

# Kenningtons Primary Academy

Spring Term Newsletter 13th February 2015 www.kenningtonsprimaryacademy.co.uk

### DATES TO REMEMBER

16th February - 20th February 2015: Half term holiday 23rd February 2015: Non-pupil inset day 5th March 2015: World Book Day

### Term Dates and Inset Dates 2015/16

A reminder that the calendar for term dates and inset dates for the academic year 2015/16 is now available online at :

http://kenningtonsprimaryacademy.co.uk/Term-Dates-Insets

### WORLD BOOK DAY - 5th March 2015

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day. On the day pupils are invited to come to school dressed up as a character from a book.

We wanted to let you know well in advance so you can start getting creative over half-term!

### Parent Drop In Sessions - WB 24th February (Inset Day 23rd February)

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

### Reception (Kangaroos) - Thursday 26th February

- 1J Tuesday 24th February
- 2F Thursday 26th February
- 3C Tuesday 24th February
- 5N Tuesday 24th February
- 6W Tuesday 24th February

Meetings with the Year 4, 5M, 3H, 2G, 1W, Koalas and Kookaburras teachers will resume the week beginning 2nd March 2015.





Helping children to get better and better at everything they do



### KS2 Weekly Challenge

Well done to this week's winners:

Maths: Zac 4S English: Alisha 5M

The new challenges for next week can be found on the school website (link below) or on the KS2 notice board.

http://kenningtonsprimaryacademy.com/KS2-Weekly-Challenge

### **Space Maths**

Space Maths is a new mental maths challenge in which all our children from Reception to Year 6 are taking part in. The programme is designed to develop children's mental maths skills.

Every week the children have the opportunity to complete a space award - 3 columns of mental maths questions must be completed within four and a half minutes. (It is all about accuracy as well as speed.) If the children achieve this challenge, they will be rewarded with a certificate and then move on to the next space challenge. If a child has not managed to complete the challenge, the space award sheet will be send home so that he/she can practise at home.

At the end of the year, whichever space award a child has completed last, will be the award they will continue on the following academic year. The children are enjoying these challenges and we hope that you as parents will support them with the development of their mental maths skills.

### Parent Governor Election

We received one uncontested nomination for the position of Parent Governor. Our school governors welcome Zuzana Kirstein to the Governing Body.

### THE HEALTH SPOT

### Consultation: Closure of walk-in service at Thurrock Health Centre

Thurrock Clinical Commissioning Group have launched a consultation to decide the future of the walk-in service in Grays. The contract to provide walk-in services at Thurrock Health Centre comes to an end in September 2015 and the potential closure of the service has been proposed.

### **Contact information from Thurrock Clinical Commissioning Group:**

How can you find out more and share your views on the proposals?
Visit <u>http://bit.ly/thurrockwicconsultation</u> to access the questionnaire online and read the consultation document (comments must be received by 5pm on 24 March 2015).

- Visit our public consultation page on www.thurrock.ccg.nhs.uk
- Come along to our public engagement events:

Wednesday 11 February 2015 Orsett Hall Prince Charles Avenue Orsett Essex RM16 3HS Time: 12pm to 4pm

Wednesday 4 March 2015 Committee rooms 2 and 3 Civic Offices New Road Grays Essex RM17 6SL Time: 7pm to 9pm

Wednesday 18 March 2015 The Springhouse Springhouse Road Corringham Essex SS17 7QT Time: 7pm to 9pm

• Share your thoughts and views via: thurrockwicconsultation@nhs.net

Twitter/Thurrockwicconsultation

## INFORMATION & SUPPORT DROP IN



### Grays

Grays Precinct, High Street, RM17 6NB

Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th February 10am - 4pm

Come and talk to our friendly specialists about:

- Signs and symptoms of cancer
- Different cancers and their treatments
- How cancer affects your life
- Being there for someone with cancer
- What support is available locally
- Any other questions or worries about cancer

Or pick up some of our free leaflets Or phone our free support line on 0808 808 00 00 Or visit www.macmillan.org.uk

Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (604). Also operating in Northern Ireland.