



Kenmore Park Infant & Nursery School



Parent Newsletter



Monday 13th November 2017.

Quality Mark awarded for the 6th time.

We are proud to announce that the school was awarded the Basic Skills Quality Mark for the 6th time last month. The assessment is carried out every three years and is an external audit of quality assurance visit endorsing the positive work of the school in promoting teaching and learning in the basic skills of reading, writing and mathematics.

We would like to thank the parents who spoke to the assessor sharing their experiences of the range of parental engagement activities the school provides that build those partnerships which have the most impact on their child's learning.

The assessor was very impressed with the work the school is doing to support pupils learning and progress in reading, writing and mathematics and praised the way the school is using the visible learning action research approach to track the impact on pupils' progress. The children were also interviewed as part of the process and talked passionately about their enjoyment of learning and described the dispositions of an effective learner at KPINS – being a Sensible Squirrel, Tough Tortoises, Wise Owl and Team Ant.

I would also like to thank the senior staff who led the assessment process. A strong example of the distributive leadership within the school.

The first half term down.

The children appear very settled following their initial induction into their respective year groups and classes. Walking around the school the children seem happy and engaging well with their learning and environment. The second cohort of Nursery pupils are also now more settled and beginning to engage with the various learning opportunities provided within the setting.

All parents from Reception to Year 2 will now have had the opportunity to meet the class teacher and have that one to one time to share information about their child as their first teachers and also hear about how their child has adapted to their new class, year group and learning.

It won't be long now before the first of the three school terms comes to an end. However, before that, there are a number of activities and events you need to be aware of.

Over the next few weeks the staff and pupils will be busy preparing for the annual Christmas production. This is one of the main school events which involves every child from Nursery to Year 2. Parents will be invited to make bookings to watch the production which will be held over two days.

More information and how to book tickets will be sent out early December so look out for the parentmail message which will guide you on how to make the booking and payment details.

The parental engagement workshops are now all up and running and reception have now hosted a number of parent workshops which we hope you have found useful. **(list of dates and times below).**

Events and activities during the autumn term 2017.

Seminar lessons and parent workshops Autumn 2017.

Date	Workshop	Classes
13/11/17	Ocean Maths sessions: Parent Workshops: 9 – 10 am:	Ladybird Class
14/11/17	“	Caterpillar Class
15/11/17	“	Glow Worm Class
16/11/17	“	Butterfly Class
14/11/17	KS 1 Literacy workshops	Yr 1 – 9 a.m. Yr 2 – 2.45 p.m.
20/11/17	PE workshops for reception parents. 2.15 – 3.00 p.m.	Ladybird Class.
23/11/17	“ 9-9.45 a.m. 2.15 – 3.00 p.m.	Glow worm Class Butterfly Class
27/11/17	“ 2.15 – 3.00 p.m.	Caterpillar Class

ICT Parent Sessions (My USO)

Parents will have the choice of attending one of 2 sessions. The sessions will be held in the ICT room. Information will be sent out explaining how to book a slot.

Panda Class	Session1 (During usual ICT session)	Monday 20th November at 9.15 – 10.00 am
	Session 2	Tuesday 21st November at 10.30 – 11.15 am
Penguin Class	Session 1 (During usual ICT session)	Tuesday 21st November at 2.30 – 3.15 pm
	Session 2	Thursday 23rd November at 2.30 – 3.15 pm
Ladybird Class	Session 1 (During usual ICT lesson)	Wednesday 22nd November at 9.15 – 10.00 am
	Session	Wednesday 22nd November at 3.30 – 4.00 pm
Glow worm Class	Session 1 (During usual ICT lesson)	Friday 24th November at 9.15 – 10.00 am
	Session 2	Friday 24th November at 3.30 – 4.00 pm

Caterpillar Class	Session 1 (During usual ICT lesson)	Thursday 23 rd November at 9.15 – 10.00 am
	Session 2	Thursday 23 rd November at 3.30 – 4.00 pm
Butterfly Class	Session 1 (During usual ICT lesson)	Tuesday 21 st November at 9.15 to 10.00 am
	Session 2	Tuesday 21 st November at 3.30 – 4.00 pm

Health and well- being.

Fruit stall

As part of the schools' drive to improve Healthy living within local communities, every Wednesday after school the school runs a fruit and vegetable stall, selling fresh produce to our school community.

Now the Fruit and Veg stall held at Kenmore Schools, would like to offer pre-ordered delivery of Fruit and Veg boxes to the school community. To find out more come along to a briefing on Friday 24th November at 2.45 p.m. in the school hall. (a flyer will be sent out nearer the time).

REMINDERS

Please also be reminded that as part of the schools' healthy schools drive and safeguarding the right for all children to be safe, the school operates a **NO nuts, sweets, confectionary, fizzy drinks policy.**

NO PACKED LUNCHES unless authorised by the Head or Deputy and your child has a medical condition diagnosed with evidence to support the case.

Only healthy snack may be brought into school and we expect similar treats at the end of the school day once the children have been collected from school. We do not want to see parents **bring crisps and confectionary onto the school site at the end of school** as a snack for your child. **So please do not bring crisps, 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 crisps 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!

Birthday's

If it is your child's birthday and you wish to distribute treats', please send either donate a book with a special inscription to commemorate the occasion or some form of stationary. Party bags containing edible treats should not be sent in, nor will staff be made responsible for distributing any party bags.

Attendance.

Please be reminded with Christmas approaching any request for leave prior to the break will not be authorised. Cheaper travel arrangements will not be considered as an exceptional reason for your child to be taken out of school prior to the Christmas break.

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.

Reception 8.50 a.m. – 3.15 p.m. once the children are full time.

