This week @ Kensington

It has been a wonderful first, full week back at Kensington! It has been inspiring to see the children and staff loving the new Physical Health lessons we have launched as part of Curriculum K. Already we can see the impact this is having: children are happier and more focused. After so long planning the new curriculum, it is wonderful to see the first part in action. Please can you make sure your children are wearing suitable clothes for doing these lessons. They need trainers, jogging bottoms, and a t-shirt. They should not be wearing jewellery and headscarves should be stitched not pinned.

It was also wonderful to see such an incredible turn-out for our first Active Maths session! We were truly overwhelmed by how many parents attended – around 120 in total! We really want to help parents understand the impact of our new curriculum and, based on your feedback, we have introduced these sessions where you get the chance to work alongside your children. We have already taken on board your feedback. We have more of these workshops already planned so look out for the dates. And, in future, we will be splitting them by Key Stage so that it is more focused and less hectic. Thank you all for your support this morning and your wonderful feedback. We are so glad you found it enjoyable and informative. Hopefully it helped to make Kensington a place you love to be a little bit more.

Curriculum K is a trail blazing curriculum. We are keen to continue getting your feedback throughout the year so do please come and speak to us or email parents@kensington.ttlt.academy. Bringing about this sort of change is not always smooth but we know that the end result – a curriculum that will truly prepare your children for their lives in the 21st and 22nd centuries – is worth all of the hard work and commitment.

Thank you for your continued support.

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.

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.

Getting back into the school routine can be a challenge at times, here are some top tips to help with your mornings.

- Prepare as much as possible the night before.
- Set an earlier alarm in the morning.
- Avoid screen time!!

Praise them for getting out on time.

For further support and help please join Parent Gym course. For further information please ask at the school office.
Learn with Your Child

Our first learn with your child session was a huge success! Over 120 parents joined their children to take part in an active maths lesson, which is our new and improved approach to teaching maths. Active Maths teams physical activity with learning so that your children can learn key skills and knowledge whilst getting fit and keeping healthy. Your children will now take part in increased opportunities to move more during their maths lessons and every other week they will take part in one maths lesson outside of their classrooms. This style of teaching is inline with the latest research that shows increased physical activity improves concentration and learning.

Active Maths at home

If you would like to get more active with your children at home, whilst helping them to improve their understanding of maths check out the following links and ideas.

- [https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers](https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers)
- Move to multiples – chant times tables whilst hopping or jumping
- Go on a number hunt around the local area
- Count in 1s, 2s or even 8s whilst skipping
- Add or subtract one more or ten less to door numbers you pass whilst on a walk
- Hide maths questions in a green space for you children to find and answer

Keep an eye on our school website for more ideas on how your children can get active whilst learning maths.

Our next ‘Learn with your child’ session is on Monday 30th September and will focus on outdoor learning. This will equip you with more ideas about how you can help your children to learn whilst playing outside.

Workout Wednesdays

**Every Wednesday at 8.40am on the main playground**

Join us to get fit and have fun with your child every Wednesday morning in our weekly 10 minute workout sessions.