



Kenningtons Primary Academy



Spring Term Newsletter 3rd March 2017

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Dates to Remember

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
Thursday 23rd March 2017 - Nursery Intake Meeting
Friday 24th March 2017 - Parent Consultation Day (School Closed to Pupils)
Friday 31st March 2017 - Last Day of Spring Term
Monday 3rd April to Monday 17th April 2017 - Easter Holidays

Tuesday 18th April 2017 - Pupils return for Summer 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:

Koala / Kookaburra - Thursday 9th March

1B - Monday 6th March

2Ma - Thursday 9th March

3SB - Monday 6th March

4C - Tuesday 7th March

5B - Tuesday 7th March

Year 6 (6K/6N) - Tuesday 7th March

Please check the newsletter next Friday for details of Parent Drop In Sessions w/c 13th 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



Bikeability 'Learn to Ride'

The Road Safety Team have offered to hold a Bikeability 'Learn to Ride' session at Kenningtons Primary Academy to help pupils who are unable to cycle (or unable to cycle without stabilisers) to learn to ride a bike with confidence. Bikeability 'Learn to Ride' will be delivered during school time by qualified cycling instructors.

If you would like your child to take part, please visit the School Office to collect an application form. Please note that only ten pupils can be accommodated for each Bikeability 'Learn to Ride' session and that your child will need a bike (without stabilisers) to take part. Please return application forms to the School Office by Monday 20th March 2017.



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 - Marcel
Kangaroos - Bhavishan
1B - Victor
1K - Naomi
1M - Daniel
2M - Mitali
2BW - Lewis
2Ma - Alice
3SB - David
3H - Samuel
4C - Molly
4W - Pricilla
5B - Ethan
5J - None
5M - Max
6K - Alfie
6N - None

Headteacher's Award

Our focus this week was 'Taking on Challenges'

Well done to:

1B - Avein
1K - Henley
1M - Molly
2Ma - Darcie
2Me - Scarlett
3H - Tobi
3SB - Jaden
4C - Tobi
4W - Samuel
5B - Tunmise
5J - Josh
5M - Max
6N - Charlie
6N - Ray
6N - Kasey
6N - Lola-Rae

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.'

World Book Day 2017

The Big Breakfast: Snuggled up in their pyjamas and onesies, pupils enjoyed cookies and juice treats while reading and sharing their favourite books.




The Nightmare Trail: At lunchtime pupils from KS1 and KS2 were challenged to complete 'The Nightmare Trail'. Photographs and information about each teacher's favourite villain were hidden around the playground at lunchtime. Pupils hunted for them and answered questions about the villains (Who were their sidekicks? Where do they live?) as they went. Over 250 children took part and their enthusiasm was fantastic!

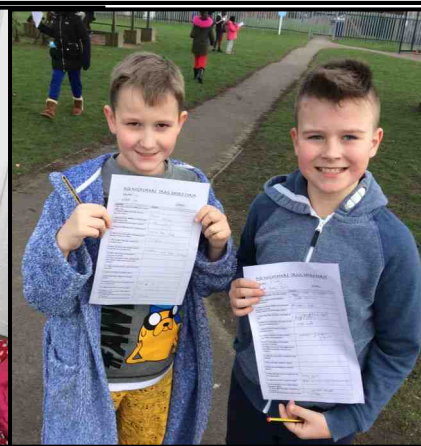
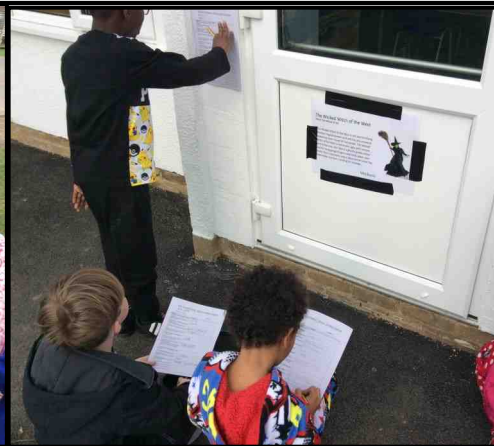
Congratulations to the winners of 'The Nightmare Trail' book vouchers: Daniel, 2BW and Oreoluwa, 4C

The Grinch
(From 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas')

This greasy furred, feline scrooge hates the whole Christmas season. He has a sour and grizzly green Grinchy frown and hates every Who in Who-ville town. The most likely reason of all, may be that his heart is two sizes too small. Intent on stopping Christmas from coming, he steals all of Who-ville's Christmassy things. He has the most unpleasant smile when he thinks he wins. When his actions fail to dampen the Who's Christmas spirit, maybe baddie will turn goodie...?



Mrs Mack



World Book Day Writing Competition: We have been overwhelmed by the number of entries we have received for the writing competition this year! We have received lots of amazing stories and are still in the process of picking our winners. The Chair of Governors will be coming in on Monday to lend us a hand and we hope to announce the winners on Tuesday. Thank you so much to everyone who has entered!



Guest Article: 'Let's get Sugar Smart' 2016/2017
Hosted by the School Health Service (ScHS)

I have been working with the pupils of Kenningtons School to raise awareness of the added sugar in popular drinks. The children took part in class workshops where they had opportunities to see how much sugar is added to drinks. Ask your child to share this information with you – you may be quite surprised.

Research shows children are having nearly three times more sugar than the recommended daily amount and the biggest source is sugary drinks. While most people might seem fine on the outside, too much sugar can lead to the build-up of harmful fat on the inside which can cause serious diseases in later life and lead to early tooth decay.

The Change4Life 'Be Food Smart' app is a great resource which enables you to scan products to identify the added sugar. The app is available as a free download from the Change4Life website http://po.st/C4L_Thurrock and you can also check the saturated fat and salt content too! The app provides 'Sugar Smart' alternatives, information on maximum daily amounts of sugar per age group as well as lots of other useful information – have a look, it really is thought provoking!

The next intervention is '5-A-DAY' on Monday 20th March 2017 and I look forward to working with all the students and staff again in the Spring Term.

- Kerrie Willis (Health Improvement Practitioner)
Thurrock School Health Service

Football Results: Kenningtons vs. Somers Heath

Yesterday evening our football team played an away match against Somers Heath Primary. We are delighted to announce our team achieved a 1 - 0 victory. Well done team!



Chicken Run

Our chickens have been confined to their chicken coop for the past month due to the danger of Bird Flu spreading across the area. You may have seen notices on free range eggs in supermarkets to let you know that this has been the case for commercial hens as well.

We are happy to announce that as of the end of February our chickens have been allowed back outside. Our pupil Animal Handlers will soon be able to begin their work again to help us look after the chickens and guinea pigs.



Classroom doors were transformed for World Book Day!