

KENELM'S CHRONICLE

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This is our story

Welcome to the first edition of our school newspaper. It's full of all the news that is happening in school! Enjoy!



Our wonderful school

We are St.Kenelms Newspaper Club. We meet every Thursday after school. The reporters are; Amber, Hope, Evvie, Orla, Ellie, Finlay, Charlotte, Maia, Dulansa, Chloe, Amelie and Hallie. It is ran by Mrs Bradshaw, who teaches Charterville class. At the start of the term, we decide on what we would like to include in our newspaper and then divide the jobs up. We love finding out lots of different information and interviewing children and staff.

Written by Orla

Our Value This Term

Written by Finlay and Maia

Last term's the value at St Kenelm's was friendship. Every assembly we would mention friendship; it could be a book or quiz or sometimes a song.



We go over friendship in class, for example, we may do friendship in RE or find out what makes a good friend.

Friendship is a big thing in St Kenelm's you ideally get along with everybody. St Kenelm's teachers are excellent at

solving problems if you fall out with friends.

This term our value is thankfulness. It is a feeling of when someone has done something good for you, so you feel thankful. Sometimes the feeling of thankfulness is that someone has done something good to you so you want to do something for them to show your thankfulness for what they did. For example, one person has dropped a pen lid and then someone picks it up



and gives it to you then you feel thankful.

Thankfulness is a really good feeling. It shows that you're happy that they did something for you. Usually, if someone has done something for you that you're happy about you say thank you.

Key Events

Christmas Play ,
Reception 8th December
KS1 7th December, KS2 8th December

Wednesday 15th December
Christmas Lunch and Party

Break up for Christmas
1.15pm Friday 17th December

Return to school
Wednesday 5th January 2022.

 Don't forget to keep an eye on our class pages on the school website to see what each class has been up to!

Leadership you can trust!

Written by Amelie and Chloe

The school council has come up with some amazing ideas that will help your child. I really liked these ideas. They came up with a suggestion box, which you put your ideas in to be looked at in the school council meetings but you don't have to put your name on it so other people can't know who it was. This will help the school council know what you would like for the school. There will be a box for each class Year 5 and 6, Year 3 and 4, Year 2 and so on. Around 2 years ago there was a clean-up for the school that was called The Spring Summer Spruce Up and they would like to make that an annual thing. If your child is a part of the school council, they will know that they have a meeting every 2 weeks on a Tuesday that your child attends as part of their commitment to be on the school council. This was a great idea that they discussed that one of the children came up with. It was to have a feeling box to show that you don't have to be happy all the time and that it's ok to be upset. As a team they are great and have a good attitude for the job.

They thought of lots of things like: a spring clean up to tidy the school. Freddie is the chairman and the secretary is Rosie. They discussed if they wanted a school pet it could be a mouse. They want a suggestion box and a feelings box. If you have any things that you want to change, you can look for the school council people for them to discuss in their meetings. Their meetings are on a Tuesday every couple of weeks; their first meeting started on Tuesday the 5th of October 2021.



The student council with Mrs Tudge at their first meeting.

Our School Prayer



Shepherd God,
You nurture us, each and all.
We trust in you to guide us today.
May your spirit inspire us,
That we might celebrate all that we do together
In the name of Jesus, Our Good Shepherd.
Amen

Book review

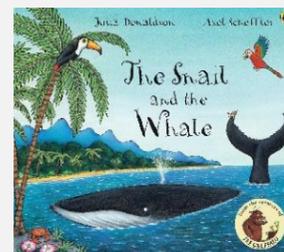
by Evvie

Do you want to read an amazing book? Are you struggling to find a good book?

We have the answer! The Snail & the Whale is a great all-rounder and a popular book for families. Find out from Evvie Edginton's Book Review.



I would recommend this book!



Title: The Snail and the Whale
 Author & illustrator: Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler

Characters: Snail, School Children, Other Snails, Teacher, Whale and Firemen.

