Weekly Newsletter

This week @ Kensington

It has been another great week at Kensington. We had the wonderful news at the end of last week that we have been shortlisted in the TES Awards for the Wellbeing and Mental Health Award. We are particularly delighted at being recognised for this at this time as we have invested so much in ensuring the health and wellbeing of everyone. We will find out whether we have won on Friday 13th November but, for now, we are just honoured to be down to the last 8 schools – Primary AND Secondary – in the country.

We have also had a number of our Meet the Teacher meetings. Unfortunately we had to do these virtually this year. There were a couple of technical glitches but, generally, they seemed to go well. We invested significantly in our technology last year and are continuing to find money to further invest this year. Like so many organisations, our technology is struggling a bit to keep up with the huge increase in demand but we are doing everything we can to keep pace. In the meantime, if you do ever have questions or do want to discuss anything or provide any feedback, we are always outside in the mornings and afternoons and you can always contact us via Studybugs, at info@kensington.ttlt.academy or by ringing the school office.

The children are starting to make good progress. Our focus, as always, is on getting to know them individually and making sure we are challenging them appropriately. Despite all of the fuss in the press about children falling behind, this is, has always been, and will always be our approach. Every single year, there are children who are a bit further ahead in some areas and children who are a bit further behind. Our job is to maximise the learning for all of them, every day. This is what we are trained for and what we are committed to doing. This year, like every other year, we will do our utmost to make this happen.

Finally, a reminder to please wear a face covering when dropping off your children or picking them up and to keep a 2m distance from others. We have noticed a problem at the end of the day with people crossing back over onto the school side of Kensington Avenue. Please remember it is one way. There are maps and a video on the website as well as staff outside to direct you. Please only walk on the school side when you are going from Browning Road to Shakespeare Crescent and walk on the opposite side when you are going from Shakespeare to Browning. Thank you for your help.

Mr Ben Levinson
Head Teacher

Learners of the Week

Abdurahman YRH
Emaan YRR
Mustafa YRF
Emran Y1N
Anthony Y1O
Farrah Y1E
Umaimah Y2B
Hussain Ayaz Y2Si
Aalia Y2S
Mustafa Obeid Y3K
Amelia Y3C
Baqir Y3S
Mubasheer Y4M
Afsana Y4P
Safa Salman Y4R
Jasvin Y5Y
Adrita Y5L
Miruna Y5G
Sadia Y6S
Zikra Y6E
Inaya Butt Y6P
Year 6 have been studying about food calories and healthy eating in science. This week the year 6 classes carried out a science experiment which involved burning different food items to test how much energy food contains. The increase in temperature determined how much energy the food released and the results generated excellent discussions around their learning. This will clearly be a memorable experiment that the year 6 children will be able to relate to in future.

Science
Y3 had a careful look at their packed lunches! They learnt all about what makes a healthy balanced diet. They then designed their own healthy balanced packed lunch.

In year 3, the children were practising how to enter a restaurant and waiting to be seated. They washed their hands and then put their napkins on. The teachers served the food to them and they had to use their polite language. They said, ‘Thank you’ when the food was served to them. They also said, ‘please’ when they asked for more food. They were all served pancakes, strawberries and bananas which they found delicious.

Year 4 Science
Last week in Science children carried out an experiment to explore the circulatory system. They used different equipment to try to show the model of the heart and how blood travels around the body.

This week, the children explored the digestive system and looked at how food travels through the different parts of the body. Children used crackers, water and orange juice to show what happens to food inside our stomachs.

In Year 5 we have been writing poems with the theme being ‘This is me.’ The children have been working really hard for the past two weeks to produce work they are really proud of. They have been focusing on rhyming, structure and rhythm as well as developing speaking and listening skills to perform their poems in front of an audience. Today we are going to have a poetry competition across year 5 and these are our finalists.

Year 2 had the wonderful opportunity to explore their local high street for their Culture lessons, as they are exploring their local area. Children were able to identify the various landmarks on the high street and discussed the purposes of them during their visit. The visit has given them many learning opportunities for finding out more about their local area through the year. They have created artwork showing what they saw on the high street.
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](https://studybugs.com/about/schools))

**TIPS for Parenting**

Space to speak

If you find yourself interrupting your child when they are talking or you are ‘filling in the gaps’ for them. You are showing them that they don’t need to speak for themselves. Some children translate that to mean that they aren't being listened to and begin using their behaviour to speak for them. They will act out more and use behaviour to grab your attention.

Next time your child is telling you something take a step back and let them talk. Help them discover the importance of using their words and they will learn to respect others when they speak too.

**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.**

**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.

Transition News

The Cumberland School
We are holding Personalised Tours of The Cumberland School for Year 5 and 6 families up until Friday 23rd October, at 9:00am and 11:00am. To book an appointment please telephone / email the school. Should these times not be available, we will try and accommodate a preferred time.

Telephone: 0207 474 0231 / 0207 473 7500
Email: contact@cumberlandcst.org / TCS.Transitions@cumberlandcs.t.org

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.