



# Kenningtons Primary Academy

Summer Term Newsletter 7th September 2018

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## Dates to Remember

**14th September 2018** - Netball Rally at William Edwards  
**21st September 2018** - Jeans for Genes Day  
**26th September 2018** - Year 6 Interhouse  
**27th September 2018** - Year 4 Science Dome Event  
**1st October 2018** - Pupil Flu Immunisation Day  
**3rd October 2018** - Firework and Halloween Safety Assembly  
**15th October 2018** - Year 1 Great Fire of London Event  
**18th October 2018** - Year 6 Natural History Museum Trip  
**22nd October 2018 - Friday 2nd November 2018** - October Half-Term Holiday

## Parent Drop In Sessions

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

**1M - Tuesday 11th September**  
**2JV - Thursday 13th September**  
**3B / 3N - Tuesday 11th September**  
**4C - Thursday 13th September**  
**5W - Tuesday 11th September**  
**6K - Tuesday 11th September**

## Medications in School

Please make sure that any medication your child needs is brought back to the school office now that term has started. We have a lot of pupils who had asthma pumps last year which have not been brought back after the summer. It is really important that parents supply the correct medication to the school office so that it is available for day to day administration and in case of emergency.

## A Note from the Headteacher:

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer. We have four new teachers who have joined the team this year, and I am sure that you will join me in welcoming them to the school. Mrs Pattullo is our new SENCo, Mrs Beard and Mrs Venemore are new class teachers and Mr Brougham is our new PE teacher. In addition we are welcoming 60 new reception children and other children across the school.

I am delighted that the roof work has all been completed and look forward to the start of the Pavilion demolition and rebuild. It will be wonderful to have PE changing facilities for the children to use when it is completed.

On our training days, we have already started to address some of the areas identified within our recent Ofsted inspection and look forward to sharing some of the projects with you over the coming terms.

Thank you to all of the parents who responded to their children's end of year reports. It was pleasing to read so many positive comments. I will be responding to those of you who had any queries and have passed on information to the new class teachers.

Tackling litter will be a focus for us this year. I spent some of the summer holiday in Zürich, Switzerland and was struck by the lack of litter and how clean the city was. I was told by local people that children are taught not to drop litter and the consequences for littering are very high fines. In order to help the children learn about keeping our school community tidy we will be adding 'littering' to the sanction list. Any children who are spotted littering by an adult will have to take part in a litter pick. The children are aware of this initiative and I hope that you will support us in our endeavors. I am in the process of ordering additional bins for the outside areas so that should also help the children to put litter in the correct place. We want the school and community beyond to be a clean and tidy environment for all of us.



*Helping children to get better and better at everything they do*



### REMINDER School Dinner Price Increase & Free School Meals

From September 2018 the price of school dinners has increase by 10p. This means that school dinners now cost £2.00 per day, or £10 for the week.

Parents of Year 3 pupils are reminded that they will need to pay for school dinners unless the family is in receipt of benefits based free school meals.

A copy of our school dinner menu is available on our website  
<http://fluencycontent2-schoolwebsite.netdna-ssl.com/FileCluster/KenningtonsPrimary/MainFolder/Gallery-2/Kennington-Flyer.pdf>

Next week (week commencing 10th September 2018) we will be on the 'Week 2' menu.

### School Uniform

It is lovely to see children looking so smart in school this week! A quick reminder for parents that for both Girls and Boys the standard school uniform is a **white** shirt/blouse or polo-shirt or school logo polo shirt, **grey** bottoms (skirt, trousers, shorts), **navy blue** jumper/cardigan or school logo sweatshirt and **plain black** shoes (no trainers or boots). **White socks** or **grey tights** may be worn. School uniform may be purchased online (for free delivery to Kenningtons) from <http://www.sues-schoolwear.co.uk/>

