This week @ Kensington

The sun has continued to shine this week, which has been great for all our Physical Health and Outdoor Learning. A reminder that children need to be wearing the correct clothes for their Physical Health lessons. They will continue to have these whatever the weather so please make sure they are appropriately dressed as it gets wetter and colder. Thank you to everyone who joined our first Workout Wednesday. We've had some great feedback with several of you asking if we are going to do it every day! For now, it is just Wednesdays as the children are busy doing spellings, handwriting, reading, and lots more learning in the first fifteen minutes on the other days. We will continue to review this over the course of the year.

We were delighted to welcome Sean Harford – National Director Education, OFSTED – this week. He spent time with myself and Mr Harris at Kensington, Curwen and Ranelagh. It was a great opportunity to get his views on the current situation and new developments with the OFSTED framework, as well as having a chance to share our views with him.

Based on your feedback, we have reviewed our communication with you, including the Parent App. We will be moving over to Studybugs from MySchoolApp ASAP. We will keep you updated and let you know when we’re going to change over but if you can download it this will be very helpful.

Thank you for all your feedback. As you can see, we do really take this all on board and consider how we can continue improving the school and making it a place everyone loves to be.

Ben Levinson (Head Teacher)

Hello Autumn starting Monday 23rd September
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.

REMINDER!
When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy are important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations. At Kensington, we have signed up to Times Tables Rock Stars. Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging online programme designed to help students master the times tables!
To be a Times Table Rock Star you need to answer any multiplication fact up to 12×12 in less than 3 seconds!
For more information on Times Table Rock Stars, or to take part in the challenge, please visit: https://ttrockstars.com/login
If you have any questions please speak to your child’s class teacher.

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.
Studybugs for Parents and Carers

We will be introducing a new parent app called Studybugs. As a school we have been using this programme since September 2018 to monitor the attendance of our pupils. Studybugs has a parent feature which you can use to report your child’s absence. We will be moving over to Studybugs from MySchoolApp ASAP. We will keep you updated and let you know when we’re going to change over but if you can download it this will be very helpful.

Why use Studybugs

Studybugs is a better, safer way to report when your child is sick and off school. The app is linked to the school’s attendance system and records your child’s absence online. A message will also be sent to you once you have reported your child’s absence.

More information will follow next week.

Curriculum K

The launch of Curriculum K has been a huge success. The impact of our new Physical Health, Maths (Active Maths), Science and Outdoor Learning frameworks is already visible with teachers, leaders and children all beginning to see a difference in both teaching and learning.

Throughout the school day, our children have more opportunities to take part in physical activity throughout all Curriculum K areas, whilst learning about the importance of an active lifestyle. Already we are seeing signs of improved engagement, concentration and focus, which in turn will improve learning. We are excited to see where the future of our curriculum take us.

We would love to hear your thoughts and opinions

Have you seen a difference in your child? What do they think about our new curriculum? Do they enjoy being more active? What learning do they talk about at the end of the school day?

We would love to hear your thoughts and opinions of Curriculum K. Please contact Miss Cowx if you have any stories or Curriculum thoughts you would like to share.
Saturday Pop Up CAMHS

Newham CAMHS are excited to now be launching "Saturday Pop Up CAMHS"

This will run twice a month here in Newham for Newham residents/Newham GP registered families only. **It will be starting on Saturday 28th Sept 12-3pm at Ambition, Aspire, Achieve.**

Sessions will run on the 2nd and the last Saturday of each month until the year end: it will carry on beyond this date, possibly still twice a month, possibly (if we need it!!!!) more often.

Consultations will last up to 40mins: on first come first served.

Its a 'pitch-up and be seen' approach to minimise any difficulties in accessing services and to stop the need to 'wait'-

- no booking required
- no referrals needed

You can bring the family, granny or siblings as its an Open Play session too....but CAMHS will also be there if needed.

We are hoping to meet and offer this service to families **before** difficulties become too much of a worry or challenge, so if families still need core CAMHS: that is **still** where they should seek their support and they should **still** make a self-referral for their child to Newham CAMHS (as you know self-referrals are taken daily over the phone 9am-4.30pm on 020 8430 9000), if families are in crisis: they should **still** head to A&E, for self-harm etc. The Pop Up CAMHS service is **extra**- to meet the needs of those who have questions, concerns regarding behaviour or wellbeing in their child- that might benefit from a consultation in the here-and-now: this is the service for them.

This service is not instead of core CAMHS, it is to make sure we have different layers for different needs: but that CAMHS clinicians are still there to support families on all levels. This could potentially be a first port of call for families- alongside clinicians providing early support within Newham schools.

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Get moving!

Physical health and mental health are both important for your child to do well at school. Adding some exercise into your child’s day will improve their mental health, concentration and focus. This will then help them when they are in the classroom.

A powerful example for your child is to be active yourself. Change your routine with them and instead of going on the phone/tablet, play sport or jump rope with your child. Even if you start with ten minutes a day, making a small change will show them that being active is fun!
# 2020/2021 Term Dates
for next Academic Year starting September 2020

## School term and holiday dates calendar 2020/21

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### Notes
- 3rd & 4th September 2020—INSET
- 4th January 2021 & Monday 19th April 2021—INSET
- Eid-ul-Adha – 31 July to 3 August 2020
- Diwali - Saturday 14 November 2020
- Guru Nanak – Monday 30 November 2020
- New Year BH Friday 1 January 2021
- Easter – Friday 2 April and Monday 5 April 2021
- May Day BH Monday 3 May 2021
- Eid-ul-fitr – 12 to 13 May 2021
Science Club

Mondays (term time only)
4-5pm
Manor Park Library, 685-693 Romford Road, Manor Park, E12 5AD

Join our fun interactive science club, conduct experiments, watch demonstrations and record the results.

For more information contact Manor Park Library on 020 3373 0858 or email CN.Manorpark@newham.gov.uk