



Kenningtons Primary Academy

Autumn Term Newsletter 1st December 2017

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Dates to Remember

Friday 1st December 2017 - After school clubs and squads finish

Thursday 7th December 2017 - Year 4 Greek Day

Friday 8th December 2017 - Parent Consultation Day

Tuesday 12th December 2017 - Reception Memory Making

Wednesday 13th December 2017 - Christmas Evening 'Wassailing' event on school playground, 6:00pm - 7:00pm.

Thursday 14th December 2017 - Christmas Dinner Day (Christmas Jumpers may be worn with school uniform)

Tuesday 19th December 2017 - Christmas Jumper Day (non-uniform day, £1 donation to Save the Children)

Tuesday 19th December 2017 - Last day of term

Tuesday 2nd January 2018 - Reception-Year 6 Pupils return to school for Spring Term

Wednesday 3rd January 2018 - Nursery Pupils return to school for Spring Term

Parent Drop In Sessions

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

Koala / Kookaburra - Tuesday 5th December

1B - Monday 4th December

2TJ - Tuesday 5th December

3H / 3N - Tuesday 5th December

4OC - Tuesday 5th December

5L - Tuesday 5th December

6FH / 6K - Thursday 7th December

The school will be closed for Parent Consultation Day on Friday 8th December 2017.

Please Return Football and Athletics Kit

If your child has borrowed Football or Athletics Kit from the school this term can you please make sure this is returned as soon as possible. Please return all Football or Athletics kit to the school office or directly to Mr Coyne.



We still have a few more fixtures to go this term, and it is very important that our teams can wear the correct kit to represent us.

A quick reminder also that pupils still require their PE kits in school. Jogging bottoms may be worn in cold weather!

World of Work Assemblies

KS2 have had an exciting week exploring the World of Work.

Mrs Anderson came in to speak with KS2 on Monday about the benefits and challenges of working as a Personal Trainer and on Friday we welcomed Mr Maguire of Faraday Underwriting Limited who introduced KS2 to the exciting world of the aviation insurance industry.

We would like to thank Mrs Anderson and Mr Maguire for their wonderful talks. You have given KS2 a lot to think about!



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"Investors in Pupils" Poster

Recently, the Class Champions have been working very hard to document all of the fantastic efforts our school has placed into achieving the Investors in Pupils award. They have spent their lunch breaks interviewing teachers, taking and uploading photographs as well as writing information on each of the different elements of Investors in Pupils. Please take a minute to admire the fine poster they have produced:



Induction Books

Each class has made an induction book; they are a fantastic way for new children and adults to our school to learn about their new class and how great we all are! They are packed full of information including: who we are, what we learn and why we love Kenningtons.



Mission Statements

Each class has written their own mission statement. They were produced together and detail the ethos and goals of all children. They are displayed on our classroom doors and give people an insight into our personalities! We are keen to complete our missions!



Class Targets

Each class has been working very hard to achieve their whole class target and earn their reward. This helps us to understand what we need to do to improve and to take responsibility for our own progress. We want to achieve it for ourselves and for each other.



Personal Target Setting

All of the children at Kenningtons start a new term by selecting their own personal target. "Personal targets help you to become a better learner. They give you the responsibility to make your own choices," Mrs Kavanagh



Staff Interviews

Pupils across Kenningtons have arranged meetings with staff to learn the skills they bring to our school community. They have shared their new knowledge during assembly time. We are aware how everybody is pulling together!



Budgeting

We are learning how the school spends its money and this helps us all to appreciate the resources which aid us! "We need to make sure we spend it on the important things and at the correct time!" Mrs Clarke



INVESTORS IN PUPILS

What have Kenningtons been doing towards Investors in Pupils?

Mathlete Scores

	Number of children who scored 50 points or more:	Well done to our Mathletes of the Week!
Kookaburras	5	Jade
Koalas	4	David
Kangaroos	1	Preston
1B	10	Marina
1K	4	Bhavishan
2M	8	Alfie
2Ma	10	Brian
2TJ	7	Harmony
3H	16 (This week's winners!)	Frankie
3N	7	Elsie
3S	8	Callum
4OC	11	Stanley
4S	11	Divine O
5L	10	Samuel
5W	11	Anthony
6FH	9	Temi
6K	8	Max
6N	6	Sara

Thurrock Gospel Choir Inter-Church Celebration Event

The Thurrock Gospel Choir would like to invite everyone to an Inter-Church Celebration event for Advent. This will be held on Saturday 2nd December 2017 at 7:00pm at Aveyley Methodist Church, Shannon Way, Aveyley, RM15 4LU.

