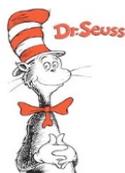


# Kennington Park Academy

## News

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### “How did it get so late so soon?” – Dr Seuss



Welcome to our February 2016 newsletter. It's hard to believe that we are half way through the school year already. We have all been busy at the KPA this term, making a good start on our Movement Topic, which has enabled the students to learn about such subjects as The Tudors and Explorers, alongside other aspects of the curriculum including the Student Council taking part in the annual RSPB Birdwatch with Ms Jo-Anna.

We are really pleased to add sessions at Vauxwall (indoor rock climbing) to our PE curriculum. Mr Paul has organised this weekly activity and the children who have taken part so far are really enjoying it. They are all far braver than me as I have yet to pluck up the courage to have a go myself!

This term we have welcomed two new teachers: Miss Bernadette and Mr Stephen, who are both proving to be great additions to our team.

The Spring term is the shortest one of the school year and we are trying to fit everything in. Next month we are looking forward to another Bubbly Maths Day and Purple Class will begin sessions working with our colleagues from Oval House who will be supporting us with boosting the students' interest and progress in writing.

I hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and finding out about some of the many things that we have been focusing upon this term.

*Anne Sturman*  
Headteacher

### Lambeth Achievement Awards

We were very proud to receive the news that Jayden and Jayshaun were nominated by the LA to receive prizes for their achievement at the end of Year 2 last year.



They and their families went along to the Royal Festival Hall in January and were presented with their medal and a certificate. They both look very pleased with themselves, and so they should!

### Important Information on Secondary Transfer

All parents/carers of Year 6 pupils with a Statement/EHCP will be sent information by Lambeth SEN regarding their child's secondary school in February. It is important that you contact your child's SEN caseworker if there are any concerns.

For other Year 6 pupils, letters will be sent to parents/carers at the beginning of March. It is important that you follow the guidance in the letters to ensure that your child's school place is secured. Please see us if you have any queries or need any support.

### Reintegration into Year 7

Unless your child goes to a special school, the Reintegration Officers offer support to all mainstream schools from September to October. This is to ensure that our ex –Year 6 pupils have the additional help they may need when settling into Key Stage 3. As far as possible we aim to get all Year 6 pupils into a primary school for part of the week before they leave us as we feel they benefit from experiencing mainstream education before they leave us. If you have any queries regarding this please see Ms Sturman.

## Scaling the Heights

This term we have started to attend sessions on Friday afternoons at Vauxwall (the indoor rock climbing centre at Vauxhall). We have only been a couple of times, but already we have seen progress in the confidence and resilience of the students who have attended.

We have initially focused upon Yellow Class but next term will open the sessions to pupils from other classes.



## Moving back to Mainstream

Shamy has just started to reintegrate back into Jubilee Primary School. He has made very good progress during his time with us and has, more importantly, started his transition back to school.



We say goodbye to Leandro in a few weeks. He leaves us to join St Johns CE Angell Town. We are very proud of his success and he will be supported by his Reintegration Officer for a few weeks once he has left us. We are looking forward to making a big fuss of him at his leaver's assembly.

### Information on a half term activity:

This February half term, Lambeth Council are once more making free cycle training available to children aged 9 and over. Courses run from Mon 15 to Thurs 18 Feb, either mornings or afternoons. There are 6 courses running, 2 in Myatt's Fields Park (where bikes are available to borrow), 2 in Brockwell Park (children must bring own bikes) and 2 on Clapham Common (children must bring own bikes). Places are limited and can be booked through Cycle Confident, either by calling 020 3031 6730 or by visiting the website [www.cycleconfident.com](http://www.cycleconfident.com) (select Courses / Child Group Cycle Training and scroll down to find courses for children who live or study in Lambeth).

### The Importance of Volunteering:

We had a representative from the **London Mayor's Office** in to take an assembly about the importance of volunteering. The students came up with some really good ideas. Watch this space for updates.....

### The Academy Council needs a parent/carer representative.

We meet 5-6 times a year and discuss all aspects of the KPA's work. We need a parent/carer to be part of this council and support us with our work. If you are interested, please see: Ms Sturman (Headteacher) or Mr Perry (SenCo/Assistant Headteacher)

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

### Diary Dates

Last day of Term 3:	Friday 12 February 2016
Half Term Holiday:	Monday 15 to Friday 19 February 2016
First Day of Term 4:	Monday 22 February 2016
Last day of Term 4:	Wednesday 23 March 2016
Easter Holiday:	Thursday 24 March to Monday 11 April 2016
First day of Term 5:	Tuesday 12 April 2016
Bank Holiday:	Monday 2 May 2016
Last day of Term 5:	Friday 27 May 2016
Half Term Holiday:	Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June 2016
First day of Term 6:	Monday 6 June 2016
Last day of Term 6:	Tuesday 19 July 2016

One further INSET day to be advised