Kenningtons Primary Academy

Welcome back to the start of the new academic year. I hope that you all had a wonderful summer, I know I certainly did. It has been lovely to see so many smiley faces on both children and parents over the past few weeks. We finished school on such a high last year, it will be a challenge to beat it over the coming months.

We are delighted to welcome three new teachers to our teaching team: Miss Millard, Miss Main and Mr Callen, who will be teaching Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 respectively. We hope that they settle well into the Kenningtons family. We have also welcomed our new Reception and Nursery intake, alongside several children into other year groups. I'm sure that they have been made to feel very welcome by staff and pupils. It always surprises me how quickly children settle, as if they have been here for years.

Our new School Reception and School Office is finally open. I have really enjoyed hearing the feed-back from parents and visitors – it is certainly a change from the previous entrance. It looks and feels very fancy and is much safer and more secure. The rewire is almost complete, with just the final snagging to take place. There is one last project on my list for this academic year and then hopefully we can have a break from building works!

This term we have increased the expectation on teachers to plan more first-hand experiences for pupils. This will include both trips and experts coming into school. We know that this makes learning come to life and more memorable. I have allocated more money in the budget for this so that each trip is subsidised by the school. If you are having difficulties in paying for any trips, please make sure that you talk to us so that we can set up a payment scheme for you. I look forward to hearing about these experiences from the children.

It was very impressive to see how many parents have purchased a reading diary/home-school book. Some parents were ready with their money on day one. Please look carefully in the diary to make sure that your child is earning their merits. Reading at home with you and completing their homework will ensure that they are well on their way to joining me at Jump Giants in July.

I have been receiving very positive feedback regarding the new caterers. The food looks and smells wonderful and there is much less waste in the bins at the end of lunchtime. Much of the food is locally sourced and there is an increased 'fresh food' element. Please remember that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal at lunchtime. If your child has never had a school meal, now might be a good time to try.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to pay my respects to our late Queen. I am sure, that like me, many of you will have made the visit to Buckingham Palace to pay your respects there. It was a very moving experience and part of our national history. We thought about the Queen in assembly last Friday and the children were respectful in an appropriate way. The weekend will be a sad one, but also one to celebrate the life of an outstanding woman.



NEWSLETTER. SEPTEMBER 2022







Please be reminded that you must pack water for your children will be water instead.



This year we would like to ask for Tinned Fruit and / or Tinned Tomatoes for Harvest Festival.

The Thurrock Foodbank will be collecting our donations on **Monday 10th October**.

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Every Monday	Years 1 & 2	Multi-Sports After-School Club	
Mon 19th Sep	NO SCHOOL TODAY DUE TO THE QUEENS FUNERAL (any money paid towards child care provisions will be returned to your PM Account)		
Tues 20th Sep	Reception	All children to start Full-Time this week	
	Year 1	Local Walk	Aveley Village
	Year 6	Local Walk to St. Michaels Church	Aveley Village
Every Wednesday	Years 3 & 4	Multi-Sports After-School Club	
Weds 21st Sep	Year 4	British Museum Trip	London
Thurs 22nd Sep	Year 5	First Aid Training	In School
Fri 23rd Sep	Whole School	Jeans for Genes Day	Please bring £1
	Years 5 & 6	Football Tournament	St Cleres School
Mon 26th Sep	Year 5	Anglo Saxon / Viking Workshop	In School
Fri 30th Sep	Years 3 & 4	Cross Country	William Edwards School



Headteacher Awards

Wk 1: "I can talk about my feelings and understand that it helps me to understand them"



Wk2: "I can ask for help, after I've had a try"



JEANS FOR GENES Mon 19 Sept - Sun 25 Sept



YOUR FUNDRAISING CHANGES LIVES.

Last year, in direct response to the COVID pandemic, we decided to give no-strings-attached funding to all our groups – giving them the chance to use the money when and where they needed it most.

Last year, your incredible fundraising helped us keep a beloved support programme going

The Ectodermal Dysplasia Society (edsociety.co.uk) is dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of individuals whose lives are affected by ED. They provide support to over 600 people in the UK and 150 families who live abroad via email.

ED is not a single disorder, but a group of closely related conditions which affect the development or function of teeth, hair, nails and sweat glands. There are life threatening aspects to this condition – namely overheating and hypothermia, due to lack of body temperature control.

Thanks to you they were able to keep their support service going through the pandemic – at a time when funds were extremely tight, and their families needed it most.

