



# Kenningtons Primary Academy



Autumn Term Newsletter 9th September 2016

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## Dates to Remember

**12th September - 16th September** - After school club taster sessions (3:15pm-4:15pm, Pupils **must** be accompanied by an adult)

**13th September 2016** - After school clubs available on ParentMail to purchase

**16th September 2016** - New targets out to parents

**19th September 2016** - After school clubs begin

**23rd September 2016** - Year 1 Great Fire of London Event (in school)

**23rd September 2016** - Jeans for Genes day (£1 donation)

**3rd October 2016** - Year 6 Natural History Museum

**5th October 2016** - Year 6 Interhouse

**7th October 2016** - Year 5/6 Football Tournament @St Cleres

**21st October 2016** - Year 4 Greek Experience (in school)

**4th November 2016** - School photographs (individual and sibling)

**2nd December 2016** - After school clubs finish

## Parent Drop In Sessions

Teachers will hold their next Parent Drop In sessions from 3:15pm-4:00pm on the days specified below:

**2Ma - Thursday 15th September**

**3SB - Monday 12th September**

**4C - Tuesday 13th September**

**5M - Tuesday 13th September**

**Year 6 (6K/6N) - Tuesday 13th September**

Please check next week's newsletter for details of Drop Ins in the week commencing 19th September 2016.

## WELCOME BACK TO AUTUMN TERM EVERYONE!

### Attendance - who will be the best class each week?

The class with the best attendance in KS1 and KS2 will be celebrated in an assembly.

The winners will look after their Attendance Trophy which will be displayed in their class for that week.

We will let you know the winners on the newsletter  
**Good Luck!**

### Weekly Learning Overviews

It is important to us to keep parents updated about what pupils are working on in school and ways that their learning can be supported at home. Each week a Learning Overview will be produced for each year group.

The weekly Learning Overviews can be viewed on the Kenningtons website ([www.kenningtonsprimaryacademy.co.uk](http://www.kenningtonsprimaryacademy.co.uk)) under 'Children' - 'Year Groups' and will also be issued via ParentMail.



*Helping children to get better and better at everything they do*



### After school club taster sessions

We are pleased to advise you that this year our after school club provision will be delivered by a new, local provider called Sportsquest. Next week commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016 they will be offering taster sessions for you and your child to attend. The list of sessions available are listed below.

The taster sessions next week are free. **Your child must be accompanied by an adult.** Please be aware that if you attend a taster session this **does not** guarantee your child a place at the club. After school clubs will be available to purchase on ParentMail from 13th September 2016. Please refer to the 'After School Clubs' letter for further details.

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| Monday    | Years 1-6      | Running Club |
| Tuesday   | Years 4,5, & 6 | Gymnastics   |
| Wednesday | Years 1-6      | Fitness Club |
| Thursday  | Years 1,2,3    | Gymnastics   |
| Friday    | Years 1-6      | Multisports  |

### Water in School

We would like to remind parents that pupils are only permitted to drink water at school. Please do not send your child into school with any other beverage.

Pupils may have water bottles (with only water in them!) on their desks to keep hydrated during lessons and there are jugs of water available in the dining hall for both packed lunch and school dinner children.

### Jeans for Genes day September 23rd

The whole school will be taking part in Jeans for Genes Day on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016. We would like to invite pupils to come to school that day dressed in jeans. They may wear non-uniform tops but please note no football kit is to be worn. A £1 donation is requested for Genetic Disorders UK charity. Children who are not participating in Jeans for Genes Day must come to school in correct school uniform

### Children must have the following PE kit in school:

Black slip-on plimsolls, blue shorts or black shorts and a plain white T-shirt. PE kit should be kept in a drawstring bag. **All pupils are expected to have PE kit in school.** Please also note that because of health and safety regulations, we do not allow any jewellery to be worn in school.

As the weather becomes cooler pupils are permitted to wear tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirts in school colours to supplement the standard PE kit pictured.



### Headteacher's Awards

This week our focus was  
**'Taking on Challenges'**  
Well done to...

Aarib 1B  
Alicia 1K  
Oscar 1M  
Emma 2BW  
Alice 2Ma  
Kieran 3SB  
Alicia 3H  
Prince 4C  
Lana 4W  
Charlotte 5B  
Stefania 5B  
Aliza 5J  
Keira 5J  
Cody 5M  
Alfie 6K  
Bobby 6N

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**If your child has just started the last year of primary education you must apply now for a secondary school place**

If your child was born between **1 September 2005 and 31 August 2006**, you must apply now for a secondary school place for **September 2017**.

**APPLYING FOR A SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2017**

**Apply online at: [thurrock.gov.uk/admissions](http://thurrock.gov.uk/admissions)**

Go to [thurrock.gov.uk/admissions](http://thurrock.gov.uk/admissions) and follow the instructions on screen. There you will also be able to open an electronic copy of Thurrock Council's composite prospectus for Thurrock secondary schools which you should read before completing an application.

To apply online you must have an e-mail account.

You should also go along to school open evenings/days and one of the Council's briefings for parents before you complete an application.

**Wednesday 14 September 2016 Civic Hall, Blackshots Lane, Grays, Essex RM16 2JU from 4.00pm - 5.30pm and 7.00pm - 8.30pm.**

Offers will be available for online applicants from 12.30am on 1 March 2017 by logging into your account.

Complete the application, listing up to six schools that you wish to apply for, in your order of preference, including amongst them any schools outside of Thurrock for which you wish to apply. Make sure that you also complete the supplementary forms that some schools require and return them directly to the school by the closing date for applications.

If you have more than one child transferring to secondary school, it is essential that you fill in an application for each child needing a place.

If you do not complete the application and return it by the closing date of **Monday 31 October 2016** you will be allocated a place at a school with space available, after all



on-time applications have been dealt with. Information about the schools in Thurrock and how to apply for them are in a booklet entitled **Secondary Admission Information September 2017** available online at [thurrock.gov.uk/admissions](http://thurrock.gov.uk/admissions) Please read the booklet carefully. Once you have read the information on the Thurrock Council website, if you have any questions please contact the Admissions Team on **01375 652883** or by email at [school.admissions@thurrock.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@thurrock.gov.uk)

Alternatively, you can write to:  
**The Admissions Team,  
Thurrock Council, Civic Offices,  
New Road,  
Grays, Essex,  
RM17 6SL**

## Music Tuition

For those who have booked music tuition in keyboard or guitar, lessons this term will take place on Thursday mornings. The lessons will commence on Thursday 15th September.

## The Health Spot: Change 4 Life

We are all aiming to get more active this autumn!

**Just keep moving**

Change4Life and Disney have teamed up again to take your kids on a 10 Minute Shake Up adventure, inspired by Disney Pixar's Finding Dory.

10 minute shake-ups inspired by Disney characters are available on the Change4Life website at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/10-minute-shake-up/home#dffX7wxorUO2Zq85.97>

