

Kenningtons Primary Academy

1st December 2023

It certainly feels like Christmas is approaching. It was very exciting in assembly today, as I was talking to the pupils about the Secret Santa, snowflakes began falling from the sky! A very Christmassy scene indeed.

As always at Kenningtons, the weeks are busy, busy with lots of interesting things happening.

Since I wrote to you last, we have had a Safeguarding audit from an External Consultant. The consultant spent time with Tracey, our Pastoral Manager and I, looking at our processes and policies. She wanted to ensure that these were in place and so also spent time talking to staff and pupils. I am still awaiting the final report, but I am pleased to tell you that it was a very positive day. As always, the pupils were a credit to our school. What came through very strongly on the day was our child centred approach and a very clear outcome that pupils are very safe and cared for at Kenningtons. The final report will be shared with our Governing Body for further scrutiny.

Mrs Clarke and I, along with the teachers have been looking carefully at pupils' books – we call this Book Scrutiny. We have looked carefully at English, Maths, History and Geography books, alongside pupils' Art Portfolios. This allows us to check that our vision for each subject is being taught correctly, and therefore that children are acquiring the skills and knowledge that they should. We saw many positives in the books, and any elements that were not as excellent as we would like, are being followed up. The quality of work in the books was very impressive. We are very proud of the quality of learning in our school.

This week, during staff INSET, our teachers visited other schools to share the pupils' writing books during a moderation session. Staff felt very confident sharing their books and the feedback was very positive. It is good practice for us to look outside of our own school, both to share our expertise and also to gain from others.

It is always a joy to see our pupils out and about and seeing 'The Kenningtons Experience' in action. The following trips/visitors have taken place:

- **Reception** have been to the local library, had a trip on a 'naughty' bus and had visits from the Air Ambulance and the Police.
- **Year 1** have been on a Geography Field Trip in the Local Area.
- **Year 2** have visited the Cinema at Lakeside, taken part in an African Drumming workshop and been on a trip to Paradise Wildlife Park.
- **Year 3** have had a visitor from the Royal Opera House in preparation for their visit to the Nutcracker next week and also a visit from a local expert to learn about the Aveley Wooley Mammoth. They have also been to Chelmsford Museum to develop their learning about the Stone, Iron and Bronze Ages.
- **Year 4** have been to the Cinema at Lakeside, to Rainham Marshes and to London to the British Museum. They have also taken part in Bikability (their life skill for this year).
- **Year 5** have taken part in a Viking Workshop and been to the Walk Online Roadshow.
- **Year 6** have had a WW2 Workshop in school.

In addition, Mrs Harris has taken various groups of pupils to many sporting events ensuring that our pupils have opportunities to experience success.

It has been lovely to be able to chat to parents at the Coffee sessions I have held. There will be more coming so watch this space!

Mrs Sawtell-Haynes. Headteacher



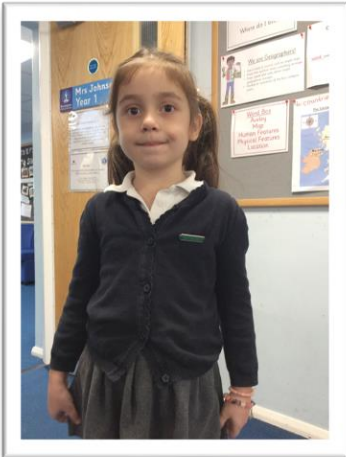
Children are awarded house points for good technique in PE, representing the school and for actively talking about having a healthy body and mind. These are results from the first half term and will be updated throughout the year.

Pupil Responsibilities

For Job descriptions and photos, head over to our website and click on the 'Pupils Tab':

<https://www.kenningtonprimaryacademy.co.uk/pupils/pupil-responsibility>

Eco Warriors



Class Champions



Employees of the Week

Pen Licences



Elliot - Salad Bar

For working really hard on the Salad Bar every week and always serving the salad with a huge smile on his face. He is also very eager to step in for children who are absent or have forgotten to do their job.

Elsie - Reading Champion

For working incredibly hard as a reading champion and always reading to younger children. There is a big 'Elsie' fan club in the library as all the children want to listen to her read or read to her. A real credit to the school.

Well Done Girls!

Merit Awards.

The merit system has been designed to encourage, reward and promote exemplary work and good behaviour. It has also been designed to give recognition to pupils who make a positive contribution to the school that may otherwise go unnoticed.

Number of Merits required to achieve each level:

- Bronze = 50 merits (bronze certificate and bronze badge)
- Silver = 60 merits (silver certificate and silver badge)
- Gold = 75 merits (gold certificate, gold badge and a special trip reward)

Bronze Merit Awards.



