

Kennington Primary School Newsletter

Date: 25th March 2022



Reading Ambassadors



We have appointed a group of Kennington Reading Ambassadors whose job will be to promote reading for pleasure around school. They are excited to help other children with their reading through recommendations and book promotions. They are very keen to get started in their new role and I know they will do an excellent job!

Easter Bingo

We are still accepting donations of Easter Eggs for the Easter Bingo which will be taking place on Wednesday 30th March in the school hall. The fun and games will begin at 6pm and all families are welcome.



Mothers Day Coffee Afternoon



We will be holding a Mothers Day coffee afternoon in the school hall on Monday 28th March. It is a drop in session and you are welcome to come any time between 1:30pm and 2:45pm for coffee and a chat. Please feel free to bring any home made cakes or biscuits as well.

Summer Uniform

After the Easter break we switch to our summer uniform. This is white polo t-shirt and grey shorts or trousers for boys and blue and white gingham summer dress for girls. If parents are concerned about modesty, girls may wear a pair of white lycra shorts underneath their dresses that do not show below the hem of the dress. Girls can wear either white, knee length socks or grey or black tights. **NO LEGGINGS/WHITE TIGHTS OF ANY KIND SHOULD BE WORN.**



PE kit remains the same. If children do not have a Kennington PE hoodie, they should just wear their school jumper if it is cold. If tracksuit bottoms are worn they should be plain black or navy blue without large logos.



Socks & Shoes

Just a reminder that boys socks should be grey. There seems to be a lot of them wearing brightly coloured ones at the moment. This requirement is in our uniform policy. Also, there are a number of children wearing trainers. They are all black but they are still trainers. Please ensure your child is wearing school shoes after the Easter holidays.

Assessment Dates

The Year 6 children will be sitting their SATs assessment tests the week beginning 9th May -12th May. The Y2 children will also be completing KS1 SATs at a similar time although this is



a little less formal than the Y6 tests. There will be a meeting in the Summer term for Y2 parents giving them more information (Date to be confirmed). Y1 children (and Year 2 children who didn't meet the standard in Autumn) will be doing their Phonics screening check the week beginning 6th June and the Y4 will be completing their multiplication check week beginning 6th June also.

Head Teacher Awards

Oak: Khadeeja B

Cherry: Rihanna H

Willow: Ellis P

Beech:

Y3: Arham I

Y4: Maaryam P

Y5: Saibah H

Y6: Oane S, Miley W



Birthdays

We have lots of birthdays coming up so just a reminder that we do try and promote healthy eating (most of the time) which is why we ask parents not to send in cakes and sweets when it's their child's birthday. Instead we ask parents to donate a book for either their child's class library or the school library. The book gets a commemorative label in the inside cover and is more of a lasting legacy than a little bag of Haribo!

Fruit in School

Continuing the healthy eating theme, did you know that the children in the infants get a free piece of fruit everyday? I know some parents put extra little tubs of fruit in their children's packed lunch for a playtime snack. This is fine for both Infants and Juniors but please don't send them with anything other than 'normal' items of fruit.



Sports News

Mrs Bentley took a team of Year 1 & 2 children to a Mini Skills event at Preston College on Monday. They performed magnificently! Well done to Oby, Isa, Amirah Fatima, Rumaisa and Samuel



Borwick Hall

Last week a group of 46 Y3 and Y4 children visited Borwick Hall activity centre. They had two action packed days of swinging, jumping, sliding, climbing, crawling and shooting! For some of the children, this was their first night away from home and they coped fantastically well. I'm sure they will remember their experiences for a long time to come. A big thank you to the staff who gave up their time to support the children as well. More photos at



<https://www.kennington.lancs.sch.uk/photo-galleries/borwick-hall-2022>

Kennington in the News

We found out yesterday that we were headline news in the Gaurdian Magazine, G2. Our Bubble Classroom was part of an article about amazing architecture around the country! You can read the full piece at

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Architecture

Like something from a Kubrick film - the hunt for Britain's best modern buildings

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<https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2022/mar/24/something-kubrick-britain-best-modern-building-owen-hatherley>

(If only they'd give us some extra cash to repair all it's faults!!)

Leave Requests and Attendance

As we move through Spring towards the Summer, many of you will be thinking of travelling, whether that be overseas or closer to home. Leave requests for family holidays or other trips during term time are almost never granted. Requests that are not granted are marked in the register as 'Unauthorised'. If the leave adds up to 5 or more unauthorised absences (for any reason, not just holidays) then the Local Authority can issue a Penalty Notice. This is £120 per child per parent or £60 per child per parent if paid within 21 days. Both the Department for Education and Ofsted are particularly concerned about children's attendance after the disruption and lockdowns. Recently, Ofsted produced a research and analysis paper '**Securing good attendance and tackling persistent absence**' (Published 7 February 2022) looking at the various barriers to attendance or causes of poor attendance. This is why we track attendance and will be doing so even more. If your child is on track for being a persistent absentee (10% or more absences of any kind) you will have been contacted. Ofsted now say that even this is too late and parents should be flagged up even sooner. There is a call for even higher expectations on families when it comes to making sure their children attend regularly.

'The disruption we've seen over the last 2 years, has fractured the social contract around education. For years that contract has been clear – parents have a responsibility to get their children to school, with minimum absences, and in return schools do their level best to educate and look after those children. Now's the time to remake that contract.' Amanda Spielman, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector. March 2022

Driveway Gates

The driveway gates are open from 7am – 8:30am so that those parents dropping off for Breakfast Club can get access. Mrs Shepherd from nursery then closes the gates at 8:30am. Please can you make sure that you don't use her gate and path for an early entry as this is for nursery access. The school playground gates only open at 8:35am as this is when we are responsible for the children. There should not be anyone on the playground before 8:35am