The children were delighted to come back on Monday and see all of the Christmas decorations around the school! It is looking fantastic and everyone is getting excited for the run-in to Christmas and the holidays.

We had our first parent performance yesterday. Our Y2s shared the amazing learning they have been doing about the Great Fire of London with their parents. We had some wonderful feedback and we’re delighted that we have changed the focus for our performances. Please make a note of the date for your child’s performance.

Our new Physical Health curriculum is having an impact. We are currently second in the competition league table. We’re really happy with this start and we’re confident we will build on this through the year.

With two weeks to go until the Christmas holiday, it is really important that your child is at school every day. We have so little time with the children and every day is crucial. We will be continuing with the curriculum right up until the end of term so, if your child is not here, they will be missing out on important parts of their education. With that in mind, a reminder that we are closed on Thursday for the General Election. Please also note that we have had a number of children off sick this week. Encourage your children to wash their hands, carry tissues so they can sneeze into these, and not to share water bottles etc with their friends.

Mr Ben Levinson
Head Teacher

### Attendance & Punctuality

**w/c 11/11/2019**

Whole school attendance: **93.5 %**

Best Attendance:
- YRR, Y2P, Y6S

Best Punctuality:
- YRR, Y2Si, Y6P, Y6S

### Learners of the Week

- **Zubair YRF**
- **Manpreet YRH**
- **Liliana YRR**
- **Khristyna Y1E**
- **Samanyu Y1N**
- **Afnan Y1O**
- **All of Y2S**
- **All of Y2P**
- **All of Y2Si**
- **Saarah Y3C**
- **Y3S**
- **All of Y3K**
- **Musa Y4L**
- **Aasim Y4P**
- **Jasvin Y4R**
- **Tarunveer Y5E**
- **Y5M**
- **Eisa Aziz Y6P**
- **Josline Y6S**
- **Saif Y5M**

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**SCHOOL CLOSED**

Thursday, 12th December 2019—
Parliamentary Elections

No After school clubs including 6 O’clock club
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

Kensington Primary School’s Winter Fair
Monday 16th December 2019
3.15pm-4.40pm
Dress up day - donate £1
(Dress in festive wear, Christmas jumper etc)
Come along for some winter fun.

Santa’s Grotto, Reindeer, games, hot food, hot chocolate,
Candy floss, toys, books, fun games and more!
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)

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

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.

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

Tips for Parenting

Dress up days can be expensive and can sometimes cause us unnecessary stress. Re-think how you approach this. Have fun on these days as they are meant to be creative, something you and your child can make and add your own touches to.

You could make a festive headband or adapt an old t-shirt or jumper using fabric pens to draw a festive picture or adding a bit of tinsel, some beads, or coloured ribbons. The internet is full of ideas for making or adapting costumes, so involve your child and have fun creating something together. Winter fair is fast approaching on the 16th of December, get your thinking hats on and lets get creative!
Year 3 Victorian Day
Y3 took part in Victorian Day this Thursday! They had a fantastic time exploring Victorian toys & experienced Victorian school, where they practised handwriting using chalk. The children also used their reading skill of the week - VIP words & phrases. They highlighted the VIP words & phrases from a diary entry written by a working Victorian child and figured out how the child was feeling. This then led to them making amazing posters to promote a new law to ban Victorian children from working in coal mines! Later in the afternoon, the children also participated in outdoor Victorian games & had a great time!

Parent Governor
Congratulations to Saeema Qureshi who received the most votes in our Parent Governor election. We would like to thank all the candidates for their willingness to commit to the school which is greatly appreciated. Thanks as well to the parents who voted and good luck to Saeema in her new role.

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.

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.