

# Weekly Newsletter

**15th December 2023**

## Diary Dates & Events

### Friday, 11th –20th December

- No School Clubs

### Monday, 18th December

- Class parties and Santa coming

### Tuesday, 19th December

- Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

### Monday, 18th–20th Dec

- No after school club

### Wednesday, 20th December

- School closes at 1pm

### Thursday, 4th January

- Staff Inset Day

### Friday, 5th January

- Staff Inset Day

### Monday, 8th January

- Back to school
- Y3 + Y4 Swimming

Dear All,

Firstly, thank you so much for all your support and enthusiasm this term. I have spoken to so many schools, multi-academy trusts, charities, the Department for Education, and more this term and always emphasise the commitment to education of Newham parents. We have heard a lot about the breakdown in relationships between schools and parents post-COVID but, if anything, I believe we are working even more closely now than we ever have.

Thanks also for your support with Culture K - our ethos for Kensington. As you know, this term we have focused on our new Purpose: To build the relationships that allow our children to be healthy and happy and love learning. Investing in relationships is at the heart of creating, 'a place everyone loves to be'. I can see the impact of the relationships we have with the children and the children have with each other every day and also our relationships with you and their relationships with you. All of this is very important when we are thinking about the best ways to support your child's health, happiness and learning.

Following on from the Purpose, we will be rolling out our four new values, starting with, 'Be Curious' in January. We will be working with our team and your children to define what we mean by this at Kensington, what behaviours we will expect to see, and how we can support everyone to achieve these. We will then move onto: 'Be Ambitious' in Spring 2; 'Be Kind' in Summer 1, and, 'Be Brave' in Summer 2. Thank you again to everyone who contributed to these. Do please share your views on how you feel they are being developed, any parts you think are successful and anything further we can do to better develop and embed these.

I have missed being here in person quite so much this half-term but there has been a lot going on across the Trust and lots of schools and organisations who want to learn from what we are doing at Kensington. I look forward to catching-up with you all in the new year. Have a wonderful Christmas if you are celebrating and I hope you can enjoy some time with your children if you are not.

Mr Ben Levinson  
Executive Head Teacher

## Learners of the Week

Max YRA	Juveria Y2G	All of Y4B	
Hana YRF	All of Y2U	Abuzzar Y4M	Ibrahim K Y6S
Zenon YRL	Omar Y2K	Akif Y4H	All of Y6B
Mustafa Y1C	All of Y3E	Kai Y5R	All of Y6J
Ryan Y1R	Sarah Y3G	All of Y5P	
Guransh Y1I	Ionut Y3S	All of Y5S	



## Star Learners this Week are:

### STAR LEARNER OF THE WEEK EYFS & Year 1

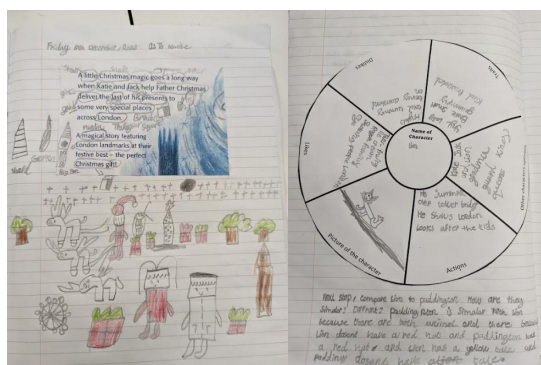
Star learner from Phase 1 is Aisha from Yellow Class.

Aisha you should be really proud of yourself for being able to fluently retell our core book! That's a big accomplishment. It shows that you have a great understanding of the story and can put it into your own words. Not only are you able to fluently retell our core book, but you also go above and beyond to help your friends. Your kindness and willingness to lend a hand make you a true superhero in the classroom. Your efforts to keep the environment clean and organized create a positive and inviting space for everyone to learn in. Well done for being such an amazing friend and classmate! Keep up the excellent work, and continue to be a shining example of kindness and responsibility.



### STAR LEARNER OF THE WEEK Year 2 - 3

Star Learner in Y3E is Ridwaan, he has flown right from the beginning of year 3. He worked hard building relationships with his classmates and shows bravery in how he tackles new learning. As you can see from the examples of his work, he takes pride in presentation and has handwriting that makes some grownups jealous. I am so proud of how much he has achieved this term and I can't wait to see what he does next.



### STAR LEARNER OF THE WEEK Year 4 - 6

Star Learner for Y5S is Mert, he has been an amazing inspiration for all this term. He has been exceptional in class and in all his extracurricular activities. He is a fantastic student councillor and always kind to others. He is always determined to learn, I look forward to seeing how he improves throughout the year, he is a pleasure to teach.



## Y5's Performance:

Y5's have been working super hard this half term preparing for their parent performance. They learnt all about how Christmas is celebrated around the world in their culture lessons and then put together a phenomenal performance using all their communication skills, Children had learnt their lines, spoke clearly and loudly, they were singing and dancing and being overall fantastic performers. They also made and sold popcorn to create the real theatre experience. The year 5 teachers are SO proud of them. A huge well done to them all!





## FairPlay House:

Over the past three days, thirteen Year 6 pupils, Mr B and Mrs Patel have been having the time of their lives at Fair Play House. They have been using their experiences at the residential trip to produce some beautifully written poetry. Children and staff have faced many fears and felt many emotions - fear, excitement, resilience are some that come to mind. One of the most challenging activities was the high ropes. Some children climbed as high as Kensington Primary School! Another activity that took immense perseverance was caving. We climbed into a small hole and followed narrow, dark holes underground, with only a headlight to help us. I am so incredibly proud of how all of the children worked together as a team and supported each other when times were getting hard. Every child stepped out of their comfort zone and were brave. Well done to you all!





## School Council Fundraiser:

Today School Council hosted their first fundraiser. Councilors sold a variety of sweet treats and baked goods. A special thanks to Khadijah in Y4B who bought in some delicious cupcakes for us to sell! We managed to raise a grand total of £220 that will go to the Save the Children — Gaza Appeal. Thank you for all of your support!

