

October Parent Newsletter



Monday 2nd October 2023

Congratulations to Mr. Snowden.

Thank you to those of you who sponsored Mr. Snowden our Deputy Head/Inclusion leader who last month took part in the **Thames Path Challenge on Saturday 9th September.**

He was representing the school raising funds for the Schools Counselling Partnership who work in our school along with 45 other schools across London, predominantly in Ealing and Harrow offering therapeutic support for our whole school community - children, young people, parents, carers and teaching staff.

As I am sure you are aware the pressure on mental health services is huge with waiting lists for CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service) reaching 18-24 months and adult mental health services equally stretched.

Collectively the team raised £13,484 at last count which exceeded the target set of £10,000. Well done to the team and it is not too late to make a donation if you have not managed to make one yet.

Please donate whatever you can afford – no amount is too small. <https://gofund.me/13738ea7>
Your support is much appreciated!

Welcome to our new families and early years intake!

It has been impressive to see how well our new Nursery and Reception pupils have started to adapt to school routines and expectations following their induction. From the 2nd October our reception pupils commence full time education and from this week they enter their compulsory school education to the age of 18 years. Some children may still need to attend part time based on their specific needs and we are working with their families to support their gradual induction process.

It is important that the children attend school prepared and ready to cope with the demands of a full school day of teaching and learning. Therefore, it is important to establish good routines from home



and an important one is going to bed so that they have at least 12 hours sleep. The expectation is that infant age children are in bed and a sleep by 7.30 p.m. every evening. We are surprised at the number of parents that report their children going to bed after 9 p.m. or when they go to be after 10 p.m.! If you need help and support in establishing these routines, please speak to a member of staff who can sign post you to professionals who can help with this.

Children also need to be provided with a healthy balanced diet, like an engine if you provide the right fuel it will affect its performance. Junk food, confectionary, fizzy drinks, fatty foods make the children sluggish and affect performance. A healthy nutritious diet is vital fuel to support physical and mental performance.

We will be hosting a parent session later this term to be facilitated by our Health Improvement Officer, Public Health Team on the importance of healthy eating, types of foods that are good for children and support with how to change pupils eating habits.

Nourish our new catering company.

Our new caterers have settled in well and we are working with them to ensure that our new menu after half term accommodates the dietary needs and preferences of our pupils whilst also meeting the Nutrition standards. Please be reminded that children in the infant school should not be bringing packed lunches into school without meeting with the HT or DH to discuss the reasons and provide any medical evidence to validate the need for a packed lunch. We also check all packed lunches routinely to ensure that they meet health standards and if we find any items which oppose nutrition standards your child will not be permitted to consume it in school and it will be sent home uneaten at the end of the day!

Each month there are theme days this month's theme day is Thursday 5th October;

Mr Nourish's Birthday

Thursday 5th October 2023

Burger in a Bun 1,5	Salad Bar
Vegetable Nuggets 1,VG	Herby Diced Potato
Jacket Potato with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	Birthday Cake 1,9
Sweetcorn	Jelly Pots
	Fruit Pots

Competition

DESIGN A BIRTHDAY CARD FOR MR NOURISH

HAND IN TO THE CATERING TEAM

PRIZES TO BE AWARDED ON HIS BIRTHDAY

Diets marked with any of the following numbers contain the matching allergen: Allergen code: (1) Wheat/Gluten (2) Crustaceans (3) Soy/bean (4) Mustard (5) Sesame (6) Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide (7) Milk (8) Fish (9) Egg (10) Peanuts (11) Molluscs (12) Celery/Celery (13) Nuts (14) Lupins (15) Oat/Gluten (16) Barley/Gluten (17) Chickpeas

Rights Respecting School

We pride ourselves on being a rights respecting school and therefore, expect all our school community – staff, pupils and parents to adhere to our expectations.

Unfortunately, it has been disappointing to hear that some parents have been taking it upon themselves to reprimand children in the playground at the start and end of the day – if there are any issues between children on the school site they should be reported to the class teacher or leadership team to deal with thus avoiding animosity between parents.

Furthermore, we do not tolerate rude and threatening behaviour from parents towards each other or our staff. Where such behaviour is reported to the school leadership, we will look to meet with the parents and make it clear that this is unacceptable, will not be tolerated and that we have the powers to ban them from the school site, furthermore we will not hesitate to report their threatening behaviour to the police.

Please remember that more can be resolved without aggression and by discussion in a reasoned manner!

Recycling school uniforms.

Please continue to support us by recycling good condition school uniforms as your child grows out of them. Remember it can help another family who may be finding it hard to purchase uniform items at full price. We will keep the container for old uniforms in the playground permanently so please keep decluttering and dropping items into the box as and when you can.

Strong reminder about the expectations of school attendance.

