This week @ Kensington

Our final newsletter of the Autumn Term!

It has been a wonderful few months at Kensington. The launch of Curriculum K has made a real difference. Our approaches to maths are starting to make an impact with children securing the key information they need to be successful mathematicians. Also our strategies for learning - our 7K - whilst new are beginning to help children acquire, deepen and retain what they are learning. We’ll be talking more about these in the new year. Undoubtedly the most visible change has been to the health of our children. The new Physical Health curriculum and the changes to our science curriculum have both begun a transformation of our children’s physical health and health knowledge. This will impact on their lives now and in the future. Next up we’re really excited about the launch of the Emotional Health curriculum in January and the impact this will have. We’ve been carrying out intensive staff training in preparation. We still have Communication, English, Cultural Capital and Technology to come. The plan is still to have the whole curriculum fully rolled out by September 2020.

I would like to thank you all for your support throughout this term. Curriculum K is a unique, trailblazing approach for education in the 21st century. We are setting the standard at Kensington. This would not be possible without your support and feedback. I am most proud that, despite the transformational change we are undertaking, I am convinced your children are getting the best quality of education since I started at the school five and a half years ago. I cannot wait to see how much better we can make that once Curriculum K is fully in place.

All of this is helping us to achieve our vision of a place everyone loves to be. Thank you again for your support and encouragement with this. For those of you who are having a break - enjoy. For those of you celebrating Christmas - happy Christmas. And to all of you a happy new year. See you in 2020!

Mr Ben Levinson
Head Teacher

Christmas & New Year Holidays

Friday, 20th December 2019@ 1pm — Monday, 6th January 2020

Children return to school Tuesday, 7th January 2020.

After School Clubs starts from Monday, 13th January 2020

This does NOT include the 6 o’clock club.

The 6 o’clock club will be running from Tuesday, 7th January 2020

Attendence & Punctuality w/c 09/12/2019

Whole school attendance: 86.9%
Best Attendance: Y1N, Y6S
Best Punctuality: YRR, Y4R

Learners of the Week

Farhan YRF
Azan YRH
Diya YRR
Eshaal Y1E
Glory Y1N
Ammarah Y10
Aisha Y2S
Maria Y2P
Kaprece Y2Si
All of Y3C
Farizah Y3K
Fatima Y3S
Ayaan Y4L
Dhyanesh Y4P
Stephania Y4R
Monica Y5E
Inayah Y5G
All of Y5M
All of Y6S
**Winter Fair**

On Monday the 16th of December we had our very first ‘Winter Fair’. Our afternoon started off with a magical visit from reindeers. All the year groups came down to have a look and some children even fed the reindeers. Our fair began with a buzz of excitement. Santa's grotto, catch the snowman, nail art and many other games. We had hot chocolate, candy floss, pancakes and the list goes on. Our wonderful PTA took charge of organising and helping us run this amazing fair. Staff, parents, children and families, everyone had a spectacular time!

**Pupil Parliament and School Council**

Congratulations to Pupil Parliament and School Council for winning a bid for £1000 to go towards wellness across the TLT. They went to City Hall and gave a presentation about using the money at the summer fair to create a Wellness focus with yoga teachers, meditation and healthful activities. This is part of the Mayor's Young Ambassadors program as was supported by our partnership charity: WE Charity.

**Year 5 Mayan Extravaganza!**

Wishing to spice the holiday season up, the year 5s decided to create a performance based on the Mayan Civilization, which they have been learning about in topic. They decided to perform the creation myth of the Hero Twins which is all about rivers of spikes, the underworld, Lords of Death, reincarnation, human sacrifice - and the athletic Hero Twin brothers who manage to overcome all obstacles, learn from their mistakes and eventually get rewarded by the Gods of the Heavens. This musical comedy was written by Miss Elliott with much input from the children, who adapted their parts, used choral speaking skills, created a power point and wrote their own versions of the story. A massive well-done to the entire year 5 staff for showing our pupils what we can achieve when we work together as a team. The Year 5 Mayan Extravaganza Parent Performance was a stunning success. Our children demonstrated a variety of talents and skills on Tuesday 17th December 2019. They also used all the knowledge they have learnt across the curriculum effectively to entertain an audience. Parents enjoyed hearing about mythical stories and how Mayan civilization lived many years ago. Huge credit to the Year 5 staff, in particular Ms. Elliot for putting on such an amazing assembly.

**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)

**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.*

**Follow us on Twitter and Facebook**

We are now sharing good news stories from all the schools in the Trust on a central Facebook TLT 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.
The Winter Mini Reading Challenge
Monday 2 December - Friday 17 January
All Newham Libraries

Come and join the race to the Frozen North in your local library this winter by joining the Winter Mini Reading Challenge. All you need to do is visit any Newham library from 2 December, borrow and read three books of your choice.

Happy Winter Reading!
Ask a member of staff for details.

winterreadingchallenge.org.uk

6 O’ Clock Club @ Kensington Primary School

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 on School Money App.

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.

HURRY UP
Places are limited
**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.

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

**Parent Gym**

Well done to the parents from both of this terms Parent Gym courses. Not only did they get involved and learn new strategies to help them at home. They also made friends with each other and some will be getting involved with the PTA. Well done parents!!

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**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year**