

Kennington Primary School Newsletter

Date: 11th March 2022



Children's Mental Health Day



The children experienced a mindfulness session this week with a visiting Yoga teacher. Each class had thirty minutes of relaxation and meditation as part of our healthy minds program. They really enjoyed the sessions which were led by a Yoga teacher from the Yogi group. Hopefully it's something we can do again in the future.

Ukraine Appeal

We have been overwhelmed with your generosity over the last few days. There have been dozens and dozens of bags in the hall full of clothes, toiletries, nappies etc. They will all make their way to the local donation centre. Thank you so much. Hopefully it's not something we have to do for any length of time.



Warning! Roadworks on Watling Street Rd for 2 weeks expect delays! Set off early!

PTA Meeting

There will be a PTFA meeting in the hall at 3:15am on Monday 14th March for anyone who is interested in helping to raise money for the school community. All welcome.

Easter Bingo!

Finally, after two years, a family event at school, indoors!! Easter Bingo will take place on Wednesday 30th March at 6pm. There will be Bingo plus other fun games with plenty of prizes. We are asking for chocolate egg donations to be brought in on 23, 24 and 25th of March.



Mother's Day Coffee Afternoon

We would like to invite our wonderful mums into school for a coffee and cake afternoon for Mother's Day on 28th March. It's a chance to get together for a drink and a chat before picking



the children up. We'll be setting up in the hall and you can pop in any time from 1:30pm until 2:45pm. If you feel the urge to make a cake or brownies then by all means do! We look forward to seeing you.

Attendance Matters

Our attendance figures have obviously been seriously affected by Covid-19 and the guidance still says that if your child tests positive, then they isolate. It is however important for us to monitor so we can help support those families who may be struggling to maintain regular attendance at school. We have returned to our system of sending out letters about attendance after each term to those who are in danger of being classed as a Persistent Absentee (10% or more absences). If we see a continuing pattern of absence we will invite parents in to school to discuss strategies to improve attendance. We also monitor the number of times a child is late (after the gates close) as punctuality is an important habit to get into from an early age. **PLEASE BE AWARE THAT CHILDREN SHOULD BE IN SCHOOL NO LATER THAN 8:45am.** The local authority has now resumed issuing Penalty Notices for unauthorised absences of 5 days or more. Family holidays/trips overseas will rarely be authorised.

Head Teacher Awards

Oak: Arthur P

Cherry: Leo S

Willow: Kyara H

Beech: Ahmed P

Y3: Zane G

Y4: Hamza B

Y5: Fatima A

Y6: Sara H

Class Photographs

Tempest Photography will be in school on Monday 21st March to take the class photos. We ask that children are in full uniform including ties and jumpers/cardigans. There will be no individual or family photographs taken.

Comic Relief

Friday 18th is Comic Relief Day. The children can come to school wearing their red noses if they wish. We are not asking for donations as we have already collected for various other charities already this year.



Goodbye to Miss Scott



It's with great sadness we have to say goodbye to Miss Scott (Lindsay) who will be moving on to pastures new next week. Miss Scott has been supporting children in KS1 for three years and in that short space of time has really had a huge impact on the Kennington community. On behalf of everyone I'd like to thank her for all her hard work, commitment and fun she has brought to the role. I'm sure we'll stay in touch as Shay will be with us for a few more years at least. Good luck Miss Scott. We'll miss you loads!

Sports News

Mr Sudell took a team of Year 4 and 5 children to the school swimming gala this week. We've never performed particularly well at the gala in the past but this year we came away with **FOUR** medals!! Well done to Rio, Joseph, Yusef, Maryam, Muhammad Rayaan, Amelia, and Charlie.



We also competed in a mini skills competition. Well done to Adam, Aleena, Safa, Patryk, Hamzah, Maryam.