

Kenton Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 18th May 2018



Well Done to Our Year 6s!

Our Year 6s have now finished their SATs. It can be a very stressful time for some children, but our Year 6s handled the situation brilliantly, with positive attitudes and a calm approach. Whatever the results, we are very proud of them.

To celebrate the end of the assessments, the Year 6s will be having a special party on Monday morning. Please check the letter for details of food and clothing etc.

Forest School

Forest school is on Friday next week for Reception + Year 2 instead of Monday.

After half term it will be the turn of the Year 1s. If any adults are happy to come along and help, please see Mr Baxter or Mrs Narramore.



Aquarium Trip

Last week, Willow and Cherry Classes went to Plymouth Aquarium. We had an amazing day, seeing sharks, lots of fish, a turtle, jellyfish, an octopus and even a mermaid! Everyone learnt lots about sea creatures and underwater environments. We'd like to send a special thank you to all of the adult helpers who joined us and helped make it a really special day.

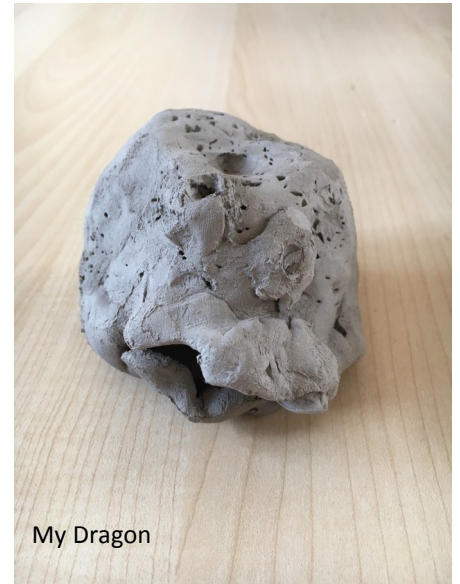


A Child's View.....Molly in Year 1

In Cherry Class we have been learning about dragons—we have heard a couple of stories about dragons and we have had a go at some writing too. In Maths we have been doing sums—adding and taking away. My favourite subjects in school are Art and Science. I really love it when we make things with clay—we made some clay dragons. I like doing really delicate models and then keeping them so I have a happy memory of making them.

At playtimes I really like going to friendship club. Me and my best friends go together and do some colouring and chat. I have school dinners for lunch—my favourite is fish fingers and chips!

I go swimming on Mondays afterschool at Dawlish leisure centre. I got my 15m badge in swimming. On Saturday mornings I do a drama class in Exeter at the college. We did some drama about the evacuees. Next we're going to do a princess film! I really like going on play dates with my friends Daisy and Anais. When we play we play with my cuddly toys—I have hundreds of them! My favourite cuddly is my beanie-boo cats.



Reports Wednesday 11th July

and Open Evening Thursday 12th July

3.30pm - 6.00pm

Reports for all children will be coming home on Wednesday 11th July. There will be an explanation of assessments in all reports, but please come to see staff if you wish to know more about this.

The Open Evening will be on Thursday 12th July, and will be a chance for everyone to come in to see what the children have achieved over the year. You can also take this opportunity to have a chat with your child's teacher or to say hello to their new one for September.

Staff leaving and starting

We are very sorry to be losing Linda Thorne at the end of this half-term, who will be taking a well-earned retirement. Linda has supported a huge number of children in her 28 years at Kenton Primary, some of who are now our Mums and Dads. Her expertise in Special Educational Needs, as well as the countless other jobs that she does, will be very much missed. Being a very modest person, Mrs Thorne does not want a lot of fuss made about her leaving, so we will have a simple school assembly on that day.

However we have already made some appointments to fill the big hole that Mrs Thorne will leave. Linda Baker will take over as the SEN Support Teaching Assistant from after half-term. We have also appointed an experienced Teaching Assistant, Tamsin England, to take on Mrs Thorne's classroom and individual support roles. Tamsin is currently working at Oaklands School Dawlish.

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Forest School News.....

Reception and Year Two have been lucky with the weather in their first summer session - the children were amazed at the difference in the woodland since last visiting in January; all the leaves are luminous green and the nettles are taller than some of us!

Tree climbing and den building have been popular and Yr2 have enjoyed making some natural art using hammers to bash leaves - this is called Hapa Zome.

Despite the warm weather, please make sure your child has a long-sleeved top and long trousers; this minimises the risk of a tick bite as well as protecting against nettle stings and scratches as we play in the woods.

School Money

Community Forum has asked us to consider a few changes to School Money.

We have researched their request and so the changes listed below have been made or can be requested by parents.



Consent for trips can now be given on the School Money site. As long as you agree to everything on the trip letter, you can now press the consent button when paying and do not need to return the trip letter to school. If however you need to make any changes to your child's medical conditions, photo consent, query the trip conditions or order a school packed lunch you will need to go to the office.

Diary of Events			
Thurs 24th May	Sports Day Reserve Date	School Field	
Friday 25th May	KS2 Dartmoor 3 Ball Competition	DCC Field	AM
Weds 23rd May	Air Ambulance Assembly	School	AM
Thurs 24th May	Mrs Thorne's Leaving Assembly—all welcome	School Hall	10.15am
4th—8th June	Arts Week		
Weds 6th June	Presentation by Grenville House to Y4 and 5 parents	School	3.45pm
W/b 11th June	Year 1 phonic assessments during this week	School	
Weds 13th June	Paul Cornish, from Dawlish Community College available to meet parents	School	3.30pm
Weds 13th June	Presentation by Grenville House to Y4 and 5 parents	Kenn School	6.00pm
Thurs 21st June	Finance and Personnel Governor meeting	School	6.00pm
Friday June 22nd	Summer production	Powderham	5.30pm— 7.30pm
25th—29th June	Bikeability—for year 6 and some year 5's details to follow	School	
25th—29th June	Balance Bikeability for Foundation and Year 1 children	School	
Tues 26th June	Reception sharing assembly for parents	School	3.00pm
Weds 27th June	Y1 sharing assembly for parents	School	3.00pm
Weds 4th July	Y2 sharing assembly for parents	School	3.00pm
Fri 6th July	Oak sharing assembly for parents	School	3.00pm
Weds 11th July	Reports out to parents		

Diary of Events continued

Thurs 12th July	Y5 sharing assembly for parents	School	3.00pm
Thurs 12th July	Open evening	School	3.30pm-6pm
Tues 17th July	Young Voices celebration evening	Kenn School	6.00pm
Thurs 19th July	Teaching and Learning Governor meeting	School	4.00pm
Thurs 19th July	Full Governor meeting	School	6.00pm
Fri 20th July	Leavers' Assembly	School	9.15am

Term dates for the year

SUMMER TERM 2018 begins Monday 16th April 2018

May Day Monday 7th May

Half-term 28th May—1st June

Second half of term starts on Monday 4th June 2018

Summer term ends on Friday 20th July 2018

AUTUMN TERM 2018 begins Wednesday 5th September 2018

Half-term 19th—26th October 2018

Monday 29th October Non-pupil day

Second half of term starts on Tuesday 30th October 2018

Autumn term ends on Friday 21st December 2018

SPRING TERM 2019 begins Monday 7th January 2019

Half-term 15th-22nd February 2019

Second half of term starts on Monday 25th February 2019

Spring term ends on Friday 5th April

SUMMER TERM 2019 begins Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Bank Holiday Monday 6th May 2019