Thank you all for your continued support. It has been an exceptional week in these exceptional times. It was incredible news that we had won not one but two Silver Pearson Awards. This is a true testament to the whole school community and the way in which we come together to create a place everyone loves to be. It has been particularly noticeable in the last two weeks. Despite all of the catastrophic warnings, your children have returned happy, enthusiastic, and settled. It is a great example of how we are all in this together.

We are now down to the last 4 schools in the country for Primary School of the Year and Mrs Harris is down to the last 4 SENDCos in the country for Excellence in Special Educational Needs. Normally the overall winners would be announced live on BBC1 on a Sunday evening in October. However, this year plans are still not finalised so we will have to wait and see. Whatever happens next, we are incredibly proud of what we have achieved. What is important is what happens in school every day but it is always a boost to have this kind of recognition. We are currently trying to plan a celebration. It is not easy at this time! But we hope to have something planned by next week.

Of course, whilst this has been wonderful news, we have also all been dealing with the ongoing pandemic. Unsurprisingly, as we all return from holiday and go back to work and school, we have seen an increase in the number of coronavirus infections. This is combined with a massive issue regarding testing and the support and advice through 119. Inevitably, as children return to school after 6 months of isolation, many of them are picking up colds and – as you all know – children get temperatures and coughs all the time. Understandably, many of you are anxious at this time and all of this is creating a great deal of uncertainty and worry. I wish I had a magic solution to all of this but I don’t. I completely understand and empathise with your worry. I also know that all of us want the children to be back in school learning and that being off is really disruptive for them and for you. The latest advice we have received from Public Health regarding symptoms is:

- Coughing is one hour of continuous, heavy coughing.
- A high fever is shaking of the body.
- A loss of taste or smell means they wouldn’t be able to smell Vicks or TCP.

We will continue to work with you to ensure that your children can be in school as much as possible. Particularly at this time of year when children are building relationships with their friends and their teachers it is crucial they are here regularly.

In the meantime, the systems we have in place continue to reduce risk. To further help with this, as previously, I would ask that you:

- Wear a face covering when you are coming to drop-off or pick-up your child.
- Try to limit going to the School Office and ask any questions by using Studybugs or the info@kensington.tilt.academy email address. If you need to speak to someone, please call but be aware we are dealing with lots of enquiries at the moment and so may not be able to answer your call immediately.
- Keep a physical distance of at least 1m and ideally 2m from each other at all times.
- Where possible, come at 3.25pm to collect your child as it is still significantly quieter at this time and this would reduce the congestion at 3.15pm.

I know that these continue to be the most challenging of times. It is clear that we are going to face more challenges in the months ahead. We have proven that we can overcome these when we pull together and take care of ourselves and each other. I know we will continue to do this and continue to make Kensington a place everyone loves to be.

Mr Ben Levinson
Head Teacher

**Learners of the Week**

Aadvika YRH  
Aisha YRR  
Talia Campbell Y2B  
Renaiya Y2Si  
Awa Y2S  
Antony Y3K  
Adam Y3C  
Zaynab Majid Y3S  
Mahdi Y4M  
Zahabiya Y4P  
Zidaan Agwan Y4R  
Daoed Y6E  
Shahzeb Y6P  
Billy Y6S
After school clubs starting Monday, 21st September!
If your child is allocated a club, you will be notified by letter.
Please don’t leave your children for a club if you haven’t received a place confirmation letter.

Reception Meet the Teacher will be held on Friday, 25th September @ 4pm via Zoom. The details for the Zoom meeting will be sent to all Reception parents via Studybugs on Monday.

Kensington wins TWO Silver Awards!
Kensington Primary School has won TWO Pearson Awards - the 'Oscars' of education. The school are Silver Award Winners for Primary School of the Year AND their SENDCo, Mrs Harris, for Excellence in Special Educational Needs, and are now in the running to win one of 14 Gold Awards.
The Pearson Awards recognise excellence in education and the school has been selected from thousands of nominations.
Education Secretary Gavin Williamson said: “My warmest congratulations go to all this year’s silver award winners. They should be proud to receive this recognition of their commitment to the profession, and the outstanding education and guidance they provide for their students.
“Teachers and school staff up and down the country consistently go above and beyond for their students, and this is especially true over the past few months. It is down to their hard work that schools have been able to open their gates to all pupils again for the start of the new term, and I cannot say thank you enough for everything they have done.”
Mayor Fiaz said: "Well done Kensington Primary School, I am so proud that you are all being recognised nationally! It’s a great reflection of the school to be recognised in this way and a reflection of how wonderful the school community of staff, pupils and parents are in showing ambition!"
Mr Levinson, Head Teacher, said: "The Awards are a testament to the incredible community we have at this school and they are a recognition of everyone who is involved - children, staff, The Tapscott Learning Trust, parents, governors, and all of our other partners. I could not be more proud."
Mayor Fiaz congratulates Kensington Primary on double award win
Rokhsana Fiaz – Mayor of Newham supporting statement
Helen Harris and Kensington Primary School 2020 Pearson National Teaching Awards Silver Winners

Hello Everyone - firstly I am so sorry that I'm not able to join you personally today, as I really wanted to share in the joy and celebration of Mrs Harris’s achievement in the Excellence in Special Needs category in the Pearson National Teaching Awards!