The Safeguarding Spot: Home Alone (NSPCC)

Strange as it may seem, there is not set age for leaving children home alone. However, while there might not be a specific legal age to leave children alone, it's safe to say babies, toddlers and young children should never be left alone, even if it's just while you pop down the road. The NSPCC have put together some information for parents regarding children being left home alone: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/leaving-child-home-alone/>

Wassailing at Kenningtons - Christmas Evening Event

We are delighted to invite you to our Christmas evening event; "Wassailing" at Kenningtons Primary Academy. The Christmas evening event is taking place on **Wednesday 13th December 2017.**

In this event we will go "Wassailing" in the school grounds to enjoy Christmas music and stories. The event will take place from **6:00pm – 7:00pm.** The event will take place outside in the school grounds, and will be open for everyone to attend. Tickets will not be required for this event as it is taking place outside, and we will not need to restrict the number of attendees per family.

The school side-gate on Tamar Drive will open at 5:45pm to admit people to the school grounds. Please note that this is the only gate which will be open!

Please make sure that you and your children **dress very warmly for the event,** as the event will be taking place outside. If you would like to bring a battery operated lantern or a battery operated tea-light to hold during the event you are welcome to. Please note no flames are permitted. Prams are permitted provided you are able to push them across the grass if required. No smoking is permitted on site, this includes e-cigarettes. Please note the event is weather dependent.

We hope you will be able to join us for this special event!

GRANGEWATERS

Outdoor Education Centre

Buckles Lane, South Ockendon, Essex, RM15 6RS
01708 855228

Pre-Christmas Activities December 2017

Thank you for your continued interest in Grangewaters. We are offering the following activities for the festive season. Please share this information. **We recommend to everyone to bring a torch as we will lose the light during the sessions.**

Sat 9th December: Wreath Making.

Take a wander around the woodland, guided by our Resident Wreath Expert. Collect a range of natural materials before heading back to our creation room. With nature to view from every window I'm sure you'll be inspired to create your own wreath to take away... Hot drinks provided. Just bring your gardening gloves and secateurs. We can provide/share secateurs, and will have materials pre-collected too.



Tues 5th & Fri 15th December: Christmas Fairy Trail.

Help our Resident Woodland Fairy find decorations for her Tree and help put them all up. You will have maps to find the best items as well as the opportunity to hang items on our Fairy Tree. Just wrap up warm and keep a look out for sparkles. Time: 3.30-4.45pm. Price £7 per person.



Mon 4th & Fri 8th December: Paddles & Presents.

Santa's elves collect gifts from all over the world in preparation for Christmas Eve. One delivery route passes over Grangewaters. Take a paddle in a Canoe Raft to help collect items that have been dropped along the way. Just bring warm clothes and a hat. Time: 3.30-4.45pm. Price £7 per person.

For further information and to book please email grangewaters@thurrock.gov.uk

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Kenningtons Home-School Agreement Re-Launch

We have updated our School Core Values for 2017:

Core Values

At Kenningtons Primary Academy, we believe that every child is an individual. All members of our school community should work collaboratively to:

- Have high standards for excellent achievement
- Embrace and adapt to change
- Be included in all aspects of school life
- Support pupils to attend school everyday
- Ensure everyone has the right to be safe
- Enjoy learning through different experiences, have a range of opportunities and experience success
- Demonstrate respect for one another, our environment and ourselves
- Celebrate what makes us different and the same
- Have the skills and knowledge to be healthy in mind and body

Through all of the above, members of our school community will aspire to make ambitious choices about their future.

As the School Core Values have now been updated, we will be re-launching our Home School Agreement to reflect the updated Core Values. You may remember signing the Home School Agreement when your child first started at Kenningtons Primary Academy.

Those who are attending the Parent Consultation Day on 8th December 2017 will be asked to sign the updated Home School Agreement. Those who are not attending will receive a copy in the post in January 2018 (or can visit the school office to collect a copy any time after 8th December 2017) to complete and return to the school.



Christmas at Kenningtons Primary Academy 2017



Christmas Post Box - A Christmas Post Box will be set up in the foyer for children to post their Christmas cards to one another. Children may bring their cards in from 13th December 2017, please do not bring in cards earlier than this date! Cards must have the full pupil name and class written clearly on the envelope. These will be distributed during the last week of term.

Reception Memory Making Event - Tuesday 12th December
(ParentMail Response Required)

Reception parents join their children in school to decorate plates.

Christmas Evening Event "Wassailing" - Wednesday 13th December
(6:00pm - 7:00pm on the school playground, no booking required)

Dress warmly and join us in the school playground for a unique outdoor Wassailing event. This event will be weather dependent!

Christmas School Dinner Day - Thursday 14th December
(No booking required, however please ensure your child's school dinner account is in credit)
Christmas dinner available in the cafeteria for school dinner. Children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers over their school uniform for the day!

Christmas Jumper Day - Tuesday 19th December
Pupils to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper and non-uniform if they wish. £1 donation to Save the Children.

Last Day of Term - Tuesday 19th December

Spring Term 2018 - Pupils in Reception to Year 6 will return to school on Tuesday 2nd January 2017. Pupils in Nursery will return a day later on Wednesday 3rd January 2017.



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