It has been a fantastic penultimate week at Kensington. Our Y1s had a lovely Movie Night on Wednesday and really enjoyed staying at school late! This will help prepare them for the sleepover in Y2 and then the other residential the children get to experience in Y4, 5 and 6. It is a wonderful opportunity for them to develop their independence, resilience, communication, and so many other skills.

As we come towards the end of our first term – and the end of 2019! – it is always an opportunity to reflect. Having spoken to so many of you, your children, and looking at what is happening in the school every day, it is clear that Curriculum K is starting to make an impact. The children are visibly fitter and healthier and have so much more knowledge about their bodies, health and fitness. All of this is helping them now – they are more focused in class and increasingly able to retain information – but it will also make a significant difference to their future lives. It is just a start but, ‘the journey of a thousand miles begins with one step’. In January we launch our Emotional Health curriculum. We believe this will be as transformational for your children as Physical Health has been. We will be teaching them all about how to manage their emotions, how to effectively manage their learning behaviour, their place in the community, their rights and responsibilities, and how to keep themselves safe. We know that if we can help them to develop their emotional health, they will be effective learners, happy children, and responsible members of the community and wider society. We are planning more, ‘Learn with your parent’ days, where you can come in and experience the emotional health lessons alongside your children and hope you will join us.

We hope you will join us on Monday for our Winter Fair. There will be lots of great activities and fun for all the family.

Mr Ben Levinson
Head Teacher

School finishes at 1:00pm on Friday, 20th December 2019.

NO After School Clubs from Monday, 16th December 2019 to Friday 20th December 2019.

This does NOT include the 6 o’clock club.
The 6 o’clock club is cancelled on Friday 20th December.

After School Clubs will restart after New Year w/c 13th January 2020.

Learners of the Week

Zubair YRF
Manpreet YRH
Alizah YRR
Yunus Qureshi Y1E
Hanan Y1N
Dhanesh Y1O

All of Y2S
Abu bakar Y2P
Mustafa Y2Si
Diya Y3C
Sofia Y3K
Aadam Y4L

Miruna Y4P
Nicholae Y4R
Mahdiya Y5E
Rafay Y5G
Fasiya Y5M
Monisha Y6P

Suaad Y6S

Attendance & Punctuality w/c 12/2019

Whole school attendance: 85.6
Best Attendance: YRR, Y3S
Best Punctuality: YRR, Y5M
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.

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

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

Create wonderful memories
Memories happen regardless of what we do. Negative experiences have a lasting power but parents can counteract that power by making sure we create endless positive memories for our child.
During times of stress, these positive memories help our children and teens remember that things aren’t always challenging or just plain awful!
Research proves it! People who have a store of positive memories from childhood are generally happier and healthier.
So take some time to draw attention to the wonderful experiences you share everyday with your child.
Make gratitude part of your everyday conversation and enjoy those everyday moments when you are snuggling up and reading your child a bedtime story.

These moments will become your child’s cherished memories.

Christmas & New Year Holidays

Friday, 20th December 2019@ 1pm — Monday, 6th January 2020
Children return to school Tuesday, 7th January 2020.
Important Christmas Dates

- **Monday, 16th December** — Winter Fair @ PM
- **Wednesday, 18th December** — Christmas Lunch
- **Friday, 20th December**
  - NO Nursery PM
  - School finishes @ 1pm

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

Places are subject to availability.
Fees payable in advance either weekly, monthly or termly in School Money App.
YEAR 1
In Year 1 we are learning about belonging in the local area, for this reason we are going to collect and organise the Christmas hamper this year. We have contacted The Well Community Centre, 49 Vicarage Lane, E6 6DQ, and the food bank itself is at: Bonny Downs Baptist Church. They have requested for a list of items they will need:
Milk (UHT or powdered)
Sugar
Fruit juice (carton)
Soup
Cereals
Rice/pasta
Jam
Biscuits
Tea bags/instant coffee
Tinned items (tomatoes, fruit, vegetables, fruit and rice pudding)

Please can children bring in their donation by Wednesday 18th December to the middle hall so we can donate them to the food bank just in time for Christmas.
Thank you for your support.

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.