



Kenningtons Primary Academy



Spring Term Newsletter 5th February 2016

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Dates to Remember

Monday 8th February - Year 5 First Aid Training

Monday 8th February - Wednesday 10th February - Nursery Learning Journeys

Tuesday 9th February - E-Safety Day

Tuesday 9th February - 5M Road Safety Walk

Thursday 11th February - Nursery 'Monster' Dress Up Day

Thursday 11th February - Year 3 & 4 Sports Hall Athletics

Friday 12th February - Red and Pink Non-Uniform Day (£1 donation RSPCA)

Friday 12th February - Last day of Spring Term 1

Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February - February Half-Term

Monday 22nd February - Non-Pupil Inset Day

Tuesday 23rd February - First day of Spring Term 2

Thursday 25th February - Year 6 Bikeability

Monday 29th February - Thursday 10th March - Reception Learning Journeys

Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day (Book Character non-uniform, no donation)

Thursday 10th March - Year 5 Interhouse

Thursday 10th March - Walk the Line Roadshow

Friday 18th March - Parent Consultation Day

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 9th February

1B - Monday 8th February

2G - Thursday 11th February

3H - Friday 12th February

4BW - Tuesday 9th February

5BM - Monday 8th February

Year 6 (6K/6W) - Tuesday 9th February

Parent Drop In sessions will resume after half-term.

Year 1 - Balance Bikes

In collaboration with the Thurrock Council Bikeability Team, we have arranged for all Year 1 pupils to have the opportunity to take part in a series of 'Bikeability Balance' sessions in school from Monday 14th March to Wednesday 16th March 2016.



All Year 1 parents have received a letter today and it is really important that the Parental Consent Forms are returned to the school office as soon as possible to enable all Year 1 pupils to take part.

Kaye from the Bikeability team will be available after school by the KS1 entrance (in her high-vis!) on Thursday 11th February if parents have any questions they would like to ask.



Helping children to get better and better at everything they do





World Book Day - 3rd March 2016

We are happy to report that the whole school will be taking part in World Book Day on **Thursday 3rd March 2016**. Last year we had a fantastic day of costumes, decorations and reading and we are hoping to have an even bigger celebration this year.



We would like to give all parents advanced notice that all pupils are invited to come in dressed as **characters from books** for World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. Please note there is no money donation required on the day.

All our teachers and support staff will be taking part too!



Do not ride bicycles or scooters on the school grounds

Well done to this week's KS2 Weekly Challenge winners:

English: Molly 3H
Maths: Megan 5M

Well done to this week's KS1 Weekly Challenge winners:

English: Scarlett 1G
Maths: Jaida-Marie 1G



Good Eggs

This week our focus was **'I can work well in a group, cooperating with others to achieve a joint outcome'**

Well done to...

- Alexia 1B
- Leanne 1G
- Alice 2BW
- Jessica 2G
- Lana 3C
- Olivia 3C
- Ben 3H
- Isla 3H
- Nathan 4BW
- Charlie 4N
- Todi 5BM
- Danane 5M
- Cintia 6K
- Bradley 6W

The Health Spot: Thurrock Council's Director of Public Health

Thurrock Council's Director of Public Health, Ian Wake, has praised Kenningtons Academy for their innovative policy to provide water to children to drink during the school day in place of alternatives such as squash, juice and fizzy drinks.

Ian said, "I am delighted that Kenningtons clearly recognise the importance of their pupils' health and wellbeing have taken this step to promote water as the healthiest fluid for children to be drinking during the school day. Ensuring that children are fully hydrated whilst at school will help them concentrate and learn better. Rates of childhood and adult obesity are significantly greater in Thurrock than England and this obesity crisis is one of the biggest single public health challenges we face as a community. Avoiding soft drinks, often with a high sugar content, and switching to water will help support good oral health and healthy weight as well as helping children to concentrate in the classroom and maximise their full potential. My Public Health team and I are committed to supporting schools and the community to improve their health and wellbeing and I congratulate Kennington's Head Teacher Mrs Sawtell-Hayes and her team for embracing this important agenda and hope that parents will support her. Our School Health Service is on hand can for further advice and support."

The Change4Life national campaign has some excellent tips and resources for parents to explore in order to help their family reduce sugar intake. This can be accessed at <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta/campaigns/sugar-smart/cutting-back#>

Our School Health Service can be accessed via Twitter: #SchoolHealthService @SHSThurrock or through contacting Kenningtons Primary Academy for details.



Super Scientists 15 and 18 February 10am – 12pm

Come down to Coalhouse Fort during February half term and become a scientist for the day!

Where: Coalhouse Fort, East Tilbury RM18 8PB

Monday 15 February

Exploding Rockets.

Thursday 18 February:

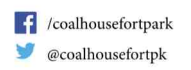
Electromagnets and Tin Can Phones

During these sessions children will learn the science behind what they are making. They will get to try out their experiments and most importantly they will have fun!

Price: £5 per child per session.

Contact: Thameside Theatre box office to book your place on: 0845 300 5264

Please note: Children must be supervised by an adult at all times



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Reception - Fairytales and Traditional Tales

On Thursday 4th February our Reception classes had a day of storytelling, crafts and dress-up led by the History off the Page group. Pupils had a really enjoyable and enriching experience and we would like to thank our parent helpers for assisting in keeping the day running smoothly (and for their fantastic efforts in joining the children in dressing up as fairytale characters for the day!)