

Parent Newsletter



Tuesday 6th June 2017.

KPINS come 1st in the Borough sporting event.

We are proud to announce that Kenmore Park came first in a Borough sporting event held at Bannisters on Wednesday 24th May. Sixteen schools from across Harrow took part. Yukta, Unika, Gabriel, Denis P from year 1 and Dillon, Rian, Dhean, Karam, Yasir, Robert, Denis M and Liviu from Year 2 all took part in a number of sporting events. Mr. Christopher and Miss. Wackett escorted the children to the event and a number of parents came along to support. Mr. Christopher contributes their success to their ability to work well as a team. This is one of the key dispositions we are focusing on with the children as part of their four learning dispositions. They proved to be real “Team Ants”.

Well done KPINS!

Last half term of the academic year 2016/17.

This term we will be preparing for the end of the academic year. Staff have been busy finalising assessment data whilst also writing the children’s end of year reports. There will be a number of focus weeks taking place this term which include Arts week (week commencing 26th June) and Sports and healthy schools’ week (week beginning 3rd July). The children will be going on educational visits offsite and the first of these kicks off on the 13th June with reception visiting Willows Farm. All the educational visits are capped at £15 per child even though they cost a lot more but we subsidise them from the money raised throughout the year. This way the children do get back what they contribute over the year.

The children will also have an opportunity to meet their new teacher and see their new class. Each year the children are moved around as it helps to focus children’s attention on learning, develops their personal, social and emotional well-being. Some children can take a little time to adjust to change but the teachers will have thought very carefully about the children best suited to learn and grow together so please persevere and trust our decisions which are always made with the best interest of your child.

Competitions.

We encourage our children to take part in a number of different competitions run locally and nationally. It is not always about the winning but taking part and sometimes like with any lottery the luck of the draw falls in favour of someone at the school.

During this year the children were asked to enter an Art competition run nationally by the Post Office to design a Christmas stamp. The organisers received over 205,000 entries and from those 120 area finalists were selected. We are proud to announce that one of our pupils in Year 2 is one of the finalists.

The winning design will be announced sometime this month and the chosen art work will be the design on this years' Christmas stamp. The winner will be invited to Buckingham Palace to receive their prize and £100 in vouchers.

We are all very proud and rooting for our finalist **Meetra. (Yr 2)**

Healthy School

A reminder that the schools is taking a hard line in promoting the health and well-being of our pupils and stakeholders.

- There is now a **complete ban on any nut products** in school to protect those pupils at the school who suffer from nut allergies.
- The school no longer allows parents to send in sweets and confectionary when it is their child's birthday instead we ask that you buy a book and write an inscription which can be donated to your child's class and have a more lasting memory and impact on the children.
- We will **not allow parents to send in party bags or gifts to be distributed to the children** to commemorate their child's birthday- this can be done outside of the school grounds and at private parties and events.
- The **fruit stall will be reinstated at the school** in due course and will resume selling fruit and vegetables and prices in line with and often lower than those sold at the local shops and supermarkets.
- The **nursery pupils have started tooth brushing sessions in school** as part of their education about looking after their teeth so that we can help to reduce the number of children in Harrow with tooth decay which is one of the highest rates across London.

Please note: Any sweets, confectionary etc sent into school without permission will be returned to you at the end of the day and not distributed so please do not send it in.

Thank you to those parents who now bring a healthy snack to school for their child at the end of the school day but we are still seeing parents **bring crisp and confectionary onto the school site at the end of school** as a snack for your child. **So please do not bring crisp, sweets and other unhealthy snacks on to the school site at the end of the day.** We want to ensure that the children learn that crisp and chocolate should be eaten in moderation and as a treat not as a daily snack prior to going home for tea or evening dinner. We are seeing too many children missing school because of tooth ache. It is frightening to learn that children are having 8-9 teeth removed at one time due to tooth decay!

Attendance

22 children are now on track to achieve a gold attendance award by the end of the academic year if they maintain their 100% attendance rate. Well done to them so far, they stem from children in Nursery to Year 2.

