

Kenningtons Primary Academy



26th April 2024

Normally at this time of year I am writing about the sunshine; it certainly does not feel like the summer term!

It's been a busy two weeks. Year 3 have had a wonderful visit to Wagamamas at Lakeside - This is a great introduction to their Food Tech lessons in which they will learn to make a stir fry. Year 1 enjoyed a Chinese workshop - This links to their geography work, learning about the different continents of the world.

Mrs Clarke and I are currently working on the final tweaks to the history and geography curriculum. This has been a bold project that we have undertaken, but time very well spent. We are now very confident that there is excellent progression from year to year and that the pitch of the lessons is correct. We have enjoyed planning the lessons, and now make very good quiz team members in the geography and history rounds!

Last week I met all teachers to talk about the assessment data from the end of the spring term. This gives us a chance to celebrate the success of children making expected or above expected progress and to plan additional support for those not progressing how we would expect. It is always sad to hear that children who are finding reading tricky, are not supported at home or reading to an adult at home. The more support pupils have at home, the better their outcomes in education will be. Please try your best to ensure that you listen to your children read at least 4 times per week.

Next year is very much at the top of my 'to do' list. I have interviewed and appointed teachers where we know we have vacancies and am very happy with the quality of staff joining us. I am working with Jayne on the budget setting and yet again it is going to be a struggle. We will have to use some of our 'saved money' from previous years to be able to deliver the quality of education that the children deserve.

On Wednesday during the staff meeting, we carried out monitoring of the children's art portfolios. I can honestly say that I was blown away with the quality of outcomes the pupils have produced. We could see wonderful progression through the year groups and that pupils had taken much pride in their work. I am so proud of the teachers and pupils - what I saw was certainly outstanding.

The summer event will be having a different focus this year. Whilst the summer festival is a wonderful experience for those performing and those watching, it takes the children out of the curriculum for many hours so we have therefore decided that the festival will become a biennially event; taking place very other summer. Instead, this summer there will be a showcase week, in which there will be a chance for families and friends to visit and see some of the work that the children complete in other subjects. This is still in the planning phase and once I have more concrete information to share with you, I will do so.

Mon 29th April	Year 3. British Museum
Tues 30th April	Year 6 Parents. Stubbers Meeting. Annex Hall
Fri 3rd May	Whole School. Class Photos
Mon 6th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Wed 8th May	Reception. Wat Tyler Park
Fri 10th May	Year 4. Colchester Castle
	Nursery. Hopefields Animal Sanctuary

**Dates
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Diary**

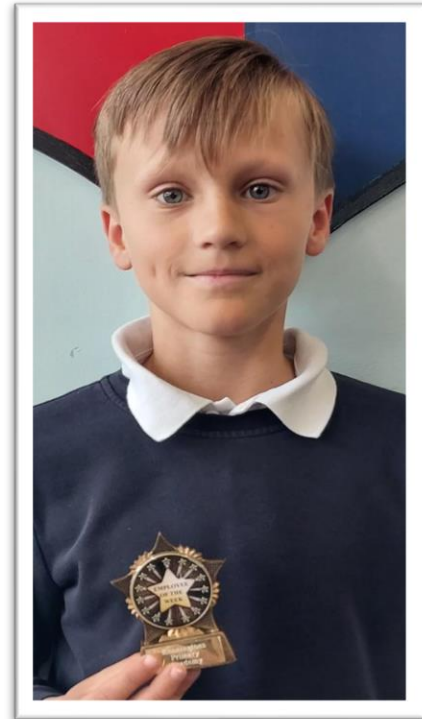
Employees of the Week

Yashen
Animal Handler



For working collaboratively with his partner and attending his job every week and taking good care of the chickens making sure they have the correct amount of food and are safe

Harry
Sports Captain



For giving up his own time during half term and after school to help train the year 2 Tag Rugby team and also using his initiative to check in with Mrs Harris on their progress.