We would like to remind you that from September 2023 the government have placed higher expectation on pupil's attendance and school monitoring to ensure regular school attendance in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education.

All pupils are expected to attend school regularly and on time. The school takes a hard line on any absences in line with the Local Authority AIM policy. Since the school term commenced we have already held numerous meetings with parents about school attendance and lateness and liaised with the Court attendance officers, referring families to the Pre-court panels who discuss cases and consider legal action which could result in custodial sentences for parent/carers!

5 non-consecutive unauthorised absences during a term can result in an educational penalty notice (EPN). Where an absence is not authorised due to non-attendance without supporting evidence, leave during term time that does not meet the exceptional leave criteria could lead to the school issuing educational penalty notices of £60 per child, per parent to be paid within 21 days and if not the amount doubles.

Where a child is absent for medical reasons evidence in the form of letters, appointment details, medication and prescriptions must be provided.

Persistent absenteeism is deemed; any pupil whose attendance falls below 10%. Where concerns about a child's attendance starts to fall below the expected national and school threshold of 95% the school will write to parents to keep them updated and provide an opportunity to work to improve the attendance, request support by booking an appointment to discuss the reason for the absences, share evidence to valid the rates of absence.

Our first action will be to try and offer support but if there is no improvement we will be required to refer the case to the LA and potentially issue fines and notices to the courts under the remit of safeguarding.

Safeguarding

Please ensure that you phone and inform the school office staff if you have made an alternative arrangement for someone to collect your child from the school. In line with safeguarding we will not release your child into the care of a minor (anyone under the age of 18 years), so please do not send older high school siblings to collect your child from school.

If you arrange for another adult to collect your child from school – phone ahead and inform the school or inform the class teacher at drop off in the morning, ensure that you provide them with their details (name, gender and relationship to your or the child) and also ensure that they know the password.

We will not release your child to anyone who does not know the password.

Also, if you have changed your mobile number or emergency contact details please make sure they are updated as soon as possible.

Dates for your diary.

What is coming up?

This term we aim to host some meetings, workshops and seminar lessons for parents of pupils across the school.

Date	Year group	Activity	Time	Arrangements	Venue
October	All Year groups	Black History month		Activities throughout the month	
Monday 2 nd October	Year 1 & 2	Maths parents workshop	9 a.m.	Details to be confirmed in the invitation letter.	School hall
	All year groups	World Book week.		Details to follow	
Thursday 5 th October	Reception to Year 2	Flu Vaccination administration in school by school health service		Parents to complete and return consent forms prior to the 5 th October	School.
Monday 9 th October	Dolphin Class	Story telling seminar	2.30 p.m.	Dolphin class parents only	School hall.
Tuesday 10 th October	Starfish Class	Story telling seminar	2.40 p.m.	Starfish class parents only	School hall.
Thursday 12 th October	Sea Turtle Class	Story telling seminar	2.50 p.m.	Sea Turtle class parents only	School hall.
Tuesday 17 th October	Year 1 & 2	One to one Parents opportunity to meet their child's new class teacher. Evening 1 of 2	3.45 – 5.30 p.m.	Appointment slots to be booked via the Weduc App. A short introduction meeting with your child's class teacher.	In the canteen
Monday 16 th October.	Flamingo Class	Reception – English workshop. Focus on Little Wandle – Phonics teaching.	9 a.m.		In the school hall.
Tuesday 17 th	Penguin	Reception –	9 a.m.		In the

October.	Class	English workshop. Focus on Little Wandle – Phonics teaching.			school hall.
Wednesday 18 th October	All year groups	Cake sale – parents donate cakes for the school to sell as a fundraiser.	3 p.m.	A plate of cakes for £1 each.	Playground.
Thursday 19 th October.	Peacock Class	Reception – English workshop. Focus on Little Wandle – Phonics teaching.	9 a.m.		In the school hall.
Thursday 19 th October	Year 1 & 2	One to one parents opportunity to meet their child's new class teacher. Evening 2 of 2	4 – 7 p.m.	Appointment slots to be booked via the Weduc App. A short introduction meeting with your child's class teacher.	In the canteen
Friday 20 th October	All year groups	Non-uniform day	All day	Children do not need to wear their school uniform and are asked to donate £1 toward the school fund for the privilege. Theme to be confirmed.	

Autumn Term 2023

Half term

Last day of term

Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October

Thursday 21 December (finish at 2.00 p.m.

Reception pupils and 2.15 p.m. Year 1 & 2)

Please note there is no afternoon Nursery class on Thursday 21 December 2023.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Dear Parents and Carers,

Kenmore Park Infant and Nursery school has one vacancy on its governing body. We are looking to appoint one new parent Governor to join our Governing Body. The individual needs to have an interest in representing the parents' community and acting as a voice of the school and parents. Our parent governors are very valuable members of the governing body. We rely on them to help us to keep in touch with what parents are thinking and to help us to decide what is best for all our pupils. They also keep parents informed about the strategic work of the school leadership.