This term a number of parents will have received letters informing them if their child's attendance has fallen below the threshold of 95%. It is our duty to make you aware where the attendance has fallen and where the school has concerns because attendance has fallen below 95% which can be trigger for involving the court attendance officer and issuing penalty notices.

Thank you to those parents who have requested meetings to discuss the reasons for their child's absence and a number were invited by the school to meet and set you clear expectations, whilst also making parents aware of the impact the absence is having on their progress and attainment.

Please note the timings of the school day:

It is important to ensure that children attend school regularly and equally importantly on time – NOT LATE!!!!

Nursery a.m. session: 8.45 – 11.45 a.m.

Nursery p.m. session: 12.45 – 3.45 p.m.



Please remember that the Reception classes are now operating a soft start so the children are able to be dropped off from 8.45 a.m. (5 minutes earlier) thus allowing parents to drop their reception child off before the children in Years 1 & 2 so there should be no excuses or reason for a late drop off!

Unfortunately, there still continues to be a large number of children being dropped off at 9 a.m. when the gates are being locked. Please take advantage of this opportunity and help us to ensure the safety and well-being of your children!

Reception: 8.45 a.m. – 3.15 p.m.

Years 1 & 2 (KS1): 8.50 a.m. – 3.20 p.m.

During the month of **May** the following classes have received certificates for the best class attendance each week and then for the overall month: **Brazil Class.**

Week	Class	% attendance
2 – 5 May	Mexico	98.3%
8 – 12 May	Clownfish	100%
15 – 19 May	Brazil	100%
	Ghana	100%
22 – 26 May	Brazil	100%
May	Brazil	98.7%

School term dates.

SUMMER TERM 2017

Last day Of Term

- Friday 21st July



***Please note if you have a child/children in the Junior School that this INSET day is different. The Infant school children will still be required to attend school on Friday 21st July (the Junior School will end on Thursday 20th July)**

Remember each school term ends at 2.15 p.m. (Friday 21st July 2017).



Summer term 2017 Class Assemblies.

This term each class will present an assembly.

Parents/guardians will be invited to attend their child's class assembly. The summer term dates are as follows:

Class	Date
Dragonfly (please note change of date)	Thursday 8 th June 2017
Seahorse	Friday 16 th June 2017
Turtle	Friday 23 rd June 2017
Caterpillar	Friday 30 th June 2017
Year 2 leavers	Monday 10 th July a.m. and p.m. performances. Tuesday 11 th July a.m. and p.m. performances. (parents will be able to choose which performance they would like to attend- invites will be sent out nearer the time).

School Travel Plan

As an accredited GOLD travel plan school we continue to promote WOW – Walk on Wednesday encouraging every child/family to walk or park away from the school and walk to school at least every Wednesday.



As part of our School Travel Plan we will be hosting balance bike tri Reception children later this month.

We continue to celebrate and announce the class with the most pupils walking to school every Wednesday during a month. This May, congratulations go to **Turtle Class**.

On the morning of Tuesday 23rd May we hosted our annual walk to school event encouraging walking, scooter or cycling and welcomed parents/careers to join us for this event too. It was a beautiful summer's day and simply promoted the importance of walking and observing our environment.



However sadly, over the last couple of months we have seen an increase in anti-social behaviour in the area and particularly the roads around the school. We continue to report concerns to the local police and also the highways department. I would urge parents who are residents to do the same.

Please remember not to obstruct residents' drive ways or park on the zigzag lines when dropping and collecting your children from school we continue to receive complaints from residents and we welcome your support in building positive relations with our local residents. We would also like to remind parents to park before letting their children out of vehicles. On numerous occasions parents have been observed stopping in the middle of the road outside the school gates and letting their child/ren out of the vehicle, thus placing the child/ren at risk.

All Infant school children should be dropped off in the school ground and to their class teacher every morning.

