Weekly Newsletter

10th July 2020

This week @ Kensington

I hope that you have had a good week despite the rain! You should all now have received your child’s report, along with details of which class they will be in next year. If you have not received this then please contact the school.

We are coming towards the end of the school year but not the end of coronavirus. We will be sending out information regarding our plans for September next week. September is still a long way away so any plans we have may need to be adapted. However, we very much intend for all children to be back at school on 7th September. We are also planning on re-opening our Breakfast and 6 O’clock clubs to support all of our working parents who need this. We are just finalising our plans. I shared these with the whole staff team yesterday and I am meeting with them via Zoom on Monday to get their thoughts and feedback. After this, I will share this with all parents and carers. As well as sharing the plans, we will be phoning all of you in the week of 31st August so that we can answer any questions you might have about your child returning on 7th September.

You may remember that we were shortlisted for 2 Pearson Awards – School of the Year and Excellence in Special Needs. You may also remember Pearson had initially planned to announce the Silver Medal winners on, ‘Thank A Teacher Day’ in May. As with so many other areas, this has been disrupted by coronavirus and I received a phone call this week to let me know we will now find out in September. A bit longer to keep your fingers crossed!

We have been working hard with the Local Authority to find out about as many activities, clubs and other opportunities for your children over the Summer. This will all be published on our website along with some ideas for Summer learning that you may want to do with your children. I know that you are all in very different situations so we are trying to provide the information and opportunities that will support you whatever your circumstances. As always, feedback or questions are welcomed.

Mr Ben Levinson
Head Teacher

End of Year Reports

This year’s End of Year reports together with your child’s class and teacher for next academic year have all been emailed out. Please let us know if you haven’t received it by emailing info@kensington.ttlt.academy or via Studybugs but don’t forget to check your junk folder.

School Uniform (Reception-Year 6)

Please note that it is not compulsory to have uniform with the school logo on and children can wear plain clothing as follows:

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Head scarves will need to be the stitched type in blue or white colour. Pinned headscarves are not allowed to be worn due to health and safety.

All of the above items can be purchased from any high street retailer.
**Year 6 Graduation Picnic and Awards**

What an amazing afternoon we had yesterday! We had a picnic lunch outside in our bubbles, followed by dancing and merriment. The awards ceremony featured different types of awards this year such as Speech Writer, Spoken Word, Sporting Attitude and Engineer. There were a few last minute surprises such as a rap performance by Ammar S. and The Influencer Award for Mr. Leeks (which the kids planned in secret!) It’s been an unusual year: partial school closure, no SATs, smaller classes and writing Hamlet the Musical together. It’s also been a fabulous year with this talented and dynamic group of young people: Fairplay House, Chislehurst Caves, science workshop, football tournament and so much more! With one more week to go, we’re focusing on making more memories and getting ready for Secondary School.

**Follow us on Twitter and Facebook**

We are now sharing latest news, stories from all the schools in the Trust on a central Facebook TTLT page and the @LearnTapscott Twitter feed continues to showcase some of the lovely events, activities and achievements from across the Trust.

It would be great to build up a greater following on these platforms. The Facebook Page is The Tapscott Learning Trust. The Twitter feed directed at parents is @LearnTapscott.

If you don’t already follow and use either of these then please do.

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**Kooth**

Kooth is an online, anonymous counselling service, free for young people in Newham to use aged between 10-16 (up until their 17th birthday). The service is commissioned by Headstart in Newham. The service allows young people to seek support through message based counselling sessions, as well as through messages with our team of qualified counsellors. Not only this, but Kooth allows the young person to seek peer-to-peer support through Kooth’s magazine articles and forum boards, where young people can post and contribute ideas and experiences for others to look through. Everything uploaded to the Kooth website is moderated by our safe guarding team, so Kooth is a completely safe space for young people to seek out advice and guidance.

Kooth will be replacing Worry Box over the summer break from 20th July 2020, to access Kooth website logon to [https://www.kooth.com/](https://www.kooth.com/)

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**Dear parents/carers**

This is to inform you that we will be running our breakfast and 6 O’Clock clubs from September 2020. We will send you more information with the safety guidelines for these clubs next week.

Please let us know if you are planning for your child/children to be part of these clubs. This will help us to make necessary arrangement for the extended provision.
Studybugs —Parent communication during school closure

Dear parents,

It is important to download the Study bugs app as this will be the form of communication between school and parents from now on.

Due to the recent uncertain changes, we are trying to reach all parents by sending messages through Study bugs.

Please follow the link to download the app: https://studybugs.com/about/parents

Kensington Primary School’s Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs:
1. It’s integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for
2. It’s quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You’ll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations improve children’s health.
   (https://studybugs.com/about/schools)

For more information or support with downloading the app please speak to the office staff.

Tips for Parenting  Stay connected

Being apart from friends and loved ones has been really hard for us all. As lock-down eases there are still many restrictions around socialising. Children will also be needing connection with others and need a way to stay connected to their friends during the holidays. Here are some ideas to try;

Try a virtual tea party

Organise an online quiz night

Get them to write and create their own postcards/letters to send to friends

You could host a virtual movie night where you watch a film or TV show at the same time. It’s a way to feel like you’re there together and gives you something to talk about after.

Virtual games- this can be tricky but with the right game infront of the screen you can try a good old fashioned games night with a friend or two

Be creative and explore all the options but ensure you keep connected in some way with loved ones during the summer break.

End of Year reports are sent out this week via Study Bugs or email. If you haven’t yet signed up to Study Bugs please do so using the following link https://www.kensington.newham.sch.uk/page/?title=Follow+Kensington&pid=116

You will also be contacted via Study Bugs or email with important information about classes for next academic year. Please make sure you are aware of who your child’s new class teacher is and where to line up on Monday the 7th of September. All information will be sent before the 10th of July.

Summer learning guidance will be available on the school’s website by the 17th of July.

All Year 6 children must send back any resources that belong to the school including all reading books and unused study guides.

All Year 6 children have a Year Book Picture as a gift from the school – please come to the office to collect these

All Year 6 children to check J2E regularly for important transition updates and access to ‘Goodbye Vlogs’.