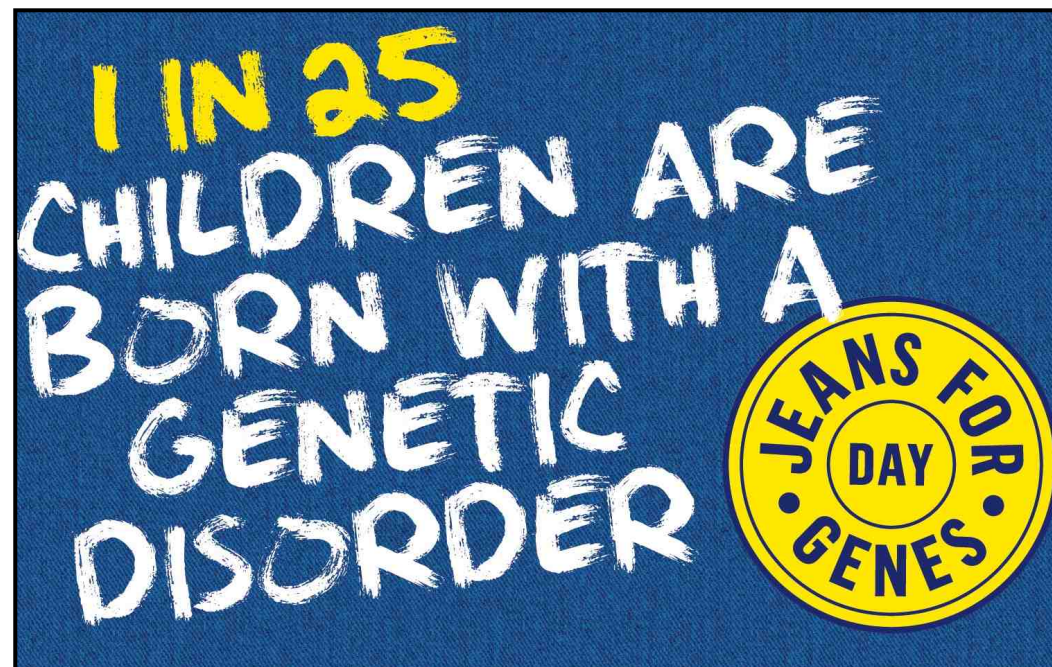
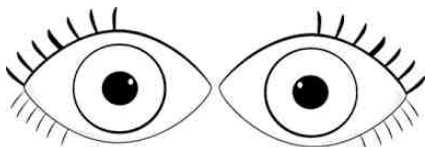
### The Health Spot: Free Eye Tests for Pupils

We want to make sure parents are aware that eye tests are free for children under 16 and can be booked at any high street optician.

At school pupils receive a basic check in Reception, but they are not re-tested while at school.

It is really important that parents take children for regular eye checks to help spot any problems as children grow. Please follow the link below for more information:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/eye-tests-in-children/>



### Jeans for Genes Day 2018

We are having a little break from our school uniform on **Friday 21st September** to take part in Jeans for Genes day! On Friday 21st September pupils are invited to come to school wearing jeans and non-uniform tops (no football shirts please) for a £1 donation to Genetic Disorders UK.

Pupils are asked to please bring in their pound in a named envelope to give to their class teacher. Pupils who are not taking part in Jeans for Genes day to please come to school wearing correct school uniform.

Thank you for your support!

### Eco-Warriors Pupil Survey

At the start of November 2017, and the end of July 2018, our pupil eco-warriors conducted a whole school survey. The table below shows the percentages of children who answered 'yes' to the eco-warrior's questions. The percentage has improved quite a lot over the year. This shows that the eco-warriors have done a good job last year!

This table shows the percentage of pupils that say YES to our questions:

Question	November 2017	July 2018
Are our outside areas looked after well?	38%	75%
Do you know who the eco-warriors are?	0%	50%
Do you help to take care of the outside areas?	30%	75%
How often do you have lessons outside?	Lots- 15%	Lots- 58%
Do we use our outside areas enough?	22%	30%
Do our nature areas make good homes for animals?	56%	49%
Are the outdoor areas useful for your learning?	39%	41%

We are doing much better! However, there is still room for improvement this year!