Settings: Under water, The dock and a Volcano

The plot: A snail longs to see the world. Together they go on an amazing journey. They pass volcanoes, sharks in the sea and penguins on icebergs. The snail is very fascinated. One day, the whale was stranded on a beach and the snail went to go and get help from the children at the local school.
 Opinion: I would recommend this book because it is exciting. I would recommend it to all ages because there is something for everyone.

YEAR 3/4 TRIP TO THE ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

By Hope

On Thursday 4th November, Charterville class went to the Ashmolean museum! It was the best trip ever! We drove in a fancy coach, it took about 30 minutes to get there. The first thing we did when we got there was finding things linked to Ancient Egypt. We had cards so we knew what we were looking for.

Then, we went into another room where an old tomb was placed with a model of a Pharaoh inside. Claire (the leader) told us to look for cartouches which are oval plates with hieroglyphs inside that spelt a Pharaoh name. I found 19 on the tomb but some other people had 16 or 23. Claire said that she counted a different number every time.

Next, we got into three groups of ten. Claire gave us mystery items and my group had a battle axe blade, whereas group one had a statue and group two had a mirror. After that, we were split into two groups and one looked at a mummy whilst the other group looked at real life Ancient Egyptian artefacts!

After that, we split up again into our original three groups and were given clues to lead us to whether our special person was a musician, a Pharaoh, a priest or another Pharaoh. My group had the priest. Finally, we were given the task to find some more Ancient Egyptian artefacts. Next, we went back to school for the rest of the school day.

My trip to the Ashmolean was probably the best trip I've ever had! My favourite part was when I saw a real life mummy. It was so cool. Even though it's sad coming back to school I'm enjoying our topic on Magical mummies and Ancient Egypt.



GET READING AT ST.KENELMS

By Amelie

At St Kenelm's, we are very proud of our reading skills. We try to help and encourage children to fall into the wonderful world of reading. It's a good feeling to be able to find a book you love and enjoy the most.

Each class has a selection of books that each child can choose from. In the mornings KS2 have guided reading groups for the different reading skills.

Every chance we have in class we read the class book or your own (some people don't even want to put their book down). The teachers like to see the children becoming engaged with any book they read.

On the 14th December Ks2 have been asked to read to Ks1 to make them enjoy reading as much as us. We will be doing it alot more after Monday. This will also help them to understand tricky words and make their writing stand out. In every class you will see a display of all the books each class has read, which is filling up quite quickly.



Spotlight on Mrs Souch

Written by Hallie and Dulansa



Were you a teacher before you became head teacher?

Yes, I was a teacher before I was headteacher. I mainly taught year 3 and 4 but I also taught all the other classes.

Did you want to be head teacher?

Yes, but only at St Kenelm's because we are an amazing school.

What's your favourite subject to teach?

Music but I also like to teach year 5 comprehension.

How long have you worked here?

I have worked here for 15 years

If you could learn to do anything, what would it be?

I would learn to speak French or to play the Cello.

If you won the lottery, what is the first thing you would do?

Go on a really big holiday in the sun or share it with my family

When you have 30 minutes of free-time, how do you pass it?

I like to go on little walks.

What advice do you have for children who are struggling in school?

1. Speak up for yourself 2. Try your best 3. Tell a teacher or a friend.



Don't forget to visit our Online Safety page on our school website for key information to stay safe online.

Acts of kindness for Anti-Bullying Week

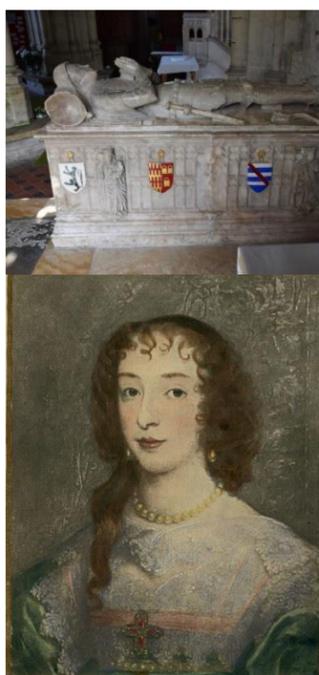
By Hope and Maia



At St. Kenelm's School we celebrate Anti-Bullying Week every year. We celebrate it from the 15th November to the 19th November. This year's theme is "One Kind Word".

