

# Weekly Newsletter

**12th January 2024**

## Diary Dates & Events

### Thursday, 18th January

- Y1 Movie Night

### Monday, 15th January

- Clubs restart

### Wednesday, 24th January

- Y4 @ British Museum

### Wednesday, 7th February

- Parents' Evening

### Thursday, 8th February

- Parents' Evening



Good afternoon Parents and Carers,

What an amazing first week back we have had at Kensington Primary School...

This week we were delighted to welcome back children to the school and it was clear that they were so excited to be back. This term we are focusing on **'being curious'**; teachers have planned specific sessions on this all week and we will encourage children's sense of curiosity all term. How can parents and carers help? 1) Be a Role Model: Demonstrate your own curiosity by asking questions, exploring new things, and sharing your excitement about learning. Children often emulate the behaviour they see in their parents. 2) Ask Open-Ended Questions: Encourage your child to think critically by asking open-ended questions that require more than a simple "yes" or "no" answer. For example, instead of asking, "Did you have fun at school today?" you could ask, "What was the most interesting thing you learned today?" 3) Provide a Variety of Learning Materials: Offer a diverse range of books, magazines, puzzles, and educational games that cater to your child's interests. Exposure to different subjects can spark curiosity in various areas. 4) Support Hobbies and Interests: Encourage your child to pursue their interests, whether it's painting, building, playing an instrument, or any other activity. This helps them develop a passion for learning and fosters curiosity. 5) Limit Screen Time: While technology has its benefits, excessive screen time can hinder curiosity. Set limits on TV, computer, and tablet usage to make room for other types of exploration and learning.

Remember that every child is unique, so it's essential to tailor your approach based on your child's individual interests and learning style. Creating an environment that fosters curiosity will not only benefit their academic pursuits but also contribute to their overall personal and intellectual growth.

Attendance will be a huge focus for us also this term and we will be working hard with families to support them where necessary. Please remember we will be sending out formal letters more this year as part of a TTLT trust-wide approach to managing attendance. If you would like to discuss this or any matter regarding attendance please message our Attendance Officer via Study Bugs and one of us will contact you.

Have a wonderful weekend and stay warm!

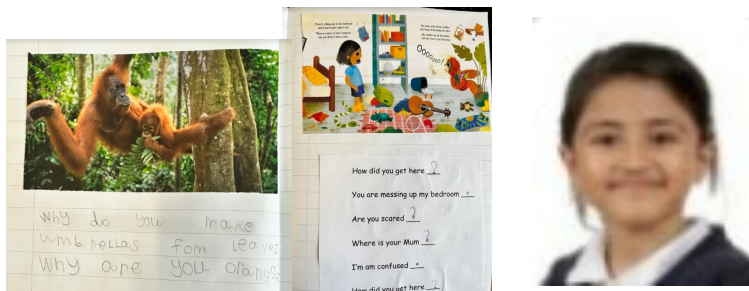
Mr Leeks - Head of School

## Learners of the Week

Sia YRA	All of Y2G	Farrah Y4B	
Adyan YRF	All of Y2U	Saahas Y4M	Mustafa Y Y6S
Taybah YRL	Mustapha Y2K	Fiya Y4H	Kirill Y6B
Aisha Y1C	Amir Y3E	Daud Y5R	Ismaeel Gani Y6J
Nabilah Y1R	Ali Y3G	Sarakshi Y5P	
Yaleena Y1I	Ionut Y3S	Ammara Y5S	



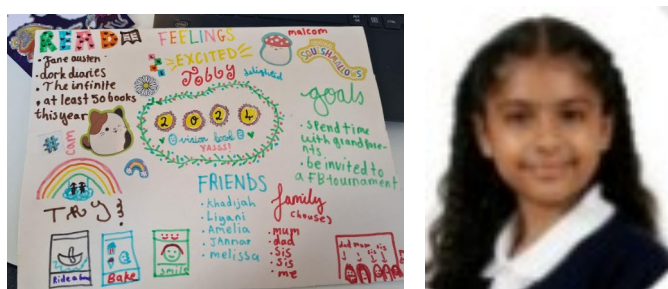
This weeks star learner is Aisha! This term in Y1, we are exploring what it means to be curious and Aisha has come up with fantastic questions that she would like to find out about Orangutans - linked to our English core text 'There's a Rang Tan in my Bedroom'. She has worked hard in her writing & is beginning to become more independent and a vocal member of the class. She can be found being brave and participating in class discussions and works well with her peers in pairs or in a group setting. I am so proud of you Aisha, keep it up!



