

Kenton Primary School January Newsletter



Welcome!

We are now 3 weeks into the Spring Term, and I have been made to feel very welcome by the children, parents and staff. It has been a pleasure to get to know the children and experience polite manners, great attitudes to learning which we will continue to maintain and grow. To support the children with this, we have introduced new rewards systems to support and celebrate good behaviour, achievements and learning. These are:

Star of the week

Every week the school comes together to celebrate children's learning and achievements. Part of the celebration assembly is the 'star of the week' award. One child from each class will be awarded this certificate for going above and beyond what is expected. This could include supporting others in class or lunchtime or showing resilience with their work.



House Points

We are going to expand on bringing the children together in their houses. The children will be rewarded house points for lots of different aspects of school life. These will include, good manners, supporting others, resilience etc. The house points will be tallied up for individual and house rewards. These will be shared in our celebration assembly.



Always club

This club is open to children who are noticed for 'always' doing the right thing. They will be rewarded with special activities, maybe even a trip out!

Uniform

When children look smart, they feel smart and we notice that this then has a positive impact on the children's behavior and attitudes in school. School uniform promotes the feeling of belonging, equality and sense of community. Thank you for your ongoing support with ensuring your child comes to school in the correct uniform for both school and PE days.

Swimming

Oak and Chestnut children spent their afternoons swimming at Dawlish Leisure Centre last week. The children were learning vital water skills, which are especially important as we live by the coast. The children made the school proud with their polite manners and good behaviour. The children themselves have commented on how they feel more confident in the water and are able to do new things.



Children's Mental Health Week

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk>

Week commencing 7th February is Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is 'Growing Together'. Growing Together is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other develop as young people. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. However, emotional growth is often a gradual process that happens over time, and sometimes we might feel a bit 'stuck'. The children will be completing different activities in class around emotional growth.



Parent Consultations and Reports

This term there is a likely possibility that we will be holding remote parent meetings during the week beginning 28th March. These will either be held over the telephone or via a remote platform. Further information is to follow. We are working to develop our report format. This year there will be a new and improved summer report instead of a spring and summer report.



Parent App

You will shortly be receiving a letter with your child's login details for our new parent app. The Smart School Website Parent App is a unique and innovative way in which schools can communicate with parents. We will be able to send urgent message, reminders and notifications of new posts on the website. You will be able to receive all this information directly to your smart phone. Please download the app to your phone and follow the instructions outlined in the login letter. If you have any problems, please phone the smart school app direct and they will be able to assist you.

Kenton Primary School – Facebook page

To promote our school, and share the wonderful things we do, as well as support communication with parents, I have created a Kenton Primary school Facebook page. We would like to add photos and posts about the activities the children complete in school. Photos of children will only be used with parent's permission. If you have consented for the school to use photos of your child, but you would prefer your child's photo not to be used on the school Facebook page, please message the office directly so we can add this onto our records.

Please give our page a like!

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/Kenton-Primary-School-347612025357803/>



Safeguarding

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We are fully committed to ensuring that consistent effective safeguarding procedures are in place to support families, children and staff at the school. These are the safeguarding officers in school.



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Mrs Lorraine Curry
Designated Safeguarding
Lead (DSL)
Executive Headteacher



Mrs Gemma Sandercock
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead
Head of School



Mrs Lorraine Bestwick
Safeguarding Team
SENDCo



Mr Will Dale
Senior Safeguarding
Governor

Happy Retirement

After working at the school for 21 years, Mrs Hohl has decided to retire. She has been a valued member of the team at Kenton, while supporting the children will all aspects of their school life. She will be sorely missed. Mrs Hohl intends to keep herself busy with tidying her garden and catching up with long overdue DIY jobs. She would also like to volunteer with a local animal charity and the Westbank Centre in Exminster. She thoroughly enjoys bird watching and cycling and will certainly be doing a lot more of these activities. We wish her all the best for the future and a happy retirement.

