

# Kenningtons Primary Academy

Newsletter  
11<sup>th</sup> October 2024



As we come to the end of this half term, I want to share some exciting updates and express our pride in the fantastic progress we've made.

## Curriculum Review Success

Over the last few staff meetings, we have been reviewing our "How we teach..." subject documents, and I am thrilled with how closely we implement these across the school. The dedication of our teachers to ensuring high-quality learning experiences is something to be truly proud of, and we continue to deliver a well-rounded and dynamic curriculum.

## Royal Ballet and Opera House Experience

This week, Mrs. Clarke and I had the privilege of visiting the **Royal Ballet and Opera House**, where we were presented with the **RBO Schools Quality Mark**. We are one of the first groups of schools to receive this prestigious recognition, which is a testament to our commitment to arts education. As part of the visit, we had the opportunity to watch *Alice in Wonderland*—and what a treat it was! The performance sparked many ideas about how we can further develop dance across the school, which will be a key focus during the Spring term.

## Year 1 Trip to the Museum of Childhood

Our Year 1 pupils had an exciting trip to the **Museum of Childhood** this half term. It was a fun and nostalgic experience for everyone involved, and I'm sure the adult helpers enjoyed it just as much as the children! Comments like "I had one of those!" were heard more than once, as the exhibits brought back fond memories.

## Year 6 Parent Information Session

A huge thank you to all the Year 6 parents who attended the **Year 6 Information Session**. We had a very positive turnout, and I hope you found it helpful in supporting your children through this important year. Your involvement makes a real difference, and we're grateful for your support.

## Pupil Survey

This week, Mrs. Clarke and I conducted the **Pupil Survey**, and I'm pleased to report that the results were incredibly positive. It's wonderful to see how much our children value their school and feel proud to be a part of Kenningtons.

## Harvest Collection

Finally, a heartfelt thank you for your generous donations to our **Harvest Collection**. The food bank is always very grateful, and your contributions make a real impact on those in need.

Wishing everyone a restful and enjoyable break!

Mrs Sawtell-Haynes

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dinner menus:

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

# Headteacher Awards



Week 4: Practise and applying strategies



Week 5: Perseverance

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### MY HIDDEN CHIMP HABIT 1: SMILING

Facial expressions are a very important way in which we communicate with each other.

If we feel happy – we tend to smile.  
If we smile – we create a happy feeling for ourselves.

Believe it or not – if you smile at others, they will smile back.

Getting pupils to smile, or at least show it positive expressions can be first step in making them feel better and help improve relationships.



### MY HIDDEN CHIMP HABIT 3: BEING KIND TO OTHERS


Being kind to others create a good feeling and enhances friendships and relationships.

Being kind and calm is encouraged throughout the school day.

A kind act has no strings attached. It is not about giving gifts or helping someone so that they will then help you back.

EW staff help pupils start to understand it is about sharing, being thoughtful and caring for your family and friends.

Try speaking calmly when things have gone wrong – explaining things in an emotional manner keeps everyone in CHIMP mode.



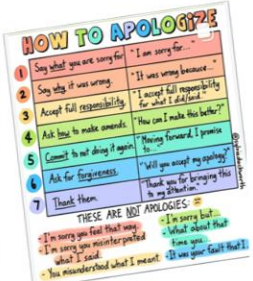
### MY HIDDEN CHIMP HABIT 2: SAYING SORRY

Pupils are much more likely to say a genuine sorry if they have been understood before they reflect on their behaviour and accept that an apology is necessary.

An EW discussion where they can explain their reasons / choices starts this process.

Pupils need to understand that those affected will also feel emotional and may need time to accept any apology. Each person has their own CHIMP throwing around lots of feelings.

Pupils that have let their CHIMP take over and made poor choices need to learn to accept responsibility for these actions.




Well done to the Children who have received a hidden chimp award.







Well done to those children who completed levels 1 & 2 of Bikeability - a cycle program that teaches children how to ride safely.

## Employee of the Week



Riley (Reading Champion)

For being very friendly and excellent with the customers in the library. He is extremely enthusiastic and hard working. A true asset to the school!



Marta (Cabin Crew)

This delightful young person has helped so many people sitting in front of me right now.

If it wasn't for this person there may not have been scooters, toys, dressing up costumes or tent making equipment out in our grounds this week.

She has organised a Cabin Crew rota and shown dedication and commitment to her role and Mrs Goyette is extremely grateful that she is part of the Cabin Crew team.

Well done Marta!





## Health & Safety Monitors

Each class has a Health and Safety monitor who contributes to helping keep our school a safer place; they make sure that their views about staying safe are always heard.



## Eco Warriors

Our Eco Warriors work hard to improve our school environment.





## Animal Handlers

Our animal handlers take it in turns to collect eggs and look after the animals we have in the animal zone.



## Lunchtime Hosts



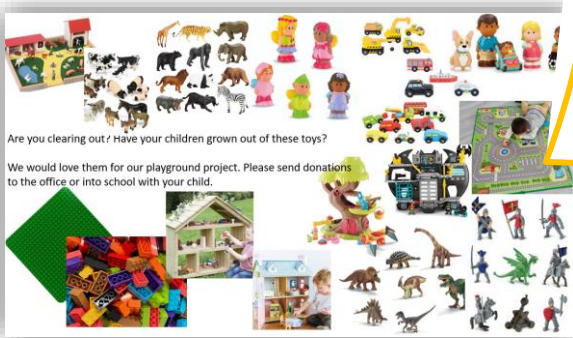
Our lunchtime hosts ensure the smooth running of the Annex Hall during the lunch hour - helping to assist the adult on duty.



Our play cabin crew work in the Play Away Cabin every lunchtime; they provide toys and games for the children to play with.

# HELP AND SUPPORT

We are busy behind the scenes preparing some exciting new activities for our children to take part in at lunchtimes. We are sure that many of you enjoy a clear out once the children are back at school so we are asking for donations of the following types of toys. Please bring your donations to the school office where they will be very gratefully received.



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October  
 Denim Day  
 Please bring at least £1, which will go towards our Outdoors @ Kenningtons Project (O@K)



Collection from the Food Bank will be on Thursday – please donate generously



14 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 6. Bikeability. (Group B)
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Collection of Food Bank Items (Tinned Soup)
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Denim Day. Please bring <b>at least</b> £1 to go towards the Playground Project
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Last day of Autumn 1 Term
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Inset Day
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	First day of Autumn 2 Term