

Kenningtons Primary Academy



26th January 2024

This half term seems to be racing away with us. Thank you to all of the parents who spoke with us and sent words of congratulations for our recent OFSTED report. Staff work incredible hard at Kenningtons and it is always great to know that this is appreciated. I know that the pupils are very excited about the upcoming discos. It has been so lovely to hear the children talking about what they are going to wear. I think it is going to be a very impressive turnout! Thank you to all parents who swiftly consented via Parentmail. Closing date for this is the 1st February.

As a result of the report, we have had requests from other schools to visit ours. Our first visit was this week. The staff from the other school were very impressed and it was great to be able to share our excellent practice with others. It was just a normal day at Kenningtons – yet still impressive things were happening everywhere.

Mrs Clarke and I have changed how we carry out **‘pupils voice’** in school. This is when we talk to a group of children to find their views and opinions on aspects of the school’s work. We used to do these during the school day, but we became very conscious that the pupils were missing too much precious learning time. We now do these after school and carried out our first session last week. 23 children stayed behind after school to talk to us about writing. It was a great insight into how well we are doing and helped us to identify any areas in which we could improve. As always, the children were very proud to show off their work in English. It surprised us how much they love English, that is certainly not my memories of English at school! The next session will be carried out shortly with individual pupils receiving a personal invite.

Over the last two weeks, **Year 1** had an in-school experience about **the Great Fire of London** – thankfully the fire alarms were not set off by the smoke!

Year 3 battled the traffic to get to **The Natural History Museum** where they developed their learning about Natural Disasters.

Year 6 continue with their **self-defence classes** as a way to support their transition into secondary school.

Year 2 met the “Queen” during their visit to **The Charterhouse** in London.

Year 5 had a wonderful opportunity to sing at the O2 as part of the **Young Voices** Choir. It was a very late night but an amazing day and evening. The children behaved impeccably. Watching them having such a great time was a pleasure. It is the first time that we have been the last school to be dismissed, and whilst being late back to school was not ideal, it is an experience that many will never get. Thank you to all of the parents who waited patiently back at school and who managed to get very tired children out of bed and into school on time the next day!



We will be starting on
Week 1 of the Dinner
Menu on Monday.

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

Mrs Sawtell-Haynes. Headteacher

Dates for the Diary

Tues 30 th Jan	Reception. Health Screening. In School
Thurs 1 st Feb	Nursery. Visit from a Librarian. In School
Fri 2 nd Feb	Year 5. River Cruise. London
Mon 5 th Feb	Reception. Health Screening. In School
Tues 6 th Feb	Reception. Health Screening. In School
Wed 7 th Feb	Reception. Chinese New Year. In School
Thurs 8 th Feb	Whole School. School Disco!



Employees of the Week

Jade
Blogger

Lottie
Animal Handler



For always looking after the chickens very attentively and remembering to collect the eggs and delivering them to the office.

Jade is always extremely enthusiastic and comes up with fantastic ideas. She is great at helping others with how to work Google classroom and fabulous at reminding people of their blogging days.

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 Award

Week 2 – I can identify, recognize and express a range of feelings



Week 2 – I have a range of strategies for managing my worries and other uncomfortable feelings



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:

