

Kenningtons Primary Academy

Newsletter
31st January 2025



This term, Mrs. Clarke, our subject leaders and I have been conducting pupil voice sessions. These take place after school on Tuesdays with invited pupils. These sessions give us the opportunity to hear pupils' thoughts about their subjects and learning, as well as ensure our procedures and protocols are being implemented effectively. It is such a joy to listen to the children's insights - they are a true credit to their parents and to our school. The feedback so far has been incredibly positive and has provided me with great reassurance about the high standards of teaching and learning at Kenningtons.

The *Kenningtons Experience* has been in full swing this term! Reception classes enjoyed the TeachRex workshop, Year 1 brought history to life with their Great Fire of London experience and Year 6 continued their self-defence course, building confidence and resilience.

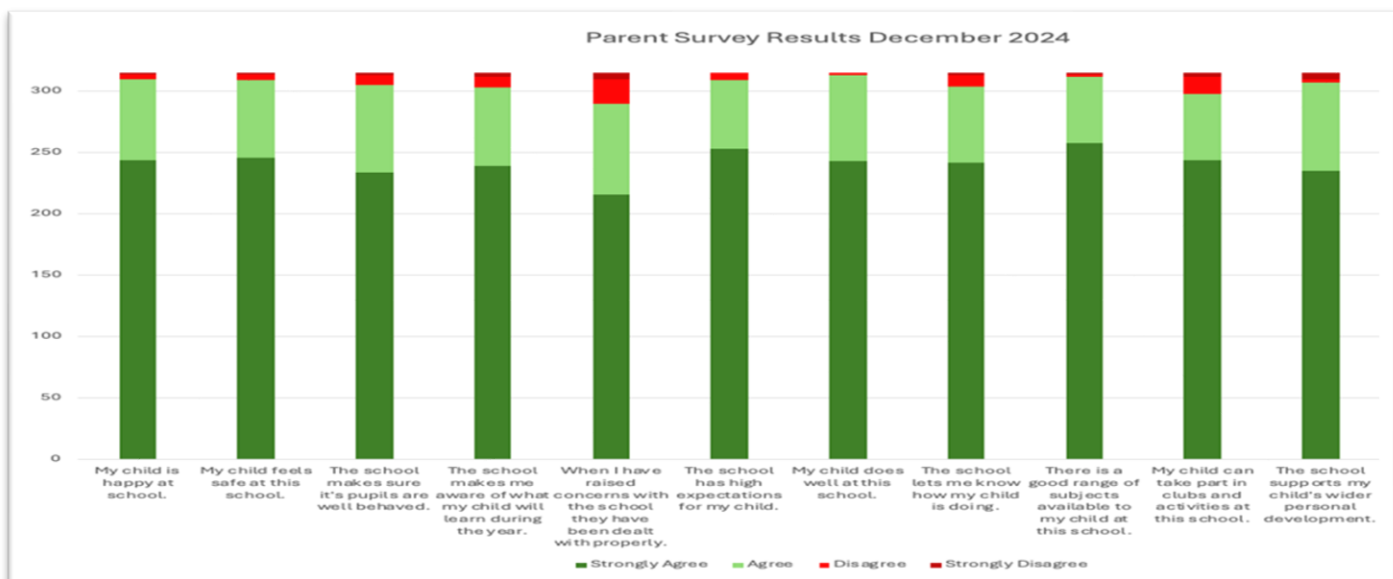
Parent learning has also been a focus this term. We've had an excellent turnout for the *Navigating Neurodiversity* course, run by Thurrock Adult Education College. I hope those who are attending find it both insightful and practical. If you have suggestions for future courses, please let me know - I will do my best to arrange these for you.

Below is a summary of the recent parent survey. We received the largest number of responses ever - thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts. The overwhelming positivity of the feedback is heart-warming and a testament to the dedication of our staff. How wonderful that 96% of parents would recommend our school!

Finally, I wanted to address the topic of homework. Over the past few terms, we've given this a great deal of thought. While a small number of parents have expressed a desire for more homework, we believe our current provision strikes the right balance for the vast majority of pupils. It also considers the workload of our teaching staff. For parents wishing to do additional practice with their children, there are plenty of resources and books available online and class teachers will be happy to guide you toward suitable options.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for being such an integral part of our school community.

Mrs Sawtell-Haynes, Headteacher



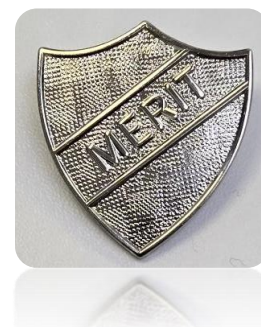
Headteacher Awards



Week 2: I can identify, recognise and express a range of feelings



Week 3: I have a range of strategies for managing my worries and other uncomfortable feelings



Well done to one of our first Silver Merit Award achievers



Employee of the Week

Charlie – H&S Monitor

For always attending his job on time and working collaboratively with his peers when looking out for any hazards on the playground.



