This week @ Kensington

This week our Pupil Parliament had a fantastic visit to City Hall, where they got to better understand how democracy works in London. Our Debate Team also enjoyed a visit to Curwen Primary to practise their debating skills. Meanwhile, our Y6s have been getting ready for Fairplay House.

Fairplay House and the other residential visits we have as a school are an absolutely crucial part of the children’s education. Whenever we talk to the Head Teachers from Little Ilford, Plashet, Langdon, or our other secondary schools, they always say Kensington children are polite, respectful, and well-educated. The one area they always ask us to work on is their independence. Opportunities like Fairplay House are an incredible way for children to build the skills they need when they move on to Y7 and beyond. At many of the other schools in Newham, every single child attends the residential visits. This is one area, as a community, we need to continue to work on so that we are giving our children the best possible chance to be successful in life.

As the weather turns cold, thank you for making sure your children are appropriately dressed. They will still be outside for Physical Health, Fitness, and Active Learning lessons so please make sure they are wearing appropriate clothing. Keeping them fit and active and getting lots of opportunities to be outside is the best way to stop them from getting ill. Thank you for your support with this.

As ever, we welcome feedback – both positive and any suggestions for improvements. If you have any thoughts on the school, your child’s education, our new curriculum, or anything else, then please speak to a member of staff or email us at parents@kensington.ttlt.academy.

Mr Ben Levinson
Head Teacher
**Climate Now**

Air Quality is a Public Health emergency, and Newham Council is committed through the ‘Climate Now’ program to supporting cleaner streets, more active lives and a greener environment.

This fits perfectly with our drive to improve the health and wellbeing of our children, ourselves, and our wider community. Therefore, we have partnered with Newham Council Air Quality Champions (volunteers), along with Council Officers and Councillors, to hold an anti-idling event at Kensington Primary School. We are the first school to be undertaking this new initiative and we hope it will encourage parents to reduce car use, turn off engines, and improve the air quality around the school.

We will be engaging with residents at the school gates on the morning school run about simple ways that we can act locally to improve air quality. The aim is not to tell anyone off - but to effect behavior change by making people more aware.

There will be a briefing at 7.45am on Tuesday 10th December in the Staff Room. Then we will be outside school during the morning drop-off. It would be great if you could come and join the volunteers and help promote this to parents. If you would like to get involved, please email Hab h at Newham Health Champions Newham.HealthChampions@activenewham.org.uk.

**ESOL**

Do you struggle with speaking English or understanding when someone speaks?

Come and join beginner ESOL classes for parents

Every Wednesday 9am to 10am

All parents welcome

**Pupil Parliament @ City Hall**

Earlier this week, our Pupil Parliament members: Krish, Chania, Rayyan M and Sana, went to City Hall to get a feel for the wider world of politics. They had an brilliant tour which emphasized how London is run and why. Following that, they discussed plans to apply for a grant from the Mayor of London to run a community project! Watch this space! Pupil Parliament are members of School Council who work in partnership with other student leaders from across the Trust. Their role is to create and implement projects which ensure that pupil voice is empowering our pupils with the skills and experiences they need for a bright future.

**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.

**6 O’ Clock Club @ Kensington Primary School**

Only £15

Good News for all parents

- We started our 6 O’clock club to provide a safe and educational service from 3.15pm to 6.00pm every day.
- To encourage out-of-school activities that complement the service already provided by Kensington Primary School.
- Sport, art, board games and free play. Homework time is also provided.
- We offer literacy and numeracy activities that support and consolidate your child’s learning from their year group.
- Snacks and drinks will be provided at no extra cost.
- All the staff are from Kensington Primary school and are skilled and enthusiastic.

Interested?

Want to SIGN UP?

Contact the OFFICE for more information and to collect a contract

**HURRY UP**

Places are limited

Places are subject to availability.

Parents please in advance either weekly or monthly via School Money App.
**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](https://studybugs.com/about/schools))

For more information and with support with downloading the app please speak to the office staff.

**Debate Teams @ TTLT Competition**

Our debating club had their first competition this week against the other Trust schools. It was a friendly match: one they prepared for ahead of time in club and another surprise one to test their independent skills. They did a fabulous job and enjoyed themselves! There is talk about a joint trip to the House of Commons to watch a debate in the New Year, so stay tuned! Debate Club is held on Wednesdays after school for KS2 children and is run by Miss Elliott.

**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

**Don’t overfill their days**

Give children time and space. We try to overfill their days with activities when we could be taking our foot off the accelerator and just allowing ourselves some time. Too much activity puts pressure and expectation on children. That doesn’t give them space to be with themselves and become self-aware.

Discuss feelings in everyday situations. In books, what do the characters feel? Gently show interest in feelings and thoughts. This helps children develop vocabulary for talking about feelings.
The Great British Bake Off

Hello there!

My name is Elana, I am an assistant producer from the television production company Love Productions.

The Great British Bake Off is back and we are happy to announce that applications are now open!

As always, we are keen to spread the word about applications being open for the 2020 series and hear from anyone who might be interested in applying.

I was hoping that you might be able to help us spread the word by passing on this message by either popping the attached poster/ flyer in your next newsletter, intranet or on social media along with the message below. Or if you are at all able to distribute hard copies of the poster/ flyer to your pupils, parents and staff please do let us know how many you would like, and a member of the team can post some out directly to your school.

The Great British Bake Off kneads you.

We're looking for a new set of Star Bakers to enter the tent for the eleventh series of The Great British Bake Off.

If you or someone you know could add a bit of charm & skill to the tent, then why not apply now.

Visit www.applyforbakeoff.co.uk

In the meantime, if you know any keen bakers who you think has what it takes to bake in our famous tent, then please do encourage them to visit www.applyforbakeoff.co.uk

Applications close Sunday 5th January 2020 at 23:59

If you do have any question please do not hesitate to contact the casting team via applyforbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk or 07544 991 683

Thanks again!

The Great British Bake Off Team

Uniform Sale:

Please pay for trips and purchase uniform online as the office are trying to go Cashless. Once you have made the payment the uniform can be collected from the office up until 3.30. (If you prefer to avoid the crowds we suggest you visit us after 9.30am and before 3pm)

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.