

CANVEY JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Reminders



- 20.01.25 Year 6 Assessment Week
- 20.01.25 Maths Parent Workshop
- 22.01.25 Dance Festival
- 27.01.25 Year 5 Assessment Week
- 27.01.25 World Week

Last 2 weeks at Canvey Junior School

- 07.01.25 First day of half term
- 13.01.25 Clubs start
- 16.01.25 Netball match at Kingston Primary School
- 17.01.25 Year 5 First Aid training (cancelled rearranged for 14/02/2025)

Dear Parents,

We are two weeks into the Spring term and time is flying by. Mrs Kennedy has had to take this term off due to an operation and we are pleased to welcome Mrs Addison who will teach 4PK along with Mr Fernon. I am sure you will all join me in wishing Mrs Kennedy a speedy recovery and make Mrs Addison feel welcome within our school community.

As you know we will support any initiative which helps your child to focus in their classes and this includes the use of fidget toys. However, there is an increasing number of fidget toys being brought into school which are getting lost or damaged. Some fidget toys are very large and noisy, distracting others from their work. From today, no fidget toys, this includes loom bands and other toys, can be brought into school. Each class has their own sensory box of items used to assist children in their learning and class teachers will issue these when necessary.

There also seems to be a growing trend for make up and lip gloss. No child is permitted to wear makeup, including mascara and nail varnish, to school nor should they be bringing lip gloss into school. If your child has chapped lips they can use a plain lip balm; novelty lip balms and glosses are not allowed. Again, we are having issues with children losing them or accusing others of taking them so if your child requires them, can they please give them to their class teacher to look after.

As with everything we ask in school, we really do appreciate your ongoing support with such matters.

I hope you all have a lovely, albeit chilly, weekend.

S. Townsley



E-Safety

As digital communication becomes a growing part of our children's lives, we want to introduce you to the **Justalk Kids** app—a safe and fun platform for kids to stay connected with friends and family. With features like voice and video calls, kids can engage in meaningful conversations while learning to use technology responsibly. To ensure your child's safety while using Justalk, here are some key tips:

- **Set privacy settings:** Ensure that your child's profile is set to private and only allows communication with approved contacts.
- **Monitor usage:** Regularly review your child's contact list and the conversations they're having.
- **Discuss online safety:** Have an open conversation with your child about how to recognise and avoid inappropriate content or interactions.

Together, we can help create a safe digital space for your child while they enjoy the benefits of staying connected. Please see the attached leaflet for more information.

We are also all aware that on-line activity is a part of our everyday lives, as our children embark on this virtual world it is important to recognise the measures that are available to ensure they are as safe as possible while they engage in the online world. The following link may be of use to support you whilst navigating your child's online use. It gives age specific advice (under 5, 6-10, 11-13 and 14+) on ways to keep children safer online.

Use the ABC online safety checklist for parents / Internet Matters link below

[Your-ABC-online-safety-checklist- -Internet-Matters.pdf](#) .Kind regards, **Nicola Bainbridge. DSL / SEND Manager**

Futsal Tournament

On Friday 10th January, we took two Year 3/4 teams to compete in a new local event called Futsal. Futsal is an indoor football game played on a hardcourt with a smaller, heavier ball with five players playing at a time. Each team played eight 10 minute matches in a league format, which gave everyone a chance to rotate positions and have a turn in goal. Unfortunately, the game was made even harder as the floor in the sports hall at Waterside was so slippery that it made it very difficult for everyone to make quick turns whilst staying on their feet. However, despite this, everyone had a great time and we had one team finish 2nd in the league and another in joint 4th.

Booksale Fundraiser

Mrs May is running the London marathon in April and raising vital funds to support the amazing work of Havens Hospices, **who provide palliative nursing and supportive care to adults and children living with complex or incurable conditions.**

On Wednesday 29th January she will be holding a book drive in school selling pre loved books from as little as 50p to help towards her fundraising target.

Netball

This week has been a busy week for the school's netball teams.

On Tuesday, the girls team played William Read School and what a game that was. They came away with a 29-0 win!

On Thursday, the mixed team played Kingston Primary School and again they came away with another impressive win 20-1.

Well done to the children and thank you to the parents, for your continued support.

Maths parent workshop.

The first parent maths workshop begins Monday 9am-11am. We are looking forward to welcoming parents to this fun and engaging session.

There is still time to participate by either contacting the office or just turning up Monday morning. There will plenty of tea, coffee and biscuits. We look forward to seeing you Monday.

Reading

The start of the spring term welcomes back our 'More than Words' approach to reading. This half term, each year group will be focusing on one book from which they will carefully analyse and put their comprehension knowledge and content domain skills to the test. The book each year group are focusing on are as follows:

Year 3: Thirteen Story Treehouse by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton.

Year 4: How to Train your Dragon by Cressida Cowell

Year 5: Who Let the Gods Out by Maz Evans

Year 6: The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Rauf

It is great to see the children continuing to read and take quizzes on their books and, already, 164 books have been read this month alone! Please continue to support reading at home with at least 4 reading sessions across a week.

Our School Network Reads!



Attendance League

Whole school attendance up until 17-01-2025 is 92.2%.

The classes with the best attendance for:

Week Beginning 07-01-2025 is

Lower School - **1st Place** - 99.6% - 3MD
Upper School - **1st Place** - 100% 5JB/6MC

Week Beginning 13-01-2025 is

Lower School - **1st Place** - 99% - 4PK
Upper School - **1st Place** - 99.3% - 5JB