# **Kenningtons Primary Academy**

8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### A message from the Headteacher

#### Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the start of the new academic year. I hope that you all had an enjoyable summer. The children have all settled back well, as if we haven't been away at all!

An extra welcome to the new staff who have joined us this year, I hope that you have tried to make them feel welcomed into the Kenningtons family. We have a very strong teaching team this year and I look forward to seeing the impact of this in every classroom.

Our new reception and nursery children have also started their transition into school this week. It is always a pleasure for Mrs Clarke and I to meet each child and their family individually. We are very proud of our induction procedures. This gentle way of starting school sets children up for the coming seven years of their primary school career.

There have also been new starters in other classes. As always, our children are so welcoming to new children – the kindness that children show is a real strength of our school.

There will be several foci this term, which will be focus of staff training in our staff meetings and INSET days, and monitoring. A big focus as always is the core subjects of reading, writing and maths. We are modifying the way we mark books and give feedback to pupils. We think this will help to raise standards even further. We will be continuing to embed the curriculum developments from last year. Great strides have been made in history, geography, DT and music and so the focus subjects now are RE, PSHE and computing. Mrs Harris is now teaching PE across the school, and I can already see great improvements there. The children are lucky to have such a committed and enthusiastic teacher to take this subject forward.

Earlier this week I received a congratulatory letter from the Corporate Director of Children's services and the Portfolio Holder for Education in Thurrock. I will forward you the letter to read in full. Our hard work has certainly been recognised.

I am looking forward to a very positive year and look forward to sharing your children's achievements with you over the coming terms.

**Mrs Sawtell-Haynes** 







Sports
Captains
Introducing ...

The Sports
Captains of
2023/2024. The
Headteacher
awarded them
with their
badges in

assembly.

# **Pupil Responsibilities**

Meet the team ...

**Lunchtime Hosts** 



Key Stage 1 Assistants



**Maths Coaches** 



# **Headteachers Awards**

Week 1 – Taking on challenges



## **School Dinners**

Click on the link to see whats being served by our Chef ...

https://www.kenningtonsprimaryacademy.co.uk/parents/school-dinners-and-menu

Check the dates at the bottom of the menus to see which week we are serving.

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Child Absence: Study Bugs App