Year 1 & 2: 8.50 – 3.20 p.m.



The school **does not approve** any leave during term time for holidays. Any application for leave under the exceptional circumstances will need to be supported with appropriate evidence and then assessed to see that it fits the criteria. Any leave that is taken without authorisation could lead to a penalty notice. Parents are reminded not to make any flight arrangements before discussing any requests for leave with the school first. The school adheres to the local authority AIM procedures.

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

A huge congratulation to the number of classes achieving 100% weekly attendance a really positive start to the school year. Let's keep it up.

Week	Class	% attendance
02 - 06 Oct	Glow Worm	99
09 – 13 Oct	Jelly Fish	99.6
16 – 19 Oct	Dolphin	100
30- 03 Nov	Caterpillar Glow Worm Ladybird Canada	100%
October	Dolphin	98.9

School term dates.

AUTUMN TERM 2017

Last day Of Term - Wednesday 20th December

SPRING TERM 2018

First Day of Term - Thursday 4th January
 Half Term - Monday 12th – Friday 16th Feb
 Last day Of Term - Thursday 29th March

SUMMER TERM 2018

First Day of Term - Monday 16th April (INSET)
 May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 1st May
 Half Term - Monday 28th - Friday 1st June
 Last day Of Term - Tuesday 24th July

INSET dates below.

Friday 23rd February 2018 - Monday 16th April 2017



***Please note if you have a child/children in the Junior School that they have an INSET day on Tuesday 24th July the Infant school DOES NOT, So children will be required to attend school as usual on Tuesday 24th July (the Junior School will end on Monday 23rd July)**

Remember each school term ends at 2.15 p.m.
 (Wednesday 20th December 2017. Thursday 29th March & Tuesday 24th July 2018)

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.

Each month we will celebrate by announcing the class with the most pupils walking to school on Wednesdays.

From this half term we will also be monitoring the journey to school for all our reception pupils and hope that parents will encourage walking, scootering or biking to school and in particular every Wednesday so that the children can start collecting their WOW badges.

Harrow Schools Counselling Partnership - REMINDER



This is a reminder that the school has received three years of funding from the John Lyons Trust which has allowed us to employ the services of Harrow Schools Counselling Partnership to help us look after your child's emotional health and wellbeing.

The aim of the service is to provide therapeutic support and advice to children, parents and staff across the school.

The Space.

Part of the provision is to offer a lunchtime drop-in service, called The Space, to all of the children in the school. They can come along and talk about anything that might be troubling them either on their own or with a friend. Today's children have many concerns about friendship, peer pressure, social media, body image, SATs and transition to high school. The Space offers them a place to talk about their concerns and gets support. Please let the school know if, for some reason, you do not want your child to attend The Space.

Parent's Drop-In

In addition, there will also be a confidential drop-in service for Parents. If you have any concerns about your child, need some strategies to help them at home or you need a space for yourself. The drop-in will be available on **Wednesday mornings between 9.00-10.00 am**. Remember our Counselling Services Manager **Maryam Rashid** is here to help you.

If you would like to know more or arrange an appointment feel free to contact **Maryam** by email at **maryam@hscp.info** or by phone on **07901 000606**.

After School Club.

You should all have received a parent mail message informing you that from Monday 2nd October any child collected late from school (after 3.30 p.m.) will be taken to the after school club and parents will be charge a minimum of £4 when they arrive to collect their child.

The School shares the After School Club with the Juniors which provides parents with child care from 3.30 – 5.45 p.m. Monday to Friday it is run by Kenmore Park Schools and offers parents/careers 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 now also escort children to the After school club if parents are late collecting their child at the end of the school day and they will be charge 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 in the after school club.

Details can be obtained from the Junior School office.

Christmas Fair 2017 – get the date in your diaries!

The annual Christmas Fair is upon us and if it anything like last years it should be a fun and engaging event with Santa's grotto, stalls, rides and so much more.

The date of this event for your diaries is Saturday 16th December 2017.

This is built on the success of the last PTA (parents, teachers association) community event- the summer fair which raised £1335.

NSPCC visit.

I'm pleased to tell you that we will be working with the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, who'll be delivering their **Speak out. Stay safe.** programme on **Tuesday 14th November 2017**. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they'll be presenting an assembly to the children in our school.

What is the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme?

Through child-friendly, interactive assemblies specially trained staff and volunteers will give our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries, sensitively discussing issues like bullying and sexual abuse, without using scary words or adult language.

We have studied the content of the materials and heard from other schools who have participated and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of their visit, we're convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

If you would like any more information about the NSPCC **Speak out. Stay safe.** programme, including frequently asked questions, you can find it on the NSPCC website nspcc.org.uk/schools

Talking about the Underwear Rule with your children

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe – and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes 'The Underwear Rule', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse – without using scary words or even mentioning sex.

The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at nspcc.org.uk/pants

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/.

Our free online safety workshop for parents and carers **Wednesday 15th November 2017.**

We would like to invite all parents, carers or family members to a free **online safety workshop** **which will be held in conjunction with the Junior school** 9 a.m. on Wednesday 15th November in the Junior School hall. The content covered in the workshops are aimed at adults. Parents with children are advised to arrange childcare if possible.

The hour-long workshop will help parents, carers and other adults understand their child's online world, build confidence to have those important conversations that can help keep children safe online and help you know where to go for help and advice.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity. If you haven't done so already confirm your booking via the parent mail message sent out earlier last week or come and see a member of the office staff who will be more than happy to assist you in booking a place.

Health & Safety.

The reception/nursery entrance and walk way is a very busy area and we would politely ask that parents do not stand and chat in the area when the gates are opening and parents/children are trying to get to the various classes. Your support is much appreciated. Thank you.

