



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith



Autumn Term: Friday 5th October 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a wonderful week – I cannot believe we are already in October, and it will soon be our annual Halloween dress up; a very exciting part of the school year!

Another brilliant week at Twickenham Primary Academy with our Year 1 pupils enjoying their Mini Beast workshops, and our Year 2 pupils taking part in the Great Fire of London experience. The pupils were thoroughly engaged throughout, and gained a much deeper knowledge and understanding of their topic; I'm sure they will be very excited to talk about these workshops at home, and what they learnt.

Next week, Year 1 are off to Whipsnade Zoo to extend their learning even further which I am sure they will very much enjoy.

Parents Evening:

Parents evening is taking place the first week back after half term. Next Monday, you will receive your booking form. Please hand these into Mr Charles, and he will confirm by email your fifteen minute slot.

Booking will commence as follows. From:

Tuesday 9th October: Reception parents and older siblings

Wednesday 10th: Year 1 parents and older siblings

Thursday 11th: Year 2 parents and older siblings

Friday 12th Year 3 parents

Your allotted time will then also be displayed in the foyer for you to view.

LAB:

The letters for the Local Academy Board have gone out. If you would like to nominate yourself to become a member, please hand form 1 and form 2 back to Mr Charles in the school office by Tuesday 9th October. Voting will take place from Wednesday 10th October.

Lost Property:

The lost property box is filling up. Please do check the box if your child has lost any part of their school uniform. Please ensure every item is clearly labelled especially if you have purchased an Item of clothing from the PTA uniform sale, and it has the previous child's name in it; this often results in some confusion. Lily in Year 2 had lost her cardigan if anybody has it – it is named.

House Points:

House	Points Collected
Parks	655
Gandhi	753
Pankhurst	619
Shackleton	630

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	99%
Year 2	97.3%
Year 3	98.7%
Whole School	98.2%

Key Dates

Friday 5 th October	From 08:30 am – Y1, 2 and 3 parent drop off
Tuesday 9 th October	Year 1 to Whipsnade Zoo
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

Year 1 and 2 Football:

Mr Wojciech had requested that the children in Year 1 and 2 do not wear football socks as they are currently finding it difficult to change out of these at the end of the session.

Twitter:

Please follow us on [@GemsTwickenham](https://twitter.com/GemsTwickenham) for all the latest news and updates.

Jewellery:

Please can I ask that you do not send your children in wearing jewellery unless it is studded earrings. Necklaces in particular can be very dangerous whilst we are teaching Physical Education.

Principal's Question: For a house point on Monday, Please write the answer to 'What seasonal changes take place in Autumn?'

- Please hand your answers to your classroom teacher

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr John Smith

Principal

Glennie Class: Week 4

Another busy week has come to an end – time is flying by; not long until the first half term break. This week we started to talk about Black History Month and how different people were working for and still are to make the world a place where there is no prejudice.

In English we have started our text unit on “A pebble in my pocket” and the children have shown great engagement and interest during the lessons. We started with writing expanded noun phrases about a pebble I brought in. They had to think of adjectives and memories. The next lesson we introduced the term “golden lines” using the first 2 pages of the book and children drew a volcano erupting with different “golden lines”. On Thursday children were working in small groups to put together a short drama script based on some pages we read from the book. The outcome was wonderfully varied – some great ideas and collaboration by all.



Our maths lessons were all about adding and subtracting. The children have shown some great skills when calculating different sums and working out reasoning and problem solving skills. They are gaining greater awareness of how place value is linked to calculation and how it can help them to work out the answers more easily.



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Our Science lesson was about finding out which rocks are waterproof, absorbent or permeable. The children used different resources when conducting the fair test. Some children decided their own fair test and the corresponding table to write down the results.

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STAR WORK:

This week Huck, Hana and Isabella received the certificates. Huck and Hana worked cooperatively to draw an impressive Icheosaur and wrote lots of facts. Isabella worked really hard in maths and showed great addition and subtraction skills.

WEEK 5:

ENGLISH – We will continue with our text unit and work on the use of prefixes and suffixes.

MATHS – We will continue to focus on Addition and Subtraction.

TOPIC – We will be learning about the different theories on how dinosaurs became extinct.

SCIENCE – We will be learning about how rocks change over time.

Reminders:

Homework: Thanks to all the children who managed to complete their newspaper article on purple mash – I have enjoyed my evenings reading them. According to the reports fossils were found all over the world, under ground, at the beach, on a camping trip, on holidays.... and some great facts have been included. Great work and well done to the children! I made comments on all the completed ones but will check again tonight to see if any more have appeared in my box. I do understand that sometimes the complete and hand in selection box hasn't shown – don't worry about it – just save it under Glennie and I will then copy it over to the 2dos. If you are unsure about anything email me.

School trip: We will be visiting the Natural History museum on Wednesday 17th October – thanks to all parents who have volunteered. Any parents who did not make the volunteer list will be put on a waiting list in case anybody does drop out.

Best wishes,

Miss Petra

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