

December Parent Newsletter



Wednesday 1st December 2021

Twentieth Anniversary

At the end of this term I will officially have been the Headteacher of Kenmore Park School for twenty years. I cannot believe how fast the twenty years have passed, I can remember clearly my early years at the school and continue to thoroughly enjoy my job and feel privilege to have such a wonderfully committed group of staff and lovely children who bring me huge pleasure and daily rewards. Each day is different and I look forward to continuing my learning journey at KPINS, but it may be not for another twenty years! Thank you for being such a lovely school community.

The run up to the Christmas Break

Not only is Christmas a fun time in school but it is equally a stressful one with preparation for the annual Christmas production underway. The last two school years have prevented us from hosting one of the highlights of the school year the annual Christmas production. It is a ticket only event and to enable every parent to attend we restrict the number of tickets per family to two and 100 seats per performance. Parents are also expected to stay for the whole performance and not just walk out once their child has performed. There is a story line and the performance has to be watched from start to finish. No one is permitted to leave part way through. If you attend please allow 90 minutes for the performance at the most. **NO EXIT ONCE THE PERFORMANCE HAS STARTED!**

In light of the most recent government COVID updates and the new variant of the virus, **we will be expecting all adult members of the audience to wear face coverings and if they are unable to wear one to provide a valid medical reason for not.** **We reserve the right to refuse entrance if you do not adhere to the DfE safety measures!!** It is important that we all work together to minimise the risk of transition amongst our school community.

We will be hosting an extra performance for the morning nursery parents only on the morning of the 6th December at 10.30 a.m. It will not be the whole performance it will be a chance to watch the morning Nursery performance for parents who have young children and unable to attend the adult only session on Tuesday 7th December which is adult only.

Recording of the Christmas Production.

Parent who wish to record their child during the performance may do so, however please be mindful in line with the General Data Protection Regulations you should not put the recording on face book or any other social media platform including WhatsApp video as other children's images may be on the recording and you do not have the right to share their images with others. This is illegal to do so with their permission under the data protection regulations.

When making any recordings during the performance please move to the sides of the hall to avoid obscuring the view of others watching the performance behind you.

Christmas raffle is back with some great prizes

Raffle tickets for our Christmas raffle commences on Monday 6th December with some fantastic prizes to be won. £1 per ticket and please note that if your child is not in school on the day we will redraw the ticket on Friday 17th December. You must be available to collect the prize on the day of the draw! **Top prizes are Christmas food hampers, a folding Spiderman scooter and an EVO purple three wheeled scooter.**

Staff update

At the end of this term we say goodbye to Miss O'Grady the class teacher for the nursery. Mrs. Shah who previously worked at the school will be returning to teach the Nursery pupils from January to the end of the summer term. She has been making visits to get to know the children during the autumn term.

Sadly, Mrs. Shea who has been a Nursery Nurse at the school since 1997 will be retiring at the end of this term. We wish her all the very best, she will be hugely missed by us all!

Safeguarding

Thank you to all the parents who acknowledge the message below and are now providing healthy snacks at the end of the school day. However, it is disappointing to see how some of you are continuing to bring crisp, sweets and chocolate coated confectionary for your child every day. Such treats should be in moderation and not every day and are discouraged on school grounds.

In the spring term we will be launching the sugar smart campaign.

A harsh reminder!

Do you know it is a sign of neglect if your children have bad oral hygiene!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We have continued to be surprised and shocked at the number of young children presenting at school with decaying teeth or being absent due to surgery to remove teeth or simply suffering with tooth ache. **Last week we learnt how one parent was forced to spend over £1000 at a local dental practice on dental treatment** which could have been avoided if better care of the child's teeth had been taken from birth. This all impacts on your child's well-being and learning.

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to make sure that the children regularly brush their teeth and have a healthy diet.

I have been shocked at the number of parents that continue to bring sweets, chocolates, crisp and other high sugar/salt content food items to school at the end of the day when collecting their child.



Please note that **we do not permit these items** on the school site and would advise that if you need to bring something for your child to eat at the end of the school day and it cannot wait until they get home – you bring a healthy snack – fruit, raw vegetables and not chocolate bars, lollies or crisp!

