



Kenningtons Primary Academy



Spring Term Newsletter 26th January 2018

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Dates to Remember

Monday 29th January 2018 - Young Voices performance @O2

Tuesday 30th January 2018 - Boys Football Tournament @ Ormiston

Thursday 1st February 2018 - Girls Football Tournament @ Ormiston

Friday 2nd February 2018 - Nursery Stay and Play Day

Tuesday 6th February 2018 - Whole School E-Safety Day

Thursday 8th February 2018 - Whole School Democracy Day

Thursday 8th February 2018 - Year 2 Gunpowder Mills

Friday 9th February 2018 - Red/Pink Non-Uniform Day (£1 donation for charity)

Monday 12th February-Friday 16th February 2018 - February Half Term Holiday

Monday 19th February 2018 - Non-Pupil Inset Day

Tuesday 20th February 2018 - Pupils return for Spring Term 2

Thursday 1st March 2018 - World Book Day (See below!)

Tuesday 6th March 2018 - Year 5 Tower of London Trip

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 30th January

1K - Monday 29th January

2TJ - Tuesday 30th January

3S - Tuesday 30th January

4S - Tuesday 30th January

5W - Tuesday 30th January

6FH / 6K - Thursday 1st February

Please check next week's newsletter for details of Parent Drop In sessions in the week commencing 5th February 2018.

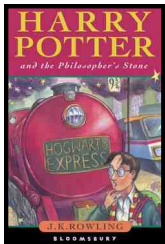
Sport Kit in School

The Kenningtons PE Kit: Black slip-on plimsolls, navy blue shorts or black shorts; plain white T-shirt. Jogging bottoms and sweatshirts may be worn when the weather is cold.

Kit for after-school clubs: To help make sure that pupil PE Kit stays in school, it has been decided that pupils may **bring their own kit / clothes for after-school clubs**. Please make sure that any kit that pupils bring in for after-school club is comfortable and suitable for the after-school activity they are taking part in.

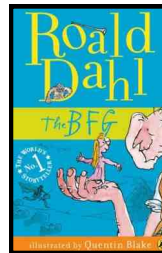
A reminder that pupils who do not have suitable clothing with them for after-school club will have to sit-out the club. Please also be advised that pupils are still **required to wear correct PE Kit for PE in school time**.

World Book Day - Thursday 1st March 2018



This year our theme for World Book Day will be 'Heroes and Villains'. Pupils are invited to come to school on World Book Day dressed as a Hero or a Villain from a favourite book.

Further details about World Book Day will be shared nearer the time, but we wanted to let you know in plenty of time to start costume planning!



Helping children to get better and better at everything they do



Mathletes - Well done to our Mathletes of the week!

	Number of children who scored 50 points or more	Mathlete of the Week
Kookaburras	3	Elsie
Koalas	3	Zane
Kangaroos	2	Teddy
1B	10	Chizaram
1K	6	Bhavishan
2M	5	Al-Ameen
2Ma	12	Daniel
2TJ	2	Phoenix
3H	5	Ruby
3N	5	Lewis
3S	2	Adrija
4OC	5	Sam
4S	10	Divine O
5L	5	Samuel
5W	11	Amy
6FH	0	-
6K	3	Cody
6N	16	Andrei

Good Egg Awards

This week our focus was
“I can work well in a group...”

Tide - 1B
 Darcey - 1K
 Alice, Daniel, Eva,
 Shay, Victoria - 2Ma
 John - 2M
 Isabel - 2TJ
 Darcie - 3H
 Daniel - 3N
 Aboo - 3S
 Erkan - 4OC
 Tianna - 4S
 Tobi - 5L
 Emily 5W
 Olivia 5W
 Luke 6FH
 Weronika 6K
 Gracie 6N



Safeguarding Concern - 'Smart' Watches



In our school handbook it states that pupils are permitted to wear a wristwatch for school. This is to enable pupils to tell the time. It has been brought to our attention that some pupils (particularly those in Year 2 and Year 6) are wearing watches to school which have additional functions.

These functions may include the ability to send and read messages, take voice recordings or play games. This is disruptive to learning and in addition raises safeguarding concerns due to the potential for age-inappropriate and unsafe use of social media and messaging services.

Some of these watches have cameras built in and this is also a safeguarding concern. It is not appropriate for pupils to have the ability to take photographs of their peers in school. Photography in school is only permitted during teacher-led class activities, using official school equipment, and is not permitted in the case of pupils who do not have photo consent or for whom photo consent has been withdrawn.

Please ensure that your child does not wear a watch with the above capabilities from Monday 29th January 2018. Any watches which are deemed inappropriate may be confiscated by school staff and must be collected from the school office at the end of the day. The school accepts no liability for loss or damage to these watches, which should not be brought to school.



