

Weekly Newsletter

3rd November 2023

Diary Dates & Events

Monday, 6th November

- Y4 Swimming

Wednesday, 8th November

- YRA + YRF @ Discovery Centre
- Parent Gym Session

Friday, 10th November

- Flu Vaccination (Rec—YR6)
- Remembrance Day Activities
- Y5 + Y6 Tag Rugby League Festival
- Y5@ Science Museum

Tuesday, 14th November

- London Metropolitan in to meet Y2 & Y3
- MMR/Polio Vaccination

Welcome back to school! I hope you had a wonderful half-term break with the children.

The situation in Gaza continues to dominate headlines. I know that many of our staff, parents, carers and children are concerned and distressed by what is currently happening. Our thoughts are with all those who are affected by these terrible events. We will continue with our support to children by providing emotional support at all times and through emotional health lessons. As with previous conflicts, we will help address any misconceptions or any confusion children may have in an age-appropriate way. Our school council are also discussing this matter and are considering the best way they can support their peers. It is early days but they are considering a fundraising programme to raise money for all those affected by the recent conflict. I will update you on their plans over the coming weeks...

This week we were delighted to see children return to school on Tuesday; it is always a joy to see them as they walk through the gates and rush up to see their friends and teachers. This term staff have been working hard to develop strong relationships with each other, the children and families. At Kensington Primary School we ensure our assessment systems are robust and use a number of different methods, however nothing beats staff sitting with and really understanding children and how they learn. We will continue to invest time in developing relationships and build pupils that are happy, healthy and love learning.

This weekend please take precautions if watching fireworks or watching bonfires. Sadly there are many injuries each year and we recommend that if children do want to see fireworks that they attend one of the locally organised events.

Have a wonderful and safe weekend...

Mr Leeks

Learners of the Week

All of YRA	All of Y2G	All of Y4B	
Humza YRF	All of Y2U	Dinisha Y4M	Mustafa Y Y6S
Maksim YRL	All of Y2K	Manpreet Y4H	All of Y6B
Arianna Y1C	All of Y3E	Amit Y5R	Ismaeel Y6J
All of Y1R	Sadh Y3G	Jonathan Y5P	
Sahitra Y1I	Saakisan Y3S	Yusuf Y5S	

Residential Trip to the Lake District

This year we have an amazing opportunity for a handful of our Y5 & Y6 pupils to spend a week in the Lake District - England's largest National Park and UNESCO World Heritage Site



The Tapscott Learning Trust staff will be taking children from each school in our Trust on the trip and supervising them at all times; however activities will be facilitated by qualified instructors from Outward Bound.

<https://www.outwardbound.org.uk/>

Children will spend a week in the Lake District and will travel by coach. The trip is organised for **Monday 4th - Friday the 8th of March 2024.**

The cost of this amazing experience is **£260** and will be offered on a first come first serve basis.

If you would like to indicate your interest in your child attending this trip please complete the online form below.

<https://forms.gle/uJgVGhH7Uq1uSrT28>

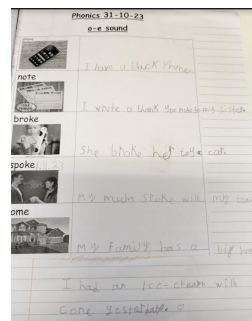
If you would like to donate £260 to support another family, please inform us on Study Bugs.



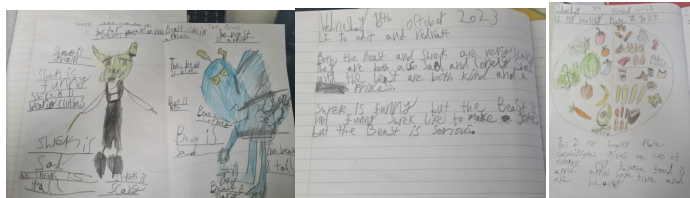
Star of the Week for Phase 1 is Freddie. Freddie your hard work and perseverance in learning to write your name is commendable. I'm so proud of you for never giving up and always striving to do your best. Your determination is inspiring! Additionally, I want to applaud you for your bravery and kindness towards other children. It's incredible to see how you act with courage and show kindness to your classmates. This combination of dedication and compassion is truly remarkable, Freddie. Keep up the fantastic work and continue shining brightly. Well done!



