

Kennington Primary School Newsletter

20th October 2017



The Bubble

Our Oak classroom, affectionately known as the ‘Bubble’ has been awarded Grade 2 Listed status. This is part of a project run by Historic England looking at post war architecture in education.

Built in 1973 – 1974, the Bubble was the first fully structural plastic building in Britain and made from GRP (glass fibre-reinforced plastic). Its design comprises of 35 white, tetrahedron panels arranged into a modified icosahedron bolted to a concrete base. The building cost £28 400 at the time which in today’s prices would have been approximately £320 000!

The Bubble was a prototype built to test the new design and was intended for whole schools to be built using the architecture, one giant bubble as a hall with several smaller satellite bubbles around it as classrooms. The plans were soon abandoned due to the price of oil rising during the war in the middle east. So the Bubble remains unique in the country and maybe the world as a one off design.

The granting of the status is a bit of a double-edged sword. There is great pride to be had from the listing but unfortunately no pot of money for its restoration or upkeep. Last year we had it redecorated externally but 12 months later, it is back to its black and green state. It is cold in the winter and hot in the summer and there are many areas of damp due to the condensation on the single paned windows. (continued on the next page)

We did have a quote for the exterior to be treated with a 'system' but this came in at £16 000 which the school budget cannot justify spending.

I know that many of you who attended the school have fond memories of being in the Bubble and there are already comments from ex-pupils on our Facebook page about their time in the classroom. The LEP have run an online article and it should be in print shortly. The local TV station 'That's Lancashire' have also produced a piece and is available online to view. We will be producing a dedicated web page to the Bubble over the next term and if you have any memories about being in the Bubble then please leave them on our Facebook Page.



Book Fair

The Book Fair will be in school next week. We will be selling books on Tuesday 3-3:30pm, Thursday 3-7pm (Parents Evening) and Friday 3-3:30pm.

There are books for all ages with a range of prices. The more books we sell, the more commission school gets. The children will be bringing home a leaflet today showcasing the range of books on offer. Mrs Duffy will also be running a book mark design competition.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening is on Thursday 26th October. Hopefully you will have booked your appointment through our Parent Portal. So far we have 155 appointments booked out of a possible 245. The

Portal can be accessed at <https://kennington.uk.arbor.sc>

You will need the email that you gave to school to log in. If it is your first time logging in, please click the First time logging in link or the forgot password link.

Any other problems please come into school and we will assist.

Halloween Disco

The Halloween Disco will be held by the PTA on Wednesday 25th after school at 3pm. Children can bring costumes to change into or parents can bring them after school and help them change. If you have not already sent in your entrance fee of £2 please do so as soon as possible. The children will be provided with refreshments.

Awards

Head Teacher Award	Writer of the Week	Worker of the Week	Head Teacher Award	Writer of the Week	Worker of the Week
Joseph H-G	Ameera D	Callum E	Fatima S	Freya S	Ahmed K
Umar U	Jannat A	Brendon K	Alfie L	Aaliyah D	Jasmine S
Saibah H	Ahmed S	Aahil H	Mohammed B	Ahmed S	Pearl W
Safa N	Sumayyah A	Sana P	Raihaan P	Maisa M	Amaan A
Assane D	Adam P	Aleesha A	Yasmin Z	Isaac B	Hafsah A
Safiyyah T	Ali A	Grace B	Michelle J	Noah C	Muhammed M
Casey G-B	Mae T	Charlee G	Muhammad P	Shayan A	Charlee G
Mahammad M	Magdalena M	Mohammed B	Marty V	Maariyah T	Hamzah M

Injured Children

We want all children to attend school if they can even with casts on wrists or ankles however we can't always allow them to stay indoors unsupervised as we do not have enough staff. We do have a lovely seating area in the KS2 playground and plenty of benches in KS1 where they can sit with their friends and socialise rather than being stuck indoors bored. There are always plenty of staff on the playgrounds at break to supervise all children.

My Maths Meeting

Mr Goulds will be holding an information meeting for parents about our new online homework My Maths. This will be on Tuesday 24th October in the hall at 3pm. He will also cover the Rock Star Times Tables as well.

Sports News

The hockey team played in the Broughton High Hockey Tournament this week. They played five games in a very competitive pool but unfortunately didn't make it to the knockout stages. Well done to Arturs, Sam, Skye, Aliyah Ellie, Thomas, Charlie and Aaminah.

The football team have been in action this week. They played St Maria Goretti on Thursday night in horrendous conditions but came out on top with a 4-2 victory. Well done Marty, Umar, Rayyan, Muhammed Raiyaan, Fahim, Hamza, Amir, Muhammad and Krish.

And finally last week a team of KS1 children took part in the Primary Stars competition. They had a great time and tried their best in all the activities they competed in. Well done Aryan, Rayaan, Oskar, Aysha, Grace and Michelle.

Dates For Diary

Tues 24th Oct	MyMaths & Rockstar Time Tables workshop 3pm Book Fair 3.00 – 3.30pm.
Weds 25th Oct	Music Assembly 9.55am. Parents/Grandparents welcome. PTA Halloween Disco 3 – 4pm.
Thurs 26th Oct	Parents Evening.
Fri 27th Oct	School closes for half term.
Mon 6th Nov	INSET day – School closed.
Tues 7th Nov	School re-opens.
Fri 17th Nov	Kennington Rocks for Pudsey 1.10 – 2.50pm.
Thurs 7th Dec	PTA Christmas Fair – more details to follow.