

# Kenningtons Primary Academy

## Summer Term Newsletter 6th May 2016

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#### **Dates to Remember**

Monday 9th May - SATs begin
Tuesday 17th May - Year 4 Interhouse
Thursday 19th May - Qwick Cricket Event @ Orsett Cricket Club
Friday 20th May - Blue/Green non-uniform day (£1 donation - Water Aid)
Monday 23rd May - Friday 27th May - Stubbers Residential Trip
Monday 23rd May - Friday 27th May - Young Victoria Week (in-school event)
Friday 27th May - Victorian Costume Day
Thursday 26th May - Quads Sport Event 1 @ Blackshots
Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June - Half-term holiday
Monday 6th June - Non-pupil Inset day
Thursday 9th June - Quads Sports Event 2 @ Blackshots
Friday 8th July - Year 2 Trip to Golden Hinde

#### **Parent Drop In Sessions**

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

Reception (Kangaroo / Kookaburra) - Tuesday 10th May 1B/1W - Monday 9th May

2G - Thursday 12th May

3H - Friday 13th May

4BW - Tuesday 10th May 5BM - Monday 9th May

6K/6W - Tuesday 10th May

Please check next week's newsletter for details of Drop Ins in the week commencing 16th May 2016.

#### 'All In' Multisports

On Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> April seven children from Kenningtons KS2 visited William Edwards school to take part in an 'All In' multisports event. Our children tried their hand at twelve different skills which were challenging but very good fun. All of our children had huge smiles on their faces throughout the morning and were a credit to the school.

Well done to all children who took part!



#### **Positive Postcards**

We really enjoy sending positive postcards to parents each week and hope parents enjoy receiving them.

As a school it is lovely to hear when things are going well, so it would be wonderful if parents would like to do the same for us and send the school a positive postcard (or email) to let us know!





#### The Health (and Travel!) Spot - 'Walk the World'

#### Why 'Walk the World'?

You may have seen us walking around the school grounds over the past few weeks, or heard your child mention 'Walk the World'. This is a brand new scheme we have begun. It is inspired by St Ninian's school in Scotland, whose pupils walked the 'Daily Mile' to help combat childhood obesity. Here at Kenningtons we believe daily exercise is important, not just to combat obesity, but for children and adults to stay healthy and alert throughout the school day. The scheme also encourages the skill of perseverance to reach a shared goal.

We have also decided to add in a bit more of a challenge by showing pupils how far round the world they have walked each week. In each Friday assembly children are shown photographs and told stories about the place they have walked to that week. We are looking forward to seeing how long it takes us to walk round the whole world!



#### How does it work?

Lollipop signs have been set up all around the playground, making a half a mile circuit. Pupils and staff follow the signs once or twice a day on their walk round depending on how far they would like to go. The time of day that the walks changes depending on the best times for them to fit into each class timetable. These first few weeks the results of our trial walks have been positive, both in terms of pupil enjoyment and in improved focus in lessons following the walks. Staff have been enjoying the chance to get some extra exercise in during the school day!

'Walk the World' will continue to be a part of our daily activity at Kenningtons Primary Academy throughout the summer term and (weather permitting) in autumn term after the holidays. No special shoes or clothes are required; children should be able to walk a mile in their school shoes as these are the shoes they must wear on school trips.

#### How are we doing?

This week we managed **891 miles**, which has taken us all the way to Rome in Italy!



#### **Year 3 Allotment - Parent Helpers**

We would like to say a great big thank you to parents that gave up their time (and offered their vehicles) to help with the Year 3 B&Q visit and allotment work on Tuesday 3rd May.



The visit to B&Q was a big success, with lots of items chosen to help Year 3 make the allotment extra-special this year. Back at school parents marched backwards and forwards from the car park with a whole host of goodies and helped pupils set them up in the allotment.

Thank you very much parents for being such a huge help!

### **Weekly Challenge**

Well done to this week's Weekly Challenge winners!

KS1 English - Scarlett 1G KS1 Maths - Daniel 1B

KS2 English - Emily 3C KS2 Maths - Sean 5M

#### **Headteacher's Awards**

This week our focus was 'Asking Questions'

Well done to...

Demi 1B

Penny 1G

Darcie 1W

Emily 2BW

Georgia 2G

Selin 3C

Faith 3H

Keira 4BW

Elsie 4BW

Tai'Bat 4N

Vibhaas 4S

Charlie 5BM

Ericka 5M

Lola-Rae 5M

Tomiwa 6K

Abigail 6W



#### Young Victoria Week

Friday 27th May 2016 will be a Victorian costume day at school. This will be to celebrate the end of a week of activities centred round the early life of Queen Victoria.

Children are invited to come to school on Friday 27th May 2016 dressed in Victorian costume. Please note this is not a nonuniform day, and no charitable donation is required. Children who are not participating must come to school in correct school uniform.



