



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith



Autumn Term: Friday 12th October 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a wonderful week, and are looking forward to the weekend ahead. The learning at Twickenham Primary Academy continues to be exciting and engaging - this week I joined Year 1 on their visit to Whipsnade Zoo. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit, learnt lots of new information about endangered species, and even got the chance to stroke a Corn Snake! Hopefully, you managed to watch some of our videos of the visit on twitter.

Next week, is the last week of term, and please do remember that Friday 19th October is our House Day therefore the children need to wear their house t - shirts. These can be purchased from Stevensons if you haven't had chance to buy these already. If you're unsure of your child's house, please see Mr Charles in the school office.

Local Academy Board

We extended the period of application until Friday 12th October. Voting will therefore commence between Monday 15th October and Wednesday 17th October; there will be voting slips located in the school foyer. Thank you very much to those parents who have already nominated themselves. I am very much looking forward to welcoming new members to the Local Academy Board

Children's Birthdays

At Twickenham Primary Academy, we do not accept cakes or sweets to be given out during the school day for children's birthdays. However, we actively support the PTA's initiative in donating a reading book to the school on your child's birthday (Non fiction if possible). If you wish to do so, please hand a donated book into the school office, a label with your child's name will then be inserted, and this book will be placed in the library. We have found in the past that the pupils are very proud and enjoy seeing their donated book in the school library

Website:

I have some exciting news - the school website is due to have an overhaul within the next couple of months, and the school will also be developing its own app to support school / parent communication. I am currently in the process of having the website developed, and will update you when the app and the website is ready. My current estimate is that this will all be complete by the end of November.

Parents Evening:

We look forward to welcoming you to parents evening on the 30th October and 1st November. Please ensure that you do hand in your booking form to Mr Charles if you haven't already. Your confirmed appointment will be emailed to you.

House Points:

House	Points Collected
Parks	901
Gandhi	1015
Pankhurst	1103
Shackleton	840

Attendance:

Just a reminder, in line with DFE guidance, that the school does not authorise any holiday. Thank you. All holiday is coded as an unauthorised absence on the school’s register.

Year Group	Target (96%)
Reception	98%
Year 1	98.7%
Year 2	98.4%
Year 3	98.4%
Whole School	98.4%

Key Dates

Thursday 11 th October	PTA movie night – Year 1 and 2
Tuesday 16 th October	World Food Day
Friday 19 th October	House Day (House T shirts to be worn)
Friday 19 th October	PTA Bake Sale from 3:30pm
Friday 19 th October	End of term 1 – usual time

Twitter:

Please follow us on [@GemsTwickenham](#) for all the latest news and updates.

Parent Pay:

Parent Pay seems to be working well for most parents. If you do have any issues around payment or allocation, please do see Miss Karen who will assist you with this.

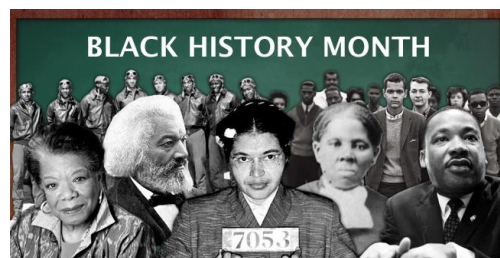
Principal’s Question: For a house point on Monday, Please write the answer to ‘Why are we celebrating Black History Month?’

- Please hand your answers to your classroom teacher

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr John Smith

Principal



Hawking Class: Autumn Week 5

Dear Parents,

In our English lessons this week we introduced children to expanded noun phrases and adverbs. We also used conjunctions and adjectives to write sentences about the great Fire of London.

Our Maths lessons were all about subtraction and I must say they all showed real skills when completed the different tasks. Children worked hard subtracting two digits and single digit numbers using a 100 square and partitioning skills.

In Science this week we experimented with different materials to see which were rigid, bendy, stretchy, elastic and stiff. The children recorded their findings and then thought about why you can't change the shape of some objects.

Unfortunately we had to say goodbye to one of our class members today. We will all miss him dearly and wish him all the best on his new adventure. Year Two Hawking won't be the same without you!

Reminders:

Battersea Cats and Dogs Home House day: Last year the School Hub ambassadors chose Battersea Cats and Dogs home as one of the national charities they would like to support. On Friday 19th October we will be raising funds for the home and therefore ask children to bring £1. We will be learning more about what the charity does to help cats and dogs and take part in different activities related to this. Children to wear their house t-shirt.

Kind Regards,

Miss Philippa

News from the Office

School Uniform

Please ensure that all your child's uniform and items are clearly named, we have had lots of items being mislaid lately and we would appreciate it if you could check that your child has brought home their own uniform as sometime items do get mixed up when the children are changing for PE etc.

Year 3 School Trip – Natural History Museum

Parents, please ensure you have returned the consent form for your child to attend this trip to Mr Charles by Tuesday 16th October and payment has been made on ParentPay – Thank you.

PTA – Bake Sale

Calling all bakers! 1/2 term is almost upon us and that means it's bake sale time! The sale will run from 3.30 - 4pm on Friday 19th October. We would love donations of any homemade treats, the spookier the better since Halloween is approaching. Just remember no nuts, Nutella or coconut. Please leave donations in the school office on the morning of the sale. Remember all funds raised go directly to our school. Thank you TPA-PTA.



A Halloween-themed poster with a dark purple background. At the top, the words "Happy HALLOWEEN!" are written in a white, stylized, gothic font. Below this, there are silhouettes of bats and a witch flying on a broom. In the center, there is a large, orange jack-o'-lantern with a carved face, which is shaped like a cupcake with a purple liner. Below the jack-o'-lantern, the text "AFTER SCHOOL SPOOKY BAKE SALE" is written in a white, stylized font. Underneath that, "Friday 19th October" is written in a simple white font. At the bottom, "COME IF YOU DARE!" is written in a large, white, stylized font. In the bottom left corner, there is a small shield-shaped logo with the letters "TPA" inside. To the right of the logo, there is a small white box containing the text: "Please leave donations of homemade cakes, biscuits or savoury items in the dining room at drop off. Please no nuts, Nutella or coconut." At the very bottom, it says "Thanks from the TPA PTA".

Happy HALLOWEEN!

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