

# KENNINGTONS SEND NEWS

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**What is SEND?** A pupil has Special Educational Needs and/or a Disability (SEND) if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for them.



## Message from Mrs Thomas (SENDCO)

I want to say a huge welcome to all our new pupils and families. It has been a busy start to the school year and the children have settled well into their new classes.

Last Term I carried out a pupil survey and it was great to hear how much our children with SEND like their teachers and enjoy school. They told me how safe they feel and that they are listened to. They feel like they can join in all the activities available to children their own age. It was very positive.

## What has been happening to improve SEND provision in school?

You will have received a copy of your child's pupil profile with this newsletter. You will notice they have changed. We have tried to make sure they are better at explaining your child's needs and what extra provision they receive in school.

We have been working to try and improve our school information report and make it more parent friendly. This has now been approved by the governing body and will be uploaded to the school website shortly.

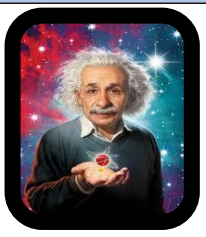
I would love some feedback about what you think. Please email me via the office to let me know. [enquiries@kenningtons.thurrock.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@kenningtons.thurrock.sch.uk)

## Spotlight on ... Gym Trail

Gym trail is an intervention that helps children to develop better fine and gross motor skills. The children have one additional skill-based session with Mrs Harris, our PE teacher, each week and then they have an opportunity to practice and rehearse the skills they have been taught 3 times a week.

## The Thurrock SEND Local Offer

This is an important resource for parents of children with SEND as it will help you to understand the range of services and provision in the local area. You can find it on the ASK Thurrock website or click the link on our new SEND page on our website.



## Did you know?

Albert Einstein didn't like going to school and struggled to read and write. He was thought to have attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and autism. HOWEVER... He developed the theory of relativity and is one of the greatest and most famous scientists of all time.

## What do I do if I am worried about my child's needs?

If you have a concern about your child, please arrange to talk to us. Your child's class teacher is your first point of contact and can be contacted by calling the school office or emailing [enquiries@kenningtons.thurrock.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@kenningtons.thurrock.sch.uk) often a friendly chat can reassure you about your worries. I am also happy to speak to you about your child's needs and can be contacted in the same way.