It has been another busy week with announcements from the government and new restrictions being placed on all of us. I continue to be astonished by the resilience and positivity of our community during these most testing times. I cannot imagine some of the challenges you will all be facing and yet you remain upbeat, strong-willed, and committed.

Of course, I see this most in your children. Inevitably the glow of the first two weeks back has faded slightly. This is compounded by the weather. BUT, your children remain happy and calm. They are focused on their learning. There are a few gaps but we are already beginning to close these. One of the many outstanding features of this community is the commitment to education and the fact that this continues to be prioritised by everyone, despite all of the challenges we face, is inspiring. Our attendance is currently over 10% higher than the Newham average, which means our children are settling quicker, making new friendships faster, and closing any gaps in their learning from the last six months at pace. All of this will make a huge difference to their development now and in the future. I know it is easy to see coronavirus as the only risk but it is not. There are other risks to our children from missing school: physical, emotional, and developmental. I fully appreciate that many of you will be anxious and having to make difficult decisions. We will continue to support you with this in any way we can so that your children can continue to be in school and continue to thrive.

Our after school clubs also started this week. Children are in their year group bubbles for these to minimise risk. They loved being back to all of the different activities.

A reminder that we all need to make sure we are doing everything we can to reduce risk. As before, I would ask that you:

- Wear a face covering when dropping off or collecting your children
- Keep a 2m distance

Thank you all for your support.

Mr Ben Levinson
Head Teacher

**Learners of the Week**

- Aahil YRH
- Saaliha YRR
- Sanuja YRF
- Corina Y1N
- Zakariya Y1O
- Naeha Y1E
- Ibrahim Y2B
- Sadan Molla Y2Si
- Ayyan Y2S
- Muhammed Ayaan Y3K
- Rayyan Y3C
- Samara Y3S
- Zahiraha Y4M
- Valentin Y4P
- Arssheah JACOB Y4R
- Huzai’a Patel Y5Y
- Aasim Y5G
- Krish Y5L
- Tharun Y6S
- Tarunveer Y6E
- Hassan Y6P

**Breakfast club every morning**
7:30am — 8:30am

Breakfast club is £1 a day. Children will not be admitted after 8:20am.

**6 o’clock club: Monday to Friday**
Club runs from 3.15pm-6pm. The cost for the club is £15 per day subject to contract being signed beforehand. For more information please contact the school office.
In **Year 1** we learnt about the different parts of our body during our Science lesson. We drew around one of our friends in class and labelled their body parts.

**Year 3**

This week, Year 3 used potatoes to help them learn all about the importance of hydration! A potato was left in 3 different cups immersed in - water, sugar and salt. After, they observed what happened to each potato and made links to what happens to our body when we are dehydrated. They also learnt about all the signs of dehydration and started drinking more water as soon as the lesson ended!

Year 3 also went on a treasure hunt around the school playground! They were given clues to find 6 different facts about East Ham scattered around. They then learnt to rewrite the facts and make them sound more interesting!

"Did you know Henry VIII built his second wife a castle on Green street! Wow!" - Talha Y3C

**Year 4’s** have been learning all about debating throughout their communication lessons. We have been discussing ‘big questions’ linked to our text, Beauty and the Beast. We shared our opinions and respected others’ opinions too. We then planned our debate points in groups and are beginning to learn the skills needed to carry out a debate. Debating enables us to work as a team, speak fluently and clearly present our ideas.

**Year 5** have been busy practising performing their poems, which they have written all about themselves. The practised outside to help them practice projecting their voices.

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**We have installed new bike and scooter racks for children near the Office Reception and one in the Early years playground for easy access for early years.**

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The **Year 1** team will be running a welcome meeting, followed by an RSHE meeting via Zoom on **Tuesday 6th October at 4pm**.
The Zoom meeting details will be sent out next week.

The **Year 2** team will be running a welcome meeting, followed by an RSHE meeting via Zoom on **Thursday 1st October at 4pm**.
The Zoom meeting details will be sent out next week.

The **year 6** team will be running a welcome meeting via Zoom on **Friday the 2nd of October at 3:45pm**.
Link will be sent to you via Studybugs.
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

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)

**TIPS for PARENTING**

**PARENTING TIP:**

INSTEAD OF, "HOW WAS SCHOOL TODAY?" TRY THIS:

- "Did anything make you laugh today?"
- "Who is the funniest person in your class?"
- "Did anything make you sad today?"
- "What was the best thing that happened today?"
- "What do you think you should learn about at school?"
- "Did you ask for help today?"
- "Did you help anyone today?"
- "Any new words you heard today?"
- "Anyone in class that you think you can be nicer to?"
- "Did you ask anyone to play with you today?"
- "Anyone in class get upset today?"
- "Can you tell me about a book you read today?"

**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/ 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
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

**Only £15**

**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 in School Money App.