



# Kenningtons Primary Academy

Autumn Term Newsletter 14th October 2016

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## Dates to Remember

**17th October 2016** - Girls' Home Football Match (3:30pm - 4:15pm)  
**19th October 2016** - Year 5 Tower of London Trip  
**20th October 2016** - Girls' Home Football Match (3:30pm - 4:15pm)  
**21st October 2016** - Year 4 Greek Experience (in school)  
**21st October 2016** - Year 3/4 Football Tournament (St Clare's)  
**24th October 2016 - 28th October 2016** - Half term Holiday  
**31st October 2016** - Non-pupil inset day  
**2nd November 2016** - Prospective Reception Parents Open Morning (9:30am)  
**3rd November 2016** - Phonics and Early Reading Parents Workshops  
(Reception Parents, 9:00am)  
**4th November 2016** - School photographs (individual and sibling)  
**17th November 2016** - Kenningtons Showcase Event (Amended date)  
**18th November 2016** - The Big Spotacular (£1 donation)  
**22nd November 2016** - Kookaburra Road Safety Walk  
**23rd November 2016** - Kangaroo Road Safety Walk  
**24th November 2016** - Koala Road Safety Walk  
**2nd December 2016** - After school clubs finish

## Parent Drop In Sessions

Teachers will hold their next Parent Drop In sessions from 3:15pm-4:00pm on the days specified below:

**Kangaroo - Tuesday 18th October**  
**1M / 1K - Monday 17th October**  
**2BW / 2Me - Thursday 20th October**  
**3H - Monday 17th October**  
**4W - Tuesday 18th October**  
**5J - Tuesday 18th October**  
**Year 6 (6K/6N) - Tuesday 18th October**

Drop In sessions will resume after the half term holiday.

## Who has won the Attendance Trophy this week?

Our winners of the Attendance Trophy this week are **2M** in KS1 and **4C** in KS2.

Well done to our winning classes.

Good luck for next week everyone!



## New Arrival!

We would like to congratulate Miss Hill on the arrival of her lovely baby daughter.

We wish Mum and Baby a good rest and are all looking forward to their first visit to the school together!



*Helping children to get better and better at everything they do*



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## APPLYING FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

If your child was born between **1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013**, you must apply for a primary school place for **September 2017**.

Apply online from **1 November** at: [thurrock.gov.uk/admissions](http://thurrock.gov.uk/admissions)



Go to [thurrock.gov.uk/admissions](http://thurrock.gov.uk/admissions) and follow the instructions on screen. There you will also be able to open an electronic copy of Thurrock Council's composite prospectus for Thurrock primary schools which you should read before completing an application.

To apply online you must have an e-mail account. You should go along to one of the Council's briefings for parents before you complete an application.

**Wednesday 19 October 2016 Civic Hall, Blackshots Lane, Grays, Essex RM16 2JU from 4.00pm - 5.30pm and 7.00pm - 8.30pm.**

Offers will be available for online applicants from 12.30am on 18 April 2017 by logging into your account.

Complete the application, listing up to four schools that you wish to apply for, in your order of preference, including amongst them any schools outside of Thurrock for which you wish to apply. Make sure that you also complete the supplementary forms that some schools require and return them directly to the school by the closing date for applications.

If you have more than one child transferring to primary school, it is essential that you fill in an application for each child needing a place.

If you do not complete the application and return it by the closing date of **15 January 2017** you may be allocated a place at a school with space available, after all on-time applications have been dealt with.

Information about the schools in Thurrock and how to apply for them are in a booklet entitled **Primary Admission Information September 2017** available online at [thurrock.gov.uk/admissions](http://thurrock.gov.uk/admissions)

Please read the booklet carefully. Once you have read the information on the Thurrock Council website, if you have any questions please contact the Admissions Team on **01375 652883** or by email at [school.admissions@thurrock.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@thurrock.gov.uk)

Alternatively, you can write to:  
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Thurrock Council, Civic Offices,  
New Road,  
Grays, Essex,  
RM17 6SL**

# 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 2005 and 31 August 2006**, you must apply now for a secondary school place for **September 2017**.

## APPLYING FOR A SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

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



Go to [thurrock.gov.uk/admissions](http://thurrock.gov.uk/admissions) and follow the instructions on screen. There you will also be able to open an electronic copy of Thurrock Council's composite prospectus for Thurrock secondary schools which you should read before completing an application.

To apply online you must have an e-mail account.

You should also go along to school open evenings/days and one of the Council's briefings for parents before you complete an application.

**Wednesday 14 September 2016 Civic Hall, Blackshots Lane, Grays, Essex RM16 2JU from 4.00pm - 5.30pm and 7.00pm - 8.30pm.**

Offers will be available for online applicants from 12.30am on 1 March 2017 by logging into your account.

Complete the application, listing up to six schools that you wish to apply for, in your order of preference, including amongst them any schools outside of Thurrock for which you wish to apply. Make sure that you also complete the supplementary forms that some schools require and return them directly to the school by the closing date for applications.

If you have more than one child transferring to secondary school, it is essential that you fill in an application for each child needing a place.

If you do not complete the application and return it by the closing date of **Monday 31 October 2016** you will be allocated a place at a school with space available, after all

on-time applications have been dealt with.

Information about the schools in Thurrock and how to apply for them are in a booklet entitled **Secondary Admission Information September 2017** available online at [thurrock.gov.uk/admissions](http://thurrock.gov.uk/admissions)

Please read the booklet carefully.