No parent/carer wants to be accused of neglect, but under the remit of safeguarding and child protection this is! **So take action now, it is never too late!**

Dates for your diary.**What is coming up for the remainder of this half term?**

Date	Year group	Activity	Time	Arrangements	Venue
6 th December	All year groups	Christmas raffle tickets go on sale		Parents can purchase tickets at the start and end of the day when collecting their child £1 per ticket.	Playground
6 th December	Bear class – morning nursery session	EYFS performance	10.30 a.m.	This is an extra session just for morning nursery parent with young children unable to attend the adult only performance on Tuesday 7 th December.	In the hall
6 th December	All year groups	Christmas concert	1.15 p.m.	Parents with young children not of school age and or in buggies invited to this performance only, also afternoon Nursery parents.	In the hall
7 th December	All year groups	Christmas concert. (Ticket sale details will be sent out at the end of November)	9.15 a.m. 1.15 p.m.	No children allowed at this performance – Adults only.	In the hall.
Week beginning 13 th December	All year groups	Festive Week of alterations to the school uniform.		Each day a different Christmas dressing up item.	In school
14 th December	Year 1 & 2	Panto trip	8.15 a.m. children to arrive at school.	Children will be taken by coach. The coaches will leave school at 8.40 a.m.	Harrow Arts Centre
16 th December	All year groups	Class Christmas Parties		The children will have their class Christmas parties – staff will purchase the food and parents will be asked to make a contribution via Weduc.	In school.
17 th December	All year groups	Christmas Jumper day		Donate £1	In school

17 th December	Reception Year 1 & 2 No afternoon nursery session	School term ends		Reception pupils finish at 2.00 p.m. & Year 1 & 2 pupils finish at 2.15 p.m.
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Autumn Term 2021

Last day of term

Friday 17 December (finish at **2 p.m. for Reception and 2.15 p.m. for pupils in Years 1 & 2**)

Please note the school closes at the end of the day on Friday 17 December 2021 and no sooner – there is no afternoon Nursery on that day.

Spring Term 2022

First day of school

Tuesday 4 January

INSET DAY (Children not in school)

Friday 14 January

Half term

Monday 14 February– Friday 18 February

Back to school

Monday 21 February

INSET DAY (Children not in school)

Friday 25 February

Last day of term

Friday 1st April (finish at 2.15 p.m.)

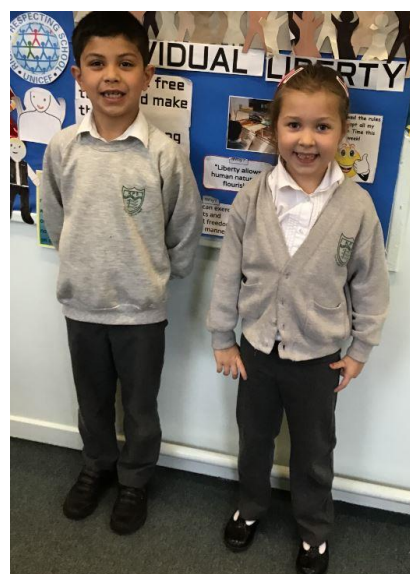
FREE gardening equipment for your school



Do your shop at Morrisons?

If so, for every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token to help your school get everything they need to get growing. You can download the MyMorrisons app and please start collecting Grow Tokens and choose Kenmore Park Infant & Nursery school to donate them to.

We will then be able to exchange their Grow Tokens for FREE gardening equipment to get kids growing.



REMINDER: COMPULSARY SCHOOL UNIFORM & PE UNIFORM CONVENES FROM SEPTEMBER!

Please be reminded that the school takes a hard line regarding compliance with the school uniform. It is parents' responsibility to ensure that their child is wearing the school uniform as stipulated in the school prospectus and website. On Wednesdays we require all children in Year 1 and 2 to wear the schools PE uniform which comprises of **Grey joggers (Option of black shorts in the summer) a grey top and black trainers/plimsolls and not**



their own sportswear. This uniform can also be worn for PE lessons, in line with their class timetables, on days other than Wednesday. All Uniform orders can be made via the Weduc App at the school shop.

