

Kenton Primary School October Newsletter



It's half term and what an amazing first half term we have had at school. The children have all come back and settled into school life amazingly. They have been working hard in all areas of their school life and enjoyed a range of curriculum experiences. Willow class have had a visit from children's Nurse Nikki Murphy, Oak class have been out to Wildwood Escot to explore an Anglo Saxon Village and the whole school enjoyed the Theatre Alibi performance.

We have lots of exciting things planned for the second half of the Autumn Term, and we are grateful for contributions that the KSPA provide to support these activities. We appreciate the difficulties faced by many in the current climate, so please come and speak to Mrs Sandercock if you have any concerns relating to the cost of trips or activities.

It has been lovely to be able to welcome you all back into school for your parent consultation this week. Our door is always open and if you want to discuss any aspect of your child's education please contact your class teacher on Seesaw or through the office at admin@kentonschool.co.uk.

Uniform

If you haven't already, please remember that we are giving everyone a jumper/cardigan and polo shirt free of charge. Please pop along to Thomas Moore in Exeter.



Homework

The children will not be bringing their homework books home over the half term break. New homework will be set on Friday 4th November. Please keep reading with your child over the break.



Seesaw

If you are still unable to access Seesaw, please contact Mrs Sandercock who will be able to help.



Exeter Food Bank

Thank you to everyone who donated food at our Harvest Festival on Monday. Mrs Hilliard took the food to Exeter Food bank and it weighed a total of 81kg. An amazing result. Terry, from the food bank, came into school to tell us about the work that they do as well.



A Thank you from Terry at Exeter Food Bank:

Amazing result!

That was a tremendous Harvest effort from the children and parents at Kenton School.

81kg is a lot of food which my Wednesday sorting team will be dealing with today -

they always enjoy having more rather than less food to sort. You have shown the true meaning of Harvest which is, of course, being thankful, but also SHARING what we have with others less fortunate. A big, big thank you to your school families who have certainly stepped up to the challenge of these difficult times.

Harvest Festival

Well done to all the children for an amazing performance in the church on Monday to celebrate harvest. The children have worked really hard to learn songs, lines and dances. They spoke very confidently and we were very proud to show off their amazing art work.



Online Safety

During October, Jonathan Taylor visited Cockwood, Kenton and Kenn Primary Schools to deliver online safety training to teachers, governors, and parents. Jonathan is a Social Media and Online Safety Consultant with over 23 years experience in this field from his time served in the police force. Jonathan covered many interesting areas, including current problematic trends and apps, things to think about when using the internet, and also the positives that internet use can provide. The following considerations were particularly impactful:

Think about your 'digital tattoo': As soon as any individual has a device and begins to use it, information will start to be stored about that person (e.g. on their phone, on their games console, in search engines) This can never be erased, and could include posts you have 'liked', images you have searched, photos you have taken, etc. which could later be used by an organisation (e.g. university, prospective employer) to find out more about you. Try and create a positive 'brand' as soon as you start using devices in life, to create the profile and image that you would wish others to see.

Teach your child healthy online practices: From the age of around 10 help your child to start building up the skills they need to tackle the online world, from not making online friends who you don't know in real life, to turning off your GPS at home so that your location can't be tracked via your online activity. If you start passing on these sensible strategies to your child from a young age, after a few years of prompting you will have created a resilient individual, much more able to handle the challenging situations they will no doubt face online. If you leave this until they are already a teenager they are much less likely to take your advice on board.

Get involved: Don't bury your head or shelter your child from the realities of social media and the online world. Keep communicating with them, talking them through the issues so as to arm them to combat the challenges they will face.

Many thanks to those of you who were able to attend, and to Jonathan for his time. For further information please visit onlinesafety4schools.co.uk for lots of useful information and resources. **Charlotte Wilkin, Governor**

Pre-School

We have funded and paid for spaces available in our Pre-School for 3 and 4-year old children. We are open Tuesday to Thursday 8.45am - 3:30pm term time. Please speak to the school office to arrange a tour or for further information.



Pre-School Places at Kenton Primary School

15 or 30 hours of free Early Years Funding for
3 and 4 year olds.

Full days 9.00am to 3.30pm Tuesday to
Thursday, term time only.

Half day sessions also possible.

For more information

call Kenton Primary School 01626 890465 or



KSPA News

The quiz night has been organised for Friday 11th November, at the Orangery, at Powderham castle.

The clothes collections raised over £200, so thank you to all those that have donated.