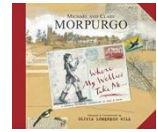


Class News

Lots of exciting things have been happening in class since the start of the Spring Term. The children have begun their new topics, which can be found on the class pages on the website.

Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class are using the book, 'Where my Wellies Take me' in their English lessons.



We have begun taking walks around the village, looking for interesting and unusual things that we can base our writing on later in this unit.

Here are a couple of examples matched to the mist we saw last week:

'The pure white mist was looming mysteriously around the trees that were still like ice in a frozen lake.'

'The haze gathered; fog looming through the hills; pure white mist cutting like a pair of scissors; as fluffy as sheep's wool; a duvet for the land.'



Oak Class

Oak Class have been working hard on reading daily and working towards their accelerated reader targets.



Cherry Class

Cherry Class have started their topic about the rainforests and the first challenge was to learn about the seven continents. We then discovered where the main forests were and why.



In PE we are developing our ball skills and our team work so that we can put it all together in some team games!



Willow Class

Winter has arrived in Willow! We have enjoyed a range of independent activities including being polar explorers, making warm soup in the mud kitchen, creating magical castles, making up adventures and reading polar bear books in our ice castle role play area, creating polar bear art, and learning new songs. What a busy time!



Kenton School Parents Association

The KSPA have several planned events in the Spring Term to raise funds for the school. I would like to thank everyone involved in the KSPA for your hard work and dedication to supporting the school. We will need to risk assess all events before they go ahead, but these are provisionally booked for the coming weeks. We may need to cancel or postpone some events if we have high numbers of positive Covid-19 cases in the school, but we will keep you informed.

Date	Event
Friday 11th February	Quiz Night at The Orangery - KSPA organized.
Friday 11 th /Monday 14 th February	Clothes recycle - clothes drop off at the school, Friday 11th Feb and Monday 14th February (@ school drop off and pick up) <i>Please put the clothes in a sealed bag so they can be quarantined before recycling.</i>
Friday 4th March	Cake Stall 'Fake or Bake' playground 3.30pm (cakes provided by Willow Parents please).
Friday 11th March Friday	Cake Stall 'Fake or Bake' playground 3.30pm (cakes provided by Cherry Parents please).
Friday 18th March	Cake Stall 'Fake or Bake' playground 3.30pm (cakes provided by Oak Parents please).
Friday 23rd March	Cake Stall 'Fake or Bake' playground 3.30pm (cakes provided by Chestnut Parents please)

Bake Stalls

We will contact the various parent groups regarding the cake stalls via our WhatsApp groups. If parents or families would like to either bake or buy some cakes/biscuits for us to sell in the playground after school, please could they be brought along at 3.20pm on the day of the sale. (No nuts please). Again, we will only be able to run cake stalls if we are able to do so, and this will be dependent on positive Covid numbers.

The money raised will go to the KSPA (Kenton School Parents Association) which goes towards extras for our children / school/facilities.



Dairy Dates

Date	Event
4 th February	NSPCC Number Day
7 th – 13 th February	Children's Mental Health Week.
8 th February	Safer Internet Day
16 th February	Youth Mental Health Foundation Assembly - Believe in yourself and follow your dreams.
21 st – 25 th February	Half Term
3 rd March	World Book Day
Wk beg 28 th March	Parent consultation meetings
Tuesday 29 th March	Rotary club of Dawlish – Schools quiz. Year 6 children
Friday 8 th April	Last day of spring term

Term Dates 2021 – 2022

Spring Term 2022

Start of spring term - Wednesday 5th January
Half Term Monday 21st – Friday 25th February
Second half of term starts – Monday 28th February
Spring term ends – Friday 8th April

Summer Term 2022

Summer term begins Monday 25th April 2022
Bank holiday Monday 2nd May
Half term Monday 30th – Friday 3rd June
Second half of term starts - Monday 6th June
Non pupil day - Friday 8th July
Summer Term ends - Friday 22nd July

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