

# Weekly Newsletter

**26th January 2024**

## Diary Dates & Events

### Tuesday, 30th January

- Lake District Parents' Meeting

### Wednesday, 7th February

- Parents' Evening

### Thursday, 8th February

- Parents' Evening

### Friday, 9th February

- Last day of Spring 1 Term. School closes normal time.

### Monday, 19th February

- First day back of Spring 2

**Whole school attendance:**

**94%**

Good afternoon Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe we only have two weeks left of this half-term! School will be closing at the usual time of **3:15pm on Friday the 9th of February**. Half-term break is just one week, so the school will be open at the usual time for children on **Monday the 19th of February**. Clubs will be running as usual during the last week and the first week back. As we enter 'Spring 2', we look forward to this year's residential trips. Staying away from home at a school residential is an excellent way for our children to develop so many skills around independence, communication and confidence. From the 4th-8th of March we have 18 lucky children attending a week's residential at the Lake District, towards the end of March Y5 will be heading off to Hertfordshire's Young Mariners Base to take part in watersports and in May Y6 will be spending a week at Fairplay House. We understand that these trips are too expensive for some families and we are considering ways in which we can make them more accessible in the years to come. We were able to fully fund a group of children to attend a 3-day trip to Fairplay House in December and we are committed to fully funding other families where we can. I would like to say a HUGE thank you to the parents who have donated money so that other families are able to send their child to one of these incredible experiences. If you would like to make a donation please get in touch via Study Bugs.

This term the leadership team have been carefully considering feedback obtained from parent, staff and children surveys. We value the comments and opinions of all, and are looking at ways to improve our school based on this.

One of the things we would like to do more is open up meetings to parents in the way we used to do pre-pandemic. Therefore this year we will be offering tea and coffee at as many parent meetings as we can and encourage parents to stay after the meetings to chat with each other and staff. We know this is not always possible for our working parents but we have parents' evenings coming up very soon (7th and 8th of February) so please do use that as an opportunity to reach out; we are also more than happy to arrange a phone call with your child's class teacher at any time.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mr Leeks

## Learners of the Week

Humza YRA	Maira Y2G	Vazeer Y4B	
Pavni YRF	All of Y2U	Talha Y4M	All of Y6S
Fatemah YRL	Alvia Y2K	Mari Y4H	Zaynab Y6B
Aadhya Y1C	Daniel Y3E	All of Y5R	Talha Y6J
All of Y1R	Charlie Y3G	Afnan Y5P	
Lamin Y1I	Sanvi Y3S	Hanan Y5S	

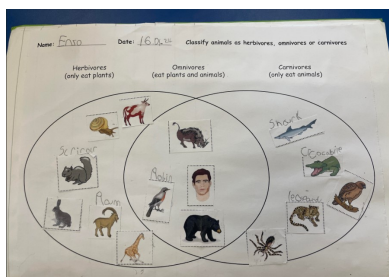


## Star Learners this Week are:

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

Enzo is the Star Learner of the week in Y1R for being curious. He has been asking many questions that are linked to the learning. In English, we are reading 'There's a rang tan in my bedroom' and Enzo wanted to know why humans were cutting the trees in the rainforest. During the cold weather snap, we were discussing the temperature and Enzo wanted to find out how hot the sun is and the temperature on different planets and Antarctica. Enzo thoroughly enjoys Science and on many occasions has answered questions that his peers have asked.

Well done Enzo and keep those questions coming!



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

Sulaiman is Y2U's star learner. In science class this term, we have been studying the growth of fruits and vegetables in different environments. We have also learned about how plants adapt to their surroundings to survive and thrive. Sulaiman has shown much interest by asking many questions in these lessons. He was excited to learn that some fruits are sweeter than others and that certain vegetables contain more vitamins and minerals. He was eager to try new types of fruits and vegetables and learn more about them. He is a great role model for how curiosity can inspire scientific exploration.




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

Eesvar is Y6B's star learner. In recent weeks he has developed into an important role model for the class. His attitude to learning has improved drastically and it is clear to see the impact this is having on his work. I have been particularly impressed with his work around our current core text, Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. He has started to write a description of Diagon Alley and it really captured my imagination when I read it. Well done for using so many descriptive writing techniques, keep up this dedication.




# 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**

**"I have no special talents. I am only passionately curious."**  
ALBERT EINSTEIN

## Nursery Places Available for September 2024:

Dear Parents/Carers,

There is still time until 19th February 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>



## Y6 - A Journey with Charles Darwin

The children at Kensington Primary School (Y6S) recently had an immersive 'Now Press Play' experience focused on the topic of evolution. This unique audio adventure transported them into a narrative where they followed the first day of a new student at secondary school, who ends up on an unexpected journey with Charles Darwin. The story began in a typical household setting, with the student's disorganized and hurried father, a taxi driver, causing them to be late for school. At school, they encountered various characters including a school receptionist, the intimidating science teacher Mrs. Hargreaves, and the Head Teacher. However, things took a surreal turn when they met Charles Darwin, portrayed as an eccentric Victorian, and his rival, the obnoxious Richard Owen. Through a series of fantastical events, the students accompanied Darwin on a time-traveling ship, the HMS Beagle. They journeyed to different eras, observing the evolution of species and confronting Darwin's rival, who aimed to disprove the theory of evolution. They witnessed the gradual adaptation of animals like camels and moths, understanding the concept of survival of the fittest and natural selection. This adventure was not only educational but also engaging, encouraging the students to think critically about science and history. The experience was a blend of storytelling, imagination, and scientific concepts, making the topic of evolution both accessible and exciting for the students.



## Y4 @ British Museum:

This week, Year 4 went to the British museum. We explored some important objects from the Anglo Saxons and the Roman times and even had a chance to examine and hold real stone and bronze aged artefacts! We also saw lots of jewellery, plates, cups and bowls from Roman Britain. As well as weapons, armour, helmets and shields which Anglo Saxons and Romans used to wear in battle. We all had an amazing day! (Liyani Y4B)



## Parent Gym:

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# Parenting workshops

Help your child succeed

Try it out on:

To sign up speak to:

Ms. Ujevic

Around **10,000** parents have already participated

**96%** said sessions were "very good" or "excellent"



For parents of children aged 2 - 11 years

Reserve your space now:  
Limited places available

**"I gained some of the most valuable parenting advice ever."**

Parent, Boxgrove Primary

parentgym  
THE PARENTS WHO KNOW





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.

