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Newsletter

Dear Families,

Here it is; my final newsletter of the school year. Kennall Vale has enjoyed a thoroughly successful year which has been reflected in our results across the board from Early Years and phonics to Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. More importantly, children have participated in some wonderfully enriching experiences throughout the year; Forest Schools, camps, sporting events, Quad Kids, educational visits, first aid for Year 6, the visit of the Bishop and Sports' Day. This is an appropriate moment to thank ALL staff for their hard work and dedication in making all these things possible. In all my years as a Headteacher, I have never had the privilege of working in a school with such commitment. What stands out for me is the dynamism, initiative and teamwork. This, in turn, results in happy children with a real enthusiasm for learning – so thank you to everyone for making Kennall Vale the really very special place it is. I extend that thanks also to you as parents, carers and families. You are supportive, you communicate well with us and you clearly appreciate good relationships with staff which can only be a good thing for our children. I wish you all a very happy and sun filled holiday.

Transition Day went very smoothly. There were some very confident little faces at the end of the day. Good to see those actually moving into a new class so enthusiastic about September.

Miss Bradley and Miss Powell have officially received their status as 'Dyslexia Champions'. This means that they are skilled in working with pupils with dyslexia and many related literacy difficulties children have and how best to meet their varied needs. Dyslexia is a **specific learning difficulty** that primarily affects the **ability to learn to read and spell**. It often runs in families and stems from a difficulty in processing the sounds in words. **Some 10% of the UK population** are affected. Because dyslexia is multi-faceted the practitioner has to have a clear understanding of how it manifests itself in individuals, because all individuals are different and those with dyslexia with struggle with different aspects of literacy. The screening I am able to do is able to highlight very specifically the areas of difficulty so that they can be addressed correctly and effectively. Both Miss Bradley and Miss Powell will both be able to screen for dyslexia. In addition to this Miss Bradley and Miss Powell are working towards the 'Dyslexia Friendly School' re-accreditation. In essence this means that all resources typically used by pupils with dyslexia will be accessible to all because as and when needed. Pupils who don't have dyslexia often benefit from the interventions and resources that are often only available for those with diagnosed dyslexia.





Congratulations.... to Lewis from Piskies for achieving the **Courtesy Cup**. Thank you for being a very honest member of Piskies' Class. You have set a very good example.

I enjoyed my lunches on the Captain's Table with Florrie and Ellis from Piskies and Martha and Harry from Cormoran, Samantha from Morgawr and Joe and Ruby from Bedruthan.

Kennall Vale Olympics

Mr Chinn enjoyed organizing this event and asked me to include the following:

"Kennall Vale's first ever Olympics was a great success. It took place in Ponsanooth Park and events included *discus*, *shotput* and *javelin*. Children were super impressive in these and in their track events including *track event hurdles*, *100m sprint* and *long distance*. **The yellow team won** overall; however, all pupils tried really hard and should be commended on their efforts. They impressed us all in their first ever Olympics. A board will be going up displaying photographs".

Mr Chinn

E-Safety

I would like to draw your attention to the following link which I think you will find extremely useful. www.bbc.co.uk/guides/zs83tyc. I know that many homes now have set up filters on all their various devices in order to keep our children safe. If you haven't and would like some advice, you will find that along with lots of information and guidance on the link. Equally, if you are unsure, please ask in school.

Camp Kernow

The feedback from Mr Chirgwin following Morgawr's Class camp was of no great surprise. He reported that children had been wonderfully behaved, courteous and respectful. He was impressed by how the children challenged themselves in new situations, not being afraid to give things a go. Noticeable, also was the way in which pupils ate their food enthusiastically and with minimal wastage, this is worth mentioning because we have worked hard on this in school and it was noted by the camp staff.

School Council

Rights Respecting Schools Award: Miss Wright has been overwhelmed by the response she has received to the work she will be undertaking in the summer holiday with children in a Greek refugee camp. The generosity you have shown has been astounding. To date the children have raised £700. This money really will make a difference to children who have experienced some terrible ordeals. Miss Wright has asked me to include the following in this newsletter:



"Thank you so much to everyone who has donated money to Armando Aid in Greece, I am really touched by your generosity. I emailed the organisation last night to tell them how much we had raised and as I am sure you can imagine, they were thrilled! I received this in reply: "What the children did is just incredible. I am copying our trustee to this as she will be writing a proper thank you letter to the children." As we are donating such a large amount, they are hoping to use the money to fund a larger project, hopefully a library as they currently have very few books and nowhere to store them. A library would support the children's



literacy skills as well as providing a place for them to forget their worries and just enjoy stories. I will take lots of photos while I am in Greece and will let you all know how your sponsorship money is helping the children and their families".

Miss Wright

Polo Shirt Debate: The School Council was asked to consider whether we should change the colour of our uniform polo shirts. The Council decided to ask Bedruthan Class to debate this as part of their English. Pupils organised the debate under the guidance of Miss Welch and a heated discussion ensued. However, the outcome, by a significant majority was that we should keep our white polo shirts. Pupils were confident in their speaking and respectful of opposing views. Mrs Welch is looking into setting up a debating society. I wonder if any parents are interested. I envisage the School Council having a key role to play.

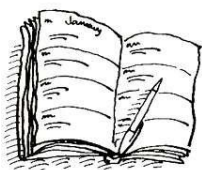


Fruit of the week: We had peaches last week and a few days off this week! I was pleased to see Mr Chinn leading by example. I had a couple too but ate them before school started!



Our New Athletics Vests

Thank you to everyone who entered the Kennall Vale athletic vest competition. The entries were so fantastic that we ended up merging the top three entries (Maya, Tilly and Kennedie) to create a final design! Thank you to Cory Environmental for their generous sponsorship who have made this possible. We look forward to receiving the new vests in September.



Dates for your diary

Date	Event
19 th July	Year 6 Bowling
20 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (1pm) and End of Term (2pm)
07.09.16	School Starts for Children

Please note attachments to newsletter for your information.



And finally...



Over to the
children.....

Mr Tracey, Ava and Noah's Dad came into school to work with Bedruthan class. He is a graphic designer and he worked with the children on designing a cereal packet as part of their INSPIRE topic. Of course all designs were really super but the one Mr Tracey selected as the most carefully planned and executed belonged to Tom. As you can see he is proudly framed by his prize!



This is the second year running now that Mr Albert, Nathan and Elliot's Dad has kindly come to school to deliver some first aid training for the children. A highly valuable skill and we are very lucky to have such expertise amongst our parents. *(Please do come forward if you have a passion/hobby/job that might lend itself to our curriculum and you would like to spend some time working with our children, you can even have a school lunch; Mr Albert thoroughly enjoyed his!).*



Kind regards,

Louise Northern