



Kenningtons Primary Academy

Newsletter
15th January 2021

So we are now at the end of week two of the Spring Term. I am so impressed with the remote learning offer that teachers are providing. The vast majority of pupils are doing a great job of engaging and completing the tasks as required. We are trying very hard to make sure that pupils are able to complete their work with as little parental input as possible; obviously, this is much harder for the younger pupils. We do understand that for parents working from home is a challenge, so please try not to put yourselves under too much pressure. If time is an issue then please focus on reading, writing, phonics and maths. A timetable for the day might be helpful, with lots of breaks for the children. Some teachers are trying some live mini lessons with pupils, which so far is going well, and will be rolled out across the school. We have chosen not to do a full live lesson offer, as the offer we currently have enables you to structure the day that fits best with your family. Please remember that this is a very new way of working for staff, children and parents and we need to be kind to ourselves if it doesn't quite go to plan.

Thank you for the positive feedback emails that many of you have sent in. The staff love reading these and it gives them a much needed boost.

I look forward to seeing the work your children have been completing over the coming weeks.

For those of you whose children are in receipt of Free School Meals, I am sure that you are pleased that the school chose the option of vouchers rather than hampers. We will continue to use the voucher scheme for the period during which the school is closed.

Please ensure that you are following the government advice and staying home as much as possible. The greater the adherence to the advice, the sooner we will be able to open our doors to you again.

Stay Safe.

Mrs Sawtzell-Haynes
Headteacher

As our Christmas Jumper purchases were such a success, we will be doing the same again this year. If you would like to donate your Christmas Jumpers, we will be accepting them once the school re-opens.



The following Policies have been reviewed and updated on our Website:

- SEN Information Report
- SEND Policy
- Exclusion Policy
- Attendance Policy
- Child Protection Policy
- Medication Policy
- Sports Premium Report
- Admissions Policies
- Collective Worship Policy
- Online Safety Policy



Kenningtons Website: www.kenningtonsprimaryacademy.co.uk



Important Information for Parents / Carers:

If you wish to get in touch with the school, please do so via our enquiries address;
enquiries@kenningtons.thurrock.sch.uk



Applying for a Nursery Place?

If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, you must apply for their nursery place for September 2021.

Applications must be made by Friday 29th January 2021 for admissions in September 2021.

Applications received after the closing date are treated as late applications.

<https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/primary-school-admissions/applying-for-primary-school-place>



Awards & Certificates

The children will be awarded their certificates, badges and pens in class, by their teachers when we return



Congratulations to



Khalid – 2M	Emily – 3NB	Olivia-Rose – 3N	Harmony – 5H	Victor – 5W
Emmanuella – 5W	Sophie – 6B	Kaamil – 4HC	Jimmy – 4HC	Tolu – 4HC
Annabel – 4HC	Zafira – 4HC	Rachel – 4HC	Oliver – 4HC	Ashton – 4B
Mason – 4B	Abigail – 4B	Michael – Koalas	Sophie – Koalas	Jamal – 1T
Jayden – 1T	Oliver – 1T	Simdi – 1T	Alex – 1T	Olivia – 1T
Jayden – 2G	Neave – 2G	Susie-Mae – 2G	Bhavishan – 4HC	Elliott – 1T

for achieving your
Bronze Award!
December 2020



FREE EVENT

Virtual Walk On Line Roadshow for Parents and Carers

9/12/2020 18:30 till 20:30 or 25/02/2021 18:30 till 20:30

Suitable for Parents/Carers who want a better understanding of today's virtual world and Online Exploitation of Children and Young People.
Not Suitable for under 18 years.

The Two Johns are presenting this workshop. It will look at the online world and how our young people are using it. It will include content in regards to favourite apps and games and it will look at the dangers young people face not only from predatory bad people but also how they are being groomed in games which ranges from receiving gifts for the younger player (Primary age) and being groomed on servers for the older players (Year 5 and secondary).

The workshop will look at bullying across all age ranges and explore the use that gangs make of the online world. It will also look at sexting and how the wrong reaction from a parent can destroy family relationships forever.

To attend this training, go here (see below) and follow instructions:

<https://www.thurrocklscp.org.uk/lscp/training-event-information/walk-online-roadshow-for-parents-carers-and-professionals-free-event>.



Please get the **free Studybugs app** for reporting your child's absence due to illness.

<https://studybugs.com>



Report sickness, receive guidance, help improve children's health
See what illnesses are going around
Secure system, all communications encrypted



Studybugs

We're pleased to announce that Kenningtons is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs. If you haven't already, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school.

[Get the app or register now](https://studybugs.com/about/parents) (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)

Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs

1. It's integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for.
2. It's quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You'll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations [improve children's health](https://studybugs.com/about/schools).
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Fabulous Feedback



Can I just say how thankful we are for all the hard work the staff are putting in to provide online learning for the children. We couldn't be happier with the school and how you've handled everything during the pandemic.

I just wanted to say thank you for the home learning you have put in place. I was a little worried how I would cope having a toddler as well as [redacted] to teach/support but the way the school has set up has been brilliant [redacted] has enjoyed seeing [redacted] teachers in the video and the feedback from them. I have enjoyed seeing [redacted] take part and enjoy [redacted] lessons.

Well done to everyone at Kenningtons especially Miss Gingell you are a great teacher!

Dear Miss Gingell,

This is just to appreciate your tremendous effort over the past week. [redacted] was so happy to see you every day and enjoyed your acting so much.

The lessons are so easy to comprehend and the homework tasks are so interesting we really enjoy the Math lesson.

Thank you so much for all your help and support. Hope all is well with you and [redacted] wishes you lots of love as well.

Good Morning All,

Trust you are all well and trying to stay as safe as possible. Can I just commend the brilliant efforts of the year 6 team (Yes! I am biased 😊) on google classroom? Their videos have been detailed without being overwhelming. It has been just what we need as parents to try and echo the magnificent work the teachers are doing! A massive thanks to them all.

The engagement and feedback of work has been very encouraging to push us to support our children at home. A big shout to Mr Newland for his fun videos with a hint of humour, Mrs Beard's brilliant and detailed explanation in Maths, Mrs Kavanagh's very soothing voice in guided reading 😊. Also, the encouraging feedback from our angel, Mrs Brown has been great. Thanks to Mrs Sadowska and Mrs Herd too! You all have been beyond phenomenal.

A huge thanks to all behind the scenes making this work. I am beyond grateful. You are all stars! You should all be proud of yourselves for making this run effectively, so far. THANK YOU KENINGNTONS!

Dear Kenningtons

I just wanted to send a high thank you to Mrs Harris for her help this morning.

I only messaged yesterday about how [redacted] was finding maths difficult and she took the time today to help [redacted] with a one to one. With all the work that you are all doing I think it's amazing that you can find the time to do this and actually it has really helped him not only with the task but his confidence too.

Once again thank you to all the staff for what you do for our children during these unprecedented times.