Omeyrah has only been in our class a short while but she has impressed me with her bravery and ability to build strong relationships. She always tries her best and helps others in the classroom if they struggle with their work. From the first day she walked in with a smile and acted like she had always been with us. She isn't afraid to get an answer wrong and is constantly trying to improve. Omeyrah works hard to improve her spelling in English lessons, Miss Bose and I are very proud of her progress so far! Well done Omeyrah!!



Star learner for Year 4 is Oishani. Oishani has settled into her new class very well and has been making amazing progress this half term. She focuses on her learning and is always trying her best. She has really impressed me this week with her Science and English work especially. In English Oishani has been writing a character comparison between Shrek and the Beast. She has used amazing adjectives to describe and compare. In Science Oishani was able to design her own healthy plate and is beginning to show understanding of what nutrients her favourite foods provide her body with. Keep up all the good work Oishani! We are all very proud of you.



My name is Maria, and I'm your Trainee Educational Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP)

Well-being In Newham School (WINS)



About Me:

Hi, I'm Maria and I'm a Trainee Educational Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP). I work in WINS, which aims to increase support and information around emotional health and well-being in schools. We work together with health and education settings to try to ensure every student gets the support that is right for them.

Things I do:

- Confidential 1:1 guided self-help for parents to support children with fears or worries or behaviours that challenge.
- Well-being workshops for children on topics like secondary school transition.
- Staff training and parent workshops on topics around emotional well-being.

Contact:

You'll see me around in Kensington Primary School on Thursdays!

If you would like to know more, please get in contact with Ms Omole.

Childcare Choices: Get the help that fits your family, so you can juggle work and life

Thousands of families could be saving money on their childcare costs. But some simply don't know what support they might be eligible for. The [Childcare Choices website](#) brings together all the existing childcare offers in one place, so parents can get the help that fits their family. This could be through Tax-Free Childcare, 30 Hours Childcare, or Universal Credit Childcare. Some families might be eligible to use more than one childcare scheme together and get the most out of it.

And from next year even more help is on the way:

- From **April 2024**, eligible working parents in England with children aged 2 will have access to 15 hours childcare (available from the term after the child's 2nd birthday).
- From **September 2024**, the 15 hours childcare offer will be expanded to eligible working parents in England with children between 9 and 23 months old (available from the term after the child turns 9 months).
- From **September 2025**, eligible working parents in England with children between 9 months up to school age will have access to 30 hours childcare.

Support is also expanding for primary-school aged children – from September 2024, parents are expected to see an expansion in the availability of childcare in their local area before and after school, between 8am and 6pm, also known as '**wraparound care**'.

Don't miss out on getting the support you are entitled to. Visit the [Childcare Choices website](#) to check what offer you might be eligible for and sign up to a newsletter to get the latest updates about the childcare support expansion.

University of East London Donates £2000 worth of Books to School Library

Kensington Primary School have had their library stocked up with £2000 worth of brand new books! The kind donation was made by the University of East London who delivered the books themselves to show the children. "The new books are amazing!" said one year 6 pupil. The books were chosen by the children themselves as the type that would help all children to 'develop a love for reading' - one of the school's key targets. The school and all the children would like to thank the UEL for this kind gesture!

