

Kenningtons Primary Academy



8th March 2024

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term.

The INSET day was a busy day at school. The Senior Staff worked alongside Mrs Clarke and I writing teaching guides for each subject. During our OFSTED inspection, the inspector commented to me on how strong our pedagogy is, and so we wanted to capture what and how we teach. This will ensure 100% consistency across the school and also to ensure that if any teachers leave at the end of the year, we do not lose their expertise.

Over the last two weeks, Year 5 visited the local Indian restaurant as a part of the Food Technology curriculum as this half term, the pupils will be learning to make a curry. Thank you to all of the staff at The Taste of Aveley for hosting a wonderful Indian Banquet, which the children very much enjoyed. It is always good for our pupils to see 'experts' to ensure that they have high expectations for themselves. Year 4 made the long trek to Kew Gardens. This is a national treasure and so it is important for pupils to have this experience. This trip links very well with their work on the rainforest. The hot houses give the pupils an opportunity to experience the heat, humidity, and vegetation of the rainforest.

On Wednesday this week I met with a selection of pupils from each class to evaluate school dinners and to plan the new summer menu. We reviewed the sample menus and adapted these to meet our requirements. I gave the feedback from the pupils to Cliff, our Chef. I can see evidence of our food technology curriculum coming out in the children – their request for more seasoning in the rice was wonderful to hear! I look forward to sharing the new menus with you in the coming weeks.

Mrs Clarke and I always have a project on the go. Currently we are working on a review of the History and Geography curriculum. We are making additional improvements to the Summer Term planning from last year. We are checking very carefully to make sure that the learning matches the objectives from the progression of skills and knowledge document from each subject. We are also ensuring that the resources that the pupils use are of high quality.

Internationally Women's Day is always a great time to reflect on the role of women in our community. I am proud to be a female leader within education, and the first female headteacher at Kenningtons. I always remember, on my first meeting with parents at Kenningtons, I was asked the question 'How will you deal with behaviour?' At the time, behaviour at the school was very poor, but it had never even crossed my mind that being female would mean that I couldn't deal with poorly behaved children. I hope that my track record has shown this to be true. I feel privileged to work alongside many amazing women at Kenningtons, who inspire our girls to be the best that they can and as good as any boys.

Mrs Sawtell-Haynes. Headteacher

Dates for the Diary

Tues 12 th March	Reception. Kenningtons Park Field Trip
Tues 12 th March	KS2. Virtual Reality Workshop
Tues 19 th March	Year 6. Chelmsford Museum
Thur 21 st March	Reception. Snakes Alive Workshop
Fri 22 nd March	Parent Consultation Day (non-pupil day)

Tax credits are ending



<https://www.understandinguniversalcredit.gov.uk/tax-credits-customers/tax-credits-are-ending/>

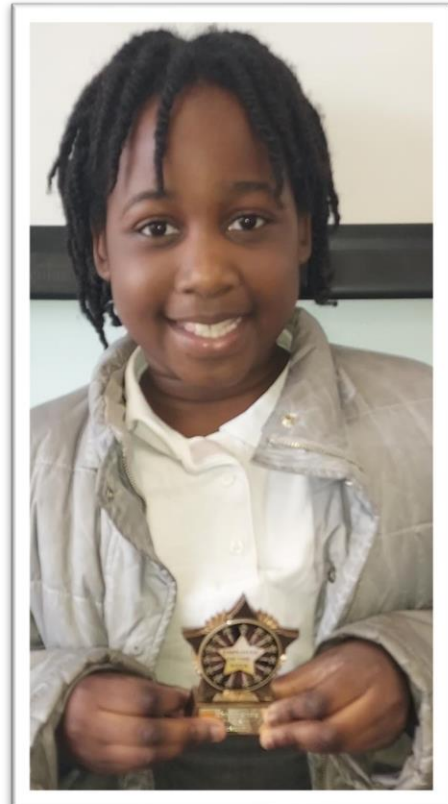
Employees of the Week

Daisy
Artist in Residence



For always being very attentive and ensuring that all lessons have the required resources. She is very good at using her initiative to ensure that other children in this role know where to go.

Tiola
Cabin Crew



For using her initiative and coming up with a plan about how we can still give out the toys each day even though the cabin is slightly wet to ensure that the children don't miss out.

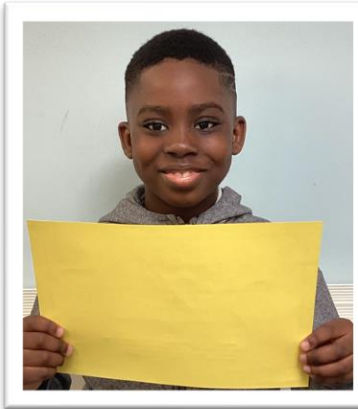
Pupil Responsibilities

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

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

Headteacher Awards

Week 7 – I know that my actions affect other people and can make them feel better or worse



Week 1 – I can talk about my feelings and understand that it helps me to understand them.



Fabulous Feedback

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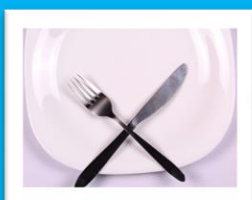
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Merit Awards.

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)



Next Week, we are on week 3 of the Spring Menu.
Click on the link below to take you to the menus.

<https://www.kenningtonprimaryacademy.co.uk/information-for-parents/school-meals>



Pen Licence

A very well done to Ellie-May for earning her Pen Licence

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