Dates & Events for the Diary

- **Spring Half Term: Mon 17th Feb – Fri 21st Feb**
  - Monday, 24th February
    - Y2 RSHE Meeting @ 2.45-3.15pm
  - Tuesday, 25th February
    - Selected Y5 @ Writes of Passage Workshop
  - Wednesday, 26th February
    - ESOL classes for parents @ 9-10am
    - Y1 RSHE Meeting @ 2.45-3.15pm
  - Thursday, 27th February
    - Parent Gym @ 1-3pm
  - Friday, 28th February
    - Selected Y5/6 pupils @ TTLT Basketball Festival @ PM
    - Y3 RSHE Meeting @ 2.45-3.15pm
- **Monday, 2nd March**
  - Y1 @ Museum of Childhood
  - Y4 RSHE Meeting @ 2.45-3.15pm
- **Wednesday, 4th March**
  - ESOL classes for parents @ 9-10am
  - Y6 RSHE Meeting @ 2.45-3.15pm
- **Thursday, 5th March**
  - World Book Day
  - YRR & YRF @ Discover
  - Parent Gym @ 1-3pm
- **Friday, 6th March**
  - Book Fair: 1.30pm (children) & 3.15-5pm (families)
  - Y1E & Y1O @ Manor Park Library @ PM

This week @ Kensington

We have had a wonderful final week of this half-term. Spring 1 is always challenging with the cold weather, the dark days, and a variety of illnesses going around. This half-term has been no different but the children, staff, and all of you have made such an effort to bring energy and excitement to the school. We finished the half-term with our Parents’ Evenings. Thank you all for coming along to find out about your children’s learning. As always, there was lots going on and the food was a highlight...as always! It was wonderful to get your feedback and hear all about what you think is working well and any next steps. It is so important that we work in partnership to ensure the best possible education for your children.

A special thank you to our amazing PTA who are working so hard. We have never managed to establish a successful PTA at Kensington so I am really delighted that we have such a committed and enthusiastic group of parents. They have big plans and are really keen to engage with our community. If you didn’t get a chance to speak to them at Parents’ Evening, do speak to them in the playground or email them at: kensingtonprimarypta@outlook.com.

For those of you who have time off next week, have a lovely break. We look forward to seeing you on 24th February for the second half of Spring Term, when the days get longer and (hopefully) the weather gets warmer!

Mr Ben Levinson
Head Teacher

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

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

Spring Half Term Holidays
Monday, 17th February — Friday, 21st February

Children return to school Monday, 24th February

Learners of the Week

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Nursery AM</th>
<th>Nursery PM</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Nishat NAM</td>
<td>Ayaan Y1N</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Faizah NPM</td>
<td>Iram Y1O</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>All of YRF</td>
<td>Harini Y2S</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dua YRH</td>
<td>Trey Y2P</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Latifa YRR</td>
<td>Kapece Y2Si</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Amina Y1E</td>
<td>Zidaan Y3C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Maliha Y3S</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Nusaibah Y3K</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Nivisha Y4L</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Vaishalli Y4P</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Samira Y4R</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Ruwaida Y5E</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Eesa Y5G</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Eesa M Y5M</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Jissa Y6S</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Juneyd Y6P</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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 are welcome

TIPS for PARENTING

Name it and tame it

It’s important for your child to recognize their feelings. Often they are crying, shouting or refusing to do something but you have no idea why!

Help your child by naming their emotions for them. Say, “You look sad right now,” or “I can tell you are mad.” Name your own emotions also by saying, “I am sad that we can’t visit Grandma today,” or “I’m angry that those boys were being mean.” Naming the emotion will help your child understand what is being felt and makes their emotion more manageable.

You can also strike up conversations about feelings by talking about characters in books or on TV shows. Ask questions such as, “How do you think this character feels?” With practice, your child’s ability to label their own emotions will improve, once they name it they can learn to tame it! 
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.

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: 26\textsuperscript{th} March 2020
Y4: 19\textsuperscript{th} May 2020
Y6: 24\textsuperscript{th} June 2020

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)

Please make sure that you put your child’s name on their belongings.

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.

Winner of the TTLT Parent Questionnaire – Spring 2020

Thank you to everyone who took part in TTLT Parent Questionnaire during Parents Evening.

The lucky winner of the questionnaire participants’ raffle is Abdullah from Y4L. Your prize is a set of Kensington’s school uniform – polo shirt, jumper, fleece, book bag, water bottle, PE bag, PE shirt.

Please come to the school office to collect the prize.
The long awaited Parent Gym course is starting next Thursday 27th 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!

Atlas Advocacy provides leadership training to our School Councillors

Our school councillors entered a bid and won - again! this time, it was for a group of UCL Law students to come and provide them with leadership training, including event planning. On Monday, the university students came here to deliver team-building, logic and strategy developing sessions. Today, School Council will be at the university College London, applying these skills to planning a Wellness Event which will run alongside our Summer Fair. This is part of a larger TTLT Wellness project where our Pupil Parliament members presented their proposal to City Hall and secured £1000 funding from the Mayor of London's Young Ambassador's program! Wow - our future leaders are really on a roll now! Many thanks to Miss Elliott for coordinating these bespoke opportunities ... we look forward to seeing what else you have in store for us!

Parent Gym is back!

We help you with advice and share experiences which helps in making your child listen to you

Come and find out more at our...

EU CITIZENS LIVING IN THE UK PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS BY APPLYING TO THE EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME

The EU Settlement Scheme protects the rights you currently have in the UK including access to healthcare, benefits and pensions.

Find out more and apply at: gov.uk/eusettlementscheme

Irish citizens or those with valid indefinite leave don’t need to apply.