Weekly Newsletter

11th October 2019

This week @ Kensington

We suddenly realised this week that it is almost half-term: it is unbelievable how quickly the time has passed!

We are very much looking forward to seeing all of you at our Parents’ Evening meetings. If you haven’t already made an appointment with your child’s class teacher then please can you do this ASAP. As always, there will be our popular food tasting, lots of information about what is going on at school, and a chance to get active with Ms Isaac. It should be a great evening and a good opportunity to spend some time with your child’s teacher. We will also be asking for your feedback – as always. There are lots of changes we have introduced over the last few years thanks to your input. Recently, we’ve changed our Parent Performances so that these celebrate your child’s learning and reflect our diverse community. We have also replaced MySchoolApp with Studybugs. If you haven’t already downloaded this then please do. If you are having any technical difficulties there will be people at Parents’ Evening who can help you with this.

Finally, we have our next, 'Learn with your Child' session next Tuesday. This is taking place from 9am in the Lower Hall and will be focused on our Physical Health curriculum. Come along and join in: they are always great fun and the feedback we have received so far has been excellent. (Another improvement based on your suggestions and feedback!)

Mr Ben Levinson (Head Teacher)

Autumn Half Term Holidays

Monday, 21st October — Friday, 25th October

Children return to school Monday, 28th October

Learners of the Week

- Nam
- Npm
- Irfaan YRF
- Farrah YRH
- Khadijah YRR
- Nethra Y1E

- Ammara Y1N
- Musa Y10
- Y2P
- Y2S
- Y2Si
- Safa Y3C

- Kavin Y3K
- Mubasheer Y3S
- Taifa Y4L
- Islam Y4P
- Eunus Y4R
- Rehan R Y5E

- Haarish Y5G
- Mario Y5M
- Khadija Qayum Y6P
- Abubakar Y6S

Attendance & Punctuality

w/c 30/09/2019

Whole school attendance: 96%
Best Attendance:
- Y5M 100%
Best Punctuality:
- YRR , Y2P, Y2Si 100%
Parents’ Evenings

Wednesday, 16th October & Thursday, 17th October @ 4-7pm

‘If you haven’t had a chance to book a time already please make sure you see your child’s teacher on Monday or Tuesday.’

NO After School Clubs on Wednesday, 16th October and Thursday, 17th October due to Parents’ Evenings.

6 o’clock club will be running on all the days.

Parent Performances

In line with our changes to the curriculum, we are also changing how your children share their amazing work with you. I know many of you have already enjoyed our first, ‘Learn with your child’ session. In addition, following on from your feedback, we are also changing the performances our children put on for you. Rather than basing these on religious festivals, children will be celebrating their fantastic work in class through some special events and performances. Dates of these are below. We do hope you will be able to join us for your child’s performance. Finally, can I reassure you that children will still be learning all about different religions, faiths and cultures through the curriculum we deliver across the year.

Y2: 5th December 2019
Y5: 17th December 2019
Y3: 5th February 2020
Y1: 26th March 2020
EYFS: 7th May 2020
Y4: 19th May 2020
Y6: 24th June 2020

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.
How is our Health Curriculum improving your child’s learning?

As we finish our sixth week of the academic year, we are delighted to see our new Health Curriculum is beginning to have impact upon your children’s learning. This includes:

Now your children are moving more throughout the school day they are more focused and engaged during more of their learning and our teachers have reported that they are able to concentrate for longer periods.

Your children have an increased knowledge about health and understand more about how and what their body requires to survive. They are beginning to make healthier choices as a result.

Regular Active Maths sessions are engaging and enthusing your children in their maths learning, whilst giving them the opportunity to move more and further improve their health.

Your children are getting fitter and are able to engage in sustained/intense activity for longer periods.

How can you help?

As the weather gets cooler and wetter, we will continue to deliver our health lessons. It is important that you continue to send your child to school wearing their correct PE kits with appropriate footwear, a water bottle and a waterproof/ windproof jacket.

Open Day

For children starting Reception or Nursery

September 2020

Thursday, 14th November 2019

9am — 6pm

If you would like to see some classroom activities please come between 9.30am-2.30pm

Come and see your local school!

Meet the staff and let them show you the fun and excitement of learning at Kensington.

Please call the school office on 0208 470 2339 to book an appointment.

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Inspiring children for exciting futures
Learn With Your Child - Physical

Tuesday 15th October 2019
KS1 (years 1 & 2) at 9am
KS2 (years 3 to 6) at 10.15am

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We are delighted to invite you to join your children in a series of fun and interactive activities to find out more about what your children are learning.

Physical Health

- Take part Physical Health activities with your child
- Learn about the importance of moving more
- Learn practical ideas to complete with your children at home.
- HAVE FUN!
Invitation

East London Children’s University would like to invite you to attend

Autumn 2019 Graduation!

An event hosted by the Mayor of London’s London Curriculum team and celebrating East London Children’s University Autumn Graduates.

During the ceremony we will hear from guest speakers Deputy Mayor of London Joanne McCartney and Andrew Buxton CMG, we will announce further guest speakers soon.

Date: Friday 18th October 2019
Time: 17.00pm for refreshments and networking.
Venue: City Hall, Greater London Authority, Queens Walk, London, SE1 2AA

Diwali

We would like to wish you all happy Diwali.

As you know, the school will remain open on this day, however, if you would like to request a leave of absence for your child for religious observance on the day of Diwali, please fill in the special leave form that can be collected from the office requesting the leave of absence which will be authorised. Please note we will only authorise one day of leave for this.
Studybugs — Report Absence Securely and Help Improve Children’s Health

We’re pleased to announce that Kensington Primary is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child’s absence due to illness, called Studybugs. If you haven’t already, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child’s ill and unable to attend school. Get the app or register now (https://studybugs.com/about/parents)

Kensington Primary School’s Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs:

1. It’s integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for
2. It’s quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You’ll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations improve children’s health. (https://studybugs.com/about/schools)

Follow us on Twitter and Facebook

We are now sharing good news stories from all the schools in the Trust on a central Facebook TTLT page and the @LearnTapscott Twitter feed continues to showcase some of the lovely events, activities and achievements from across the Trust.

It would be great to build up a greater following on these platforms. The Facebook Page is The Tapscott Learning Trust. The Twitter feed directed at parents is @LearnTapscott.

If you don’t already follow and use either of these then please do.

Parenting

They won't sit still!!

How often do you struggle with getting your child to sit and do homework?

They get restless, won’t sit still and then can’t get on with their homework.

Try giving them shorter time to sit with regular breaks. Children often concentrate better if they have done some physical exercise, especially in the fresh air.

So next time you want your child to sit and concentrate get them to run around for ten minutes or dance to some fun music. Let’s help them exercise their body and their mind!

For further help and guidance on parenting please join the next Parent Gym course. Taster is on the 31st of October and the 6 week course starts on the 7th of November. Limited spaces available. To sign up please come to the office and leave your details.