This week @ Kensington

It was wonderful to see all of your children after the half-term break. After the first day back, they all settled in and have been working really hard. This is a crucial part of the school year and we are all focused on being our best so that the children can be their best. We continue to develop our new curriculum. Emotional Health is starting to make an impact and we are putting the finishing touches to Communication and English before their launch after Easter.

Thank you to all those parents who have attended our first two Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) sessions. We are running these to get your views on the new curriculum we have to deliver from September. These have been very helpful and we are already considering how we can adapt what we’re delivering to ensure the best possible education for our children. It is crucial this is done in partnership and your engagement with this is key. We still have meetings for Y4, 5 and 6 and EYFS. We are also planning on sending out an electronic survey as well. If you want to share your views face-to-face but haven’t been able to, please speak to the office and we will arrange a suitable time to meet with a member of the leadership team.

Finally, I know there is some concern regarding Coronavirus. As always, the media are not helping with the way they are covering it. There is further information below but I want to personally reassure you that there is no reason to be concerned. We are in daily contact with the advice from the Department of Health and the Department for Education. We are ensuring we have all precautions in place. We don’t believe there is any need to worry at this stage and all of the advice we have received backs this up. If you are concerned at all, do please speak to a member of the leadership team in the playground.

Mr Ben Levinson
Head Teacher

Attendance & Punctuality
w/c 10/02/2020

Whole school attendance: 91.2%
Best Attendance: Y6P 100%
Best Punctuality: NPM & Y4L 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

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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.

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

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**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

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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**

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**TIPS for PARENTING**

**Validate Your Child’s Feelings**

How often do we get frustrated with our child’s behavior and we say “Stop getting so upset. It’s not a big deal!” or, “Stop crying, just forget it!” However, minimizing our child’s feelings sends the wrong message. We are teaching our child that their feelings are wrong. But feelings are OK—even if you think they seem out of proportion.

Whether you think she’s mad, sad, frustrated, embarrassed, or disappointed, put a name to it. Then, show you understand how she feels and provide empathy.

For example saying, “I know you are mad we aren’t going to the park today, I get mad when I don’t get to do things I want to do too.” This shows your child you understand she’s angry, it also shows that everyone feels these emotions too.

Your child will realise that their feelings, as well as tears, come and go can help a child stay a little bit calmer in the midst of an emotional moment. Next time remember; help them calm down, name it to tame it, then empathise to show you are on their side.
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.

Follow us on Twitter and Facebook

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 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

Help your child to communicate

Come along to my Early Years drop in session at Kensington Primary School on:

Thursday 12th March at 11am – 12pm
Friday 13th March at 2.30 – 3.30pm

Unifrom 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.

This Wednesday at 8.40am in the main playground

Join us to get fit and have fun with your child with Polish beats this Wednesday morning in our weekly 10 minute workout sessions.
It’s time to KEEP FIT
An exciting and extended opportunity to all parents
Every Wednesday 9:00am to 9:30am
DON’T MISS THE FUN.....!!
Please bring your water bottle as you may work up a thirst !!

World Book Day
Dress up as favourite book character from chosen year group text

Costume Ideas:
EYFS - Elmer, Five minutes peace, The Rainbow Fish
Year 1 - The Gruffalo
Year 2 - Paddington
Year 3 - Alice in Wonderland
Year 4 - Roald Dahl – Fantastic Mr Fox/Charlie and the chocolate factory/James and the giant peach
Year 5 - Harry Potter
Year 6 - The Hobbit / Fantastic Five novels

Book fair - Friday 6th March
1:00pm – 4:00pm

Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?
- A coronavirus is a group of viruses that cause cold-like illnesses, such as cough and fever. It can also cause more serious illnesses, such as pneumonia. People who are most at risk include older people and those with underlying health conditions.

How likely are you to catch the virus?
- The risk of catching the virus depends on where you are and how many people are infected. The risk of catching the virus is highest when you are close to someone who has the virus.

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?
- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water or use hand sanitizer.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Avoid close contact with people who are unwell.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

What should you do if you feel unwell?
- If you have symptoms of the virus, stay at home and avoid contact with others. If you have a fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, seek medical attention immediately.

International Women’s Day
Tuesday 3 March, 10.30am-1.30pm
Jack Cornwall Community Centre, Jack Cornwall Street, E12 5NN

A free community event for women to come along to take part in workshops, fun exercises sessions, entertainment activities and a chance to find more about personal development opportunities.

For more information contact Manor Park Library on 020 373 0856 or email CN.Manorparklibrary@newham.gov.uk