This week @ Kensington

Thank you to all of those parents who came for our ‘Learn with your parent’ session last Friday. It was a shame there weren’t more people. We are really keen to share our new curriculum. We think it is crucial for us to work in partnership to ensure the best possible education for your children. As we are developing our bespoke curriculum for your children, it is even more important that we work together so you can support what we are doing at home. We fully understand that finding the time to do this can be a challenge. We created the, ‘Learn with your parent’ sessions based on your feedback. As always, we are keen to get any further feedback about the best way to communicate the changes we are making and how best to support you in supporting your children.

Congratulations to the Y3 children on an amazing performance of, ‘Alice in Wonderland’. We were honoured to have the Mayor join us. She loved the performance and talked to the children about the importance of our new curriculum with its focus on health and communication. Thank you to all of the parents and staff for making this happen and to the children for their hard work and commitment.

We also hosted Tony McCardle this week. He is part of the national reform of special educational needs and came to visit to look at the outstanding practice at Kensington Primary School and to get our views on how this area could be further improved nationally.

We look forward to welcoming all of you to our Parents’ Evenings next week. If you haven’t made an appointment yet, please do. As always, we will have a range of stalls about everything going on at the school and Curriculum K. There will also be our ever popular food tasting! See you all there.

Mr Ben Levinson
Head Teacher

Spring Half Term Holidays

Monday, 17th February — Friday, 21st February

Children return to school Monday, 24th February

Learners of the Week

| Whole school attendance: 92.7% | Noora Y1N | All of Y3S | Shahzeb Y5G |
| Best Attendance: YRH 97.2% Y4L 97% | Ana Y1O | Ana Maria Y3K | Emilija Y5M |
| Best Punctuality: YRR, Y4L | Kavin Y2S | Farooq Y4L | Hisham Y6S |
|                      | Daevika Y2P | Humaira Y4P | Amina Y6P |
|                      | Victor Y2Si | George Y4R |                     |
|                      | Ruman Y3C | Zaina Y5E |                     |
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 [here](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. [here](https://studybugs.com/about/schools)

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

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**Studybugs — Report Absence Securely and Help Improve Children’s Health**

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**6 O’Clock Club**

*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.

Free payable in advance either weekly, monthly or termly on School Money App.

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**Parents’ Evenings:** Nursery—Year 6

Wednesday, 12th February 2020 @ 3:30-6.30pm &

Thursday, 13th February 2020 @ 3:30-6.30pm

Please remember to book the date and time with your child’s class teacher!

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

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

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**ALL the after school clubs apart from 6 O’clock club will be cancelled on 12th & 13th February 2020 as these are the dates for Parents’ Evening.**

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**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 are welcome
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.

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

This Wednesday at 8.40am on the main playground
Join us to get fit and have fun with your child with Bollywood beats this 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.
REMINDER!
When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy are important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations. At Kensington, we have signed up to Times Tables Rock Stars. Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging online programme designed to help students master the times tables!
To be a Times Table Rock Star you need to answer any multiplication fact up to 12×12 in less than 3 seconds!
For more information on Times Table Rock Stars, or to take part in the challenge, please visit: [https://ttrockstars.com/](https://ttrockstars.com/)
If you have any questions please speak to your child’s class teacher.

Alice in Wonderland– Year 3

Year 3 had a fantastic start to Spring Term where their focus text for English was Alice in Wonderland. They wrote letters of invitation to invite everyone to their performance and Mad hatters Tea Party. They even tweeted a letter to the Queen as well as Ariana Grande! They got a response from our Mayor of Newham Rokhsana Fiaz who subsequently attended the event with Julianne Marriot, cabinet member for Education in the Borough.

The performance and party was enjoyed by our parents and VIP guests! Including delicious food, cakes and lots of tea of course at the Mad Hatters Banquet!
There was lots of singing, dancing and solo performances that were fit for the West End theatres!

Parent Gym is back!

The long awaited Parent Gym course is starting next Thursday the 27th of February from 1pm to 3pm.

Parent Gym is a six week course that covers many parenting skills, from developing better communication to establishing a routine. If you are interested please collect a form from the office to secure your place.
Hurry though as spaces are limited!

Parent Feedback.
" My daughter brought me a paper where I found the information about Parent Gym. I was not so sure whether I would join or not. But I knew after I joined the first session, this is the best decision in my life! Being a mum of a 4 year old I was struggling to cope with her behaviour. This course was just a blessing to me. I not only learned so many new things, I also enjoyed it. How a small step can make a big difference in my life, Amazing!"