This week @ Kensington

Welcome back!

I hope that those of you who had time off over the holidays enjoyed time with your families. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces on Wednesday. Thanks to children coming straight in, we had the smoothest start to a year we have ever had. This is an exciting year at Kensington – even more than usual! First, I’m delighted to say that we have achieved the Gold Quality Mark for our teaching of Religious Education and also the Gold Quality Mark for our work on supporting Mental Health. These are two wonderful achievements and a huge credit to the whole school community.

As I have said, I am now back at Kensington full-time. We have a lot to do this year. Most importantly is our new curriculum – Curriculum K. This trail blazing curriculum will provide your children with the skills and knowledge they need to be happy and successful when facing the challenges that lie ahead. We have lots of events planned and I hope to see many of you in school. As ever, we hugely value your feedback. If you do have ideas or want to share your views with us, we are out in the playground every day or you can email: parents@kensington.ttlt.academy

One of the four key strands of the new curriculum is health. If children aren’t healthy they cannot learn. Research has repeatedly shown that children who are physically and mentally fit are more effective learners. We have launched our new Physical Health curriculum and your children will all now be getting two fitness lessons, a physical health lesson, and an Active Maths lesson each week. To get the maximum from these sessions, we are asking that your children come to school in their PE kits on the days they have fitness and physical health lessons. This is shown on the timetables on our website and also in the What We Are Learning letter, also on our website. Do please come and ask us for a printed copy or just ask a member of staff if you are not sure.

Finally, we know this is a difficult time with everything that is going on around Brexit. If you do have concerns or if you feel your child is worried, please do come and talk to us as we would be more than happy to support in any way that we can.

Ben Levinson (Head Teacher)
Breakfast club every morning 7:30am — 8:30am!

Breakfast club is £1 a day.
Children will not be admitted after 8:20am.

6 o’clock club starting Monday, 9th September
Club runs from 3.15pm-6pm. The cost for the club is £1.50 per day subject to contract being signed beforehand. For more information please contact the school office.

After school clubs starting Monday, 23rd September!
Letters will be sent home Monday, 9th September. Reply slips have to be returned by Friday, 13th September.

If your child is allocated a club, you will be notified by letter.
Please don’t leave your children for a club if you haven’t received a place confirmation letter.

Going Home Alone — Reminder!
Year 5 and 6 — if any year 5 or 6 parents want their children to come home alone they need to send in written permission. Permission letters were sent home Wednesday, 4th September. If you didn’t receive one but wish to sign one, please ask for a copy in the office.

Year 6 Boosters
From week commencing the 16th of September, year 6 will be launching their Booster Sessions in English and Maths. Most will run after school on different days between 3.30-4.30pm. Please look out next week for an invitation letter from your child’s teacher. Please note that not all children will be attending booster sessions. We strongly recommend that if your child is selected for a booster that they attend each week as these sessions are proven to boost progress in these key areas. If there is any problem with the day or time please see Mr Leeks as soon as possible.

Maths workshop for Parents
We would like to invite you and your child/children to take part in an Active Maths session.
The session will take place on Friday 13th September from 9.00am until 10.30am.
During this session, you will get the opportunity to spend some time having fun and learning with your child/children.
We will discuss changes to the maths curriculum, discuss the importance of being active and how we implement this in school. We will also share ways you can be active with maths at home and give you a chance to take part in some fun active maths activities with your child/children.
If you have, any questions please feel free to come and speak to Mrs Blacklock.
Thank you for your continued support.
Polite Reminder

Dear parents and carers of Nursery and Reception children, please be mindful of other pedestrians while you are waiting for the gates to be open. Please don’t block the pavement and leave a space for other pedestrians to pass by.

Thank you!

What are We Learning & Timetables

Dear parents and carers you can find ‘What We are Learning’ information for each year group and every class’s timetable for Autumn Term on our website — www.kensington.newham.sch.uk under ‘Our Learning’ > ‘What we are learning & our Curriculum Maps’ section.

Year 3 @ Town Hall

Year 3 visited the Town Hall on Thursday & took part in a debate. Children also performed their school councillor speeches & voted for their class councillor. Later on, they were given a tour of the library & even got to design their very own library!