



### Santa Claus is Coming to Town!

Welcome to our December newsletter. It has been another busy term here at Kennington Park Academy. All the students and staff have worked hard and as usual our efforts have paid off. We are proud that so far this year four students have left us to go back to mainstream school full-time and there are eight students currently reintegrating. We hope that these children continue to be successful back in their schools next term.

On 8<sup>th</sup> December, we invited parents/carers to make Christmas decorations with their children. Everyone who took part enjoyed the session and glitter can still be seen on the carpets! We have continued our sessions at the City Learning Centre (CLC) and this has enhanced our computing curriculum. All the pupils have been working well in their lessons and the Student Council have been busy leading some afternoon assemblies and organising events such as bonfire food with sparklers and our Slippers For Shelter day on 4<sup>th</sup> December. Most of us wore our slippers and we made £40 for charity.

**We are sadly saying goodbye to Elias Taylor**, the teacher for Green Class, who has been with us for five years. He is going off to ventures new and we wish him all the best for the future. **The new teacher for Green Class is Bernadette Makepeace**. She has been to visit a few times and is looking forward to her new role. In January, we are also welcoming Stephen Orton to our teaching team.

**Building update:** The building programme is a couple of months behind schedule and we are currently in the same position that we were in at the start of the school year. We are still all using one entrance (Meadcroft Rd) and the gym is used for assemblies and PE. We have ensured that the children have not been unduly affected and that their learning has continued and their safety has not been compromised. If you have any queries, please see me or contact the Executive Headteacher, Richard Leonard on 020 7926 0631.

I would like to end with my usual gratitude to the parents/carers for their support, the pupils for their on-going enjoyment of learning and progress and of course to all the staff who have worked hard again this term.

All best wishes for an enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year.

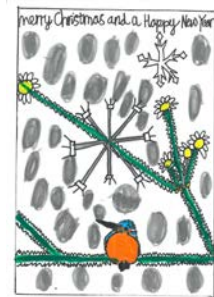
*Anne Sturman*  
**Headteacher**

### Christmas Card design winners!

Every year we hold a competition and the winning designs are then sent out to schools/outside agencies etc. **This year's winners:**



Ashley, age 7



Jayden, age 7



Ramario, age 8



Adebisi, age 9



Billy, age 9



Ben, age 10



Andriana, age 10



Carlos, age 10

## Armistice Day 2015

After an assembly focusing on Armistice Day, we all gathered together for a two-minute silence at 11:00, to mark the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> World War.

The students were very respectful and we used this as an opportunity to think about all conflicts across the world and those people affected by them.



## Christmas Decorations

Parents/carers came along and worked with their children to make Christmas decorations which went home. They all looked wonderful –and we have some great designers and artists in our 'KPA family'.



### Diary Dates

Last day of Term 2: Thursday 17 December  
Holiday: Friday 18 December to Monday 4 January  
First day of Term 3: Tuesday 5 January

For more information please check out our website: [www.kenningtonpark.org.uk](http://www.kenningtonpark.org.uk)

## Moving back to Mainstream



Emmanuel is now reintegrating back to St Judes' CE Primary School. He will soon be attending for three days a week.

Emmanuel commented, "I feel amazed! I can't believe I have made it back to school. My classmates at KPA have given me some good advice. They have been good friends."

We wish Emmanuel the best of luck in his future.

## British Values: Democracy

As part of our PSHE work, Year 6 pupils have been looking at what democracy is. We were shocked to discover that in England women were only allowed to vote 98 years ago! Ben has created a great poster based on our topic. We have put the other posted on display.



## Slippers for Shelter

The Student Council organised this charity event. Some of our pupils have amazing slippers!

Ms Sturman wore her reindeer slippers, which sadly did not make the photo shoot.



## Reminders etc...

### Telephone Contact



Please ensure the office has up to date telephone numbers for you. In the event of an emergency, we **must** be able to reach you. We will be sending you details of the data we hold for you. You will be asked to confirm that the information is correct and up to date.

### Uniform



Please let Wendy or the office staff know if you would like to order extra or new uniform. Polo shirts cost from £5.75 and sweatshirts from £7.75. **If your child is leaving us at the end of this term, we would welcome the return of the uniform provided so that we can use these as spares for any emergencies. Thank you.**

### Medical



If your child has a medical condition please inform the school office and keep us updated on any changes or new information.

### Dinner Money



All outstanding dinner money **must** be paid by the end of term. You should already have received a text advising you of the amount due.

### Lost Property



At the end of term any uncollected lost property will be taken to the charity shop. Please have a look through to see if anything belongs to you.

### Booty Box



As in mainstream schools, from September, **Year 6** pupils only will be allowed to hand items such as keys or bus passes in for safekeeping. All other year groups are brought to and from the Academy by a parent or carer.

### Website



Remember to check our website for term dates and other information: [www.kenningtonpark.org.uk](http://www.kenningtonpark.org.uk)