



Kenningtons Primary Academy



Spring Term Newsletter 24th February 2017

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Dates to Remember

Monday 27th February 2017 - Kookaburra (1) Learning Journey Visits

Tuesday 28th February 2017 - Kookaburra (2) Learning Journey Visits

Wednesday 1st March 2017 - Koala (1) Learning Journey Visits

Thursday 2nd March 2017 - World Book Day (Pyjama/onesie day!)

Thursday 2nd March 2017 - Nursery Learning Journey Visits

Friday 3rd March 2017 - Koala (2) Learning Journey Visits

Monday 6th March 2017 - Kangaroo (1) Learning Journey Visits

Tuesday 7th March 2017 - Year 4 Interhouse

Tuesday 7th March 2017 - Kangaroo (2) Learning Journey Visits

Tuesday 14th March 2017 - Year 5 Walk On Line Event

Tuesday 14th March 2017 - Year 6 Cyber Safety Event

Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March 2017 - Year 6 Bikeability

Monday 20th March 2017 - Rainbow '5 a day' Fruit Event

Tuesday 21st March and Wednesday 22nd March 2017 - Year 4 Level 1 Cycling

Friday 24th March 2017 - Parent Consultation Day (School Closed to Pupils)

Friday 31st March 2017 - Last Day of Spring Term

Parent Drop In Sessions

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

Kangaroo - Tuesday 28th February

1M / 1K - Monday 27th February

2BW / 2Me - Thursday 2nd March

3H- Monday 27th February

4W - Tuesday 28th February

5M - Tuesday 28th February

Year 6 (6K/6N) - Tuesday 28th February

Please check the newsletter next Friday for details of Parent Drop In Sessions w/c 6th March 2017.

Mothers' Day Stall

There will be a Mothers Day Stall for pupils on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd March during morning breaktime only. The gifts will be £1 each and pupils may buy one present only on the first day (they may buy a second gift on Thursday if there are any left). Please make sure your child's pound is in a named envelope and that they bring a carrier bag for the gift. Money must be sent in in the morning with your child. **The School Office staff are not permitted to accept Mothers' Day gift money for pupils.**

Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers

We are collecting Sainsburys Active Kids vouchers until 30th June 2017. Please bring Active Kids vouchers to the School Office to add to our collection box!



Helping children to get better and better at everything they do



World Book Day (Thursday 2nd March) & Writing Competition (Closes Monday 28th February)

This year World Book Day is on 2nd March 2017. The theme is 'Bedtime Stories' and all pupils are invited to come to school in their pyjamas, including onesies, on the day [please make sure your child will be warm enough and brings their coat as usual, the weather is still unpredictable!] There is no charge for this!

Pupils are also invited to bring their favourite bedtime story book with them [which must have their name on it please!]

The writing competition [to tell a story of 'an amazing adventure, you wake up—it was a dream, or was it?'] closes on Monday 28th February. All entries must be handed in to the class teacher by this date. The winners will be announced on World Book Day.

Tissue Box Rota 2016/17

~~October - Year 6~~

~~November - Year 5~~

~~December - Year 4~~

~~January - Year 3~~

February - Year 2

March - Year 1

April - Reception



Each month we ask that a different year group please donate tissue boxes to help us combat the winter sniffles in school.

Mathlete of The Week

Well done to our Mathlete's of the week!

Kookaburra - Lily

Koalas - Riley

Kangaroos - Toluwani

1B - Al-Ameen

1K - Phoenix

1M - None

2M - Alice

2BW - Maleelan

2Ma - Mitali

3SB - Indiana

3H - Olivia

4C - Damisi

4W - Priscilla

5B - Isha-Marie

5J - None

5M - Max

6K - Hilda

6N - None

Good Eggs

Our focus this week was '**I know that my actions affect other people and can make them feel better or worse**'

Well done to:

1B - Avein

1K - Aimee

1M - Lewis

2BW - Ella

2Ma - Toluwani

2Me - Leanne

3H - Billy

3SB - Lauren

4C - Molly

4W - Rosie

5B - Emily

5M - Isaiah

6K - Ayomide

6N - Damilola

Free School Meals / Pupil Premium

Thurrock Council Awards and Benefits Department will not accept paper claim forms for free school meals after 31st January 2017. We have been asked by Thurrock Council to encourage all families who would like to apply for free school meals, for children between the ages of 3 and school leaving age, to now apply online.

Applications can be made online by visiting

<https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/school-meals/free-school-meals>

There is the option to create an account online if you don't already have one.

You will need to log into the 'My Account' services and select 'Education and childcare', 'Free school meals' and then 'Apply online.'

Train to Teach Event

South Essex and Thurrock



Thursday 9th March 2017

4.00-7.00pm

William Edwards School

Stifford Clays Road, Grays, Essex RM17 5NJ

Hosted by Thurrock Teaching School Alliance, this drop-in information session will provide an opportunity to speak directly to representatives from Initial Teacher Training Providers in Essex.

Join us to talk to practising teachers about life in the classroom, meet representatives from schools and organisations that deliver teacher training in the area and find out more about their training programmes and entry requirements. Speak to teaching experts to receive advice on your training options, and find out about the experiences of current trainees.

For more information, or to book a place, please email info@thurrocktsa.org.uk or call 01375 486000 X 609.

TTSA Thurrock Teaching
School Alliance

Tumble Dryer Safety Notice

There has been quite a bit in the news lately regarding safety issues with tumble dryers sold by Whirlpool. If you have purchased a Whirlpool Dryer (Brand names Indesit, Hotpoint, Creda, Swan and Proline) between 2004 and 2015 it would be a good idea to check online if your machine is one of those affected by potential recall/refund notices.

Collection Notices

Please do not wait until the afternoon to get in contact with the school to notify of changes to the collection arrangements for your child that day. We do not have the staff capacity to deliver these notes at short notice.

If there will be a change to the person collecting your child at the end of the school day, **please write a note to be passed to the member of staff on the doors in the morning**. Confusion regarding who should be collecting a child is distressing for the child concerned and puts children at risk.

After School Clubs

- Please let your child's class teacher and/or the school office know if your child will not be attending their after school club for any reason. We have to make sure that all pupils who are expected for the after school clubs are accounted for in the register each day.
- **Collection for all after school clubs** should be made from the **Main Hall**. Please wait under the canopy by the Main Hall for your child to be released to your care from the Main Hall doors. Please **do not stand outside the Annex Building**, members of staff are only permitted to dismiss children from the Main Hall in the Main Building.
- Parents are reminded that **small studs** are the only acceptable earrings to be worn in school and for PE and after-school clubs. This is for health and safety reasons. Please check and make sure your child is wearing the correct earrings in the morning before they come to school. **Pupils who are wearing earrings which are deemed unsafe will be asked to sit out of their after-school club.**