

Kennington Primary School

Newsletter

Date: 8th November 2019



Remembrance Day Visit to The Barracks

On Friday morning, Oak Class and Year 6 visited Fulwood Barracks to take part in a Remembrance Day Service. It was led by the barracks Padre and Commanding Officer and during the service the children laid wreaths they had made, had two minutes silence, which was beautifully observed and heard a reading by Grace B from Y6. Afterwards, they had a tour of the barracks and the museum. We would like to thank all the staff at the barracks for making us so welcome.

Remembrance Day Assembly

We will be holding our Remembrance Day Assembly on Monday 11th at 9am in the hall. Y6 will be leading the assembly supported by Oak class. Parents are welcome but there will be limited space as the hall will be full.

Children in Need

We are not 'Going Big' this year to support Children in Need on Friday 15th November however we are allowing children to come to school in something spotty to show our support. If children wish to partake, we are asking for a minimum donation of £1.

Thank you to Alice's dad for helping Mrs Duffy with her fish tank!

Oak Class Photo

This should appear in the LEP on the 14th November. Please look out for it.

Parents Coffee Morning

There will be a parents coffee morning held on Wednesday 20th November at 9am in school for both old and new parents to the school. Please come along for a chat and a chance to meet parents you may not have met before. We will be serving tea, coffee, biscuits, cakes and desserts so plenty for everyone.

Please remember to park safely and courteously on the roads around school. Thank you.

Christmas Fair

The PTFA met this week to discuss planning for our Christmas Fair which will take place on Thursday 5th December 6-8pm. We have already started to take bookings for stalls from parents and friends of the school. If you would like a stall, please contact the

office or Mrs Bentley. We are also asking for any donations that can be used for raffle prizes etc. Lets work together to make this Christmas Fairs one of the best yet!

Tree Planting

School and Little Acorns have received 700 tree saplings to plant on our school field and we are asking parents if they would like to come in to school to help their child plant a tree. This will take place on Thursday 14th from 9am or 3pm together. If you would like to plant a tree, please come to school with child, wellies or suitable footwear and something to dig with like a spade. We hope to plant as many trees as possible so that future generations of Kennington Pupils can enjoy more opportunities for outdoor learning. We are asking for a £1 donation for the tree.

Head Teacher Awards

Oak: Haniyah A/Samuel H-G
 Cherry: Ayat H/Nikola M
 Willow: Janki P/Zayan F
 Beech: James C/Ameera D
 Y3: Coral S/Fatimah A
 Y4: Eshal A/Sohan H
 Y5: Norbert M/Year 5
 Y6: Tyreeq F/Zidan Z

The School Car Park

We have tried shutting the school car park gates during the day for a week now and it seems to be working and not causing too much disruption. We will continue to do so for the rest of the Christmas Term. If you do see the car park gates open, we would still ask you not to walk across the carpark and use the pedestrian gate instead. Thank you.

Attendance

Target: 96%	Last Week	98.3%	This week	97.8%
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Lockdown Practise

We will be holding another Lockdown practise on Friday 15th of November. You will receive a more detailed letter regarding this in the coming days. We have had one previous to this and the children all responded well. We will be talking to the children about why would have such a practise and how they should react all at an age appropriate level. Should you have any queries about this, please contact school.

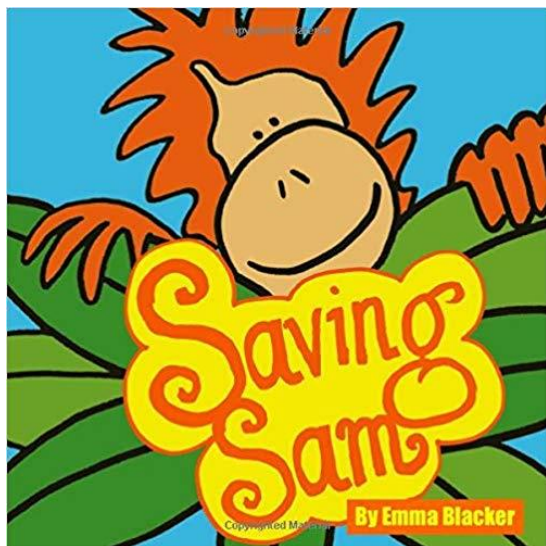
Sports News

Only one sports team have been in action this week and that was a group of athletes who took part in the Y1/2 Mini skills event held at Preston's College. Although the children didn't come in the top three finishing positions, Mr Goulds reported that the children displayed a great sporting attitude. Well done everyone.

Dates For Diary

Mon 11 th Nov	Remembrance Assembly 9am
Fri 15 th Nov	Children in Need Day
Weds 20 th Nov	Coffee morning 9am
Fri 28 th Nov	Plas Menai deposit deadline.
Thurs 5 th Dec	PTA Christmas Fair 5.30 – 8pm
Weds 11 th Dec	KS1 production afternoon performance

Thurs 12 th Dec	KS1 production evening performance
Mon 16 th Dec	KS1 Christmas Party (pm)
Tues 17 th Dec	KS2 Christmas Party (pm)
Weds 18 th Dec	Christmas Dinner
Fri 20 th Dec	Borwick Hall final payment due. School closes for Christmas 3pm
Mon 6 th Jan	School re-opens for Spring term



Our very own Mrs Hutabarat has published her first book called Saving Sam and she would like to tell you all about her inspiration and how the book came about.

I fell in love with orangutans when I was in Indonesia 10 years ago, and got to meet a young orphan orangutan in a safari park in Jakarta. I read about their situation in a local newspaper, about how their forest is being taken over by palm plantations, and I felt like I needed to do something to help.

That evening I sat under a tin roof listening to the rain hammering down in Jakarta, and I wrote a poem, called 'Saving Sam', and intended to make a children's book to raise awareness. However, the book was put on the back burner due to life's various demands.

Every now and again I would experiment with different styles of drawing and painting and cutting a sticking, trying to find a style I liked that would be colourful and engaging. I sent drafts to various publishers, but had no response from some, and others just said it wasn't for them.

In the end, I woke up one Sunday morning full of inspiration and sat down and drew the whole book with a black marker pen, then over that week I scanned the drawings and coloured them in on the computer. I couldn't believe I had finally completed it after all this time!

I then found out about self publishing, and discovered Amazon's self publishing platform, which used to be called 'CreateSpace', now it's called 'Amazon Kindle Direct Publishing'. I downloaded it, and it was so easy to use, and cost nothing to do! Now my book Saving Sam is available to buy on Amazon as an ebook and a paperback.

I am in touch with charities who are raising funds to help the orangutans. One charity in particular, is a voluntary run charity dedicated to providing veterinary equipment, medicines and practical veterinary presence and assistance to orangutan rescue groups and centres in Indonesia and Malaysia. All the profit made from the sale of Saving Sam will go towards these charities.

I am delighted that the children at Kennington Primary School are enjoying the book, and the teachers have embraced it and are already engaging in class projects based on the book and the plight of the orangutans! That's fantastic!

My aim is to get the book into as many schools as possible, to raise awareness and funds for the orang-utans survival... every little bit helps. <https://amzn.to/2PYz1Xh>