

CANVEY JUNIOR SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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## Reminders



- 25.11.24 Year 5 Assessment Week
- 26.11.24 Girls Netball Match (home)
- 28.11.24 Choir performance at Mayors Christmas Concert
- 29.11.24 3MD Class Assembly
- 02.12.24 Boys Football Match (away)
- 06.12.24 3DS Class Assembly

## Last 2 weeks at Canvey Junior School

- 18.11.24 Year 6 Assessment Week
- 15.11.24 Basketball Competition
- 13.11.24 Year 6 WW2 Workshop
- 11.11.24 Year 5 Safety Walks
- 11.11.24 We borrowed the moon!

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy couple of weeks here at CJS. The highlight being given the opportunity to see specimens of the moon and holding real meteorites. The children have produced some wonderful work from this experience and we look forward to seeing all the competition entries in school. 4LH conducted their class assembly this morning detailing all the facts they had learnt over the last two weeks from the moon visit; they even had a visit from Neil Armstrong in his rocket thanks to Ronnie!

I am very pleased to see the majority of children reading regularly at home and 3DS were delighted to have won the Reading trophy this week. It was very close with only 1 read between the classes. Keep up the good work.

A letter will be going out on Tuesday next week detailing the times of the Christmas plays. Both lower school and upper school will have a morning and an afternoon play to make it easier for working parents.

I will also be sending another letter soon detailing all the fun events we have planned for the children in the last week of term.

Have a lovely weekend and fingers crossed this cold spell passes soon.

S. Townsley



### **E-Safety**

In today's connected world, teaching children how to interact respectfully online is just as important as teaching them good manners in person. Attached to this newsletter, we explore practical strategies to help your child navigate the digital landscape with kindness, empathy, and integrity. From setting a positive example to guiding your child through the complexities of online communication, we are sharing tips on how to foster good digital citizenship and ensure your child understands the importance of respect in every interaction—whether they're sending a text, posting on social media, or gaming with friends. Let's work together to raise thoughtful, responsible digital citizens!

### **Year 6 WW2 Workshop**

Last week, Year 6 students stepped back in time for a fascinating day, immersing themselves in the experiences of an evacuee child during World War II. The day began with lessons using quill pens, as they carefully wrote letters home, just as children did during the war. When air raid sirens wailed, the class scrambled under tables, feeling the tension of wartime Britain.

In the afternoon, they were given ration books and identification cards and with these, they ventured out to local shops—run by their classmates—to purchase food using old money. They then gathered in a cosy cafe, where they enjoyed a taste of wartime Britain with jam sandwiches, fairy cakes and juice. The day was a remarkable opportunity for students to learn about the hardships, resilience and everyday life of children during the war, leaving them with a deep sense of gratitude and understanding.

### **Positive Parenting**

We have been informed of a Positive Parent Course (see flyer below), I have been informed by parents that have attended this course in the past that it is very informative, and the knowledge learnt was very beneficial.

If you have any difficulties accessing please contact me and I will try to support.

**Nicola Bainbridge**  
DSL / SEND Manager

### **Basketball Competition**

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November we took two teams to compete at a Basketball Tournament at Waterside Park. Each team consisted of 5 boys and 5 girls who each played a 4 minute half against the other teams' boys and girls contingent. Our teams were placed in two different groups and each played four games. The boys found it tough to score baskets in the first few games but found their scoring form later on. The girls started very strongly, using more of a netball approach of passing and moving to score most of the points in the first few matches which helped our teams record a number of wins and secure some draws. Unfortunately, our results were not good enough for us to progress out of the group stage and into the semi-finals, however, all of the children played well and were delighted that they were able to compete in a sport that they enjoy.

### **Girls Football Match**

The girls football team played a tightly contested league match against Jotmans Hall Primary School on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November, who will end up being a close competitor for the title come the end of the season. The game finished as a 1-1 draw but there were good chances from both teams. Our solid defensive line and hard working midfield and attack allowed us to prevent their better players from effecting the game too much. We look forward to our next match to continue our good league form.

### **A visit from the Moon**

Last week, we had an incredible opportunity to borrow moon rocks! The children held real meteorites, explored them under microscopes, and conducted fascinating experiments.

They also delved into the history of the space race, sparking curiosity and excitement.

It was a truly out-of-this-world experience! Mrs Coleman is now eagerly awaiting the final competition entries before she selects a winner.

### **Reading**

The children are continuing to read lots of engaging books and we are pleased to report that, collectively, they have read 338 books this month alone!

Please continue to encourage your child to be reading at least 4 times each week and to add these as separate entries into their Reading Records. Reading of any description is always encouraged and this doesn't necessarily have to be the book they have been given in school. It can be a text from their own collection, a newspaper, an e-book, anything at all. If your child has read a book from their own collection, ask them to log in to their Accelerated Reader account and see if there is a quiz for it so they can acquire more AR points! We wait with baited breath to see which class will take away next week's coveted Reading Trophy!

### **Canvey Junior School Reads!**



### **Attendance League**

Whole school attendance up until 22-11-2024 is 95.4%.

The classes with the best attendance for:

Week Beginning 11-11-2024 is

Lower School - **1st Place** - 93.9% 3MD  
Upper School - **1st Place** - **98.7% 6MC**

Week Beginning 18-11-2024 is

Lower School - **1st Place** - 99.4% 4LH  
Upper School - **1st Place** - **98% 6MC**