

The Tapscott Learning Trust

Newsletter for Parents & Pupils

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

I am delighted to be able to officially welcome North Beckton to The Tapscott Learning Trust this term. We have been working with the school in partnership for some time now and the rapid improvements made have been excellent. Our Trust now is working together, achieving for all for over 2500 pupils and 400 staff members amongst its four schools.



I am also really proud of our new Stakeholders Annual Report which was published this term and designed as an easy to read, end of year report which shows how we did in our first year as a Multi Academy Trust. This new reporting format has been overwhelmingly well received by other schools and trusts all over the country and we even received praise from Sir David Carter, a past National Schools Commissioner, who tweeted that our report was a *'great example of how to do it'* and suggesting that others should follow our lead! Copies of the 2017/18 annual report can be found in the reception areas of all schools or alternatively on TTLT's website.

As always, I do appreciate that it has been a really busy term for everyone so please do enjoy the upcoming school holidays and, if you are celebrating, I wish you a Happy Easter!

Paul Harris, CEO

North Beckton Joins the Trust!



On 1st April 2019 we welcome North Beckton Primary School into The Tapscott Learning Trust. The Trust has been working very successfully in



partnership and supporting North Beckton since Spring 2017. At the school's last HMI visit in May 2018, the Inspector, Mr Brian Oppenheim, especially noted that considerable improvements had been achieved at the school with the support of The Tapscott Learning Trust.

At the start of this academic year, Governors at North Beckton commenced the formal consultation process to seek the views of its parents, carers, staff and the local community on the proposal to convert to an academy and to join TTLT. Governors then received a final report on this consultation and took the decision in January 2019 that the conversion should proceed, and this was agreed by the Department of Education.

We very much welcome North Beckton into our family of four schools joining Curwen, Kensington and Ranelagh!

Pupil Parliament Corner

As you know, our Pupil Parliament members meet regularly to share experiences and to discuss progress about their shared projects.

As part of their work this term, the Pupil Parliament attended WE Day 2019, a celebration of young people making a difference in their local and global communities and this event was also attended by The Duke and Duchess of Sussex (Prince Harry and Meghan Markle) and award-winning performers who joined tens of thousands of young people to celebrate their contributions and kick-start another year of change.



And in March, the group also met with Members and Trustees of The Tapscott Learning Trust to explain just how important their work is. In fact, Andi Smith, Chair of Trustees, wrote to us to say *'the Pupil Parliament are outstanding ambassadors from our schools who confidentially articulate their successes, ambitions and plans – what a credit they are to us!!'*



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



Sports Hub Update - Spring League Table

Every term, Mr Belcher - Our Sports Hub Director - arranges a number of competitions between schools within the Trust, partnership schools and other schools in the borough. The league table is updated after every completion which would then determine the overall winner at the end of the school year. Below is the current league table which we know is always eagerly anticipated by our pupils!

TTLT @SportTapscott 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

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Award for Curwen's own Mr. Cameron

Congratulations to Curwen's Mr Cameron for being Highly Commended in the Adult Champion category at the Place2Be Awards, the children's mental health charity recognising



his outstanding level of impact, passion and innovation in championing mental health support for our pupils.

A very proud Mr. Harris, says that Mr. Cameron 'always goes above and beyond to support our children and families and is a real asset to both the school and the Trust'.

Congratulations to Mr Belcher who has been nominated as an Active School Hero for 2019, an award given to a person who has done the most to inspire London primary school pupils to be Active Kids.



Ranelagh Junior Cadets

This term saw the official start up of the Ranelagh Junior Police Cadet Unit and parents and other VIP's attended the event. The Queen's representative John Barber Esq, Deputy Lieutenant for the London Borough of Newham who met with Chair of Trustees, Andi Smith and other invited guests.



Our thanks go to PC Rob Sewell, Vice Chair of Ranelagh Governors, for establishing the new cadet unit!

Kensington assisting the DfE

This term, Kensington Primary School were delighted to be asked to contribute to the Department for Education's re-launched Workload Reduction Toolkit - <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/workload-reduction-toolkit>. Reducing workload and focusing on the wellbeing of its staff has been a key priority at Kensington. As in any school, the children come first but in order for this to happen, staff wellbeing also needs to be prioritised.

The school, and the Trust, believe that building a sustainable organisation means creating a place everyone loves to be. Staff spend a huge amount of their lives at work and they deserve to feel safe, secure and happy;- as a result, they can provide the best possible learning experiences for the children.

In Kensington's most recent survey, 97% of school staff answered YES to the question 'do you love being here?' Kensington are proud to be able to share this work through the Workload Reduction Toolkit. You can watch the video here: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=7A69oyTaCX4>

Curwen Staff Jump for Success!



The sky's the limit when staff at Curwen take part in a tandem parachute jump in order to raise money for a Sensory Bus for pupils

with Special Educational Needs. The plan is for the new bus to be placed in the school's playground and to be used as a quiet and calm space. Good luck to Mr. Potter, Mr Boyd, Ms Da-Ros and Ms Nea on 28th April! If you would like to support this terrific effort, please go to the following link:-

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/curwenprimaryschoolsensorybus?utm_term=Qg2eJ863Z

Ofsted hails Stratford Nursery as 'Good' and 'improving'

Rebecca Cheetham Nursery, a partnership school with TTLT, can now celebrate their latest Ofsted inspection results which state that the nursery is 'demonstrating "strong practice" and delivering "marked improvements" .



The support that the nursery has received from the Tapscott Learning Trust was also praised with inspectors noting the 'effective partnership arrangements that have challenged and inspired staff.'

'You Said, We Did'

As part of the Trusts commitment to listening to our pupils, parents, staff and our communities, each year we conduct an annual summer survey.

Spring 2019

Parents Said:
Will there be a chance to engage with the community?

Pupils Said:
Can we have more competitions with other schools?

Staff Said:
Are there opportunities for staff to work together to share practice?

- Termly Head Teacher/COO Meetings
- Suggestion boxes for parents and staff
- Contact through info@
- School weekly newsletters

TTLT Sports Hub holding 20 competitions through 2018/19. A performance league table is updated on the TTLT website termly.

Regular Subject Net, work, Leadership and other training for the Trust

Each term we create a poster which is displayed at schools, to let everyone know what changes have been made following the suggestions that we receive.

Please don't forget that if you do have an idea or suggestion to post them into your own school's suggestion box or alternatively, you can email info@ttl.academy