Tempest Photography

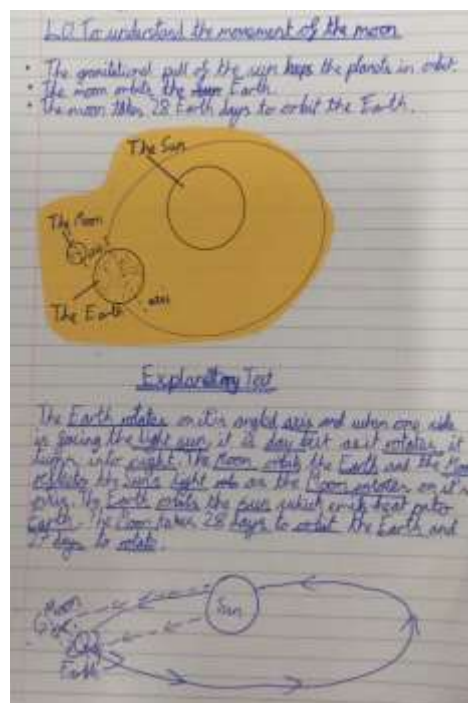
Tempest photography will be in school on Wednesday 2nd November in the afternoon. The photographer will take individual photos as well as sibling photos. If you have a younger child who is not in school that day, you are welcome to come to the school hall at 3.30pm to have a group photo taken.

Class News

Lots of exciting things have been happening in class over the past few weeks. Here is a highlight from each class.

Chestnut Class

In science this term our topic has been the solar system. This week we have been focusing on the movement of the moon. This is an example of what we have found out.



Oak Class

Today in science we looked at the different parts of our digestion system and the purpose of each feature. We labelled the organs within the digestive system and then did a practical experiment. We used a plastic bag to represent the stomach. We added crackers and a pear to the bag to represent eating the food and we poured in water (representing saliva) and orange squash (representing stomach acid). As a class we took turns to squash, squeeze and mix the food, much like the stomach does. Then we poured the contents into tights (representing the small intestine). Lots of liquid poured out. The liquid represents the nutrients that our body needs and would use. Once the liquid had poured out, we moved the contents to a cup (representing the large intestine) and squeezed the food out, representing what happens when we go to the toilet.



Willow Class

In Willow Class we have had a wonderful time exploring the church as part of their learning in Religious Education. The children have sketched different parts of the church and discussed what the different parts are called.



Diary Dates

Date	Event
Wednesday 2 nd November 2022	Tempest individual school photographs
Thursday 3 rd November 2022	SCARF workshops
Thursday 10 th November 2022	Author Visit and workshops - whole school
Friday 11 th November 2022	7:15pm - KSPA AGM - Orangery Cafe 8pm - KSPA Quiz Night
Friday 11 th , 18 th , 25 th November, 2 nd December 2022	Year 4 Forest School
Friday 18 th November 2022	Children in Need
Wednesday 23 rd November 2022	Chestnut trip to Parliament London
Thursday 8 th December 2022	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 9 th December 2022	4:30pm – 6:30pm - Children’s Christmas Party - venue TBC
Friday 16 th December 2022	9:30am - Christmas Performance - Kenton Church
Friday 16 th December 2022	Last day of term

Term Dates 2022 / 2023

Autumn Term 2022

Autumn Term begins Monday 6th September 2022
Half term holiday – Monday 24th – Friday 28th October 2022
Non Pupil Day – Monday 31st October 2022
Second half term starts – Tuesday 1st November 2022
Autumn Term ends – Friday 16th December 2022

Spring Term 2023

Spring Term begins Wednesday 4th January 2023
Non Pupil Day – Friday 10th February 2023
Half term holiday – Monday 13th – Friday 17th February 2023
Second half term starts – Monday 20th February 2023
Summer Term ends – Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term 2023

Summer Term begins Monday 17th April 2023
Bank Holiday - Monday 1st May 2023
Half term holiday – Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2023
Second half term starts – Monday 5th June 2023
Summer Term ends – Friday 21st July 2023

Term Dates for September 2023 - July 2024

	Sep-23				Oct-23					Nov-23				
Monday	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
Tuesday	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Wednesday	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Thursday	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
Friday	1	8	15	22	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	
Saturday	2	9	16	23	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	
Sunday	3	10	17	24	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	
	Dec-23				Jan-24					Feb-24				
Monday	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
Tuesday	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
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Saturday	2	9	16	23	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	
Sunday	3	10	17	24	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	
	Mar-24				Apr-24					May-24				
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	Jun-24				Jul-24					Aug-24				
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key:	weekends				days outside Devon's school terms					Bank holidays				
	Training days				Occasional days									
					Academy days									

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