This year Reception painted their hands and placed them on paper to make a hand flower. Year one created superhero masks. Year two made some superhero profiles.

Year three, four also made profiles as well as colouring in some superheroes. Carried on by year 5-6 they did superheroes as well. Up on display in the hall, we've got a big piece of black paper and everyone in the school wrote one kind word.



Pictures include Saint Kenelm's tomb, a portrait of Saint Kenelm's sister and the church of St. Kenelm that is in Minster Lovell.

Who was Saint Kenelm?

Written by Ellie

Saint Kenelm was an Anglo Saxon saint in medieval England.

He was born in 786 AD and died in 821 AD and had a sister called Kwenthriht.

Kenelm was the son of a Mercian King named Kenwulph who died in 819 AD when Kenelm was only 7 years old.

He was buried solemnly at Winchcombe and miracles were reported at his tomb.

Time for a laugh

By Hallie

What do you get if you cross a sheep with a kangaroo?
A woolly jumper.

Why would you invite a mushroom to your party?
Because he is a fungi to be with.

Why was the broom late?
Because it overswept.

What's a frog's favourite drink?
Kroaka-cola.

What bow can not be untied?
A rainbow.



Our Classes

By Charlotte

In Little Minster, you get to do a lot of playing and colouring but when you want to play with the older kids you get a different time for lunch time. Mrs Auld and Mrs Hill teach there. Their topic is Owls so far.

Eventually you move to Dovecote. There current topic is Memory Lane. Mrs McConville and Mrs Harvey are their teachers.

Then you move to Wenrisc which is Year 2, Mrs Tudge and Mrs Ayris teach you there. Their topic at the moment is Planes, Trains and Automobiles.

After you go to Charterville, which is Yr 3 and 4 the topic at the moment is Magical mummies, Mrs Bradshaw teaches in there with the help of Mrs Edginton and Mrs Abell.

After you move to Lovell Yr 5 and 6 which are learning about Ancient Greeks and Earth and Space, you are taught by Mrs Soul, Mrs Bedford and Mrs Algar.

Our School Clubs

by Maia

In the after school club, it's really fun! They do so many activities like getting a snack then they get to go outside they get to go on the ADVENTURE! The adventure is basically a climbing thing with lots of slides! to play on, then do some fun craft, colouring and games they do baking on Monday and Tuesday the food they make looks sooo good! They also have a theme called Autumn Animals. Mrs Wilson and Mr Smith run it. We also have Forest School; this is run by Mandy from Hedgehog Club. She comes to St. Kenelm's school every Monday and works with reception and Key Stage 1 and offers an after school club to Charterville Class with another helper called Julie. We also have Board Games Club for Yr 2, 3,4,5 and 6. It's on a Wednesday lunch break. They have a range of games like card games, board games, puzzles and lots more it probably will be continued till next year. At the last board games club we asked them what board games they would like to order and they said UNO flip, Dobble and Monopoly.

Last term, Key Stage 2 were lucky enough to join in with Netball club which ran on a Monday and football which ran on a Thursday. This term, Mr Smith is offering Hockey which runs on a Thursday lunch break (Yr 3 and 4) and on Friday hockey for Yr 5 and 6. Then we have Basketball which is on a Monday lunch break (Yr 3 and 4) and it's on a Wednesday for yr 5 and 6. The main aim for both is encouraging young people to sport and both of them are invasion games and lots of teamwork. These are run by Mr Smith and will end in Christmas. Apparently next year there will be Tag Rugby and Mr Smith (sports teacher) hasn't yet decided what else. There Limits in Sports are 12 people maximum.



Crazy Greeks!

