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Dear All,

Last week, we launched our new Cornelius Coin reward system and our rewards shop, where pupils can exchange the coins they have earned for a range of prizes and experiences.

Whilst the shop is an exciting addition, its real purpose is much more important. At Cornelius, we want to recognise the positive choices that pupils make every day. Whether it is working hard in lessons, showing kindness, demonstrating resilience, improving attendance or contributing positively to school life, these actions deserve to be noticed and celebrated.

Research shows that pupils are more likely to repeat behaviours that are recognised and valued. By rewarding positive contributions, we help pupils build the habits, character and self-belief that underpin success both in school and beyond.

We have been delighted by the enthusiasm pupils have already shown for earning Cornelius Coin, and we look forward to seeing our rewards shop become another way of celebrating the achievements and successes of our young people throughout the year.

Ms Conlon
Headteacher

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

All families receiving Universal Credit are now entitled to Free School Meals for their children, regardless of earnings.

If you think your child may be eligible, please contact the school office or email us at admin@corneliusvermuyden.com for further information and to apply.

We encourage all eligible families to apply!



U16 GIRLS FOOTBALL

Our U16 girls' football team proudly represented the school at the District Football Tournament.

Pupils demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship, approaching every match with enthusiasm and a positive attitude.

A special mention goes to Layla (Year 8), who made a significant contribution to the team.

Teacher's Player of the Tournament: Maisie (Year 11).

Well done to all of the players who took part and represented the school so positively.



BISHOP'S VISIT

Our Pupil Leadership Team enjoyed a thought-provoking discussion with the Bishop of Bradwell about leadership, service and doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.



The visit left our young leaders with a powerful message: true leadership is about character, responsibility and making a positive difference to those around you.

Read more about this story

YEAR 8 & 9 ASSESSMENTS

Our Year 8 and 9 pupils will be completing their online English and Maths assessments.

These help us identify pupils' strengths and highlight where additional support may be needed.

GUINNESS WORLD RECORD

Pupils recently took part in the Take 10 to Read event, helping to achieve a GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS title for the most people reading online together in 12 hours.

An incredible 153,862 readers from 92 countries and territories participated, demonstrating the power of reading to connect people across the globe.

We are incredibly proud that our students played their part in this historic achievement, supporting the aims of the National Year of Reading and celebrating the joy of reading. A fantastic accomplishment and a memorable piece of history for our school community!

Read more about this story





SPOOKY CAKES

Our catering team got into the Halloween spirit before half term with a selection of themed lunches and delicious Halloween cakes.

Pupils enjoyed the festive treats, which added some extra fun to the school day and proved very popular across the school.

Thank you to the catering team for their creativity and hard work in making the occasion so special.









SINGING & MUSIC PROJECT

Barnbus, in partnership with the Greater Essex Music Hub and Yellow Door, is offering a free six-week singing and music project for young people aged 11-14.

The sessions provide a friendly, no-audition environment where participants can learn new songs, explore music and sound, and build confidence through creativity.

The project will take place at Trust Links (The Gunny), Canvey Island. For more information or to register, please see below.

Please note that this is a community opportunity delivered by external organisations and is not a school-run activity.



KEY DATES

10 Nov Cross Country - Districts
10 Nov Y7&8 Parents/Pupils Meet&Greet Evening (4pm-5pm)
11 Nov Y7 Road Safety Play
12 Nov SEEAT Scholars
12 Nov Reading Author Workshop
16 Nov Odd Socks Day (Anti Bullying Week)
16 Nov Y11 Mocks Begin
17 Nov Y9 Future Thinking Programme
17 Nov ASP Parent Information Evening (5pm-6pm)
18 Nov SEEAT Scholars
19 Nov Flu Vaccinations
23 Nov Y7 Netball
27 Nov Y11 Mocks End
30 Nov Y10 Netball
30 Nov Go Karting Trip
01 Dec Y9 Future Thinking Programme
02 Dec Y7, Y8, Y9 Science Workshop
03 Dec Cinema Reward Trip
03 Dec Y11 Leavers Celebration Evening (6pm-7pm)
07 Dec Jack Petchey Award Evening
08 Dec Cinema Reward Trip
10 Dec Flu Vaccinations
11 Dec Anglia Ruskin University Trip
16 Dec 3-Day Germany Christmas Market Trip
18 Dec Last Day of Term (12.30pm Finish)