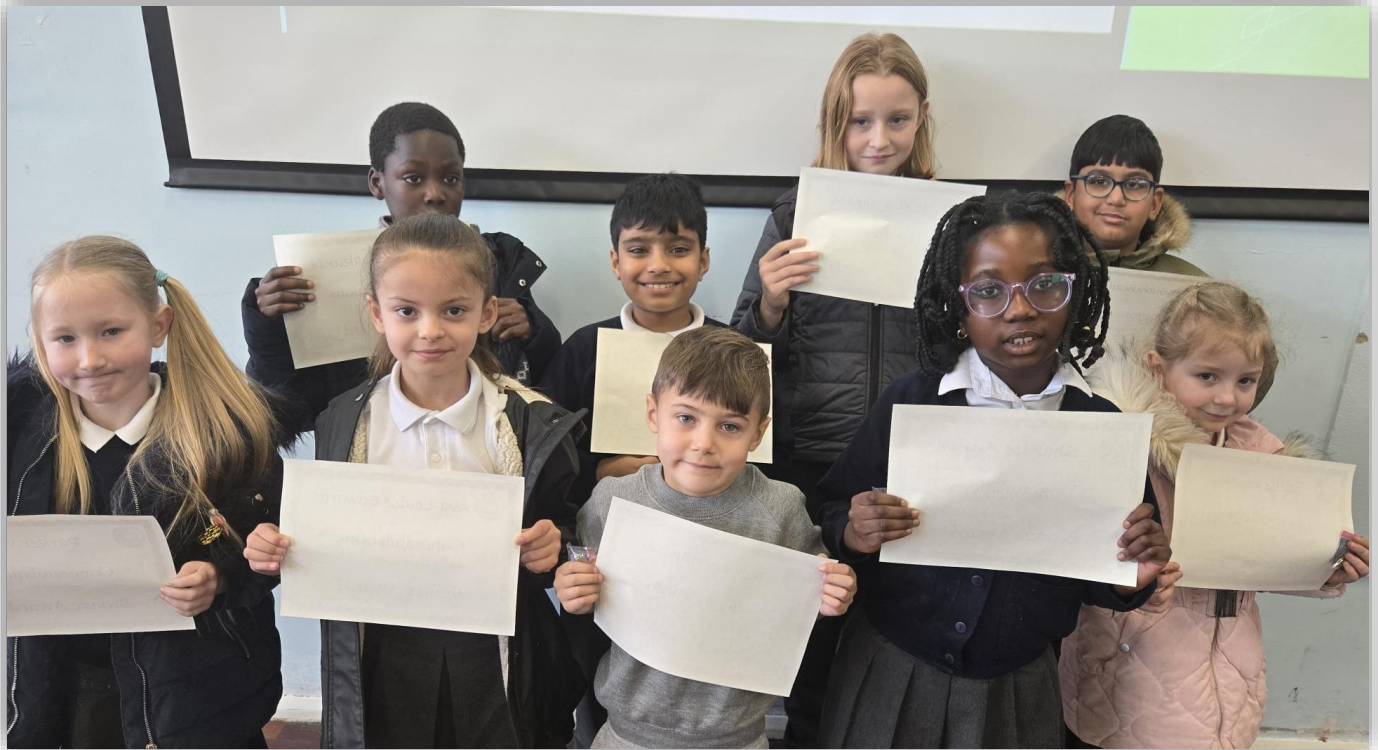
Bryan – Maths Coach



He is reliable, always arriving promptly and organising devices for the children coming in. He is one of the first to help any pupil in need – a real asset to the team!



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.



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Click on the link below for our dinner menus:

<https://www.kenningtonsprimaryacademy.co.uk/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Information%20for%20Parents/School%20Meals/Autumn-Winter%202024-2025.pdf>



If you are bringing your dog on the school-run, please remember they **MUST** stay in your arms and are not allowed to walk on the school grounds

Tues 4th Feb	Year 3. Natural History Museum. London
Wed 5th Feb	Year 5. Young Voices. The O2
Fri 7th Feb	Year 5. First Aid Workshop. In School
Mon 10th Feb	Year 4. Dentist Visit. In School
Tues 11th Feb	Whole School. Safer Internet Day
	Nursery. Dentist Visit. In School
	Reception. Dentist Visit. In School
Wed 12th Feb	Whole School. Democracy Day
	Year 5. Thameside Nature Park. Grays
Thurs 13th Feb	Year 6. Chelmsford Museum. Chelmsford
Fri 14th Feb	Whole School. Red & Pink Day. Please bring £1