

## Kenningtons Primary Academy

Welcome back to the New Year and New Term. I hope that you all had a good Christ-mas break. The spring term is my favourite term in school; we begin in the depths of the winter and end as summer is approaching.

The children have settled well and have begun their new learning topics. Trips are being planned for all year groups and you will be receiving letters about these.

Year 6 have begun their self-defence training sessions. This is something new this year and has been planned to support the pupils' independence and transition to secondary school. The trainer was very complementary about our pupils. He said, "The children were absolutely fantastic, so well behaved and took on board everything I showed them, they were a pleasure to teach." I would have expected nothing less!

Mrs Clarke and I have spoken to the children and the teachers and learning behaviours this week. We think that this aspect of school could improve and so will be focusing on this over the coming weeks. We have talked to the children about active listening, having high expectations for themselves, tracking the learning and talk in lessons and asking good questions. We have also challenged the teachers to stop using hands up in lessons, and to target questions to children or use the children's whiteboards more often. We should be expecting all children in have answers to all questions. Let's watch this space!

As you are probably aware, school attendance has been given a higher priority by the DfE. It is imperative that pupils attend school everyday. We will over the coming weeks be organising an attendance panel, to which parents whose attendance has declined below a certain level will be invited. Please try really hard to ensure that your child attends everyday this term.

Mrs Sawtell-Haynes

**NEWSLETTER. 13TH JANUARY 2023** 

### Thurrock Council primary school admissions

## Important information – applying for a primary school place for September 2023

If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 you must apply for a primary school place for September 2023.

#### Apply online from 1 November at thurrock.gov.uk/admissions

Go to thurrock.gov.uk/admissions and select 'Primary school admissions'. You will be able to open an online copy of our prospectus for Thurrock primary schools, booklet called **Primary Admission Information September 2023**, which you should read carefully before applying.

You must have an email account to apply online.

You should also try to join us online at one of the briefing sessions before you complete an application.

Three briefing sessions for parents will be held on Thursday 27 October 2022 via webinar on the council website.

- First Session: 1pm 2pm
- Second session: 4pm 5pm
- Third session: 6:30pm 7:30pm

Go to thurrock.gov.uk/admissions and select 'Primary school admissions' to access the webinar.

Offers will be available for applicants via your online account from 12:30am on 17 April 2023.

#### Apply for a primary school place

When making an application you can list up to four schools that you wish to apply for, in your order of preference. You can list schools outside of Thurrock, if you wish.

If you are applying to any school that is religious by character, make sure you also complete their supplementary form and return it direct to the school by the closing date for applications.

If you have more than one child transferring to primary school, you must apply separately for each child needing a place.

If you do not complete the application and return it by the closing date of 15 January 2023, you may be given a place at the nearest school with a space available, after all on-time applications have been dealt with.

If you have read all our information online and still have questions, please contact our Admissions Team by emailing school.admissions@thurrock.gov.uk or phoning on 01375 652 883.

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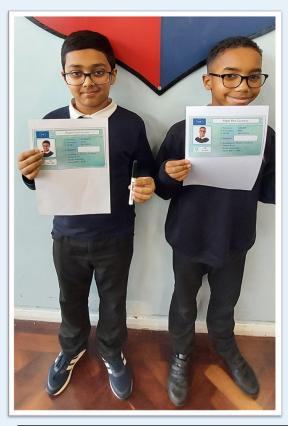
Every Mon	Years 1 & 2	Multi-Sports After-School Club	
Every Wed	Years 3 & 4	Multi-Sports After-School Club	
Every Tues	Year 2	Booster Class (invite only)	In School
Mon 16th Jan	Year 1	Great Fire of London Workshop	In School
		Clubs Begin (invite only)	In School
Fri 20th Jan	Year 5 & 6	Sports Hall Athletics	Basildon Sporting Village
Mon 23rd Jan	Year 5	Young Voices	O2
Tues 24th Jan	Reception	Chinese New Years Dance Workout	In School
Wed 25th Jan	2P	Fit for a Queen	London
Fri 27th Jan	2M	Fit for a Queen the date	London



# Headteacher Awards

Week 1: I can take responsibility for my actions and learning















### **Bronze Awards**









If you have had a 'sort out' in the New Year and have any unwanted, suitable games / toys, we would love them for our Breakfast / After-School Club. Please bring them to the Main Reception.