Do not ride bicycles or scooters on the school grounds

Late Packed Lunch

A reminder to please ensure your child has their packed lunch with them as they come into school in the morning. The school office are not permitted to accept late packed lunches as sometimes children miss having a dinner because they do not come and collect them. Children who come to school without a packed lunch will be put down for a school dinner, for which parents are expected to pay.

Appointments for Pupils

All efforts should be made to book appointments for children outside of school hours. If it is unavoidable that you must collect your child from school during the day please make sure to phone the office to give advanced notice (a day's notice at minimum) and provide documentary evidence of the appointment to be copied for your child's file.

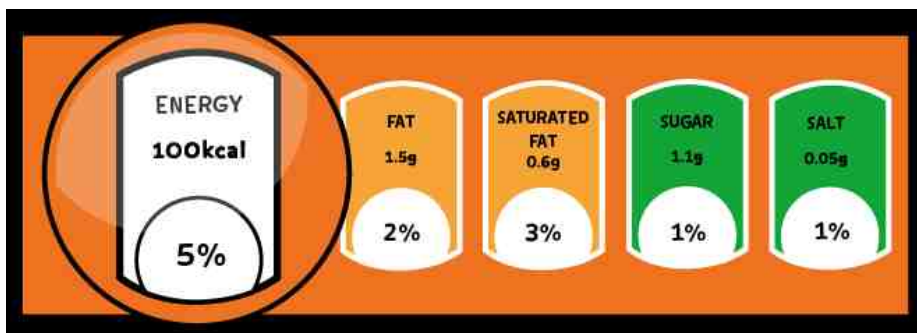
Early Collection on Fridays

Please note that early collection of pupils on Fridays is not permitted without documentary evidence of an appointment.

Health Spot - Food Labels

You'll find traffic light labels on most food and drink, usually on the front of the pack. These labels use red, amber and green colour coding to help us understand what's inside our food so we can make healthier choices when shopping.

Food labels, also called nutrition labels, show how much sugar, saturated fat and salt are inside what we're buying. When it comes to reading food labels, a good rule of thumb is to go for more greens and ambers, and cut down on reds.



You can find more information at the following link:
<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/food-facts/food-labels>

Change4Life January Challenge - Challenge children to count how many steps it takes to get to different places. Try counting from home to school? From home to the library? Around the local park?

Dazzle Dance Centre

Dazzling in Ballroom & Latin

Aveley Public Hall - Purfleet Road - Aveley - Essex - RM15 4DJ

Children's Ballroom & Latin Classes

Starting 7th February 2018

Boys & girls of all ages are welcome to learn Ballroom & Latin dancing, keep fit, make friends, and build their confidence, all whilst having fun and learning A-MAZ-ING technique!

Wednesdays

- 4.10pm – 4.35pm Dinky Dazzlers (3 - 5 years)
- 4.45pm – 5.20pm Mini Dazzlers (6 - 10 years)
- 5.30pm – 6.15pm Dazzlers (11 - 16 years)

Single weeks and block booking available.

Booking is required - so don't miss signing up Strictly's next star!

Get in touch to find out our offers...



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Going for Gold

Our "Going for Gold" merit system is progressing well this year. Pupils are now starting to achieve their Bronze Awards and some are already working towards their Silver Award!

A quick reminder how the merit system works: Each pupil has a merit tracker in their reading record. Teachers add merits throughout the week for things like regular reading, homework completion and more general achievements such as pupils demonstrating the school core values or meeting their work targets.

It is important that the reading records are brought to school every day so that merits can be added. Merits are only recorded in reading records, and so pupils will unfortunately have to start again if their reading records are lost.

Pupils have been really enjoying working to collect merit marks so far. Congratulations to those who have already achieved their Bronze Awards. We look forward to lots more pupils achieving their Bronze and Silver Awards this term!

Pupil Attendance

Parents need to be aware that pupil attendance has an impact on pupil progress and attainment in all year groups. When pupils are frequently absent their results can reflect this in their SATs (both at KS1 and KS2) and pupils who are absent may struggle to catch up with the work they have missed.

We understand that sometimes illness and emergencies do happen. Teachers, with the support of parents, work hard to mitigate the impact of absences.

However there are limits to what can be done with the time available in the school year. **It is very important that parents support pupils to attend school every day.** If, as a parent or guardian, you are struggling to do this, please contact the school at enquiries@kenningtons.thurrock.sch.uk and we will do what we can to assist.

We really need to focus, as a whole school, on helping children be present for learning.



Eco Warriors - Working Hard!

Our pupil Eco Warriors have been busy already this January. On Tuesday this week the Eco Warriors were out working hard to clear the school allotment ready for this year's crop.

The Eco Warriors will be asking for some parent volunteers to help them out soon...

Keep up the good work team!

