

CANVEY JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Reminders



- 21.10.24 Halloween and Firework Assembly
- 21.10.24 Group 2 Bikeability begins
- 23.10.24 Halloween Disco
- 24.10.24 Essex Police Assembly Year 6
- 25.10.24 Harvest Assembly
- 25.10.24 Last Day of Half Term

Last 2 weeks at Canvey Junior School

- 08.10.24 Parents Open Afternoon
- 09.10.24 Parents Consultation Evening
- 09.10.24 Boys Football Competition
- 16.10.24 Young Carers Assembly
- 16.10.24 Stay Safe, Speak Out Workshop Year 5
- 17.10.24 Stay Safe, Speak Out Workshop Year 6

Dear Parents,

It has been an incredibly busy couple of weeks with visitors coming into school to teach the children how to stay safe and how to support each other. The visitors were incredibly complimentary about the behaviour and the maturity of your children which we were so pleased to hear.

We have now completed our first half term using Accelerated Reader and I would really value your feedback so far. As with all new initiatives, there have been some teething problems and these are being addressed as soon as they are identified. I hope your children are enjoying completing the quizzes. It has been wonderful to see the rise in the number of children reading at home each day. Thank you for your continued support.

Can I remind parents who drive their children to school to park considerately around the school premises as I have had more complaints about inappropriate parking around the school site.

Our Year 6 Team Captains held their first inter team competition and I was astounded by the response. We were inundated with the pumpkin colouring in competition entries and, after several days of judging, the Blue team won. Their inter team prize is a movie afternoon on Friday 25th October. All members of the blue team will enjoy a Halloween movie in the school hall at the end of the day. I would like to say a big thank you to our team captains for organising this competition and well done to all the children that entered. The Team Captains have already begun to think about next half terms competition.

Have a great weekend. Only 1 more week until half term!

S. Townsley



E-Safety

As Halloween approaches, many families may be considering horror films for movie nights. It's essential to understand age ratings and their significance to ensure a safe viewing experience for our children. Horror films can be exciting but often contain themes that may not be suitable for younger audiences. We encourage you to check the age ratings and content descriptors, and to discuss with your child what they might see. Engaging in conversations about fear, safety, and appropriate media can help them navigate their viewing choices. Let's keep our kids informed and empowered! For further information, please see the leaflet attached.

Year 5 & 6 Stay Safe, Speak Out

Following the whole school assembly on Speak Out, Stay Safe Year 5 and 6 took part in an NSPCC workshop. During this workshop, they discussed the places and people who make them feel safe, how to recognise if something isn't right and what to do if there was ever a worry or concern. We were very impressed by the maturity of our Upper School pupils who were really engaged in the sessions.

Boys Football

Last week the Boys Football team took part in a large tournament with 23 other teams which was held at the Deanes school. We were put into a very competitive group with 5 other schools but we managed to make a great start by winning our first match 2-0. However, after that game we then collected a draw and three defeats. Each match was very close and only the odd goal decided the games. The boys were disheartened by the results but positives were taken from the experience and will help the team progress in the league games.

A few days later, the boys played their first league game against a strong Northwick team, fresh after they had just won the boys tournament. We played them in the tournament and narrowly lost but we felt confident we could play better football on their larger pitch. We started the game really well, passing the ball around nicely and creating some good chances. However, as the game progressed, their key players took more control of the game and we eventually lost 3-1. We created lots of chances and defended well throughout so boys can be pleased with their performances and we look forward to future league games.

Tag Rugby Festival

On Wednesday, a large group of Year 3 and 4 children were selected to attend the Tag Rugby festival at the Deanes school. The idea of the festival was to promote physical activity and to introduce children to a new sport that they may enjoy. There was a carousel of activities that the children took part in, each focusing on a different skill used within tag rugby. Each session was fun and exciting which enabled the children to have a great time, despite being thoroughly worn out.

Cricket

On Monday, we had a visit from Essex Cricket who were promoting cricket as a sport, while the men's and women's teams are currently taking part in the T20 World Cup. Everyone attended an assembly at the start of the day where they were told about potential opportunities to play cricket but also to name and locate the countries currently competing in the World Cup. The Year 5 and 6 children were then able to take part in cricket workshops where they practised bowling, fielding and batting. The feedback from the children was that it was extremely fun and they were looking forward to playing more cricket in the summer term.

Young Carers

On Wednesday, we had a special visitor deliver an assembly to the school regarding being a young carer and the incredible work they do. The children were also taught what they can do to support somebody they know who may be a young carer themselves.

Harvest

Just a reminder that our annual harvest celebration takes place next Friday. This year we are supporting the Bobby's Big Heart charity. Could any donations of food, Christmas selection boxes or Christmas biscuits be handed into school by Friday 25th.

Christmas

Last week we sent out the proof of the Christmas pictures that your children had designed. These can not only be printed on Christmas cards but a range of items, which would make lovely gifts. The closing date for ordering these online via the link on the proof is Friday 25th October. The school receive a percentage of the money from the orders taken.

POPPIES

Poppies and other merchandise will be on sale after half term and children need to bring in money, items range from 20p to £1.50

Secondary school placements

As you may be aware, the statutory closing date for applications from parents of Year 6 children (for a secondary school place in Year 7 from September 2025) is **31 October 2024**.

Attendance League

Whole school attendance up until 18-10-2024 is 95.9%

The classes with the best attendance for:

Week Beginning 07-10-2024 is

Lower School -1st Place - 3MD-98.1%
Upper School - 1st Place -6MC-98%

Week Beginning 14-10-2024 is

Lower School -1st Place - 3MD-98.7%
Upper School - 1st Place - 5JB-94.3%