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KENNINGHALL COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

# News On the Ninth

## Welcome to News on the Ninth

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome to the May edition of News on the Ninth.

Inside you can see what the Curriculum Evening included and how you can use the website to draw on the information from that event to help your child with work at home.

We also have photos from the Falcons' residential trip to Hilltop. They had a great time and took on some rather daunting challenges—there were tears of fear and of joy as they tackled a range of challenges, many of which tested their confidence in their friends who were holding the other end of the rope.

Next week (14th May) is the Key Stage 2 testing week (SATs week) so it is vital Year 6 children get plenty of sleep and a good breakfast! The reading test will be on Monday, writing tests on Tuesday and Maths on Wednesday and Thursday. The children have been working hard to prepare so I am sure they will be relieved when it is over.

In true newspaper style the back page was held until just before we went to press. At our assembly this morning, we were fortunate enough to have a special visitor to get the school's preparations for London 2012 underway.

Sam Nixon

# Curriculum Evening

The Curriculum evening held at the school last week was a huge success. The attendance at the event was excellent and the feedback we have received has been very positive. Parents could learn more about Read, Write, Inc (our new phonics based reading and writing approach), numeracy calculation strategies and end of Key Stage two (Year 6) testing. It provided an opportunity to find out how things have changed since we were all pupils at school. By recording lessons on the iPads, the children got to teach the parents how they approach different Maths problems.



# Curriculum Information on the website

All the information sheets from the Curriculum Evening and the *show me* videos that the children recorded are all on the school website.

These provide really useful guides to help your child with their Maths. The techniques shown help the children to develop their understanding of the processes that are involved in more challenging questions rather than just learning algorithms that present them with an answer.

There is also a link on the website to a *youtube* video which shows you how to use the correct sounds when helping children sound out words in their reading.

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the Kenninghall Primary School website. The main content area is titled 'column subtraction (stretched)' and shows a handwritten-style calculation for  $324 - 272$ . The digits are labeled with 'H' (Hundreds), 'T' (Tens), and 'U' (Units) above them. The calculation is shown in a 'stretched' format, breaking down the subtraction into steps:  $100 + 2 - 50 = 52$ . A note with an arrow points to the '2' in the units column, stating 'Many children reverse this by accident.' The bottom of the page shows a taskbar with various application icons and a system clock.

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the Kenninghall Primary School website. The main content area is titled 'Curriculum Evening 2012' and 'Calculation Strategy Help Sheets'. It features a grid of various mathematical strategies, including 'Addition using a number line', 'Bus method Multiplication', 'Partitioning', 'Column Subtraction (stretched)', and 'Subtraction using a number line for hard to'. The page has a blue header with the school's name and a green sidebar with navigation links: 'Welcome', 'Helping Your Child', 'Our School', 'News', 'Children', 'Friends', 'Community', and 'Office'. The bottom of the page shows a taskbar with various application icons and a system clock.



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# Hilltop—The Falcons' residential trip



At the end of April, the Falcons went on their residential visit to Hilltop Outdoor Education Centre in North Norfolk.

The children faced many challenges from zip wires to high ropes. They also practised working as a team on assault courses, climbing walls, abseiling towers and archery ranges. The evening entertainment including quizzes, a disco, pool and table tennis. The children were a credit to the school and all behaved exceptionally well. A thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all.

# Celebrating Success

We like to celebrate when children are working hard, helping each other or doing anything that really makes them stand out. A child is chosen each week from each class by their Teachers and TAs for the Special Mention

If a child produces an exceptional piece of work then their teacher can send them to Mr Nixon for a Headteachers' Award and their name is written in The Silver Book. As you can see we have had a lot of success to celebrate!

## Special Mentions:

**Week Ending 20th April: Archie Barker, Nathan Turner, Kyle Little, Georgina Chard**

**Week Ending 27th April: Daniel Flatman, Callum Hunt, Cerys Brotherhood**

**Week Ending 4th May: Madeline Jilley, George Knox, Holly Belbin, Fliss Hall**

## The Silver Book:

Libby Wynn-Fraime, Lottie Rawling, Isaac Clark, Olivia Richardson, Jamie Keylock, Chae Francis, Kyle Little, Jakub Boryczka, Miles Clark, Holly Marsham, Daisy Pitcher, Tilly Rawling, Chelsea Makin, Amy Duncan, Daniel Flatman, Ieuan Haines, Fliss Hall, Madeline Jilley, Hector Neville, Callum Hunt, Mia Perrin, James Neale, Riley Francis, Beth Farrell, George Knox, Ciaran Brotherhood, Emma Sibley, Lilly Farrell, Jakey Hall, Katie Halmshaw, Hannah Shea, Imi Ungless, Matthew Flatman, Stanley Spurdens, Drew Harris, Kai Norris, Harry Mitchell, Kaysan Bata, Luke Dunsmore, Finlay Warwick, Holly Belbin, Isabel Hind, Tatty Mitchell, Aaron Hunt, Isis Reed-Hall, Joseph Jilley, Thomas Panks, Niamh Farrell, Cerys Brotherhood, Alfie Marsham, Ella Taylor, Elliott Hart, Elliot Kirby, Marcus Houston and Archie Barker.

