

CANVEY JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Reminders



- 25.09.24 Cornelius Vermuyden Open Day
- 26.09.24 Castle View Open Day
- 27.09.24 6HF Class Assembly
- 30.09.24 Speak Out Stay Safe, whole school assembly

Dear Parents,

As we enter our fourth week back at school, I am so proud of how well the children continue to work. As you can see from the pictures below, Year 3 have settled so well into the routines of Canvey Junior School.



Last 2 weeks at Canvey Junior School

- 09.09.24 Year 6 Assessment Week
- 09/09/24 Year 4 Swimming lessons started
- 16.9.24 Year 5 Assessment Week
- 18/09/24 Individual and sibling photos

Our Year 6 children have clearly demonstrated how ready they are to represent the expectations of CJS life and were presented with their prefect badges on Friday. Team Captains were also awarded to Jess, Rafay, Megan, Maddison, Alex, Bry, Samuel and Jasmine—very well done.

Mrs Coleman has managed to book our School Council and Eco-Monitors a tour of The Houses of Parliament for later in the academic year, we will also be taking last years School Council and Eco-Monitors as it wasn't possible to book last year.

Remember, if you ever have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to see us on the gate or come in.

S. Townsley



Safeguarding

Safeguarding and E-Safety Safeguarding is the golden thread which runs through every part of school life. In the foyer of the Reception area, we have a Safeguarding information board. This will inform you of all the safeguarding leads in school and offer useful advice and phone numbers which could support both yourselves and your children. Mrs Bainbridge is our Designated Safeguarding Lead and myself, Mrs Burton and Miss Lince are the Deputy Safeguarding Leads. Nevertheless, as before, we have an open door policy here in school and if you or your children ever have any concerns you can speak to any member of staff you or they feel comfortable with. E-safety continues to be embedded within the curriculum and there will be regular updates in every newsletter. The National Online Safety website is full of useful guides on how to ensure your children stay safe at home. It also offers advice on how to install filters at home to block any inappropriate websites. If you are concerned about your child's internet usage please contact the school. In school we have a highly effective filtering and monitoring system called SENSO, which detects any potentially inappropriate searches on our ICT devices and these concerns are acted on immediately to ensure the safeguarding of our children remains top priority, even when working independently.

myHappyMind



As a School we do our very best to promote positive mental health and wellbeing and recognise the importance of doing so. Since we have introduced the myHappyMind program across the school, we have seen a noticeable difference in our pupils understanding the science of how their brain works when they feel overwhelmed and how to live a happy life.

All our new Year 3 parents will have received a separate letter with all the details of how they can access this program at home with their children. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Burton who is our Mental Health Lead here at Canvey Junior School.

Class Assemblies

Within the next couple of weeks we will begin performing our class assemblies again. I would like to invite you, the parents, carers and grandparents to come and watch your children in their assembly. There will be an opportunity to have a quick chat with your child after their assembly before they return to class. As soon as the dates are finalised I will let you know in order for you to make any necessary arrangements.

We look forward to welcoming you all.

Secondary School Applications

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened on **Thursday 12th September 2024**, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2025.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **31st October 2024**.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

All of the application information is available on the website above. The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2025-26 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

Whole Class Reading

As we have started a new academic year, each class are reading a new class reading book. The children will be sharing these together and teachers will be reading these books to the children at every available opportunity. Ask your child to tell you a little something about the books they are currently reading.

Year 3 – Pigsticks and Harold and the Incredible Journey by Alex Milway

Year 4 – George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl

Year 5 – The Explorer by Katherine Rundell

Year 6 – Holes by Louis Sachar

The children have now all each been allocated a reading book to be reading at home using our new Accelerated Reader program which allows the children to take a quick quiz once they have finished, to assess their understanding of the text. Please remember, we encourage the children to be reading at least 4 times a week at home and to evidence this by asking adults to sign their reading records to show the frequency of reading at home.

Attendance

Congratulations to 6MC who were our first week's attendance winners and to last week's joint winners, 4LH and 4PK! As you may know, attendance is crucial in supporting and sustaining academic growth and more information regarding how attendance is monitored, will be sent out to parents shortly.

Attendance League

Whole school attendance up until 20-09-2024 is 96.6%

The classes with the best attendance for:

Week Beginning 09-09-2024 is

Lower School - **1st Place** - 4PK/4LH—100%
Upper School - **1st Place** - 6HF 99.4%

Week Beginning 16-09-2024 is

Lower School - **1st Place** - 4PK—97.2%
Upper School - **1st Place** - 5AC—98.6%