



# Kenningtons Primary Academy

Newsletter w/ending 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019

## Dates to remember:

Thurrock Foodbank donations  
'The 2 Johns' Course  
Prospective Parent Open Morning

w/b 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019

October Half Term – 21<sup>st</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019  
Inset Day – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019

May Bank Holiday – has changed for VE Day anniversary. It will be on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

### Drop In Dates:

1J 2T 3R 5W 6N	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2019
1S 2M 3B 5B and 5KB 6K	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
4S 4H	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2019
4HC	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2019

## **Secondary School Places – Important Information**

If your child has just started the last year of primary education you **must apply now** for a secondary school place. If your child was born between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2009 you must apply now for a secondary school place for September 2020.

**[Apply online at: thurrock.gov.uk/admissions](http://thurrock.gov.uk/admissions)**

If you do complete the application and return it by the closing date of **Thursday 31 October 2019** you will be allocated a place at a school with space available, after all on-time applications have been dealt with.

## **What happened last week:**

### Visit to meet Thurrock Mayor



A class champion from each class visited the Civic Offices in Grays where they met the Mayor of Thurrock.

The Mayor of Thurrock, Councillor Terry Piccolo answered all of the children's questions. They asked about his role and how he can help the people of Thurrock.

They were even treated to some nice stationery at the end and are extremely happy!

Mireya was even lucky enough to hold the mayor's chain of office.

## Fabulous Feedback

To support World Mental Health Day 2019, Year 5 took part in Emotional Wellbeing activities on Thursday. They discussed and learned a range of different ways to improve their mental health, such as massage, yoga, turning negative thoughts into positive ones, and healthy eating.

Comments made by Year 5 children who took part in Emotional Wellbeing activities:

"I liked learning about the importance of a healthy diet, because I now know it is scientifically proven that fruits can help to make me feel happier."

"I really liked the massage that Mrs Sawtell-Haynes taught us, because it relaxed me. I will use it after an exciting lunch time to calm me down so I am ready to work."

"I really liked the yoga because I felt loved as people were surrounding me just like at home."

"I liked when we had the opportunity to share our negative thoughts and turn them into positives. It helped me get to sleep last night."

"I liked it when we meditated because it helped me relaxed and keep calm."

## Important Information for Parents/Carers:

### **Thurrock Foodbank w/b Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

This local charity provides emergency food and support to families across the borough. This year we are collecting **tinned tomatoes**. Please deliver the cans to the school office between **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019**. Many thanks for all your continued support.

### **Prospective Parent Open Morning- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

The school will be holding an 'Open Morning' on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 for prospective parents from 9.30-10.30am. The Open Morning will give prospective parents the opportunity to meet Mrs Sawtell-Haynes and look around our Reception classes.

If you would like to attend the Open Morning, please contact the Main Office or email [enquiries@kenningtons.thurrock.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@kenningtons.thurrock.sch.uk)

### **Aldi's 'Kit for Schools'**

We are asking any parents who shop in Aldi if they would kindly donate any 'Kit for Schools' stickers during this promotion. We need to collect 300 stickers to complete our 'Kit for Schools' poster. If we complete the poster we are able to order a free sports kit for the School and be in with a chance of winning £20,000!

If you have any stickers please bring them to the Main Office.

### **Cleaning Vacancy**

We are currently looking to appoint an enthusiastic and highly motivated cleaner to join our cleaning team. This is a permanent role, 39 weeks per year (term time), plus a total of 50 additional hours during the school holidays.

If you would like further information or an application form, please see our website or email [enquiries@kenningtons.thurrock.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@kenningtons.thurrock.sch.uk)

# Achievements

Well done to pupils that received a Good Egg certificate.

Last week's focus was: *I understand that being kind to others makes others happy, and makes me feel good.*



This week's focus was: *I can talk about my feelings, and understand that it helps me to understand them.*

## Sporting Events A message from Mrs Harris.

Over the last 2 weeks our sports department has been taking part in this year's cross country. Out of 47 schools in the borough we were fourth overall!

A massive 'well done' to Austin who won gold in the Year 5 boys race. Alice who won gold in the Year 6 girls race and Hannah who also brought home silver, in the same race.

Our Year 4 girls team got gold and so did the Year 6 girls. Year 3 girls team won bronze in their race.

All teams winning gold medals have gone through to the Essex finals and we get the chance to compete to be the best in the county in April, 2020.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Harris