

Friday 5 July 2024

Newsletter

Parent and Carer
Communication
Summer Term 2024



JULY

Word of the week:
Book



What a varied, busy week!

Transition day two went well with pupils adapting to their new groups, staff and rooms. We welcomed Mary from the Essex Library Service to our assembly to talk about the summer reading challenge and pupils will be bringing a bookmark home with more information before breaking up for the holidays.

It was also super to hear extracts from some of the story competition runners up and winners. The entries showed creativity, great use of vocabulary and imagination. Well done to all who entered!

Year 10 Parents and Carers were invited in to find out more about their forthcoming residential trip next week. We will also welcome those coming in on Tuesday 16 July from 3.30 - 4.30 for the opportunity to meet new form teachers ready for next year.

We were sorry to have to postpone our primary sports afternoon on Wednesday due to heavy rainfall on the field overnight. Thank you for your understanding with this. We look forward to the new date for this fun event, Wednesday 17 July.

Mrs A Constantine



BOOK

Both flat hands start with palms held together in front of body. Hands twist so that little fingers remain together while hands open.

MEANING:

A work of literature, such as a novel or a volume of poetry.
Similar words: album, edition, literature, manuscript, novel, publication

Summer Reading Challenge

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YEAR 11 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY

On Friday 28 June, we bade farewell to our Year 11 Pupils.

We held our Annual Leavers Assembly and we welcomed Parents and Carers to celebrate our pupils' achievements at KHS.

We shared special memories in the form of videos about the pupils and their wonderful and individual personalities.

Class of
2024

Every pupil received a personalised certificate that highlighted their strengths. Some of the certificates were: Happiest Pupil, Computer Expert and Diamond Art Queen.



Leavers 2024 Goodie bags were made by pupils in the D&T Department and parents and carers were able to purchase these after the Assembly. These bags included a Hoodie, a Mug and Pin Badges. All funds raised from these is being put back into the D&T budget for future projects. A huge thank you to all who purchased a bag!



YEAR 11 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY

As well as certificates, some pupils were also awarded special trophies for being outstanding achievers towards our school outcomes. Thank you to all who attended to support the pupils on a very special day for everyone.

**Pupil of the Year Award
Summer**



**Headteacher Award
Rosie**



**Achievement &
Accreditation Award
Daniel**



**Resilience &
Independence Award
William**



**Employability Award
Nathan**



**Health, Lifestyle &
Wellbeing Award
Bailey**



**Identity & Self
Expression Award
Esme**



**Community Award
Frank**



LEAVERS CELEBRATION – 'AT THE MOVIES'

On Friday afternoon, Year 11 Leavers came back to KHS for a themed party.

This year's theme was 'At The Movies' and staff organised theme decorations, activities and refreshments. These included a beautiful balloon arch, a photobooth and popcorn.



Pupils arrived in style and were wearing some very glamorous outfits. From beautiful dresses and smart suits, to comfy and casual, it was nice to see their individuality shine through.

