

Dear Parent/Carer.

It has been another amazing year at Kensington. I cannot quite believe it is almost over!

I am immensely proud of the way we have all worked together to be the best we can be and create a place where children, parents and staff love to be. It is through working in partnership with yourselves, The Tapscott Learning Trust, and our many other partners, that we can support our children to achieve their best.

There is so much we are proud of. Below are some of the key highlights.

**In 2017/18 we:**

- Achieved the Silver Primary Quality Mark for Geography
- Achieved the Gold Primary Quality Mark for Science
- Held our annual Democracy Week: children wrote speeches and everyone voted for their House Captains
- Launched our new App for parents
- Held our Walk to School day and were joined by hundreds of children, parents and staff
- Ran ESOL classes for parents
- Ran Place2Be classes for parents
- Held our annual Science Week with birds of prey visiting the school to fly among the children
- Hired the Space Dome so children could experience travelling through the galaxy
- Supported lots of children to graduate Children's University
- Were delighted when Mrs Clements was invited to the House of Lords and even more delighted when the choir and Mrs Clements were invited to sing for Prince Charles
- Supported lots of parents to 'graduate' from Phonics class
- Had wonderful Parents Evenings with almost every parent attending
- Continued our Kensington Cares project with members of the local community coming in to teach the children to knit and to read with them
- Launched our new electronic library system
- Continued our Whole School Peer reading sessions with children from KS2 reading with children in KS1 and Early Years
- Celebrated our choir performing at the Royal Albert Hall and the Tower of London
- Enjoyed our Y4s sensational Diwali assembly
- Held maths workshops for parents
- Welcomed the Essex Community Multi-Faith Cricket Team to the school to talk about their visit to the Vatican
- Supported 36 parents through our Parent Gym
- Had Safari Pete in with his collection of reptiles to meet the children
- Had a fantastic Guru Nanak assembly from our Y1s
- Wore our pyjamas for Children in Need
- Celebrated Christmas in style – as always – including: Christmas Book Week, Christmas Carols - including our incredible Romanian Choir; nativity; Christmas Show; Christmas Lunch, and a visit from Father Christmas
- Distributed food to local residents at Christmas
- Worked with the Refugee and Migrant Project (RAMP) to support them giving out food and clothing parcels to refugees
- Welcomed three new governors onto our Local Advisory Board
- Held our Keeping Children Safe workshops

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- Had our Friends of Kensington Bring and Buy sales
- Held our Healthy Living Afternoons for children and parents
- Sent our Y6 to Fair Play House and our children on so many different educational visits it isn't possible to list them all here (over 50 in total)
- Ran 43 different after-school clubs for children, all for free
- Achieved Centre of Excellence status with the Inclusion Quality Mark, a status held by only 240 schools nationally
- Won the Y3/4 TTLT football tournament
- Won numerous debates and were invited to The Ivy in Soho to speak in front of business leaders and politicians about the impact of Debate Mate
- Celebrated, 'Design your own T-Shirt' Day
- Won the Westfield Art Competition – for the second year in a row
- Won the Y4 AND Y5 awards for the Newham Places of Worship competition
- Enjoyed the magnificent Y2 Chinese New Year assembly
- Took part in the mini Olympics
- Dressed up to raise money for the NSPCC as part of 'Number Day'
- Survived the snow!
- Won the Y3/4 TTLT Maths competition
- Participated in nearly 20 different sporting competitions
- Took part in the Great British Spring Clean
- Won the Newham Tri-Golf competition
- Worked with University of Central London, University of East London, Little Ilford, and Plashet
- Hatched six healthy ducklings
- Enjoyed the amazing Y5 Eid assembly
- Sang with Syrian refugees
- Welcomed lots of parents to our coffee mornings and afternoons for Friends of Kensington; Y1, and The Tapscott Learning Trust
- Had an amazing Summer Fair, raising over £800 for Refugee Action
- Worked as a lead partner in the Newham Transition Project to support children moving from Y6 to Y7
- Held a fantastic Reception Graduation
- Met all of the new parents who will be joining us in September
- Welcomed over 60 new mid-phase admissions to the school, many of whom had just arrived in the country and spoke no or very little English
- Significantly improved our attendance to be in line with the national average
- Loved our Y6 performance of the Lion King
- Had a successful peer review by other head teachers from across The Tapscott Learning Trust
- Watched our Y6s go off for their transition days to secondary school...and then come back! We have a few more precious days with them yet.
- Won the TTLT Boy's World Cup without conceding a single goal!
- Had our first Kensington Awards with the winners going to The Tapscott Learning Trust Awards on 18<sup>th</sup> July

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- Achieved amazing results across the school – we are particularly proud of the way all our children approached their tests with confidence and self-belief. They did their best and they didn't get stressed. This is so important to us and we couldn't be more proud.