# Attendance Policy—Holiday requests

Last May, the school agreed to abide by the cluster attendance policy and it was sent out (May 2011) to all parents. It is also available on the school website (and the High School's website for those who have children there) if you would like to see it in full. The policy makes clear that the school will not approve holiday requests in term time unless it is in exceptional circumstances.

Here is an excerpt from the policy to explain further:

## **Family Holidays**

Holidays during term time are strongly discouraged. Parents/carers will be regularly reminded of the effect that absence can have on a child's potential achievement. The schools will consider authorising up to 10 days absence in exceptional circumstances but time off school for family holiday **is not a right**. An application must be made in writing, with appropriate evidence, **in advance** of the intended holiday.

From September 1st 2011, it will be policy of this cluster that holiday absence will not be authorised unless the family can demonstrate that exceptional circumstances apply to the request. We will consider every application individually, but our policy is NOT to grant leave of absence for a holiday other than in the most exceptional circumstances.

## **We will consider authorising holidays for:**

- Service personnel and other employees who are prevented from taking holidays during term-time;

- When a family needs to spend time together to support each other during or after a crisis;

- Parents/carers who are subject to a strict and un-negotiable holiday rota and evidence is provided to this effect.

## **Examples of requests for holidays that will not be authorised by the schools in this cluster are:**

- cheaper cost of holiday;

- availability of the desired accommodation;

- poor weather experienced in school holiday periods;

- Birthday celebrations and family days out

- and where the period requested overlaps with beginning or end of term.

## Supermarket voucher schemes

Thank you for all your kind donations. Please be aware that the schemes end relatively soon so please send in any more vouchers you may have at home.

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Norfolk Record Office  
Half-term activities  
June 2012

## Hidden Gardens

Thursday, 7 June 2012  
2-3.30 p.m.

Have you ever wanted to create  
your own miniature garden?

Come along for a creative afternoon  
of garden designing and flower  
making and find out more about the  
tradition of the British garden.

Create your own miniature hidden  
garden, using archives from the  
NRO collection for inspiration, and  
craft materials including crêpe  
paper and wire.

Free of charge  
Booking essential as places limited  
Please book by calling 01603 222599



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Website: <http://archives.norfolk.gov.uk>

## Bag2School

We will once again be collecting for Bag2School. Please look out for further details to follow. The date for donations to be brought to the school is: Friday 22nd June.

## Football Fun Day

Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup> from 10.30am

on

**Kenninghall  
Playing Field**



### Football Training & Skills

For 6 to 12 Year Old Boys & Girls

**\*\*Bring boots and shin pads if you have them\*\***

Register 10.30am - Start 11am

£1 per person

(Parent required to sign)

### 6-a-side Tournament

Start 2pm

Participating Teams:

Lakeford x 2, Dereham Wanderers,  
Taverham, New Buckenham x 2

**Games and sports for  
all the Family**

**BBQ, Bar, Tea, Coffee,  
Cold Drinks & Cake**

**Proceeds to go towards Youth Shelter**  
Brought to you by Kenninghall Playing Field Fund  
In association with New Buckenham Junior Football Club

## Fence on the Lopham Road

Can I please remind parents that the metal fence on the Lopham Road side of the school has sharp points. Children are never there unsupervised during the day and all children are clear that they must never climb on the fence. After 3:15, when the children are dismissed, they are no longer in our care and we cannot supervise them—please can parents be aware of the risk and ensure that they are supervising their children and that they do not climb on what could be a dangerous fence.

# Colin Oates—Olympic hopeful visits Kenninghall



Colin Oates is Britain's number one Judo fighter in the -66kg category and is expected to be selected to represent Team GB at the London Olympics this summer.

Colin spoke to the children during assembly and showed them that hard work and training could help them to reach the top in whichever sport they pursue.

For any Kingfishers and Falcons who were inspired, there will be a Judo taster club run at the school by Howard Oates who is Colin's father and coach.

Colin's visit has guaranteed he will have plenty of support around Kenninghall, if, as expected, he is representing Team GB at London 2012.