British Values

Week 3 – Democracy



Week 4 – Rule of Law



Fabulous Feedback

Head over to the website to see some of the fabulous comments that have been left about your school. Look in the 'About Us' Tab

<https://www.kenningtonprimaryacademy.co.uk/about-us/fabulous-feedback>

Your Local Community



There is lots to do over the Christmas period. Click the link below which will take you to our 'Local Events' page in our 'Information for Parents' Tab on our website.

<https://www.kenningtonprimaryacademy.co.uk/information-for-parents/local-events>

Lost Property. Please collect by the 7th December 2023.

Every Half Term the Lost Property boxes are collected in. Items that have a name inside will be returned to their owner, all other item will be recycled or added to our pre-loved rail in the School Reception.

Christmas at Kenningtons

Wednesday 20th December Christmas Day in Class

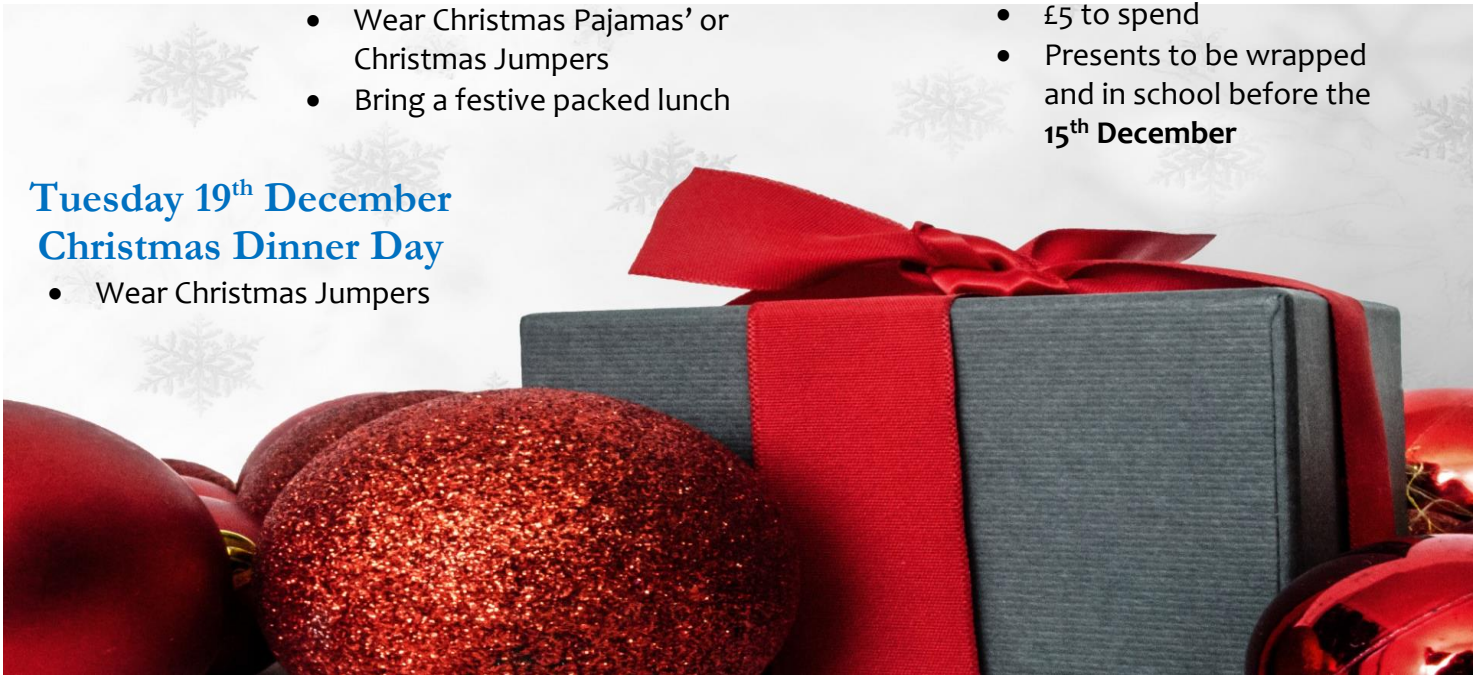
- Wear Christmas Pajamas' or Christmas Jumpers
- Bring a festive packed lunch

Secret Santa

- £5 to spend
- Presents to be wrapped and in school before the 15th December

Tuesday 19th December Christmas Dinner Day

- Wear Christmas Jumpers



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Child Absence : Study Bugs App

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Dates for your diary

Mon 4 th Dec	Nursery. Autumn Learning Journeys
Tues 5 th Dec	Choir. Singing at Lakeside
Wed 6 th Dec	Reception. Memory Plate Making in School
Wed 6 th Dec	Year 3. The Nutcracker at The Royal Opera House
Fri 8 th Dec	Parent Consultation Day (non-pupil day)
Mon 11 th Dec	Nursery. Autumn Learning Journeys
Thurs 14 th Dec	Reception. Visit from Dentist
Thus 14 th Dec	Reception. Visit from Wildlife Hospital

