

Kenningtons Primary Academy

Welcome back to the beginning of the Summer Term. I hope that you all had a restful Easter and got to spend time with family and friends, and eat lots of chocolate!

Mrs Clarke and I have put all of the dates in the diary for the coming months. It's is going to be a very busy term with lots of exciting things happening. Next week we start to plan in detail the Summer Event. This is one of the highlights of the year at Kenningtons, but only happens through lots of hard work from the staff and children. Watch this space for further details.

I am delighted to tell you that our Reception classes for September 2023 are full. This is the first time in many years that we will have 2 Reception classes of 30 children. We do have a long waiting list as well.

As lots of you are aware, the proposed new Harrier School will not be opening in September 2023 as promised, and so there may be some children who have not been offered a school place. I am currently in discussion with the Local Authority regarding how we may be able to help with this situation. On this note, a big thank you to those of you who responded to a Facebook post about our school. I had a big smile on my face when reading the positive comments that were written. It is good to know that the hard work of staff is paying off and appreciated by parents and pupils.

This week, 'The 2 Johns' visited us to work with children about online safety. As always they highlight to us how quickly the online world is changing. It is hard for adults to keep up with and support children in their online life. I hope that the parents who attended the event after-school, found the session informative. The clear message that came through was about talking to your child, and if they encounter problems online the solution isn't to take away devices and turn off the internet! That will only mean that they won't talk to you. I was concerned to learn that some of our pupils know about and are supportive of the work of Andrew Tate. This misogynistic view of the world is not something that we would want to encourage and promote at Kenningtons. This may be something that you wish to discuss with your sons in particular to ensure that they are receiving a balanced view, rather than the idealistic and sexist view he promotes.

We will be hosting a 'Big Lunch' for the children on Friday 5th May to mark the coronation. There will be fun activities for the children during the day also. We are encouraging children to dress in red, white and blue also.

Mrs Sawtell-Haynes

21st April 2023

Wednesday 26th April	Year 5	Mission to Mars Workshop	In School
Thursday 27th April	Year 2	Animal Encounter	In School
	Boys Football Team	Home Match v Holy Cross	In School
Friday 28th April	Years 1 & 2	Tag Rugby Event	Orsett Health Academy
Monday 1st May	BANK HOLIDAY		
Friday 5th May	Year 4	Colchester Castle	Colchester

We still have some places for our Nursery in September 2023. Please complete the application form and hand it to the Main Reception if you would like your little one to join Kenningtons Nursery.





FREEDOM ! For our Chickens !

After being cooped up for the past 3 months due to the Bird Flu, our Chickens have now been released to enjoy their surroundings As Spring time approaches, I am able to start outside projects. I would like to design and make bird houses / baths. If you have any timber that is unused and you would like to donate, please bring it to the school.

We have a Wild Area near our allotment that I would like to seed. I am looking for any flower or plant seed that you may have spare. I will then create some seed bombs for the children to throw onto to wild area which will scatter and grow !

If you have any veggie seeds that are unwanted, please bring them in to school as well.

Thank you ! Martin The Caretaker



We ask that you are mindful of our neighbours when parking for drop off and collection. Please do not park in front of driveways.

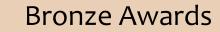
Headteacher Awards

Week 5: Perseverance



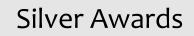
Week 6: Asking questions





















Employee of the Month

Abigail A - Maths Coach

For always showing up to her job every Monday and Tuesday and going above and beyond to help the younger children to practise their times tables on Times Table Rock Stars.



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WC: 24th April 2023

Kenningtons Primary Academy Spring/Summer 2023 – Week 2

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WC: 2nd May 2023

Kenningtons Primary Academy Spring/Summer 2023 - Week 3 Meat Free Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday nal Cottage Pie served asonal Vegetables & lyns Turkey Burger in a Bun rved with Seasoned Potato **MSC Fish Fin** e & Tornato Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread Slice n Tikka M ers Ta **Option 1** ad. Whole Gravy & Mi to & Lentil Korma th Naan Bread, Rice & Cauliflow at Free Burger in a Bu ed with Seasoned Pot ge Pie **Option 2** & Grave to with a variety of election of salads tato with a variety of selection of salads **Option 3** m or Tuna selection of shly Cut Fruit hly Cut Fruit Freshly Cut Fruit Cut Fruit Dessert Organic Fruit Yog ic Fruit Yoghurt c Fruit Yoohurt er Cooki W/C - 1st May, 22nd May, 19th June, 10th July, 11th September and 2nd October vailable Daily... All of our meat is Farm Assured and is locally sourced. Our fish is Marine Stewardship Council approved. Wholemeal bread Choice of salads This QR code can be read by any barcode High Laver Hall, Ongar, Essex, CM5 0D Tel: 01277 890411/821 Fax: 0871 431 060 E-mail: info@ashlyns.co.uk www.ashlyns.co.u scanner app on your smart phone to access the allergen and nutritional data. Water

Fabulous Feedback

My son in currently in Reception at Kenningtons. They have been amazing. He has taken a while to adjust as he is quite shy but his teachers and TAs have been so supportive and he is now really enjoying it. I think the communication is great via ParentMail and the activities they do are really good as well. Xx

My son went to this school (he is now in Year 11) and I can honestly say it was fabulous and the support was amazing. I could not have asked for more. Your son is lucky

I have my eldest in yr3 and my youngest is in the nursery currently, starting reception in Sept. Have nothing but good things to say about the school. They do so much for the children. Obviously every one has their own views but that's my opinion.

My girls have had a great education there.

It's the Best school. He will love it 😊

My one left there last year, he got on brilliant there. My granddaughter in year 2 there now, also doing well.

My grandson went there and he's turned into a fine young man and so has his younger brother



How old is your child online?

Has your child (or you on their behalf) signed up to access social media/or a game online but have said that they are older than they are so they can have an account?

For example, did your 8 year old join TikTok and put their age as 13 or did you create their account and put your own age? If so, please read some of the implications outlined below that you should think about.

If TikTok thinks your child is 13 when they join but they are in fact 8, then by the time your child reaches 13, the app will think they are 18. This puts your child at risk of viewing content that is not age appropriate and may mean your child will view adverts aimed at adults.

In addition, now the app thinks your child is an adult, they will have access to all functionalities (whereas some apps place restrictions on access to under 18s for example to direct messaging).

The following news article from Ofcom explains this in further detail as well as providing tips to help keep your child safe online: <u>https://www.ofcom.org.uk/newscentre/2022/risks-of-children-usingfalse-ages-on-social-media</u>

Age ratings Parent Zone provide some advice on age ratings and why they matter in this blog: <u>https://parentzone.org.uk/article/age</u> -ratings



THE BOOK SPACE @ BELHUS

We have created a book swap at the Capability Brown at Belbus Park. From March 2023, we will have a number of books for anybody in the community to come and read, borrow, take home or donate. The Cape offers a comfortable, space for visitors to take one of the books on offer and either read it and have a coffee and cake, or take it home with them and bring it back when they have finished.

All we ask is that you keep the books in a good condition and swap with one of your own. Everybody is welcome, and we look forward to seeing you.

Book swap will run from 1pm - 3pm on Thursday's from the 2nd March.



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Book Space will run on a Thursday From: 1pm – 3pm

Everybody is welcome.

Please treat the books with care so that the next person to read it gets the same enjoyment out of it as you.

You are welcome to take a book home with you, but please bring it back when you are finished or replace it with another.

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