Of course, I also wanted to celebrate you all – and super well done for winning the School of the Year award!

Well done Kensington Primary School, I am so proud that you are all being recognised nationally! It’s a great reflection of the school to be recognised in this way and a reflection of how wonderful the school community of staff, pupils and parents are in showing ambition!

As someone who grew up in Newham – and I went to school here too - I know that all our schools work incredibly hard to support all our young people to fulfil their potential and get the best start in life.

The role of teachers is central to that. Their dedication, commitment and unrelenting passion to education is clearly demonstrated in Miss Harris’s case.

I hope in these challenging times you are still able to properly celebrate with Helen and the whole school community to recognise the tremendous success you have achieved.

In the meantime, enjoy this moment and be really proud, and I look forward to seeing pleased to come and visit you and celebrate in person.

With best wishes,
Mayor Rokhsana Fiaz OBE

Stephen Timms MP visits Kensington Primary to share his congratulations for the double Silver Award win
Dear Mr Levinson
I was delighted to hear the news this week that Kensington Primary School has won silver in two categories in the Pearson National Teaching Awards this year. Many congratulations on this success.

Please pass on my congratulations to Helen Harris, and also to all your colleagues who have contributed to making Kensington “a beacon of hope and positivity for the children and their families”. And please pass on my best wishes to all the children too, and to their parents.

I was also very pleased to hear how well the new term has begun, in this very difficult time for everyone. I am glad the children are pleased to be back, benefiting from the school’s focus on physical and emotional wellbeing. The atmosphere in the school felt very positive to me this morning. And I am pleased that you will be marking Parliament Week later on this term.

Thank you for the contribution everyone at Kensington is making to supporting our community. And I look forward to hearing who wins Gold in the Teaching Awards!

With all best wishes,
Yours sincerely,
STEPHEN TIMMS MP
"Year 4's have been learning all about their emotions and regulation strategies during emotional health week. We even created our own charts to help us regulate. We have been trying to use our strategies throughout the week to help us manage our emotions."

Year 5 have been busy this week beginning their new English theme all around poetry.

They have been reading and writing different forms of poems and have been practicing their speaking and listening skills.

We have also been making the transition from using pencils to pens and practicing basic writing skills.

Studybugs—Parent communication to Report Absence Securely and Help Improve Children’s Health

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 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](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)

Celebrate the small achievements

With the return to school and the new routine, many of us are feeling tired and anxious.

"Is my child coping at school?" "Are they making friends?" "What is their learning like?"

All these questions and many more are worrying many of us.

Remember, this is a new start for all of us. Everyone is getting used to the new reality, that includes children and staff at school too.

So, take it easy on yourselves and just celebrate the accomplishment of getting through the first week of this new routine.

Make sure your child knows that they have done really well on starting school this week. Celebrate the small achievements!

Uniform Sale:

Please purchase uniform Online as the office is only accepting ONLINE PAYMENTS.

Once you have made the payment the uniform can be collected from the office up until 3.30. (If you prefer to avoid the crowds we suggest you visit us after 9.30am and before 3pm)

We are using SchoolMoney online payment system for school payments and uniform purchases.

Please go to [https://eduspot.co.uk/](https://eduspot.co.uk/) and under the SIGN IN button choose ‘schoolmoney parent login’.

When you have logged in, go to the SHOP where you can select the uniform items you wish to purchase, make the purchase and then come to the school office to collect the items you’ve purchased.

If you haven’t received your SchoolMoney login details (new parents) or if you have forgotten your login details please let the school office know and we can resend the details or reset your password.
Kensington Primary is excited to be working with VE6 Café this year. We will be working together towards building the community during these difficult times and providing support in various different ways.

Please come along to one of their regular workshops. We will also be hosting a couple of workshops/meet ups there in the near future.

As part of the on-going work towards building the community, VE6 and Student council have introduced a wonderful initiative through which families can receive a free meal at their Café. If you receive a text from the school please go along to VE6 and enjoy a meal with your family! Simply show the text from school when you arrive at the café.

6 O'Clock Club @ Kensington Primary School

Good News for all parents
- We started our 6 O’clock club to provide a safe and educational service from 3.15pm to 6.00pm every day.
- To encourage out of school activities that complement the service already provided by Kensington Primary School.
- Sport, art, board games and free play, Homework time is also provided.
- We offer literacy and numeracy activities that support and consolidate your child’s learning from their year group.
- Snacks and drinks will be provided at no extra cost.
- All the staff are from Kensington Primary school and are skilled and enthusiastic.

Interested?
Want to SIGN UP?

Contact the OFFICE for more information and to collect a contract.

Places are subject to availability. Fees payable in advance either weekly, monthly or termly on School Money App.