

# Community TTLT Half Termly Newsletter

Creating a culture of wellbeing

If the past few months have taught us anything, it is that our our whole community, including our pupils, are exceptionally brave, resilient and hard working. We owe it to our children to provide a space where they feel supported, happy and enthusiastic about their education. As a founding member of the Well School Movement, which centres wellbeing at the heart of education, Kensington Primary are using sport as one avenue for supporting wellbeing in school. Another is their bespoke 'Curriculum K', which centres health (physical and emotional), communication, and culture at the heart of the curriculum. Launching the Well School Movement campaign in the coming weeks, Kensington are an example of how things can change for the better for its pupils, following a turbulent year.

Finishing this half term with some good news, Ranelagh won a **School Mental Health Award**. Mrs Patel, who is core to creating a culture of wellbeing at Ranelagh, said: "Prioritising mental health allows people to feel that they can 'be the best that they can be'. It's so important, in these times, to know that we are part of a community that cares for the mental wellbeing of all. Knowing this makes us stronger." A huge congratulations to all involved.

### A message from Paul - CEO

Hello and welcome to our first newsletter of the 2020/21 academic year. These certainly have been different times from what we are used to, but it has been fantastic to see that our schools' have been able to fully operate for children this term. The children across the Trust have been really enthusiastic with their studies and have been supported by our excellent staff across the schools. The success of our return is also down to the impact that our parents and carers have had to ensure that children have returned, as well as the support that you gave them during lockdown.

As a Trust, we continue to develop our work. Using Trust funding, we have been able to secure additional computers, text books and equipment to support learning should we face another national lockdown. Hopefully there will not be a further lockdown and the resources that we are buying will be used by our schools' to support children with further home learning. I am also excited to announce that we are starting to develop our own YouTube channel designed to support teachers, parents and children with many aspects of education, which we will be launching in the very near future.

I hope you have a restful half term and I look forward to seeing you all when we return to school on 2nd November.

We've taken a blended approach to home learning, combining online and offline learning tools for families to use at home

We're working to improve digital connectivity in households, and have ordered extra new chromebooks funded by the Trust

We're creating a YouTube channel with content for parents, created by our incredible teachers, on how to teach key aspects such as phonics and maths

We have ordered new workbooks for every child in the Trust, which they can work from either in school, or at home

You said, We did... (so far)
Our initial response following your feedback in the summer survey...

## Awards!

**Tapscott Learning Trust** 

Pearson Certificate of Excellence
- The 2020 Award for Impact
Through Partnership

#### Curwen

Virtual RE Quality Mark Gold!

**Inclusion Flagship Status** 

**Primary Quality Mark**, which they have earned for more than 10 years!

#### Kensington

**Pearson Silver Award** Primary School of the Year

Pearson Silver Award Helen Harris - Excellence in Special Needs Education

Shortlisted for a TES Award Mental Health and Wellbeing

#### Ranelagh

Primary Geography **Quality Mark - Gold** 

School Mental Health Award -

If you or your child are awaiting Covid test results, please do not send your child to school until you receive a negative result.



After around 8 years of planning, building works, and temporary fixes, Ranelagh have finally settled into their brand new wing, equipped with a soft play room, a sensory room, and new facilities for reception and nursery children. The new building really does allow for children to 'be the best they can be'.





Curwen: Urban Debate League champions! Last week the top ten schools in the 2019-20 Debate Mate League allowed Year 6 and Year 7 students to resume the competition via Zoom. Curwen certainly did not disappoint! All six speakers: Alexis, Ama, Haleemah, Madusu, Maya and Rayan, all gave phenomenal speeches and we are delighted to announce that Curwen are now national champions. Congratulations to all the children who were a part of the debate club during the last school year. The dedication and determination of every child in the club was key in reaching the finals, and we could not be prouder of each and every one!





North Beckton are also settling into the first phase of their new building works. Pictured is the lovely new PMLD room, and student Adhelei putting the £5000 TfL funding for SEND bikes to good use!



## Rebecca Cheetham: Enrich, Empower, Evolve Project

This year sees the launch of Rebecca Cheetham's Enrich / Empower / Evolve (E.E.E.) project. This new initiative aims to offer children an even more broad and balanced curriculum through the continuous provision on offer at Rebecca Cheetham. The next stage is to build that partnership with parents by offering workshops and parent learning in particular expert areas. Their staff will also work with other early years settings to assist in training and development in key interest areas.

Kensington Primary have blown us all away this term when they were awarded not just one, but TWO Pearson Silver Awards, one of the most prestigious awards in education. These were The Award for Making a Difference – Primary School of the Year, and to Helen Harris, Lead SENDCO, who won the category Excellence in Special Needs Education. They are now in the running for Gold, the winners of which will be announced at a live event broadcast by the BBC later this year.

As if this wasn't enough, they have also been shortlisted for a TES 2020 Wellbeing and Mental Health Award! A huge well done to everyone at Kensington.





## NORTH BECKTON'S ART IN THE ROYAL ACADEMY!

A huge congratulations to North Beckton Primary, who had their work selected by the Royal Academy Young Artist Show! With over 17,000 applications from all over the world, this is quite an achievement.

The sculpture, made by students in year 4 and 5, was influenced by a visit to the Royal Academy to see the Anthony Gormley exhibition last year. Their art teacher asked the students to look at an artist called George Segal, who also makes figures but in plaster. As a group, the students then learnt how to mix plaster and make their own portrait heads. Their portrait heads are organised in a circle like a meeting; emulating the school ethos 'We All Belong'.