By Chloe

On Monday the 8th of November in year 5-6, we had a visitor come to our school tell us about the Ancient Greeks. Before break, the man told us about Sparta and we asked him lots of questions about what he was talking about or how heavy the things were and we could try them on and the things that he wore are made out of brass not bronze because it would be too heavy to go to war. After break, we made bracelets and we could make it for a friend and that friend is making it for you. As we were doing it we could go around to help people to tie a knot or plait. The boys had to make them for themselves. It was fun. All of the gods are Apollo, Ares and Artemis. At the end we had a battle. The year 6 were a team and year 5 were a team. The year 6's won, it was really fun and we had 3 rounds and they won 2 rounds.

How to bake Strawberry Tarts

by Hope

You will need:



For the pastry:

175g (6oz) plain flour
25g (1 oz) icing sugar
100g (4oz) chilled butter
1 medium egg
2 teaspoons of cold water

For the filling:

300g (10oz) small strawberries
3 tablespoons of lemon curd
100ml (4fl oz) double cream

For the glaze:

4 tablespoons of redcurrant jelly
A 7 1/2cm (3in) round cutter
A 12-hole shallow bun tray

Method

1. Follow the steps on the front of the Sweet Pastry card to make the pastry. Heat the oven to 200*c 400*f gas mark 6.
2. Put the pastry on a floury surface. Roll out the pastry until it is about 30cm (12in) across and 3mm (1/4in) thick.
3. Cut circles from the pastry with a cutter. Roll out the leftover pastry and cut more circles. Put a circle in each hole in the tray.
4. Use a fork to prick each pastry case. Bake them for 10-12 minutes. Then, take them out of the oven and leave them to cool.
5. Rinse the strawberries under cold water. Put them on some kitchen paper to dry. Trim the green stalks with a knife.
6. Spoon the lemon curd into a bowl. Stir in one tablespoon of cream. Pour the rest of the cream into another bowl and whisk it.
7. Mix together the lemony mixture and the whipped cream. Place the pastry cases on a wire rack. Add some filling to each case.
8. Put a whole strawberry in the middle of each tart. Cut the rest of them in half and place them around the whole strawberry.
9. Heat a pan of redcurrant jelly and two teaspoons of water until the jelly has melted. Brush the glaze over the tarts.
10. EAT THE SNACK!!!!!!!

A day in the life of...

A Little Minster Child

Written by Amber

Have you ever wondered what life is like for a child in Little Minster? We were lucky enough to interview three Little Minster children, Mrs Auld (the class teacher) and Mrs Hill (the teaching assistant). We found out all the interesting things they get up to in a day.

The first thing they do is put their book bags in blue, yellow or red boxes. Next they do the register, when they all sit on the carpet together and choose their dinner. Then they read a book or a poem. Before they go back to learning they eat bananas or oranges as a healthy snack. Next they do learning time, which is normally phonics. Phonics teaches children their letters and sounds to help them learn to read and write.

Before break, they go and do free flow or if you don't know what that is it is activities that involve learning through play. Then they go out to break and they have their snack for 10-20 minutes. After break, they do some counting in maths. They do more free flow activities before lunch time. After that they do free flow again. They have lunch for half an hour and then head outside to play.

Then they learn about nocturnal animals in their topic. They then do PE on Monday and Wednesday. In PE, they are learning skills such as throwing, catching and balancing. They then do art in the afternoon before they do disco dough which is playing with playdough.

Finally, they do yoga just before home time. Then they have a lovely time at home with their family and friends and rest lots ready for their next busy day at school.



Christmas Time

By Finlay

Every year at St Kenelm's, we love to celebrate Christmas such as Christmas dinner, Christmas Jumper day, a Christmas play and a party day. Our school play starts on the Wednesday 8th December and we have been practicing all throughout November. The school Christmas jumper day is on Wednesday 16th which is also Christmas dinner and party day!



We have been busy completing our Christmas Productions. We were able to film them and these will be available on your child's Google Classroom page.

Well done to everyone for putting on a show stopper performance!



From everyone here at St.Kenelm's, we wish you a

Merry Christmas

See you all on Wednesday 5th January 2022



Christmas Activities

Can you spot the 10 differences?

Christmas Word Search



BELLS STOCKINGS WREATH ELVES SLED
 CELEBRATE EGGNOG TREE JOLLY SANTA
 MERRY MISTLETOE CHIMNEY REINDEER

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