Health & Safety

Please remember that Infant school children should not be left unaccompanied in the playground in the mornings. The doors open at 8.50 a.m. and therefore they should remain in the supervision of the adult who is dropping them off at school until they are safely handed over to the class teacher.

The school gates are locked promptly at 9 a.m. so all children should arrive on time for the start of the school day at 8.50 a.m.

Similarly, at the end of the school day, the children are handed over to the adult collecting them and it is their responsibility to supervise the child safely whilst on site and then home. The gates are locked for 3.45 p.m. so that the children engaging in after school events are safe within the environment. We ask that you support us with this by leaving the school grounds promptly at the end of the school day.

There continues to be the issue of children playing on the school equipment which should not be used unsupervised at the end of the school day. We do not take responsibility for any injuries that take place to children on school equipment which is being used without authorisation at the start and end of the school day.

After School Club.

This is a reminder that the After School Club provides parents with child care from 3.30 – 5.45 p.m. Monday to Friday it is now run by Kenmore Park Schools and offers parents/carers greater flexibility. It is run from the school canteen the provision offers parents casual child care provided your child is registered as a casual user. This means that you can phone on the day and ask for your child to attend the after school club and pay when you collect. There are a number of options too. You can select from the full session at £7 (3.30 – 5.45 p.m.) or a short stay at £4 (3.30 – 4.15 p.m.).

We will also be sending children to the After School Club if you are late collecting your child at the end of the school day and you will be charged at the short stay or full day rate depending upon the time you collect your child.



Therefore, it is in your best interest to collect your child on time at the end of the school day or register to be a casual user.

Details can be obtained from the Junior School office.

School based parental engagement – during the summer term.

Date	Workshop	Year groups/classes
12 th June 9 a.m.	KS1 maths transition seminar lessons. Five parents per class.	Reception parents to observe Year 1 lessons. Yr 1 parents to observe Yr 2 lessons. All Year 1 & 2 classes.
13 th June 9 a.m.	KS1 maths transition seminar lessons. Five parents per class	Reception parents to observe Year 1 lessons. Yr 1 parents to observe Yr 2 lessons. All Year 1 & 2 classes.
15 th June 9 a.m.	KS1 maths transition seminar lessons. Five parents per class.	Reception parents to observe Year 1 lessons. Yr 1 parents to observe Yr 2 lessons. All Year 1 & 2 classes.
19 th June 9 a.m.	Reception – Ocean Maths – focus on Sequencing & time	Ladybird
20 th June 9 a.m.	Reception – Ocean Maths – focus on Sequencing & time	Dragonfly
21 st June 9 a.m.	Reception – Ocean Maths – focus on Sequencing & time	Bumblebee
22 nd June 9 a.m.	Reception – Ocean Maths – focus on Sequencing & time	Caterpillar
26 th June 9 a.m.	KS1 Literacy transition seminar lessons. Five parents per class.	Reception parents to observe Year 1 lessons. Yr 1 parents to observe Yr 2 lessons. All Year 1 & 2 classes.
27 th June 9 a.m.	KS1 Literacy transition seminar lessons. Five parents per class.	Reception parents to observe Year 1 lessons. Yr 1 parents to observe Yr 2 lessons. All Year 1 & 2 classes.
29 th June 9 a.m.	KS1 Literacy transition seminar lessons. Five parents per class.	Reception parents to observe Year 1 lessons. Yr 1 parents to observe Yr 2 lessons. All Year 1 & 2 classes.

Nursery stay and play sessions.

Soft Start Sessions For Parents	
<p>Rainbow Class (Morning Nursery)</p>  <p><u>8.45 – 8.55 am</u></p>	<p>Tuesday 6th June Thursday 8th June Tuesday 13th June Thursday 15th June Tuesday 20th June Thursday 22nd June Tuesday 27th June Thursday 29th June Tuesday 4th July Thursday 6th July</p>
<p>Snowflake Class (Afternoon Nursery)</p>  <p><u>12.45 -12.55 pm</u></p>	