Last year, your incredible fundraising helped us provide improved IT services to ensure meetings with Clinically Extremely Vulnerable and isolated families continued through COVID

Fanconi Hope (fanconihope.org) is a volunteer run organisation, set up by parents of Fanconi Anaemia (FA) affected children – the only one of its kind in the UK. FA is a rare, inherited, life-limiting genetic cancer-predisposing disorder affecting between 150 and 250 children and adults in the UK

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Last year, your incredible fundraising helped us ensure a vital telephone call was always answered

Thanks to you they were able to offer meetings, conferences, updates and gatherings for some much needed face to face time. This helped support the mental wellbeing of young adults who had been particularly affected by enforced isolation and who were extremely worried about COVID.

The Smith-Magenis Syndrome (SMS) Foundation (smith-magenis.org) is a safety net, catching families upon diagnosis of SMS and supporting them through their lives for as long as they need.

SMS is a rare genetic condition as a result of the microdeletion or abnormality of chromosome 17, affecting around 4,500 children or adults in the UK.

Thanks to you they could continue to offer an online mobilisation of their Information and Support Service, handling telephone calls and on-line drop in sessions, bringing their peers and professionals together.

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The last two years have been hard on us all. Health anxiety has hit an all-time high and many – if not all – of the groups we support are considered 'Extremely Clinical Vulnerable'. This added a whole new dimension to the pandemic for our groups - with enforced isolation not only closing them to the outside world but also closing the opportunity for much needed guidance, support and services.

Our charity partners worked harder to adapt and thanks to you, lifelines were offered, programmes were taken online, and people were seen and heard.

You made this Happen. So, thank you, brilliant you.

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Friday 23rd September

Children can wear their jeans to school and bring a £1 to give to their teachers.

Kennington Primary Academy Summer 2022 - Week 1 Meat Free Monday Wednesday Thursday Friday BBQ Chicken & Mixed Salad Wrap served with an Ashlyns Brown Rice Salad MSC Battered Fish Fillet served with a Lemon Wedge, Tartare Sauce, Oven Chips & Garden Peas Savoury Minced Beef in a Yorkshire Pudding Three Cheese Pasta Bake served with Mixe Salad Chicken Jollof Rice served with Rainbow Yorkshire Pudding served with Roast Potato and Seasonal Vegetable Option 1 Tomato Vegetable and Lentil Wholemeal Pasta Mature Cheddar Cheese Leek & Cherry Tomato Tart served with Seasonal Vegetables Mexican Vegetable & Bean Wrap Spinach & Feta Cheese Omelette Vegetable & Bean Jollof Rice served with Rainbow Coleslaw Option 2 Bake red with Mixed Salad served with an Ashlyns Brown Rice Salad served with Oven Chips & Garden Peas Baked Baguette with a choice of Cheese, Ham Tortilla Wrap with a choice of Cheese, Ham or Tuna Jacket Potato with a varie of fillings & selection of salads lacket Potato with a variety of fillings & selection of salads Option 3 or Tuna Mayonnaise & selection of salads Tuna Mayonnaise & selection of salads Mayonnaise & selection of salads Freshly Cut Fruit Freshly Cut Fruit Freshly Cut Fruit Freshly Cut Fruit Organic Fruit Yoghurt Organic Fruit Yoghurt or Organic Fruit Yoghurt Organic Fruit Yoghurt Dessert R/S Fruit Crumble & Custa Soft Scoop Ice Cream W/C - 29th August, 19th September and 10th October Available Daily. Wholemeal bread All of our meat is Farm Assured and is locally sourced. Our fish is Marine Stewardship Council approved. Choice of salads Water This QR code can be read by any barcode scanner app on your smart phone to access the allergen and nutritional data. ASHLYNS High Laver Hall, Ongar, Essex, CM5 0DU Tel: 01277 890411/821 Fax: 0871 431 0608 E-mail: info@ashlyns.co.uk

WC: 26th September 2022





All local events information can now be found on our website in the 'News' heading.

"I spent my morning invigilating the Kent test for the out of County pupils. I was tasked as a room leader and my colleagues and I were allocated 14 of your Year 6 pupils to undertake all parts of their Kent test. I felt impressed to email you to let you know that they were very well behaved throughout the morning and absolutely impeccable whilst in the formal testing room. They were a credit to themselves and your school, so I am emailing to let you and their class teachers know this positive feedback"

Kind regards, Claire, Teacher of Biology





Because of this wonderful feedback, the children were presented with the **'Kenningtons Ambassador'** certificate in assembly, for demonstrating impeccable behaviour during the 11+ test.



Introducing our 'Reading Champions' 2022 / 2023