We still have:

- Festival of Youth: 10<sup>th</sup> July
- Parents Evening: 11<sup>th</sup> July – to discuss these reports
- Newham Spelling Bee Final: 16<sup>th</sup> July
- Sports Days: KS1 – 16<sup>th</sup> July; KS2 – 17<sup>th</sup> July
- Y6 Prom: 19<sup>th</sup> July
- Kensington's Got Talent: 23<sup>rd</sup> July
- End of year celebration assembly: 25<sup>th</sup> July
- Cycle Training for Y5 & Y6

## 2018/19

Of course, there is always more ahead. For 2018/19 we are welcoming some new staff, while others head off on maternity leave or for new challenges. We also have some big plans. Below are some of the key highlights.

- Mrs Begum, Mrs Jubin, Mrs Patel and Mrs Elhossainy will all be on maternity leave. We wish all of them the very best and are looking forward to welcoming them back soon.
- Mr McKinnon is moving to France to work on his...French. We wish him well.
- Mrs Ugradar is returning from maternity leave and will be working two days per week.
- We are welcoming Mr Poulton, who will be leading Science.
- We are also welcoming Ms Okrafo-Smart, Ms Francis-Robinson, Mr Gayadeen and Mr Silver, who will all be bringing new ideas and energy into the school. We know you will welcome them all into our community.
- We are delighted that Ms Cowx will be starting a new role with us as Assistant Head Teacher over Curriculum and CPD.
- We are also delighted to be welcoming Mr Leeks to the school. He joins us from Curwen Primary and will be our new Assistant Head Teacher for Upper KS2 (Y5+6), Assessment, and lead for Kensington Exceeds.
- Meanwhile, we will have a few changes with Mr Hope taking on the leadership of Early Years and KS1 (Y1+2), while Mr Raza will be overseeing LKS2 (Y3+4).
- Ms Brooker has been successful in her appointment to the English Lead role, taking over from Ms Jubin while she is on maternity leave.

Throughout 2018/19 we will continue to work together to ensure we are all the best we can be. There will be lots more of everything you've come to expect: after-school clubs; competitions – sports, debate, spelling etc; performances; themed days and weeks; celebrations; a real focus on learning, and so much more. We are also excited to be developing some other key areas:

- Ms Cowx will be leading on developing a new curriculum – Project K – that meets the needs of our children and our community. We will be spending next year talking to you all and your children about what an amazing education looks like in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, with a plan to launch the new curriculum in September 2019.

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- We will also be continuing to develop our key programmes: Kensington Cares; Kensington Achieves; Kensington Leads; Kensington Futures, and Kensington Exceeds.
  - Kensington Cares – helps our children consider the needs of others – led by Mrs Amin
  - Kensington Achieves – is our programme to help every child achieve their best – led by Mrs Omole
  - Kensington Leads – supports our children in their development as the leaders of tomorrow – led by Mr Hope
  - Kensington Futures – develops our children’s skills for the 21<sup>st</sup> century – led by Mr Raza
  - Kensington Exceeds – inspires our children in all aspects of their lives – led by Mr Leeks
- We will be continuing to work with The Tapscott Learning Trust and all of the benefits this brings to the school.
- Mr Raza will be continuing our work to shift from ‘managing behaviour’ to ‘teaching behaviour’.

These are just some of the ideas we have for next year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support this year. This is an inspirational community to work in and one that inspires me and all of the staff at Kensington to be our best every day. We know that we can only achieve the best for your children by working in partnership with you. We are truly proud of creating a place people love to be. We know there is always more to do and we will always be learning. By working together, we know that we can continue to achieve the best for your children and yourselves.

Kind regards,

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