



Kenningtons Primary Academy

Autumn Term Newsletter 20th October 2017

www.kenningtonsprimaryacademy.co.uk



Dates to Remember

Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October 2017 - Half-term holiday

Monday 30th October 2017 - Non-pupil inset day

Tuesday 31st October 2017 - Autumn Term 2 Begins, pupils return to school

Friday 3rd November 2017 - Pupil Flu Vaccination Day (moved forward from 15th December, please complete consent forms)

Monday 6th November 2017 - Individual and Sibling School Photograph Day

Wednesday 7th November 2017 - Prospective Reception Parent Open Day

Thursday 9th November 2017 - Year 5 Interhouse

Monday 13th November 2017 - Year 2 African Drumming Day

Wednesday 15th November - Year 5/6 Science Day

Thursday 16th November to Friday 17th November 2017 - Nursery Learning Journeys

Friday 17th November 2017 - The Big Spotacular spotty non-uniform day (£1 donation for Children in Need)

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 31st October

1B - Monday 6th November (Monday 30th October is a non-pupil day)

2M / 2Ma - Tuesday 31st October

3S - Tuesday 31st October

4OC - Tuesday 31st October

5W - Tuesday 31st October

6N - Thursday 2nd November

Please check our newsletter on 3rd November for details of Parent Drop Ins in the week commencing 6th November 2017.

Mathlete Lucky Dip

Every week pupils who score over 50 points on Mathletics earn a lucky dip ticket. All of these tickets went into the box for the end of half-term lucky dip in assembly today. We are delighted to announce our lucky dip winners, and recipients of a £25 Intu Lakeside voucher, are Phoenix in 2TJ and Toluwani in 3H. Congratulations!

There will be another lucky dip next half-term, so we hope pupils will continue to work hard to earn those tickets!



The Poppy Appeal 2017

After half-term, pupil helpers will be collecting for the Poppy Appeal. On the dates of Wednesday 1st November, Thursday 2nd November and Friday 3rd November 2017 pupils will be given the opportunity to 'buy' poppy badges at school for a small donation.

There is no set cost for poppies, any donation to the Poppy Appeal for the Royal British Legion is appreciated. Pupils to please bring their coin (or coins) in an envelope with their name on.



Helping children to get better and better at everything they do





Artsmark Gold Award

We are delighted to announce that our school has been awarded the Artsmark Gold Award. This is in recognition of the wonderful enthusiasm and hard work that have gone into art and culture projects around the school.

Projects have ranged from the installation of an arts gallery in school to trips to galleries in London. They have moved from research and craft projects in class to big projects like Queen Victoria Week 2016 and the fantastic Kenningtons World Carnival. We have welcomed visitors to school to share details of art and culture from across the world and continue to look for curriculum links to embed more of the same into our learning at school.

The Artsmark Gold Award is a wonderful recognition of the hard work of pupils, staff and parents.
Congratulations all!

The Artsmark panel states:

"As a Gold Artsmark school Arts Council England celebrates your commitment to arts and cultural education at a leadership level and the opportunities embedded across your provision. Your children and young people have equal opportunity to plan, experience, participate in, and evaluate a diverse range of high-quality arts and cultural activities and you recognise the importance of development opportunities delivered by specialists for your staff in these areas.

You engage with a range of arts and cultural organisations and can evidence the positive impact of these partnerships. Your children and young people have an opportunity to further develop their knowledge, skills and understanding of arts and culture and you are working to share the expertise you have established."



The Health Spot - Healthy Packed Lunches

A healthy packed lunch should include:

- A good portion of starchy food, e.g. wholegrain roll, tortilla wraps, pitta pocket, pasta or rice salad;



- A portion of lean meat, fish or alternative, e.g. chicken, ham, beef, tuna, egg, beans or hummus;



- Plenty of fruit and vegetables, e.g. and apple, Satsuma, handful of cherry tomatoes or carrot sticks, small tub of fruit salad or small box of raisins;



- A portion of semi-skimmed milk or other dairy food, e.g. reduced fat cheese, yoghurt or fromage frais;



- A drink of water.



A healthy lunch does not mean giving up all the foods that children enjoy. One treat in a packed lunch will be ok, e.g. a small packet of low fat or baked crisps, a chocolate biscuit or a piece of cake.

Mathlete of The Week

Well done to our Mathlete's of the week!

Kangaroos - Amelia
Koalas - Luke
Kookaburras - Temitayo
1B - Daniel
1K - Bhavishan
2M - Al-Ameen
2MA - Daniel
2TJ - Lennax
3H - Aliyyah
3N - Lewis
3S - Morin
4OC - Ethan
4S - Divine
5L - Afia
5W - Timi
6FH - Luke
6K - Aliza
6N - Sara

Headteacher's Award

This week our focus was 'Asking questions'

1B - Marcel
1K - Charlie
2M - Madison
2Ma - Lyli
2TJ - Eddie
2TJ - Harmony
3H - Darcie
3N - Elsie
3S - Raymond
4OC - Brooke
4S - Indiana
5L - Freddy
6FH - Denis
6K - Logan
6N - Isaac
6N - Jonjon



Do not ride bicycles or scooters on the school grounds

School Car Park

We would like to remind everyone that there is **no pedestrian access** through the school car park to school. This is clearly signposted at the car park entrance. It is really important that everyone follows this rule. It is not safe to walk through the car park to get to school!

Please also note that parents are not permitted to drive into the car park. We appreciate it can be hard to find legal and safe parking in the local area, but it is better to park a little way away and walk into school rather than compromising your safety by parking dangerously on local roads.

Thinking of training to be a teacher?



Join us for one of our information evenings to find out more about our training programmes.



Open Evening

Wednesday 8th November 2017

6.00—8.00 p.m.

St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic
Primary School

For further information or book your place
please contact

Andrea Parfett—ITE Manager at

Dilkes Academy the lead school

01708 852128

Or email a.parfett@dpts.org.uk

www.teachthurrock.org.uk



Pupil Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Isaac in 6N who has been awarded the Pupil Employee of the Month trophy.

Isaac holds three jobs in school; lunchtime monitor, maths coach and blogger. We hear really good things about his efforts in all three!

A Smile, Not A Mobile

The St Joseph's RC Primary School in Longlands, Middlesbrough erected signs in spring this year to promote their **“greet your child with a smile not a mobile”** campaign. The idea is to make parents think twice about talking on the phone or scrolling through social media while collecting their child from school.

We agree that it helps in developing pupils speaking and listening skills to have conversations with their parents when they are collected at the end of the school day and would encourage our parents to think about their own mobile use at pick up times.

Story Sack Workshop

Well done to our parents who have just completed the three week Story Sack workshop with Thurrock Adult Education College.

Thank you for your hard work and for making the workshops such a success!





SMASH CAMPS

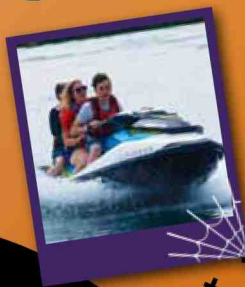
OCTOBER HALF TERM
23RD OCTOBER TO 27TH OCTOBER

FIND REAL ADVENTURE AT THE BEST ACTIVITY CAMP IN ESSEX

BOOK NOW AND YOUR ADVENTURER CAN TRY ACTIVITIES SUCH AS
LASER TAG, QUAD BIKING, 4X4 DRIVING, CLIMBING AND MUCH MORE

WE HAVE MANY OPTIONS AVAILABLE FROM SMASH CAMPS THIS OCTOBER:

- MULTI ACTIVITY WEEK PASS - 5TH DAY £1
- FREE EARLY DROP OFF FROM 8.30AM
- BREAKFAST CLUB FROM 8AM
- MULTI ACTIVITY DAY PASS
- FREE LATE CLUB UP UNTIL 6PM
- HALLOWEEN THEME TENT



Ofsted
raising standards
improving lives

BOOK ONLINE NOW
WWW.SMASHCAMPS.CO.UK

OR CALL 01708 22 41 53

STUBBERS ADVENTURE CENTRE, UPMINSTER, RM14 2TY

**CHILD CARE
VOUCHERS
ACCEPTED**

**SCHOOL
YEARS
2 TO 11**

Kenningtons Primary Academy -

Science Technology Engineering and Maths Ambassadors!



Recognising the commitment of staff at

KENNINGTONS PRIMARY SCHOOL

for encouraging and inspiring young people in STEM
subjects through the use of STEM Ambassadors

Brown & Cambridge

The Baroness Brown of Cambridge | Chair, STEM Learning

Yvonne Baker

Yvonne Baker | Chief Executive, STEM Learning

Kenningtons Primary Academy School Term and Holiday Dates
Academic Year 2018/2019

September 2018							October 2018							November 2018							December 2018						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
					1	2												1	2	3	4					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	26	27	28	29	30			24	25	26	27	28	29	30
							29	30	31												31						

January 2019							February 2019							March 2019							April 2019						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6					1	2	3					1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30					

May 2019							June 2019							July 2019							August 2019						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1	2	3	4	5						1	2					1	2	3							
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30	31	

	School Days		Weekends		School Holiday		Bank Holiday		Inset Day
--	-------------	--	----------	--	----------------	--	--------------	--	-----------

Autumn Term: Wednesday 5th September 2018 to Wednesday 19th December 2018 – 66 days

Half Term Monday 22nd October to Friday 2nd November 2018

Spring Term: Tuesday 2nd January 2019 to Friday 5th April 2019 – 63 days
Half Term Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February 2019

Summer Term: Tuesday 23rd April 2019 to Wednesday 24th July 2019 – 60 days
Half Term Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2019

Total – 188 days + 5 staff inset

Non-Pupil Inset Days: Monday 3rd September 2018, Tuesday 4th September 2018, Monday 22nd October 2018, Monday 3rd June 2019.

Changes to the School Calendar for 2018/2019

From July to August 2017 we held a consultation regarding proposed changes to the structure of the school term and holiday dates for the 2018/2019 academic year.

The response from the consultation was 8 persons 'for' the change and 1 person 'against'.

In last night's Governing Body Meeting the Governors have voted to proceed with the proposed changes to the school calendar for 2018/2019. The changes mean that the October half-term holiday in 2018 will now be two weeks long.

The new calendar for 2018/2019 can be viewed to the left, or accessed on our school website.

<http://www.kenningtonprimaryacademy.co.uk/Term-Dates-Insets>

October Half-Term for the present academic year (2017/2018) runs from

**23rd October 2017
to
Friday 27th October 2017,**

**with a non-pupil inset day on Monday
30th October 2017.**

**Pupils return to school on Tuesday 31st
October 2017.**