining a healthy balance between screen time and downtime, and fostering open communication about internet safety, we can help our children thrive in the digital age while safeguarding their overall well-being. Let's work together to empower our children to make responsible choices online.

SEND Drop-in service

Sian Tawfik, the schools Healthy Family Support Practitioner from Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Services, who works alongside the school nurse has informed us about a drop-in service that her organisation provide for parents within their Family Hubs.

Please find attached two posters, one showing the days and times of the drop-ins for school aged children and one for parents looking for support with SEN. Children do not have to have a diagnosis for parents to attend the drop-in.

Colchester Zoo

Year 5 had an amazing time at Colchester Zoo on Wednesday, where the children got to see, read and learn about a wealth of different animals. Each class took part in an hour workshop where they were taught about why we categorise species and the importance of each individual species in the food chain and how one disruption to this chain, can have a serious knock-on effect to other forms of life. They even got to handle real animal bones to enhance their learning! They had a fantastic time and their excitement and enthusiasm throughout the day was a joy to observe.

Colchester Castle

Year 4 have been on a fantastic trip to Colchester Castle as part of their History Topic on the Romans. They completed a range of activities including building a Roman Villa and an Iron Age Roundhouse. The children looked at the artefacts and completed a quiz and finally went down under the castle and into the ruins of the Temple of Claudius. It was a super day.

Cross Country

Last Thursday, Castle View School hosted a Cross Country event for all primary schools on the Island. Year 3 and 4 ran 600m, Year 5 ran 800m and Year 6 ran 1km against the runners from the other schools. We had some great individual runs and many top 10 finishers which helped our overall team score, where we finished in second place. Well done to all of the children who took part.

Mini Tennis

Last week we were able to take two Year 5/6 teams and one Year 3/4 team to compete in competitive mini tennis tournaments. Each team was made up of two boys and two girls who each played one game each for the match. Matches were eight minutes long and points were scored like in a tie-break situation. At the end of each match points were counted to find the overall winner of the match.

Upper school teams were entered into strong groups but played and competed well against tough opponents. Unfortunately, we didn't get enough points to make it out of the group stage with one team finishing in 2nd place and the other team in 3rd place.

Lower school teams played in one large league, playing a match against every school. Again, the children played well, with many playing tennis for the first time, and were unlucky in their final positioning. Teams in second, third and fourth place all had the same points so final positions were determined by points difference which ultimately meant we finished in 4th place.

Netball

On Tuesday, the Girl's Netball Team played their final league match of the season. It was a highly anticipated game, as the result of this game would play a huge part on the final placement in the league table. The girls played a brilliant game and it was lovely to have student and parent support from the side-lines. At the end of the match, the score was 17-3 to Canvey! A fantastic end to the season and a first-place position in the league table, well done Canvey!

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)

As always, if you have any queries or concerns or are ever unsure, please do not hesitate to contact us here in school.

Attendance League

Whole school attendance up until 01-05-2024 is

The classes with the best attendance for: 95.3%

Week Beginning is 15-04-2024

Lower School - 1st Place - 3DS—98.1%
Upper School - 1st Place - 6MC—97.4%

Week Beginning is 22-04-2024

Lower School - 1st Place - 4AL—97.9%
Upper School - 1st Place - 6JH—98.7%