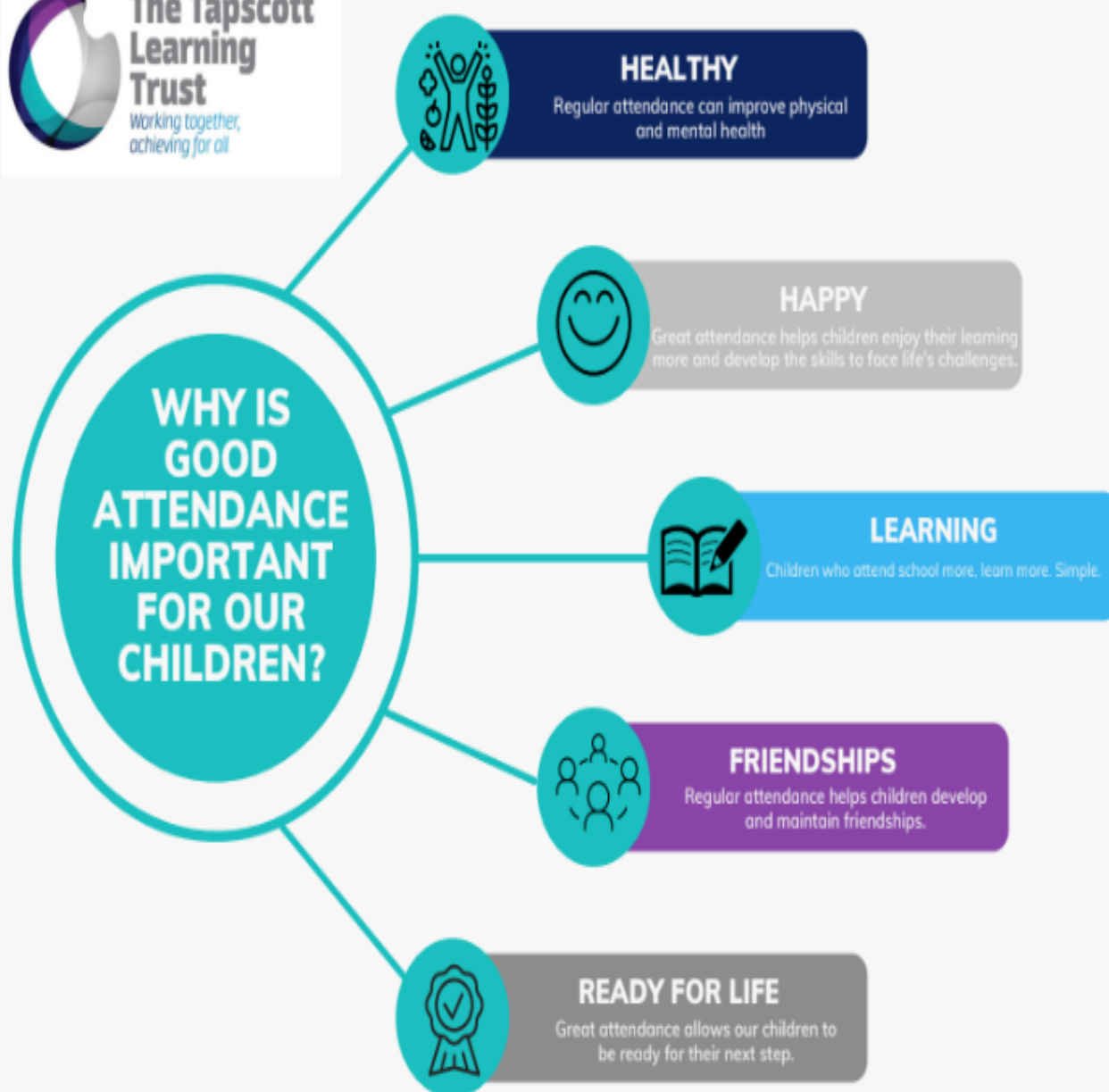


Whole school
attendance:

94%



**The Tapscott
Learning
Trust**
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achieving for all*





It is important to download the Studybugs app as this will be the form of communication between school and parents.

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

UNIFORM SALE

Please purchase uniform **online**, as the office is only accepting **ONLINE PAYMENTS**.

Please go to <https://eduspot.co.uk/> and under the SIGN IN button choose 'schoolmoney parent login'.



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 on School Money App.

**HURRY UP
Places are
limited**



Breakfast Club

We provide a daily Breakfast Club, currently at a cost of **£1 per day**. Children are able to attend **daily from 7.30am**, and are provided with a variety of healthy breakfast options as well as indoor and outdoor activities. The latest admission to the Breakfast Club is 8.20am.



<https://www.mind.org.uk/get-involved/supported-self-help/>

What is supported self-help?

Supported self-help is a free, 6-week guided programme. We give you the materials to understand and manage your feelings. And we call you regularly to give you support.

You don't need a GP referral to sign up for supported self-help.

This is a one-to-one guided self-help service, not a counselling service. But our practitioners do use counselling based skills in their support. It incorporates some Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) style tools but also provides other kinds of support.

