



17th January 2020

Weekly Newsletter

Dates & Events for the Diary

Friday, 24th January

- Y1 @ Plashet Park @PM

Monday, 27th January

- Y5 @ British Museum

Tuesday, 28th January

- Selected Y5 @ Writes of Passage workshop

Wednesday, 29th January

- Y4 @ London Zoo
- Y3S & Y3C to Manor Park Library @PM

Thursday, 30th January

- Children's University Graduation @ 3.30-4.30pm

Friday, 31st January

- Winning House & 100% Attendance Celebration
- Y5 @ Stratford Circus TTLT Girls Active #2 (selected KS2) @PM

This week @ Kensington

Week 2 and we are fully back in the flow post-Christmas and New Year! We have had some fantastic learning across the school. The Y3 children have been working really hard to understand, 'Alice in Wonderland' and are already auditioning for their Parent Performance later this term. In Y6, children had a wonderful time at the Horniman Museum and, back at school, have been getting to grips with Darwin and evolution.

We have continued our work with the borough, all the other schools in Newham, and our advisors on the new RSHE curriculum. We will be receiving the draft policy next week along with some further guidance. We are arranging meetings with parents for next half-term, where we will be sharing the facts about what we are planning to teach your children. As always, we want to do this in partnership with you, and will be keen to hear your views as well as how we can best support you to talk to your child about anything we are covering in school. As we all want the best for the children, I know we will find the right solution to keep them safe and empower them and you.

As the weather continues to be very variable, we really appreciate you ensuring your children are appropriately dressed. It's important for them to get outside in all but the very worst weather as it builds resilience, supports their physical fitness, and creates immunity from illness.

Mr Ben Levinson
Head Teacher

Attendance & Punctuality w/c 06/01/2020

Whole school attendance: 95.7%
Best Attendance: YRH-100%
Best Punctuality: EYFS, Y4B, Y5M, Y6S-100%

Nursery AM will be CLOSED for children on 23rd March 2020.
Nursery PM will be CLOSED for children on 9th March 2020.

Learners of the Week

Nicolas YRF
Dua YRH
Anushkha YRR
Kavilaya Y1E
Tharun Y1N
Umaimah Y10

Kye Y2S
Amina Y2P
Barbora Y2Si
Roseleen Y3C
Marius Y3S
Harsini Y3K

Mariam Y4L
Ifra Y4P
Florin Y4R
Samira Y5G
Gayatri Y5M
Aisha Y5E

Zara Y6S
Juneyd Y6P

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) (<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.

Children's University Graduation Ceremony

At Kensington Primary School we are proud to work in partnership with the Children's University to develop a love of learning in children. I am delighted that so many of our children have taken part in the programme and have been encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities in and outside of school. The impact of these activities is proven to be positive which is why we're committed to the charity's goal of creating a level playing field of opportunity and opening up access to children of all backgrounds. Research shows that participation in extra-curricular activities can positively impact on attainment, increase a pupil's positive identification with school, and build self-confidence and resilience. Research also shows that children that do not have access to these opportunities fall behind, lack confidence, and fail to develop career aspirations. We believe every child has the potential to benefit from our *Passport to Learning* scheme and I am thrilled that so many have been recognised at a recent graduation event at the school. Children who participate in Children's University have the opportunity to learn in a rich range of contexts, experience new places and visit universities. They are also linked to activities in school and during after school clubs. This adventure introduces children to the joy of learning, brings a sense of wonder in the world around them and develops their confidence and aspirations for the brightest futures. I would like to congratulate all those children who have graduated and recognise all the hard work and dedication they have put into the programme. Thank you all and a huge well done!



ESOL

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

Come and join beginner ESOL classes for parents



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 on School Money App.

HURRY UP
Places are
limited



TIPS for PARENTING

What's really wrong?

Often 'bad behaviour' has a reason, a child isn't 'naughty' but trying to express something else that is happening. They might be tired, hungry or maybe they argued with a friend or a jealous of their baby brother/sister.

So if your child is behaving badly or not listening to you, take a moment to connect with them. Then try and help them identify the feeling or problem. This will help your child learn how to use their words in the future.

RSHE

'Over the next few weeks we will be receiving from the RSHE partnership the model policies which were consulted on borough-wide in the Autumn Term. We will now be looking at these documents and thinking about how we implement them at Kensington. Once we have thought about our plan we will be contacting parents and carers to find out your views so we can ensure our pupils are receiving high quality education on these topics. If you have any questions, please do come and speak to one of the Senior Leadership Team.'

Year 2 RSHE: 24th February 2020

Year 1 RSHE: 26th February 2020

Year 3 RSHE: 28th February 2020

Year 4 RSHE: 2nd March 2020

Year 6 RSHE: 4th March 2020

Year 5 RSHE: 11th March 2020

EYFS RSHE: 16th March 2020

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

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



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.