



**The Tapscott
Learning
Trust**
*Working together,
achieving for all*

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Parent & Pupil's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over this term we have seen many of our communities and schools enjoy different religious and cultural celebrations. The multi-cultural community we have across our schools is what makes our community very special. I firmly believe that it is important for us to understand and develop our children's knowledge in these areas to continue to build a harmonious community with respect for all.

The commitment to work in partnership continues to grow amongst our schools and our partner organisations. This allows us to build upon our successes and continue our development. This can clearly be seen with our training and sports hub, which is highly regarded by our staff and pupils. This commitment to professional development is making a difference in our schools.

It has also been great to speak to parents at all the schools either in the playground or at one of our coffee mornings. Should you wish to speak to me about anything regarding the Trust, or make suggestions, you can always pass on messages through the office, online on our website or when you see me.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support and commitment to our children. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of those celebrating over the holidays.

Best wishes

Paul Harris



Debate Mate at Westminster

Kensington's Debate Mate club got to see a demonstration debate at the Emmanuel Centre in Westminster. The motion was "This house would ban superheroes". Pupils were encouraged to think about the pros and cons of superheroes



and to ask the debaters questions to challenge

their position. The TTLT debating clubs will be having a competition in the next few weeks. Good luck!



Community Action Projects

Every year in the Autumn term and as part of our learning, our wonderful students put together their own Community Action Projects. The vision is to make the world a better place. We have been running our action projects for over 6 years now, and every year they get better and better. The children have once again taken action to raise global awareness about a variety of planetary issues - from melting ice caps to deforestation of the rainforest.

The event was a huge success and enjoyed by many parents and children alike, who flooded our school playground. Well done Ranelagh!



TTLT Coffee Mornings

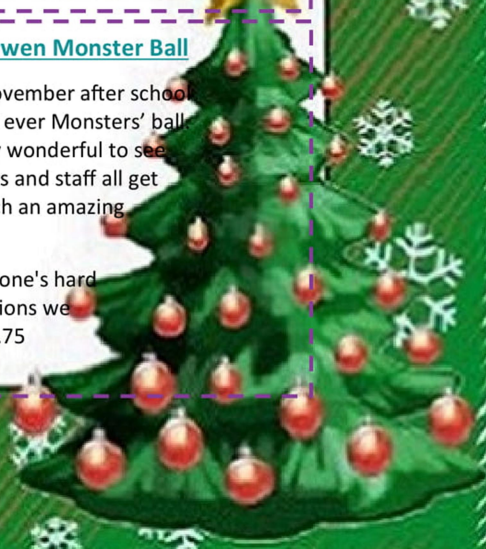
Thank you to everyone that has come along to the coffee mornings so far this year. Feedback shows that parents are finding these coffee mornings very useful. We will be arranging more dates for the Spring & Summer terms. Please keep an eye out on your school website and newsletters.



Curwen Monster Ball

On Friday 9th November after school we had our first ever Monsters' ball. It was freakishly wonderful to see children, parents and staff all get together for such an amazing cause.

Thanks to everyone's hard work and donations we managed to raise an amazing £607.75 towards the sensory bus!



TTLT Pupil Parliament

On the 19th October 2018, the pupils from the TTLT Pupil Parliament went to Westminster to learn about democracy and government. Whilst there, they found out that there are three sections to passing law – the House of Commons, the House of Lords and the Queen.

The Pupil Parliament learnt that there are 650 MPs that sit in the House of Commons, and their job is to check and challenge the government to debate important issues of the day.

TTLT Bikeability Scheme

The Tapscott Learning Trust is now a registered provider for cycle training courses. The courses are delivered as Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 of the National Standard for Cycle Training. Upon completion of the Bikeability course, children receive a certificate and badge for the level that they complete.

Being a Bikeability provider means that pupils will be getting ready to enjoy all the benefits of cycling – quicker and low cost journeys, fun rides you can make with friends and family, and less time wasted in the car, or waiting for a bus.

What this means for the Trust is that we have National Standard trained instructors that operate within the Bikeability quality assurance system to deliver better and safer cycling to young children so that they are equipped to cycle confidently on and off road.



Remembrance Day across TTLT

On the eleventh day, at the eleventh hour, in 1918, the First World War was brought to an end. At Ranelagh, children across the school honoured those affected by not only the First World War but all conflicts and wars since by reflecting on loss and holding a minute's silence. Year 6, who are learning about the Great War led a very poignant assembly on Tuesday, explaining the causes of the war, reading and sharing poetry and singing a beautiful rendition of *Pack Up Your Troubles* by George Powell.

As the world reflects and commemorates one hundred years since the end of the Great War, Ranelagh remembers.



On 12th November, Curwen Primary's Year 6's performed an assembly to honour those who served in World War I, World War II, and subsequent wars since 1945.

Through art, drama, music and poetry, Y6 remembered those soldiers, many of whom that gave their lives and fought for their country during the Great War. Thank you to everyone who attended the assembly.



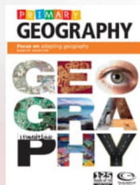
On the 9th November, 20 Year 6 pupils from Kensington Primary attended a Newham schools remembrance ceremony at Central Park War Memorial. During the service, the pupils listened to performances of poetry commemorating the first world war. Teodora and Safwan, lay a poppy wreath on the steps of the memorial with message of remembrance on behalf of the school.



Primary Geography

Well done to our very own Hina Hussain (Class Teacher) of Kensington Primary School who has written and published an article in Primary Geography Autumn 2018 magazine!

Congratulations, Hina!



UK Parliament Week



Curwen School Councillors were able to meet MP Lyn Brown, who paid a visit to the school for UK Parliament Week.

To plan for this we all came up with specific questions to ask Ms. Brown. The school councillors were able to ask many questions, such as: When did you become a councillor?, Do you

work in the House of Lords or the House of Commons? They also asked Lyn to help come up with ways we could fundraise, organisations we could talk to and ways for us to self improve.

We really enjoyed having the MP visit our school and hope to do more things with Parliament in the future.

Green Flag Award!

After 3 years of ECO activity, Kensington Primary has been awarded the very prestigious Green Flag! The award is the culmination of years of working together as a team – supporting each other; thinking sustainability at every turn. Well done to everyone at Kensington including the children and our brilliant parents who are always keen to support the school in every way.

The award was by Cllr Rachel Tripp, who is the cabinet member for Environment and Highways who was highly impressed by all the work done at the school.



TTLT Paralympics/SEND Festival



On Friday 16th November, children from TTLT schools took part in the TTLT Paralympics Festival held at NewVic College in Plaistow. They took part in many different sporting activities including Seated Volleyball, Polybat, new age Curling and Boccia. It was an afternoon filled with lots of fun and enjoyment. A massive well done to all the children that took part!

VACANCY

Job Opportunity at Curwen Primary School

Curwen Primary School are advertising for Lead Play Worker for 6 o' clock club.

If you are interested in applying or would like more information about this position, please visit the Curwen, TTLT or NPW website.

The deadline for applications is Friday 7th December 2018.