What are you required to do?

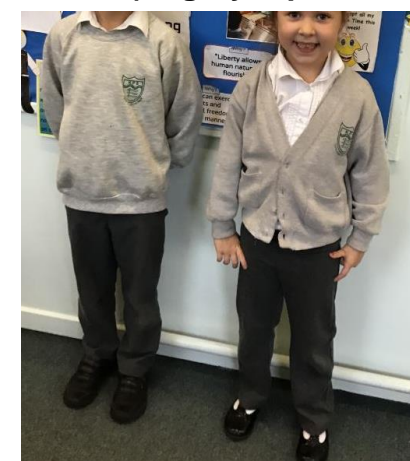
- Attend Full Governing Body meetings which are scheduled at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and there is one meeting every half term (max 6 per year). All paperwork is uploaded on the governor hub a week in advance of the meeting.
- Join at least one of the subcommittees who meet once each term as a minimum at 7 p.m. on a Wednesday evening at the school.
- You must have skills and areas of expertise and knowledge to support with the strategic planning and vision for the school
- The term of office is 4 years

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, please collect an application form from the school office. Complete and return by the end of the month ensuring you have details of nominees completed. Where there is more than one application we will hold a ballot.

All nominations should be sent in to the school office by **9.00 a.m. Thursday 19th October 2023.**

A REMINDER THAT - 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 Wednesday's 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.

It has been noted since the start of the school term that a number of children are not wearing the appropriate clothing and black shoes. 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.

Girls may wear Black or Grey Trousers too.
White socks or grey tights
Boys' black or grey socks.



Summer dress from April – July only

FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY CHECK

It is important that parents check their eligibility criteria as a number of parents found themselves to be eligible during lockdown. They were then issued with free school meal vouchers which they could use to purchase food at a supermarket of their choice. It is important that you check as it may be helpful in the event of a second spike!

Parents can check to see if they meet the eligibility criteria by following the instructions below:

Step 1: Login to the following website: <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk> (Free School Meal Eligibility Checker)

Step 2: Click – **Check eligibility**

Step 3: Click – **create an account** (Unless you already have an account in which case you go to return to your account and enter your password)

Step 4: **Create an account**

Step 5: On the drop down menu:

Local authority – select - **Harrow**

School – select – **Kenmore Park Infant & Nursery School.HA3 9JA**

Step 6: Read and accept the privacy notice **by ticking the box at the bottom of the page.**

Step 7: **Enter your details:**

First name

Last name

Your date of birth

Your National Insurance number

Email address

Mobile number

Postcode

Get address: click on your address; house number etc

SUBMIT

Once you have submitted the form you will receive a response in a couple of days confirming your status. If you are eligible, please forward the email to the school on the following email address:

office@kpins.harrow.sch.uk

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 website (complete the non-teaching application) or school office and request a paper version of the application form.



School Travel

Kenmore Park Infant and Nursery has been awarded the Early Years Healthy School Gold Award and has also been accredited as a Gold Award School for its work on its School Travel Plans. This means that the school's work in this area has been recognised for how passionate we are about actions which support and contribute to the health and well-being of our pupils and school community including parents/carers.

We feel very strongly about how children travel to school and encourage all pupils to walk or scoot 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 the 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 and we reward the class with the most children walking on a Wednesday 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 2024

PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN 1 SEPTEMBER 2019 AND 31 AUGUST 2020	SECONDARY SCHOOL CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN 1 SEPTEMBER 2012 AND 31 AUGUST 2013
<p>You need to apply for a reception place. Please apply:</p> <p>❖ Online at www.eadmissions.org.uk</p> <p>CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 15 JANUARY 2024</p>	<p>You need to apply to transfer to secondary school. Please apply:</p> <p>❖ Online at www.eadmissions.org.uk</p> <p>CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 31 OCTOBER 2023</p> <p>We strongly recommend that you submit your secondary application by Friday 20 October 2023, as this is the Friday before the half term holiday.</p>
<p>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.</p> <p>For details go to www.harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions</p> <p>For help and advice on how to complete your application please email schooladmissions@harrow.gov.uk</p>	

Try a smile challenge

Friday 6 October is World Smile Day. The day was created by Harvey Ball who developed the iconic yellow smiley image. He believed that you could improve the world one smile at a time.

Research shows that children smile an average of 400 times per day, compared to the typical adult who only smiles only 20 times per day.

Why is smiling important?

Smiling not only offers a mood boost but helps our bodies release endorphins that provide numerous health benefits, including: reduced blood pressure, increased endurance, reduced pain, reduced stress and smiling is contagious.

To keep that smile looking great

- Brush twice a day
- Using a fluoride toothpaste
- For 2 minute
- Spit don't rinse out