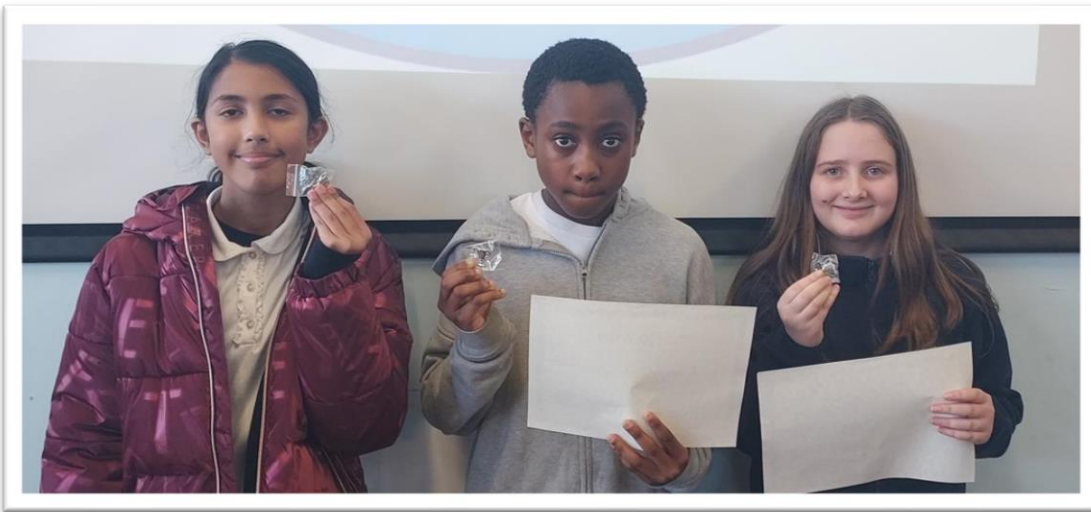
- Bronze = 50 merits (bronze certificate and bronze badge)
- Silver = 60 merits (silver certificate and silver badge)
- Gold = 75 merits (gold certificate, gold badge and a special trip reward)



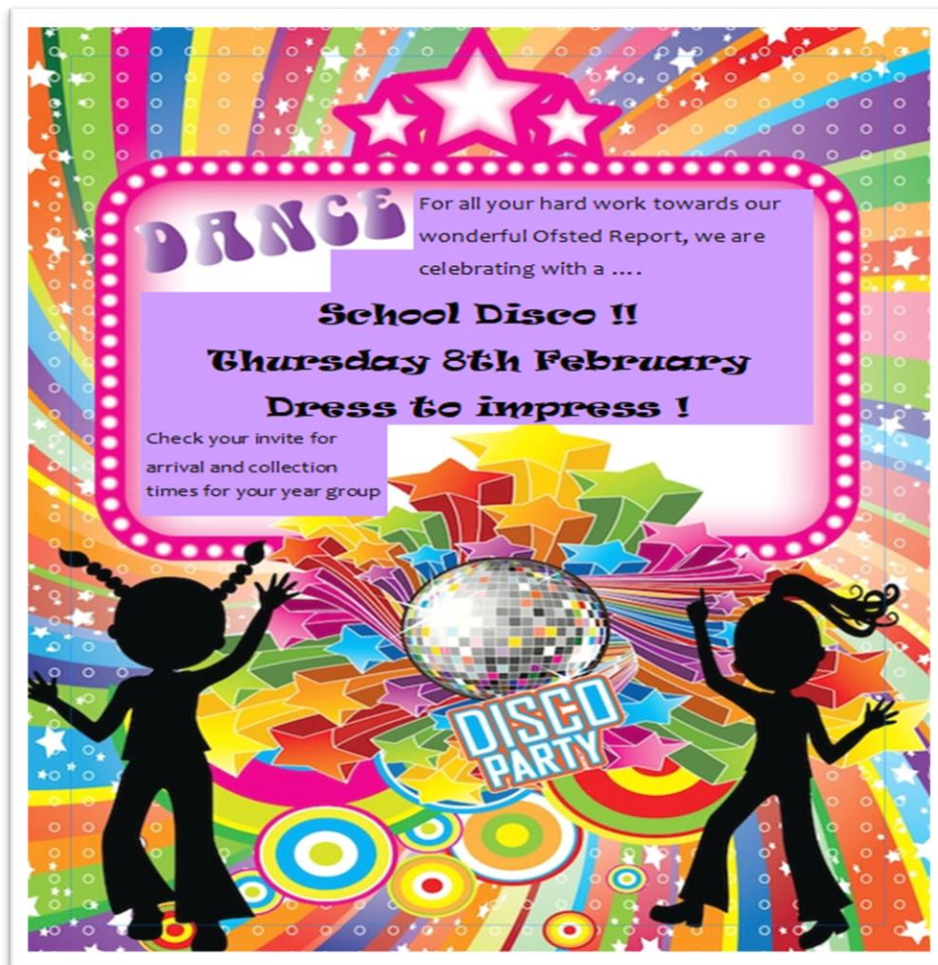
Fabulous Feedback

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>



The first Silver Merit
Awards of
2023/2024!



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