

# The Tapscott Learning Trust

## Newsletter for Parents & Pupils

### Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

As we come to the end of our second year as a Trust and first term as a Trust with 4 schools', it is wonderful to see the way in which our schools' are developing individually, with their own inspirational curriculum programmes, each designed to fit its local community. I am especially proud that together we are able to provide a fantastic education for over 2,500 pupils; to be the schools of choice in our area, have excellent partnership work and have been able to further improve the professional development programme for our staff. The Trust has also been able to ensure value for money as well as giving a voice to all in the way that the Trust and our schools' continue to develop. As always, there is still much more to do but I think we should be rightly proud of what we are achieving in partnership, working together, achieving for all.

**Paul Harris, CEO**

### Our Pupil Parliament

TTLT's Pupil Parliament continue to meet regularly to discuss topics, issues and initiatives that are important to them, their learning environment and their community.

During their last meeting, the members evaluated their action plan to see the impact of their work and what their next steps are – one of these being to find out more from other children across the schools via suggestion boxes.



The members also meet regularly with our Trustees to share the work that they are doing and to ask for funds or advice.

Members of TTLT Pupil Parliament relish the opportunity to become a greater part of school life and enjoy making their voices heard.

School governors make a valuable contribution to children's education, opportunities and futures.

Being a school governor is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. It will give you the chance to make a real difference to young people, give something back to your local community and use and develop your skills in a board-level environment.

Our schools are often looking for new governors – if you are interested in learning more about the role, please contact Karen Shirt – [karen.shirt@ttl.academy](mailto:karen.shirt@ttl.academy)



## What's happening at TTLT...

The Trust is currently working in partnership with the Local Authority to improve the building at Ranelagh and to improve the Resource Provision at North Beckton. We have also been successful in obtaining bids from National Government for essential building work at Ranelagh and Kensington. At Curwen, with existing funds and with extra money raised by the community, a new Sensory Bus has now been ordered and should be in place for December 2019.

The Trust has also made significant improvement to the ICT facilities at our schools which will not only impact on how we use ICT but also by improving the Wi-Fi structures and connectivity.

Finally, everyone at the Trust is looking forward to our annual TTLT awards at Here East, Stratford on 11<sup>th</sup> July which celebrates our most important people, the children!

### TTLT Spring Term League Table



Congratulations to Ranelagh who won the TTLT Spring Term League Table. They competed in all six competitions and won their respective basketball league, were victorious in the handball and their gymnasts were crowned TTLT champions. Congratulations to Mr Oyeyinka, Mr Riches and to all the pupils that have represented their school in TTLT competitions.

#### TTLT SPRING TERM LEAGUE TABLE

	SCHOOL	COMPETITIONS ENTERED	POINTS
1	Ranelagh	6	36
2	Curwen	6	34
3	Kensington	6	31
4	North Beckton	6	26
5	Central Park	5	18
6	Gainsborough	5	17
7	Eleanor Smith	3	16
8	Dersingham	5	15
9	Kaizen	4	14
10	Gallions	1	8
11	Earlham	2	4



### Rebecca Cheetham's Clothing Exchange

One of Rebecca Cheetham's Governors recently organised a Clothing Exchange in order to give families an opportunity to clear out their children's wardrobes and offer others a chance to take home good quality, clean, used clothing for free and in a friendly environment. Parents/carers also had an opportunity to meet and connect with other parents and relax with a warm drink. The event was very well attended and due to its success, the nursery will be looking to run this on a monthly basis.

Our parents seemed to love this event and said:

*"Excellent idea to get families to contribute within the community."*

*"Lovely to talk to all the parents who come to the nursery. Nice to be able to exchange clothes and bring parents in."*

*"It was a pleasure to communicate with other mums to discuss between us and share a lot of information and become closer because normally we have the children with us, and we are in a rush all the time."*



### Ranelagh's Bike Club Adventure

Ranelagh's after-school bike club only started this year and until recently had just been practicing in the playground. However, a group of pupils have now ventured further, braving the wind and rain to cycle to East Ham along the famous Greenway, which is built above the famous London sewage system designed by Joseph Bazalgette in the 19th Century. Go Ranelagh!



### CPS Curwen's Tandem Parachute Jump

On Sunday 5th May, the sun was shining when three of Curwen's staff travelled to Headcorn in Kent to brave a parachute jump 15,000ft in order to raise money towards a Sensory Bus for children at the school with Special Educational Needs.

Mr Boyd said, "We had the most terrific jump and enjoyed it hugely. Thank you to everyone for your well wishes and donations. Your support has been fantastic!"

So far they have managed to raise an amazing £3000! Well done Mr Boyd, Mr Potter & Ms Nea!



### London Marathon 2019

Rohan Allen (Headteacher at Rebecca Cheetham) and Craig Murdoch (ECaM teacher) were two out of 40,000 people who took part in the London Marathon, with Rohan finishing at 4:02 and Craig finishing at 4:28!

On behalf of everyone at TTLT, congratulations to them both!



### North Beckton - Top 10% in England

The independent Schools, Students and Teachers (SSAT) network have named North Beckton Primary as one of the best schools in England according to figures taken from Department for Education and the education watchdog, Ofsted.

Headteacher Alison Helm said: "This recognition is an incredible achievement for us all, but particularly for our amazing children and staff. We've been able to make some fantastic progress in 2018 and 2019. We're delighted this has been recognised."

The school is among the top 10 per cent of all schools when it comes to children's attainment at expected and higher standards, particularly in Key Stage Two reading, writing and maths.

North Beckton will be presented with its award during the summer term.

Sue Williamson, SSAT chief executive, said: "I'm delighted North Beckton has won an award for attainment and progress. Everyone at SSAT is pleased to recognise the quality of leadership and the hard work of all the staff to ensure the success of every child. A big thank you and well done to students, parents, staff and governors at North Beckton."



### National Recognition for Kensington

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, the Education Secretary Damian Hinds addressed the National Association of Head Teachers annual meeting and one of the subjects that he was very keen to highlight was workload in schools, using Kensington Primary as a best practice example! Mr Hinds said 'tackling workload is one of the ways we can build a supportive culture in schools and I know from our Workload Reduction Toolkit that head teachers and principals are already doing some fantastic, proactive work in this area – schools like **Kensington Primary School in Newham**, who have focused on the work-life balance of their staff as part of their whole school ethos and culture'.



It's great for the school to receive this recognition on a national stage!

### Ramadan & Eid Mubarak

On behalf of everyone at TTLT to those who are observing Ramadan this month, we would like to wish our parents and carers, pupils and staff a very happy Ramadan Mubarak and wish you a very happy and prosperous Eid! Eid Mubarak!

