

Kenningtons Primary Academy

13th October 2023

A message from the Headteacher

I have lots of lovely things to tell you about that have been happening in school over the last few weeks.

The Class Champions have been busy. They had a meeting with Cliff, our Chef and myself. We reviewed the school dinner menu and talked about meals that they really like and those that they like less. We have planned the new menu, considering their views. There was a split view about peas and beans, so we decided that when peas are on the menu, beans will also be available. We are also introducing Jollof Rice into the new menu. Let's hope that Cliff's Jollof is as good as our African Mummy's and Nanny's.

Last week we had a visit from an Education Consultant. We invited him in to look carefully at the things we do, and to give us feedback on our work. You will be delighted to hear that he was very impressed. He said that there are things that we do that he has not seen done better anywhere else! The highlight for me was hearing the children talk about how proud they are of their school. When they were asked what the best thing was about their school, one child responded "Well, there is just so much." A big thank you to all staff, pupils and parents for their contributions which make our school so amazing.

We have been busy with visits and experts. The 'Kenningtons Experience' is becoming quite legendary! All of the following have taken place:

- Reception had a visit from a caricature artist
- Year 1 visited the Victoria and Albert Museum of Childhood
- Year 4 had a visitor from Ancient Greece
- Year 5 have hosted in their restaurant. The casseroles were delicious (I could not decide which was my favourite) They also took part in first aid training
- Year 6 visited the local Church and Duxford Air Museum
- The Class Champions visited Thurrock's Mayor in his Chambers

Just one more week until half term, when we all get a well-deserved rest. I look forward to all the exciting things planned for next half term

Mrs Sawtell-Haynes



INTRODUCING!

The KS2 Choir of 2023/2024

Our Choir are a very important part of our school and represent us in many Musical events.

This year they will be performing at Lakeside Shopping Centre singing Christmas Carols in support of St. Luke's Hospice.

They will also be performing at the Thurrock Music Festival in the Summer Term.



Dates for your diary

16 th – 20 th Oct	Year 6	Bikeability	In School
Fri 20 th Oct	Year 5	Anglo Saxons Trip	Bury St Edmonds
Fri 20 th Oct	Year 6	Tag Rugby	In School
Fri 20 th Oct	Last Day of Term		
Mon 6 th Nov	Non-Pupil Day		
Tues 7 th Nov	First Day of the Autumn 2 Term		



This week, the Reading Champions saw a record number of books exchanged in the Library: **187!**

Please remind your children to change their reading books for Half Term next week.



Kenningtons Primary Academy is working in conjunction with **Thurrock Council's Road Safety Cycling** Instructors during the October Half term holidays to teach children how to ride a bicycle unaided.

The **free** one-hour training is on **Tuesday 24th October** for children aged 5 and over that need help to progress from riding a bicycle with stabilisers to riding unaided.

All questions/enquires should be e-mailed to Kaye at kborleypotterton@thurrock.gov.uk who will be able to take your bookings and advice on time slots.

Number of spaces are limited.



Pupil Responsibilities

For Job descriptions and photos, head over to our website:

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

School Bloggers



Animal Handlers



Health & Safety Monitors



Logistics Team



Employee of the Week



Well done Zain for
your fabulous work
this week as a
Reading Champion !

Headteacher Awards

Week 4 – Practice & applying strategies



Week 5 – Perseverance



Children who have earned their Pen Licence



Operation Encompass

At Kenningtons Primary Academy we are working in partnership with Essex Police and Thurrock Children's Services to identify and provide appropriate support to pupils who have experienced domestic abuse in their household, this scheme is called Operation Encompass.



In order to achieve this, Essex Police will share information of all medium/high risk domestic violence incidents where one of our pupils have been present, with the Designated Safeguarding Lead(s).

On receipt of any information, the Designated Safeguarding Lead will decide on the appropriate support the pupil requires, this could be silent or overt. All information sharing and resulting actions will be undertaken in accordance with safeguarding and child protection regulations.

We will record this information and store this information in accordance with the record keeping procedures outlined in this policy.



Your Local Community

There is lots to offer your little ones over the October Half Term. Click the link below which will take you to our 'Local Events' page on our website.

<https://www.kenningtonsprimaryacademy.co.uk/news/local-events>



Fabulous Feedback

Head over to the website to see some of the fabulous comments that have been left about your school.

<https://www.kenningtonsprimaryacademy.co.uk/about-us/feedback-for-the-school-removed>

Good attendance means...

Being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days

365 days in a calendar year

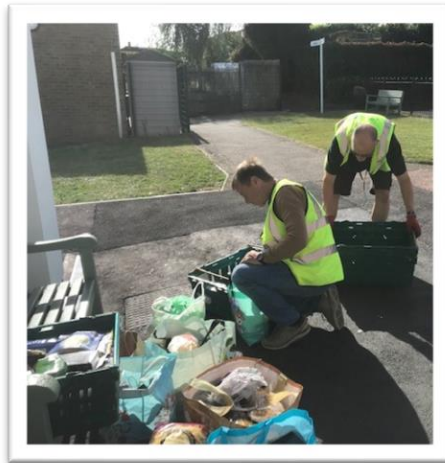
175 days not in school!



Parents / Carers

A reminder for the school drop off / pick up

- Please do not leave your Children unattended on the school playground, you must stay with them until they enter their classrooms at 8.45am.
- If you are bringing a dog onto site, please make sure it is small enough to be carried, on a lead and well behaved.
- Bikes and Scooters are not to be ridden on the School Playground. Please wheel them in and out of the site.



Harvest Festival



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.

Contact Us



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Child Absence : Study Bugs App