### Learning Overviews

You can access your child's weekly Learning Overview and their annual Learning Pack online at:

<http://www.kenningtonsprimaryacademy.co.uk/Children-Introduction> (click the 'Year Groups' tab on the left)

### Headteacher's Award

This week our focus was  
**'Taking on Challenges'**

Emily - 1K  
Thomas - 1M  
Archie - 2JV  
Billy - 2T  
Ira - 3B  
Ava - 3M  
Emmanuella - 3N  
Armani - 4C  
Emmanuel - 4H  
Lewis - 4H  
Annie - 4S  
Tolulope - 5B  
Hanna - 5W  
Haider - 6K  
Olivia - 6N





# top 10 facts about the Orsett Hospital closure



- 1** Our services will move to four new modern integrated medical centres across Thurrock in Corringham, Tilbury, Purfleet and Grays.
- 2** These centres will bring health, social and community care together
- 3** For patients in Basildon and Brentwood, services will be provided in new and existing health centres such as Brentwood Community Hospital
- 4** We will make sure all four centres are up and running fully before finally closing Orsett Hospital.
- 5** We are not stopping any of the services we provide.
- 6** Our staff will continue to work for the NHS and we do not expect any job losses.
- 7** These centres will mean more investment in your local services, not less
- 8** A 'People's Panel' of local patients and residents will help to plan how the changes happen. Your local independent Healthwatch group will organise this.
- 9** Services will move from Orsett Hospital into these centres over the next two to three years.
- 10** We will then sell Orsett Hospital, and the money will come back into your local NHS.

- For more information visit: [www.nhsmidandsouthessex.co.uk](http://www.nhsmidandsouthessex.co.uk)
- If you would like to register your interest in the 'People's Panel', please email: [orsettpeoplespanel@btuh.nhs.uk](mailto:orsettpeoplespanel@btuh.nhs.uk)

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**If your child has just started the last year of primary education you must apply now for a secondary school place**

If your child was born between **1 September 2007 and 31 August 2008**, you must apply now for a secondary school place for **September 2019**.

**APPLYING FOR A SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2019**

**Apply online at: [thurrock.gov.uk/admissions](http://thurrock.gov.uk/admissions)**



Go to [thurrock.gov.uk/admissions](http://thurrock.gov.uk/admissions) and follow the instructions on screen. There you will also be able to open an electronic copy of Thurrock Council's composite prospectus for Thurrock secondary schools which you should read before completing an application.

To apply online you must have an e-mail account.

You should also go along to school open evenings/days and one of the Council's briefings for parents before you complete an application.

**Wednesday 19 September 2018 Civic Hall, Blackshots Lane, Grays, Essex RM16 2JU.**

**First session begins at 4.00pm - 5.30pm and the second session begins at 7.00pm - 8.30pm.**

Offers will be available for online applicants from 12.30am on 1 March 2019 by logging into your account.

Complete the application, listing up to six schools that you wish to apply for, in your order of preference, including amongst them any schools outside of Thurrock, including grammar schools for which you wish to apply. Make sure that you also complete the supplementary forms that some schools require and return them directly to the school by the closing date for applications.

If you have more than one child transferring to secondary school, it is essential that you fill in an application for each child needing a place.

If you do not complete the application and return it



by the closing date of **Wednesday 31 October 2018** you will be allocated a place at a school with space available, after all on-time applications have been dealt with.

Information about the schools in Thurrock and how to apply for them are in a booklet entitled **Secondary Admission Information September 2019** available online at

[thurrock.gov.uk/admissions](http://thurrock.gov.uk/admissions)

Please read the booklet carefully.

Once you have read the information on the Thurrock Council website, if you have any questions please contact the Admissions Team on **01375 652883** or by email at [school.admissions@thurrock.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@thurrock.gov.uk)

Alternatively, you can write to:

**School Admissions  
Thurrock Council  
Civic Offices  
New Road  
Grays  
RM17 6SL**