



# GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith



## Autumn Term: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> October. Voting will therefore commence between Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> October and 1<sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA movie night – Year 1 and 2
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	World Food Day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	House Day (House T shirts to be worn)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA Bake Sale from 3:30pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	End of term 1 – usual time

### Twitter:

Please follow us on [@GemsTwickenham](https://twitter.com/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.

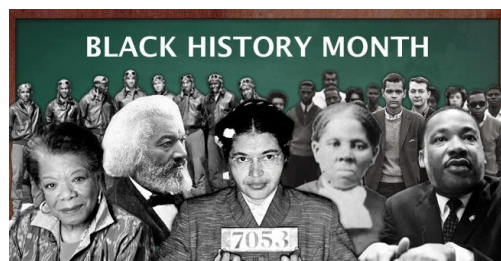
**Principal's Question:** For a house point on Monday, Please write the answer to 'Why are we celebrating Black History Month?'

- Please hand your answers to your classroom teacher

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr John Smith

### Principal



Dear parents,

Our topic focus on Houses and Homes has come to an end this week. We discussed the various materials used to build houses and looked at safety in the house. Many children have shown great awareness of the different dangers within a house and how to stay safe.

Our Literacy lessons were based on previous sounds, word building, reading, writing and introducing four new sounds; e, u, r and digraph ck. The children practised forming the letters correctly and thought of words featuring each sound/ digraph.

In Maths the children have been working on measurement and size. They were learning to use non-standard units to measure length such as hand spans and cubes. We also compared and ordered items according to length or size.



## Next Week:

LITERACY - We will introduce letter sounds h,b,f,l. The key words we will look at are I, no, go, log, bed, fan and hat.

MATHS – We will focus on recognising, sequencing and counting up to 20.

TOPIC – We will be looking at Places and Journeys, looking at London and the famous landmarks as well as places we have visited

## Reminders:

- Next Friday the 19th October is House Day where children need to wear their House T-shirts
- 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.

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