Star learner from Y2K is Mustapha for showing curiosity by asking regular questions about the topic during carpet time. When Mustapha first started in September, he was really shy. However, his confidence has been boosted and he is curious to find out more about what he is studying and tries to increase his knowledge in different areas.



Star learner is Farrah, our 'be curious' ambassador and for very good reasons. She constantly strives to delve deeper into her learning by asking questions, researching and seeking out answers independently. This week during Maths we started learning about factors, multiples and products. Once Farrah understood the meaning of these words, she was able to quickly find factors of given numbers and then sought out further challenges. She was asked to investigate if the greater the number the more factor pairs it would have, and although this was challenging, she asked her friends for support, working together to come up with an answer. She was also challenged further to find out which numbers only have themselves and 1 as a factor and a day later, after thinking hard and further research, she came back with the answer! She has also contributed a *lot* to our new 'Wonder wall' where the class ask any questions they are curious to find out more about. She is always engaged in her lessons and excited to learn new things! Well done Farrah, you really are a star.



# Manor Park Library:

## WHAT'S ON @ MANOR PARK LIBRARY

All under 5s must be accompanied by an adult

### MONDAY

Fun for Under 5's – Storytelling, sing along and craft session	10am-11am
Life in the UK Classes (Term time only)	10.30am-12.30pm
Fun Reading Club for children (Term time only)	3.30pm-4.30pm

### TUESDAY

Knit and Natter	10.30am-12noon
Digital Skills sessions	10am-12noon
Lego Club (Term time only) – suitable for ages 5 to 12 years	3.30pm-4.30pm

### WEDNESDAY

Yogalate – For all aged 35 and over	10am -11am
Senior's Digital Coffee Mornings (Term time only)	10.30am-12.30am
Creative Club (Term time only) – suitable for ages 5 to 12 years	3.30pm-4.30pm

### THURSDAY

Digital Assistance	10am -12pm
Board Games Club	3:30 -4:30pm

### FRIDAY


Learn My Way – Basic Computer Skills	10.30am-12.30pm
Lego Club	3:30 -4:30pm
Family Film Night– suitable for 4 to 12 years	4.30pm-5.30pm

### SATURDAY

Councillors Surgery (Term Time Only)	10.30am-11.30pm
Arts & Crafts	2.30pm-4pm
Family Film Night— suitable for 4 to 12 years	4.30pm-6pm


For more information please email us at [CN.Manorpark@newham.gov.uk](mailto:CN.Manorpark@newham.gov.uk) Or call:  
0203 373 0858

# Writing Competition:




## Kensington's very own 500 word story writing competition!

**Theme:**



# curiosity



**Criteria:**

- Be 500 words or less (title is not included)
- Be written by an individual
- Be a child's own original idea
- Be around our school value of 'Curiosity'.
- No personal details

**Kensington judges:** Mr. Levinson, Mr Leeks, Miss Jubin and Miss Lobo.

The judges will be casting their eyes over the final 50 stories. **All stories** will be judged on the following:

- **Implementation of the theme 'Curiosity'**
- **Characterisation**
- **Plot**
- **Originality**
- **Language**
- **Enjoyment**

**Prizes:**

- **3 Gold winners:** £20 Scholastic Book voucher
- **3 Bronze Runner ups:** £10 Scholastic Book voucher
- 50 finalist stories to be published inside a book for our library.

**Winners will be announced on: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Children of all abilities and all ages are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to write a story about curiosity that they would love to read without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation and grammar.

**Story writing Deadline:**  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**What is curiosity?**

- A strong desire to know or learn something.
- A need, thirst or desire for knowledge.
- Curious people ask questions and seek out knowledge.

**Curiosity**

**Albert Einstein:** "I have no special talents. I am only passionately curious."

## Nursery Places Available for September 2024:

Dear Parents/Carers,

There is still time till 31st March 2024 to apply for the Nursery place for your child at Kensington Primary School.

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021, please email the school at [info@kensington.ttl.academy](mailto:info@kensington.ttl.academy) to request the application form.

We will also offer a limited number of 30 hour places for eligible families. These will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. If you require and are eligible for a 30 hour place, you must provide your 30 hour code with your application form.

To find out more about childcare options available to you please visit Newham's Family Information Service web-

site: <https://families.newham.gov.uk/kb5/newham/directory/family.page?familychannel=3>





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.

