

# Weekly Newsletter

## Dates & Events for the Diary...

- ◆ **Y2 @ Kew Gardens:**  
Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> Feb
- ◆ **Y6 (selected pupils) @ Winter Games:**  
Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> Feb @ 10.30am — 3.30pm
- ◆ **Nursery Chinese New Year Assembly:**  
**AM** Children — Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> Feb @ 10.30am  
**PM** Children — Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> Feb @ 2.15pm
- ◆ **Urban Debate League:**  
Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> Feb @ 3pm — 6pm
- ◆ **Parents Evening:**  
Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> Feb & Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> Feb @ 3.30pm — 6.30 pm
- ◆ **Parent Gym:**  
Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> Feb @ 1pm — 3pm

## This week @ Kensington

This week we have been reflecting on our work with Growth Mindset. It is certainly something the children and staff have been very enthusiastic about. Growth Mindset theory says that it is possible – through hard work, not giving up, challenging yourself, and learning from our mistakes – to achieve anything. This is a great way to think. Too often we have a Fixed Mindset where we believe we cannot do something or we will never be good at maths/sport/music/art. We have been working hard with ourselves and the children to build a Growth Mindset at Kensington. This will take time and to succeed we need your help. Tell your children they need to keep trying, they should challenge themselves and they learn from their mistakes. Tell them they can't do it **yet** but if they keep on and don't give up they will get there. Talk to them about times when you have struggled and how you have learnt in your life. All of this will really support them with their learning in and out of school.

Paul Harris  
Executive Headteacher

Ben Levinson  
Head of School

## Attendance & Punctuality w/c 25/01/2016

Whole school attendance: **95.9%**  
Best Attendance: **Y3U, Y6J 99.3%**  
Best Punctuality: **Y4E, Y5D 100%**

## Parents' Evenings:

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 3:30pm — 6:30pm

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 3:30pm — 6:30pm

Please remember to book the date and time with your child's class teacher

## Learner of the Week

Mahdiya Nursery AM  
Usman Nursery PM  
Laiba YRH  
Daisy YRL  
Nivisha YRU  
Ethan Y1I  
Mansoor Y1L  
Sauzan Y1M  
Ahram Y2B  
Kornelia Y2R  
Dan Y3I  
Maariyah Y3U  
Rafael Y4C  
Saif Y4Cr  
Catalin Y4E  
Olivia Y5D  
Vivien Y5M  
Stacy Y6C  
Shabana Y6J

**NO After School Clubs on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February due to Parents' Evenings!**

## Spring Half Term Holidays

Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> February — Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> February  
Children return to school **Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

## Urban Debate League

DEBATE MATE - URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE!

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, Kensington will be hosting Round 1 of the Primary Debate Mate 'Urban Debate League' competition! No less than eight schools will travel to Kensington to take part in this inter-school competition, in which Debate Mate mentors will judge the best debating squad based on their application of skills learned in Debate Mate club sessions. Points will then be totalled in preparation for Round 2. Please show your support for our very excited debaters!



## Fact-a-thon — to raise money for the library

As you are aware, we have been raising money for our school library on various occasions — **thank you** for all your support with this so far. However, we would like to develop our school library further and buy additional books and furniture. To raise some additional funds for this, we are going to hold a Fact-a-thon this half term. Your child is required to gather as much sponsorship as possible on the sponsorship form sent home earlier this week.

The children sat the test on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February and will then have until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February to collect and bring into the school the money that they have raised. There will be a prize for the child who raises the most amount of money in each class.



## Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers

If you shop in Sainsbury's, please collect Active Kids vouchers and drop them in the collection box in the school's office. By collecting the vouchers for your child's school you are helping the school to get sports and cooking equipment. The collection is open till 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

Let's get collecting!

## Attendance matters

**Absences** — If your child is unwell please notify the office explaining the reason for the absence by 8.30am. We do understand that children fall ill especially more-so in our early years and Key Stage 1. If no reason for a child's absence is provided, we will try to obtain one through telephone calls or home visits.

**Late Arrivals** — The school day starts promptly at 8:55am every day. The school gates are locked at this time; pupils who arrive after 8:55am must enter school through our main reception at the front of the building. Names are recorded in a book by the school attendance officer. Parents/Carers of pupils that are continually late for school are at risk of being fined under the fixed penalty notice criteria A. This is currently £60 per parent, per child.

**Medical appointments** — Please try to book any medical appointments outside the school hours as that affects your child's learning time.

**Items left at home** — Please ensure your child has everything they need for a day with them when they come in as it can be disruptive to take items into class.

**Term time holidays** — Holidays during term time will not be authorised according to the new government legislation. We advise that should you take unauthorised leave of absence the Newham Attendance Management Services will be notified of the leave taken and a Penalty Notice will be issued. Please note that such a penalty is issued to the each parent for each child taken out of school.

**Leaving the school** — If your child will be leaving the school permanently for any reason, you have to fill a Leavers form and attach proof of next destination (such as new school's admissions form or reference number or copy of ticket if leaving the country).

## House Point tokens

Just a reminder that the white **House Point tokens shouldn't be taken home**, but put in the House Point collection boxes in school. If your children have any tokens at home, please remind them to bring the tokens back to school because otherwise we won't have any more to give to children.

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