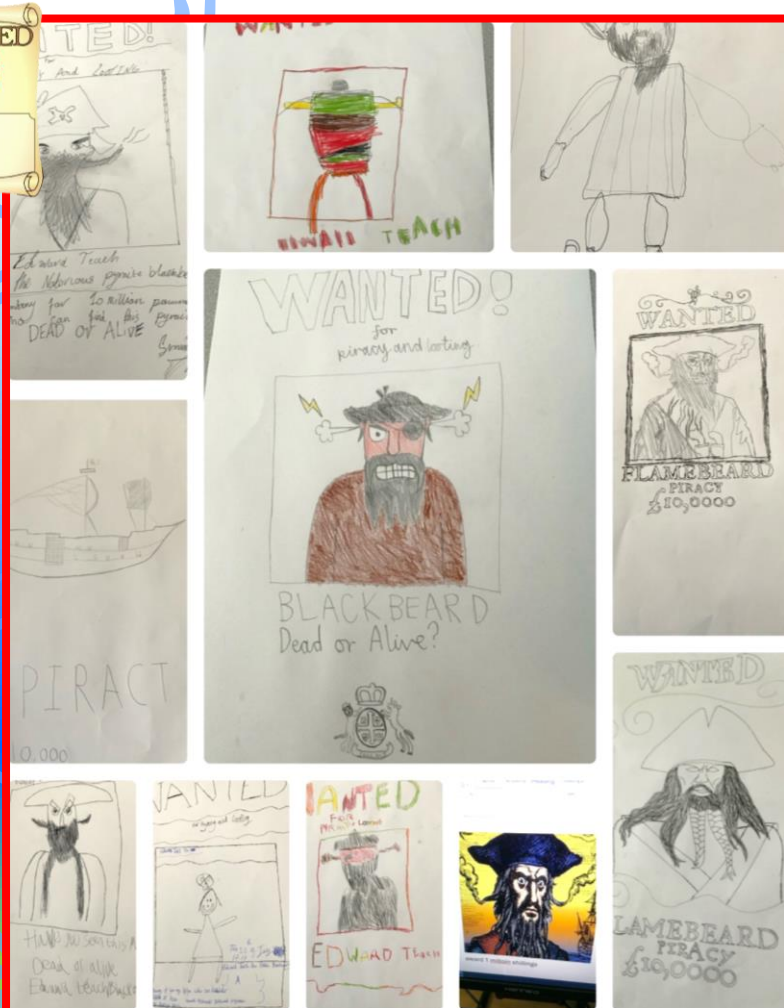


GOOD LUCK

It was a wonderful day and a nice opportunity to speak to parents and carers to reflect on how much pupils have grown. It is an honour for staff to witness and support pupils as they grow into young adults and prepare for their next steps. We wish you all the best of luck in the next chapter of your lives.

Highlights

Many pupils have been learning about the history of pirates and exploring some famous pirates in more detail. These have included Blackbeard and Anne Bonny. Pupils have been creative by making their own 'WANTED' posters and looked at some examples as inspiration.



The Travelling Librarian was welcomed back to KHS this week with a new story about the jungle. The pupils were engaged in many multi-sensory activities and helped to tell the story.

FOOD AND COOKING

Spinney pupils made fresh fruit salads. The class discussed the importance of using and storing knives safely. They also agreed that it would be a tasty and refreshing dessert.



Star Baker this week is Mitchell from Spinney Class. He has worked carefully, supported other pupils and contributed to the class discussions. Mitchell has shown growing maturity and that he is ready for Year 9 Food Tech.

STAR BAKER



Acorn pupils made up their own batches of icing, they added food colouring and decorated fairy cakes with a variety of sprinkles.





Riley used Jenga blocks to make letters of the alphabet. It is great to see him practising his letter formation out of school.



Mason really enjoyed going strawberry picking. We hope they tasted as delicious as they look!



Emily went to the Food and Drink Festival and held some adorable reptiles. She also went to an Armed Forces event on Abbeyfields. Emily enjoyed sitting on the different types of military vehicles.



Lincoln wanted to make a meal for his family. He did this safely and without help. Brilliant independence, Lincoln!

What's for lunch?



KINGSWODE HOE

LUNCH MENU Week 3

* 8.7.24 *

Key to allergens

Milk M
Fish F
Soya So
Gluten G
Sulphites S
Celery C
Egg E
Mustard Mu

Monday

Vegan Sausage Rolls G
Vegetarian Burger GS
Baked Beans
Sweetcorn
Salad
Pasta G
Ice-cream Pot M

Tuesday

Sub Day G (No Baguettes)
Tuna FM
Cheese M
Chicken Salad
Coleslaw M
Cookies MG

Wednesday

Lasagne GM
Vegetable Pasta Bake G
Green Bean Salad
Iced Chocolate Cake GE

Thursday

Roast Turkey
Vegetable Plait GEM
Cabbage
Carrots
Roast Potatoes
Fluffy Jelly M
& Fruit

Friday

Bubble Fish F
Cheese & Onion Quiche GEM
Baked Beans
Sweetcorn
Chips
Ice Lollies



Fruit & Yogurt available daily
Baguettes available Wednesday

White chocolate & raspberry flapjacks

For the flapjack
200g unsalted butter
200g demerara sugar
200g honey or golden syrup
400g oats
200g white chocolate chips
20g freeze-dried raspberries

For the topping
250g white chocolate
150g fresh raspberries
10g freeze-dried raspberries



Method

STEP 1

Heat the oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4 and line a 23 x 23cm square baking tin with baking parchment. Tip the butter, sugar and honey into a medium pan over a low-medium heat and stir until everything has melted together.

STEP 2

Tip the oats into a large bowl, then pour over the buttery sugar mixture and stir to combine. Leave to cool for five minutes, then fold in the white chocolate chips and freeze-dried raspberries. Tip the flapjack mix into the prepared tin and press into the base. Bake for 20-24 minutes until golden and crisp at the edges. Leave to cool in the tin for two hours.