Remember Black shoes (No Trainers please). Please respect the school's policy and practice by ensuring your child comes to school in the correct uniform. We thank you in advance for your support and compliance.

Required:

As and when cleaner: working hours 3.30 – 6 p.m. week days only (**no qualifications** required but experience of cleaning employment desirable).



As and When Lunch time leaders (1 hour 10 minutes per day) – are you able to work flexibly between the hours of 11.30 – 1 p.m. Please visit the school office and request an application form.



As and when (Casual) Teaching Assistants to work with specific pupils with additional needs. Must have a level 3 qualification in teaching and learning (or be working towards one) or equivalent qualification.

Harrow Schools Counselling Partnership
Supporting children, families and schools.



Reminder of our new School Counsellor!

Harrow Schools Counselling Partnership is in Kenmore Park Infant School.

Sylvia McLeod is the new Therapeutic Lead at the school. She is based here every **Wednesday**.

Below is a brief introduction to the Harrow Schools Counselling partnership, what is on offer and how they can support you:



Supporting Parents - Sometimes, we could all do with someone to talk to and that includes you as parents. If you would like to meet with me (Sylvia McLeod) for a safe and confidential chat about you, your child, or any concerns you might have, I am available to meet with you every **Wednesday between 9:00-10:00am**. Please feel free to get in touch via email smcleod17.307@lgflmail.org or by phone on 07901 000606 to book an appointment.

Supporting Children – I will offer a lunchtime drop-in for children who want to talk about any feelings or worries they may have: your child knows this as **The Space**. This is a safe, confidential space where children can feel listened to, feel better or to better understand their emotions.

Consent will be needed. If you would NOT like your child to make use of this service, please notify the school as soon as possible.

Please do feel free to contact me at any time on any of the contact details below:

Contact details: Email smcleod17.307@lgflmail.org

Phone: 07901 000606

After School Extra Curricular Clubs.

In the new year we have commissioned Super Star Sports to deliver two new clubs for pupils in Years 1 & 2 on our behalf. These include a Football club on Tuesday's and Discovery club on Thursday's. We will be writing to you to see how many parents would like to reserve a place for their child in the first instance **This is not a guarantee of a place, so do not send in any money.** In January parents will be sent confirmation that their child has been offered a place and to make the relevant payment.

The clubs will be offered in the first instance to children who have not yet attended a club during the autumn term. We would like all children in years 1 & 2 to have the opportunity over the year to attend at least one club.

Attendance highlights from the month of October.

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

Week	Class	% attendance
01 - 05 November	Dolphin	100%
08 – 12 November	Sea Turtle Lemur	100%
15 - 19 November	Lemur	97.45%
22 – 26 November	Lemur	98.6%
29 – 3 December	Dolphin	98.2%
Month of November	Lemur	98.45%

School Travel

Kenmore Park Infant and Nursery is a Healthy School and also has a Travel plan which means that the school is passionate about the health and well-being of its pupils and school community including parents/carers.

We feel very strongly about how children travel to school and encourage all pupils to walk or scooter to school rather than using the car. This is good for their health and also for the environment – helping to reduce carbon dioxide and pollutions which contributes to the increase in number of pupils suffering from Asthma!

We have designated pods for parking bikes & scooters in different areas of the school for the convenience of parents. We realise that some children live some distance away from the school and may need to come by car however, we would ask that parents park a little distance away from school and walk the rest of the route to school. As an incentive for children who walk we promote Walk on Wednesdays – 'WOW'. Children who walk to school every Wednesday of each month will receive a WOW badge at the end of the month. We look forward to your support with this initiative.



IMPORTANT SCHOOL ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

CHILDREN WHO ARE DUE TO START IN PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2022

CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN 1 SEPTEMBER 2017 AND 31 AUGUST 2018

You need to apply for a reception place. Please apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS
FRIDAY 15 JANUARY 2022**

**APPLYING ONLINE. IS EASY AND YOU GET AN INSTANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT YOUR
APPLICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED. YOU WILL ALSO RECEIVE AN EMAIL WITH THE
OUTCOME OF YOUR APPLICATION ON OFFER DAY.**

For details go to www.harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions

For help and advice on how to complete your application please email
schooladmissions@harrow.gov.uk