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 4 – I have demonstrated good manners which makes me and others feel good



Week 5 – I am able to share



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

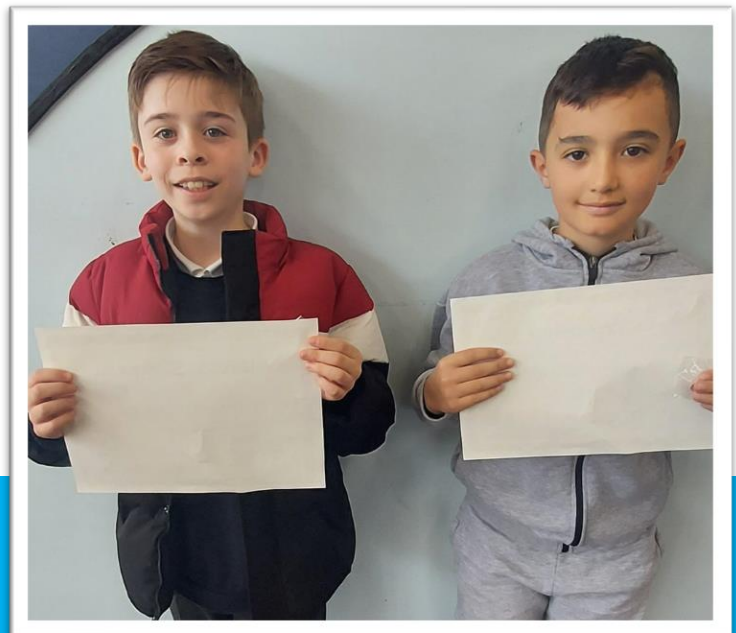
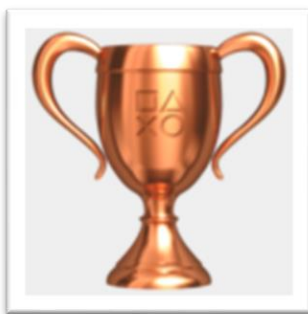
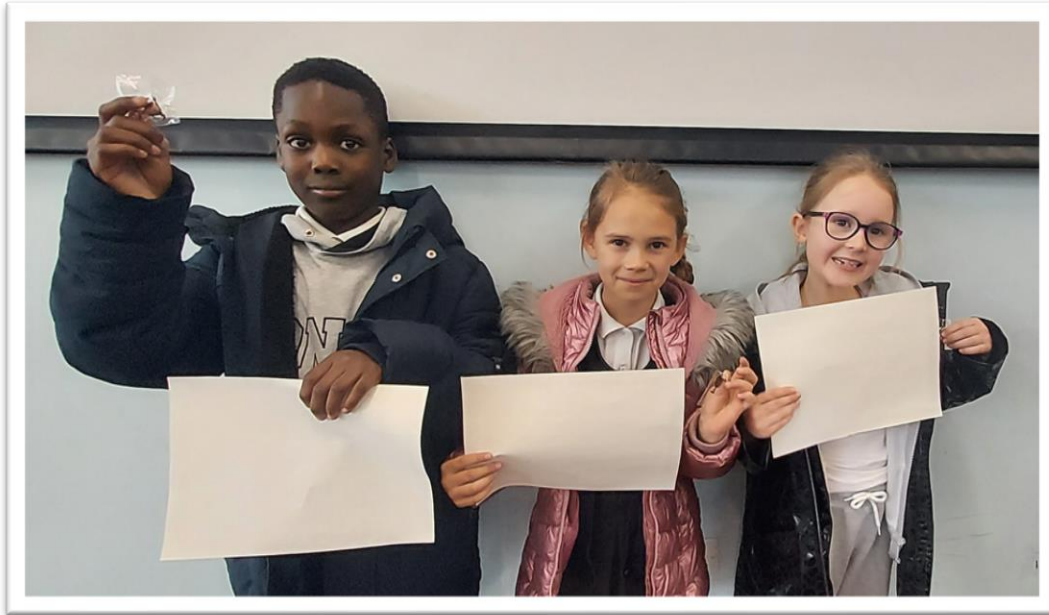
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Merit Awards.

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)





We have a new Menu !

Next week, we are on week 3 of the NEW Summer Menu
Click on the link below to look at the menus:



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

MAY HALF TERM SWIMMING COURSE

DETAILS

Tuesday 28th May - 31st May 2024
£40 per person

Kenningtons Primary Academy
Tamar Drive, Aveley
RM15 4NB

Book here



OUR OTHER SERVICES

- Small group sessions.
- 1:1 swimming lessons.
- Private pool parties.
- Toddler sessions

WHY US

- Low class ratio 5:1.
- 2 swimming teachers to 10 pupils.
- Small private pool.
- A personal swimming environment making it less overwhelming to support children with anxiety.
- Heated Pool



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