This week @ Kensington

I would like to start by reassuring you all that we have plans in place in regard to the coronavirus and have also planned for possible future scenarios.

I know that many of you will be anxious about the current situation. I also know that many of your children are anxious. We are receiving daily updates from the Department for Education and Public Health England. The advice is currently that we stay open. We are making sure children wash their hands regularly, cover their mouth or nose if they cough or sneeze, and do not share items such as water bottles. We have also put in place a range of other measures, which are outlined in the letter we sent home to you today. If you are concerned do please speak to a member of staff. As always, we are here to provide the best possible education for the children and we are determined to continue to do this. We will be following all of the official advice and we will be sticking to the facts. By doing this, and by working together, we can ensure the best possible outcome from this very challenging situation.

Please encourage anyone who has not yet downloaded our Studybugs App to download this as it is our main method of communication. As the situation develops, we want to ensure we keep you fully updated.

Whilst all of this has been happening, the children have continued to learn. They’ve had a wonderful Science Week and have loved all of the visitors, workshops, and amazing experiments.

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.

Learners of the Week

Mohamed Zayd NAM
Ridwaan NPM
Abinayan YRF
Akif YRH
Ayyan YRR
Nouman Y1E

Glory Y1N
Inaya Y10
Nausheen Y2S
Ibrahim Y2P
Daniel Y2Si
Khadijah Y3C

Abdoul Baasit Y3S
Kaif Y3K
Fatima Y4L
Saimon Y4P
Minahal Y4R
Raihan Shaikh Y5E

Sumayyah Y5G
Emilija Y5M
Laiba Y6S
Khadija Y6P
Abdur Rahman Y6P
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.

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

TIPS for PARENTING
Teach Your Child Emotion Regulation Skills
Following on from last week, here are a few more ways you can help your child deal with their emotions.

• Create a calm-down kit. Fill a box with items that help your child calm down (or cheer up). Coloring books and crayons, lotion that smells good, pictures that your child enjoys, or a playlist of soothing music. These are just a few things that can engage her/his senses and help her/his manage her/his emotions.

• Problem-solve with your child. If your child’s emotions are causing problems for him/her—such as no one wants to play with him/her because he/she cries all the time or he/she’s unable to participate in physical education because he/she cries if he/she loses—work together to address the problem. Ask for his/her input into what strategies might help him/her. He/she may develop some creative solutions with your support.

• Identify mood boosters. Talk to your child about the things she/he likes to do when she/he feels happy, like playing outside, reading a joke book, or singing her/his favorite songs. Write those things down and tell her/his those are her/his mood boosters. When she’s/he’s feeling bad, encourage her/his to do one of her/his mood boosters to help her/his cope with her/his feelings.

For more tips and advice please join Parent Gym. For more information ask at the office

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.’

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

Science Week
Science Week has been an absolute wonder! Children had great opportunities to explore their topics through planning and carrying out Investigations. The fabulous flames and Plasma ball workshop were informative and enjoyable. Children learnt how fabulous and dangerous fire can be and looked at electricity. Year 6s even got to make their own play dough.

Year 5 took a journey that was out of this world and were fascinated with the Solar System and learnt amazing facts. The used their knowledge learnt to create the Solar System model.

There was some very creative and wonderful outfits that children created to showcase their learning. The Gadget workshop was a hit amongst the children as cool things were on sale.

We’ve had another successful Science Week, that was not only exciting but filled with opportunities to allow children to develop their curiosity.

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.
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.

Wednesday workout at 8.40am in the main playground
Join us to get fit and have fun with your child every 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 !!

Extreme reading from World Book Day

School Council @ WE Day
Thanks to the amazing work that our School Councillors and House Captains do for WE charity, we were invited to an amazing event called WE Day. Last week, thousands of change-makers attended The SSE Arena for an unparalleled event. World-renowned speakers, A-list performers and thousands of young people celebrated a year of action that is transforming communities and changing lives. Our pupils were especially impressed by the following highlights:
- Idris Elba: growing up in Hackney and reaching his potential by avoiding peer pressure
- Lewis Hamilton: don’t ever let anyone tell you that you can’t achieve your dreams
- Alexandra Adams: a deaf-blind medical student who uses a Bluetooth stethoscope and breaks down barriers everyday
- Syrian refugees who have gone on to lead remarkable lives
- performances by Leona Lewis, Calum Scott, Gunnar Gehl and more

But our favourite performer of all was our very own Monisha! She got on stage all by herself and talked about how our school all worked together as a team to raise over £700 last summer for WE Walk for Water! The crowd burst into applause when she talked about how Kensington Primary School believes in making a difference in the world. Well-done to all the hard work that School Council, Pupil Parliament, Mrs. Bhambra and Miss Elliott have been doing in partnership with WE Charity.

Eco Champions of Kensington Primary School

Eco Champions turning over the soil Preparing Kensingtons vegetable patches for spring planting. Everyone worked really hard and found it great fun counting the number of worms!

Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How can you stop coronavirus spreading?
- If you need to cough or sneeze use a tissue and wash your hands with soap and water afterwards
- After touching objects and surfaces, wash your hands with soap and water or hand sanitiser
- Minimize contact with people who are sick
- Stay at home if you feel unwell
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water
- Follow UK Government advice

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately