



Franklin Times

29th June 2018

Dear Parents

As the end of the summer term fast approaches we have many exciting events still to come: our sports days, our Spanish day organised by Mr Bell, summer performances and the LEXI pop up cinema evening on the 19th July.

This weekend the Queen's Park Book Festival takes place: a celebration of reading with many famous authors and free activities right on our doorstep, do take the time to support this event.

<https://qpbookfest.com/>

**INSET DAY NEXT FRIDAY 6TH JULY:
FRANKLIN IS CLOSED TO CHILDREN.**

On the 19th July we will be having our Pop Up LEXI cinema evening at Franklin, organised by the PTA. Children will be able to watch Sing at 4.00pm or School of Rock at 6.30pm, tickets cost £5.00 available on Wisepay from Monday and will include popcorn and a drink, bring a cushion to sit on. While the children are entertained, parents can socialise and enjoy refreshments and snacks from the bar in the reception creative area.

**Grenfell Nursery needs your Lego!
Please bring in all the Lego you can spare for this worthy cause. We will send collection buckets around classes, or you can drop at the office.**



Headteacher's thought for the week: A gentle word, a kind look, a good-natured smile can work wonders and accomplish miracles.

Summer performance times:

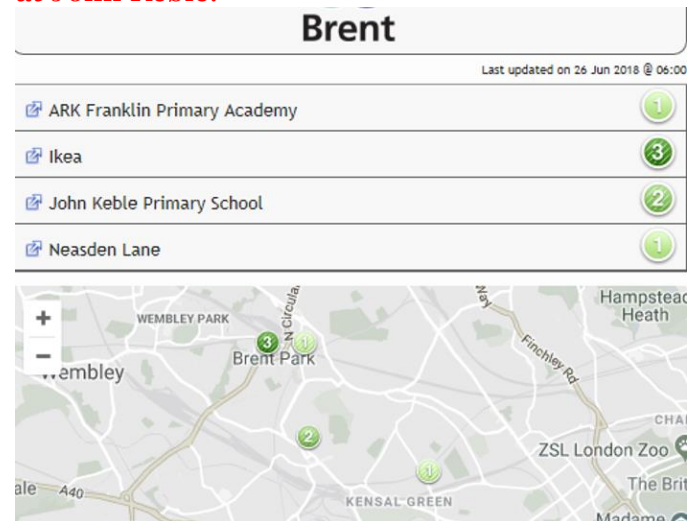
Nursery & Reception 9.15am on 20th July
Year 2: 10.00am on 20th July
Year 1: 2.00pm on the 20th July
Year 3 & 4: 10.30am on 23rd July at St John's, the lower choir will also perform
Year 5 & 6: 2.00pm on 23rd July at St John's, the upper school choir will also perform.

Sports Day timings:

Year 1 & 2: 9.15am on 12th July
Nursery & Reception: 1.40pm on 12th July
Year 3 & 4: 9.15am on 13th July
Year 5 & 6: 1.40pm on 13th July

Pollution

Many parents have queried pollution levels around Franklin and asked what we can do about it. We are involved in the Clean Air for Brent campaign and have had a pollution monitor in our car park for several months, provided by Brent. Below is a screenshot of the readings from our monitor from Tuesday morning at 8.00am, when Chamberlayne was heavily congested, what you can see is that our reading is 1, lower than the 3 at Ikea and the 2 at John Keble.



On Monday I met with the Director of a company called PurisAir, they have developed a cutting edge air filtration system. Over the next two months we will be monitoring the pollution levels inside our Reception classrooms using air quality monitors that were fitted on Monday, this will give us a baseline.

Then, before the children return in September, PurisAir will fit their unique air processing units in each classroom so we can monitor their effectiveness over the autumn term. These units remove viruses, CO₂, particulates and even smells, down to the smallest of nanometers...tested at Porton Down they are the most effective on the market according to this research, Ref PHE 17/022. Only Franklin and a hospital in Switzerland are trialling them at the moment; I will keep you updated on their effectiveness via the PTA.

PTA

We need to thank the current PTA who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to bring our children great events that also raise money for Franklin and its families.

Bethany Childs and Vicky Allard will be stepping down, while Alexia Korgaonkar, Mallika Chaudhuri – Hill, Maggie Smart and Rik Smith (treasurer) will now form our committee.

I am pleased to announce that we also have year group reps for September for all year groups bar year six, so any current year five parents who would be interested please contact the PTA on p.franklin@arkfranklinprimary.org

The year group reps so far:

Reception : Sarah Fisher & Sarah Fysh
Year 1 : Dilpa Vekaria & Claudia Urvois
Year 2 : Georgie Turvey
Year 3 : Beth Sangwin & Jess Nash
Year 4 : Pam Williams
Year 5 : Kayt Magrobi Hall
Year 6: tbc



Deakin class enjoyed their visit to the Tate Modern yesterday.



Franklin has been recognised by the Mayor of London as an exceptional school for the progress made by our pupils in 2017 and invited to join the Mayor's Schools for Success programme: well done to staff and children.