Once you have read the information on the Thurrock Council website, if you have any questions please contact the Admissions Team on **01375 652883** or by email at [school.admissions@thurrock.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@thurrock.gov.uk)

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### Shoe Boxes for Year 4

If anyone has any spare shoe boxes, could they please donate them to Year 4 for their science topic next half term. Please drop-off at 4C or 4W classrooms or to the School Office. Thank you!

### 2016 Harvest Festival - "A Nice Cuppa"

Our Harvest Festival collection for Thurrock Foodbank closes today. Thank you to everyone who has donated to our collection! Pupils brought the final donations into assembly this morning to add to the Harvest Festival display. We have managed to fill four big boxes with tea and coffee for the Foodbank (with some extras thrown in!). Well done everyone!



### Travel Award

Together pupils, parents and staff have achieved the Bronze Level STARS Award for promoting sustainable transport at Kenningtons.

Thank you everyone for your support in helping the school promote safe and sustainable school journeys.



**Do not ride bicycles or  
scooters on the school grounds**

### Parent Governor Vacancy

Mrs Sawtell-Haynes has written to all parents via ParentMail to advise that there is a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Governing Body.

Parent Governor Nomination Packs are available from the School Office. Please return all Nomination Forms by **3rd November 2016, 3:30pm**.

### Little Fingers

Please make sure your child is able to open any containers and packets in their packed lunch. Our MDAs assist pupils when their help is required but sometimes pupils become distressed when they are not able to open their food themselves.

### Mathlete of The Week

Kookaburra - Isabella-Maria  
Koalas - Tide  
Kangaroos - Bhavishan  
1B - Harmony  
1K - Erin  
1M - Molly  
2M - Grace  
2BW - Tolani  
2Ma - Jake  
3SB - Samuel  
3H- Tobi  
4C - Elizabeth  
4W - Priscilla  
5B - Henry  
5J - Nathan  
5M - Emily-Louise  
6K - Stephen  
6N - Maisie

Our Mathletes of the week are  
**Harmony** in KS1/EYFS and  
**Priscilla** in KS2.

### Headteacher's Awards

This week our focus was  
**'Asking Questions'**  
Well done to...

1B - Keira  
1K - Aronas  
1M - Ava  
2BW - Sophie  
2BW - Tolani  
2Ma - Alice  
2Ma - Oliver  
2Me - Katie  
3H - Lily  
3SB - Kieran  
4C - Filip  
4W - Itunnu  
5B - Emily  
5M - Ruby  
6K - Todi  
6N - Keane

School Dinner Menu Change - Thursday 20th October 2016



# MEXICAN DAY 20<sup>th</sup> October

Mexican Chilli Beef

Mexican Vegetable Bean Burrito

Mexican Potato wedges

Mexican Rice

Chilli & Lime Sweet Corn

Mango & Pineapple Cooler



Tissue Box Donations

Each month we ask that a different year group please donate tissue boxes to help us combat the winter sniffles in school. The new tissue box rota for 2016 is to the right. Donated tissue boxes to be handed to the School Office please.



Tissue Box Rota 2016

October - Year 6

November - Year 5

December - Year 4

January - Year 3

February - Year 2

March - Year 1

April - Reception



Year 6 - Natural History Museum Trip

The children saw lots of interesting exhibits based on their science topic of classification. They even had the chance to see some 3D photos wearing special glasses!



**Kenningtons Primary Academy School Term and Holiday Dates**  
**Academic Year 2017/2018**

September 2017							October 2017							November 2017							December 2017						
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School Days	Weekends	School Holiday	Bank Holiday	Inset Day
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**Autumn Term:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 to Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – 70 days  
 Half Term Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**Spring Term:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – 57 days  
 Half Term Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**Summer Term:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – 63 days  
 Half Term Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018

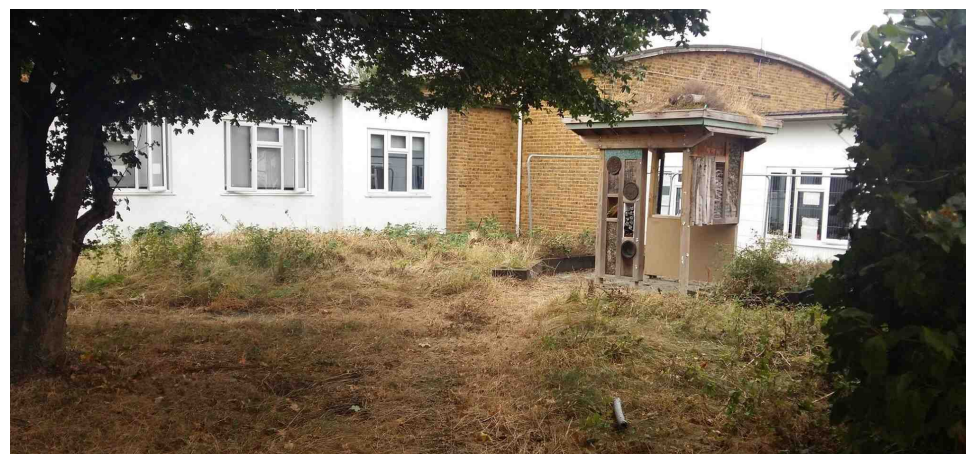
**Total – 190 days + 5 staff inset**

**Non-Pupil Inset Days:** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

**Term and Holiday Dates**

The Term and Holiday Dates for next academic year 2017/2018 are now available. Please find the calendar for 2017/18 to the left. The calendar is slightly different to the calendar released by the Local Authority so please check dates carefully.

Term and Holiday Dates are also available on the school website:  
<http://kenningtonsprimaryacademy.co.uk/Term-Dates-Insets>



**Nature Garden Renovation:** What a difference a week makes! Thank you so much to Essex Wildlife Trust and our Year 5 and 6 pupil helpers.

