



# GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith



## Autumn Term: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> October: Reception parents and older siblings

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>: Year 1 parents and older siblings

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>: Year 2 parents and older siblings

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> October. Voting will take place from Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> October	From 08:30 am – Y1, 2 and 3 parent drop off
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1 to Whipsnade Zoo
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

### 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**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents,

Throughout the week children have been learning about the Giant Panda. We talked about their habitat, what they eat and how they are usually alone! The children learnt that when a panda is born it is pink and blind and ordered and labelled the panda growth stage pictures. To add to our topic of Extraordinary animals we had The Drama Hut come in to perform a workshop about minibeasts. The children were transported to a destroyed animal land and had fun helping the minibeasts to restore their home.



Our Maths focus this week was Addition and children have been working hard to learn addition facts for different numbers and adding by counting on. They have shown greater understanding of how knowing addition facts can help them to do other calculations such as subtraction.

In the English lessons we started a text based learning project. Our chosen book is Meerkat Mail. The children had to pack a suitcase for Sunny the meerkat to take on his adventures around Africa, write a setting description and a character description. Next week, we will be writing post cards home.

In Art we wrote instructions together on how to decorate a panda biscuit. The children were really excited for this activity and were brilliant at following the instructions to decorate the biscuits. Once all the the instructions were completed it was time to eat them!



## WEEK 5:

ENGLISH and PHONICS – We will be focusing more on Grammar and Punctuation. In our Phonics sessions we will be continuing to look at phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs.

MATHS – We will focus on Subtraction.

TOPIC – We will focus on Spiders from Australia.

Best Wishes,

Miss Rebecca

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