



Kench Hill Centre

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2010

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Hackney's own residential education centre, serving the borough's learning community



School Journey 2010-11

Availability 2010-11

Autumn Term 2010 - Few weeks in Nov/Dec

Spring Term 2011 - Jan-Feb dates

Summer Term 2011 **11-15th July ONLY**

- Kench Hill is Hackney's residential centre, with discounted rates and programmes tailor-made for your needs.
- The only Centre to offer a school journey grant (**Hackney pupils only**)
- Planning meetings at your school.

PRICES 2010-11

Peak rate **£135 per pupil per week** for Hackney schools.

Off-peak rate **£120 per pupil**

Shorter trips available

School Journey Grant increased to **£80** for all eligible Hackney pupils

Discretionary grants for full amount available, contact us for details.

NEW!! SPECIAL OFFER NEW!!

**1 free pupil place if you bring 30+ pupils
(worth up to £135)**

We would like to remind Hackney schools that residential trips must be notified and approved by TLT's Educational Visits Coordinator, Health & Safety Manager David Norwich (Tel 020 8820 7338)

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE - Your ideas are important to us!

We are preparing our new 5 year plan. Tell us what you want Kench Hill to offer, even if you do not currently use the Centre. Download our brief survey on the website or email general comments.

www.kenchhill.co.uk/documents/KenchHillCentreDevelopmentPlan2010.doc

IDEAS FOR FUNDING

A reminder that you can use the **Deprivation Subsidy** from Extended Schools to fund pupils on a residential or family learning trip.

In winter we can take smaller groups, ideal for schools that cannot meet minimum group of 26 in peak weeks.

Some of the **Hackney Parochial Charities** fund individual pupils eg

www.westhackneycharity.org.uk

NEWS UPDATE

Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge

We were honoured to be assessed by Sir Anthony Thomas OBE, recently retired President of the Field Studies Council, for our LOfC Quality Badge. As a result we will be developing more rigorous evaluation of each activity, linked to identified learning objectives with differentiated outcomes.

Sir Thomas summed up his visit by saying that Kench Hill is a great little Centre with a rich programme of activities of which Hackney should be proud.

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Learning Outside the Classroom Awards for Excellence & Innovation 2010. Open for Nominations!

The Awards, sponsored by TUI-Student Division, recognise the commitment of educational establishments (e.g. early years settings, primary, secondary schools, youth organisations) providing valuable and positive learning experiences for young people (0-19yrs) beyond the classroom.

Learning outside the classroom (LOtC) is about raising achievement through direct, hands-on, practical approaches to learning that bridge the gap between theory and reality. Whether it takes place in the school grounds, on visits to museums, art galleries or farms; through adventure activities or on cultural exchanges abroad, LOtC is a powerful tool that adds value to classroom learning and offers rich, memorable experiences to young people. These Awards are one way of recognising excellence in LOtC provision.

This year, the panel of judges are looking for nominations which showcase establishments that are working hard to create novel, innovative and inspirational approaches to learning beyond the classroom.

If you'd like to nominate an establishment or set a shining example and be in the running for the top national award and a trip to TUI Student Division's Chateau du Molay, please visit <http://www.lotc.org.uk/News-and-events/LOtC-Awards-2010> for details of how to apply. Closing date for nominations is 16th July 2010.

KITCHEN GARDEN OFFICIAL OPENING



The new garden was opened in May by the Mayor and Mayoress of Tenterden with the Speaker for Hackney, Cllr Unluer on his last day of office. The Mayor presented us with a Kent cobnut tree to plant.

Visiting groups of children are now harvesting delicious strawberries, lettuce, beetroot and Swiss chard, ready to eat immediately. We will soon have a new webpage so groups can follow progress of the crops they sowed.

ANIMAL UPDATES

Although a pair of great tits prepared the nest box, it was a blue tit that took it over and made her nest. Unfortunately her partner abandoned her once she laid her eggs, but we were pleased to see her successfully rear 4 chicks. There is a chance the nest box will be used again this season. See the link on www.kenchill.co.uk/news/web_cams.asp We were relieved to see the return of turtle doves and spotted flycatchers, species which are declining rapidly, possibly because of hunting on their migration routes.



This blackbird nest was found in the minibus engine after half-term. Luckily for us the eggs were rotten so we were able to remove it and continue driving!



CONGRATULATIONS...

St John of Jerusalem CE Primary Year 6 football team, who are the first Hackney school to beat Tenterden Junior school! They are looking forward to a repeat match on their trip next year. Tenterden's head was very impressed with their skills and sportsmanship.

Also to Benthal Primary School on their first residential trip which was extremely well organised and successful.



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