STEP 3

For the topping, melt the white chocolate in a heatproof bowl set over a pan of simmering water, ensuring the bowl doesn't touch the water, or melt the chocolate in 20-second bursts in the microwave. Pour this over the cooled flapjacks, spread to the edges, then scatter over the fresh and freeze-dried raspberries. Leave to set for one hour, then cut into 12 large or 24 small squares.

DIARY DATES

Year 10 Residential
Bawdsey Manor 8-10 July

Monday 15 July
 Maple Class Lobster Hatchery Visit

Tuesday 16 July
 Parent and Carer opportunity to meet new tutors
 3.30-4.30pm



Primary Sports Day
Wednesday 17 July
Same timings as before!

Final day before summer break- Year 10
Friday 19 July 2024
Farm fun morning
Finish at 1.15pm

Coming up...

Themes this half term:

03/06/24	All at Sea: Theme launch & sharing artwork
10/06/24	RNLI & water safety
17/06/24	Sea Shanty Songs
24/06/24	Sea Facts & School Council
01/07/24	Summer Library Reading Scheme
08/07/24	Sea Theme Sharing Assembly & Shanty reprise
15/07/24	Resilience & Independence: Y10 Residential



Summer Reading Challenge 2024

Delivered in partnership with libraries

Marvellous Makers

THE READING AGENCY

Celebrating creativity

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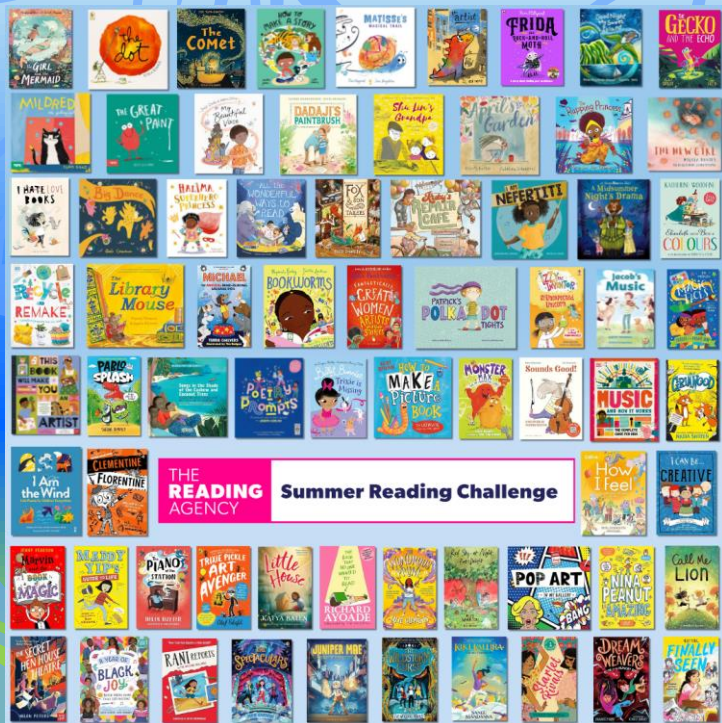
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Want to challenge yourself this summer?
Take part in the
Summer Reading Challenge!



<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

To get involved or for more information, click here!



How it works

The 2024 Challenge starts on 22 June online and in Scotland, and on 6 July in England and Wales

Online

At your library



1. Sign up

Click 'Join now' to create your account



2. Read books

Set your reading goal and read anything you like! Each time you finish a book, add it to your profile and leave a review



3. Earn digital rewards

Unlock rewards for your reading including a new online badge and a certificate when you reach your Challenge goal!

THINGS TO DO!



Essex
Wildlife Trust

Essex Wildlife Trust events

<https://firstsite.uk/event/https-firstsite-uk-event-lunar-lullabies/>

A Galactic Journey Through 200 Years of Space Exploration!
Join Colchester's own Jane Taylor on a celestial adventure, inspired by her timeless poem, "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star."

Embark on a cosmic odyssey as we commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Essex writer's passing and trace the fascinating legacy of the beloved nursery rhyme and its influence on modern-day comics and video games.

Discover how science, art and imagination have intertwined over the centuries to shape our culture and fuel our dreams of distant galaxies.

Lunar Lullabies showcases stunning artworks which explore space and science, alongside historical artefacts and contemporary pop culture nods. Explore objects ranging from meteorites and asteroid rocks to Lego Star Wars sets up close, discover all about humanity's 'giant leap' to the moon and get lost in Peter Elson's fantastical visions of space.

Families will have the opportunities to bring their own cosmic creations to life, transforming the gallery into an immersive playscape of imagination and discovery.



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