

Newsletter

The Tapscott Learning Trust

Autumn 2019- Issue 1 - Families and Pupils



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*Working together,
achieving for all*

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your hard work and commitment over this last half term.

It has been fantastic to visit all of the schools and to see the excellent partnership work taking place within the Trust. This commitment ensures that all our children are developing their skills for their futures and are tolerant, respectful, hardworking and committed to their education, which is a real joy to see.

So much has already happened in schools this term with educational visits, special events and other exciting learning opportunities for the children. As a trust we continue to work very hard to support the schools to ensure the provision of an excellent quality of education as well as improving our schools environments and effectiveness.

As always I look forward to seeing everyone continuing to work together, achieving for all.

Paul Harris



Praise for North Beckton from Secretary of State

This half term, North Beckton Primary School received a letter of recognition from Rt Hon Gavin Williamson, the Secretary of State for Education, praising the school's recent success in their contribution to the Young Artists' Summer Show at the Royal Academy of Arts. In his letter, the Education Secretary said, "It is a real achievement and something the whole school can be proud of. I am sure the young artists whose work has been exhibited will take valuable learning from this as they go through education and into adulthood, and I have no doubt this will set a positive example for all the children at your school. "Two Sides to a Line", created by Year-5 pupils at North Beckton Primary School, was exhibited at The Royal Academy, where Mark Reynolds, their art teacher, himself graduated. Their work was inspired by graffiti artist Keith Haring and is a celebration of diversity.

Sean Harford, National Director of Education, Visits

This half term, Sean Harford, the National Director of Education visited schools in the Tapscott Learning Trust. His input will be certain to support our ongoing development

in the future. It was a pleasure to welcome such an influential guest to our Trust.



Kensington's Gold Mental Health Award

Kensington have been awarded a Gold Standard by the Carnegie Centre of Excellence for Mental Health in Schools

Kensington Primary School's vision is to be, "a place everyone loves to be". The staff at Kensington believe that children can only learn well when they are healthy, happy and safe.

The Mental Health Award aims to help schools to make positive changes to support pupils' mental wellbeing.

The school were praised for their strong ethos of support and help. Relaxation afternoons, yoga sessions and their Place2Be provision all help to create a school where children feel happy, cared for and ready for learning.

Professor Damien Page, Dean of Leeds Beckett's Carnegie School of Education, said:

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New Trust Member

Dr Marcia Wilson

We are delighted to welcome Dr Marcia Wilson as our new Trust Member. Dr Wilson is head of Health, Sport and Bioscience at The University of East London and researches into sports psychology. With previous experience as a governor at Curwen and her own professional experience, skills and knowledge, she will be a wonderful asset to the Tapscott Learning Trust.

Year 6 Deadlines

If your child is currently in Year 6, applications for secondary places are now open.

The national closing date for applications is **31st October 2019**.

To apply visit: <https://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Admissions-secondary-school.aspx>

You can apply online or request a paper application form. If you need a paper application form, email pupil.services@newham.gov.uk.



Autumn Term Holiday Dates

Autumn Term

Monday 2 September 2019 to Friday 18 October 2019

Half Term -

Monday 21 October 2019 to Friday 25 October 2019

Autumn Term 2

Monday 28 October 2019 to Friday 20 December 2019

Christmas Break

Monday 23 December 2019 to Friday 3 January 2020

For more information about term dates, please visit your school website





Democracy in Our Schools

Democracy is alive and well at The Tapscott Learning Trust!

This half term the Pupil Parliament have held their first meetings. Through these meetings and actions following them, school council members from Curwen, North Beckton, Ranelagh and Kensington join forces to discuss issues that they care about and to trigger action driven by pupil voice.

At the start of the term, the Trust schools celebrated Democracy Week. Here the children learnt about leadership qualities, compromise and people power.

School Council members at Curwen Pri-

mary School even went to visit the Houses of Parliament, picking a particularly busy and interesting time. The children took a tour of the building, visiting both the green Commons' and the red Lords' houses.

The children took part in a workshop about representation and elections. They learned about voting and also about how hard it is to balance the different demands and interests of different groups of people.

The Curwen teachers were extremely proud of the children's participation. Adam in Year 6 even took the opportunity to put some challenging questions to MPs inside the House - a future politician in the making? He gets our vote!

Ranelagh Pupils Meet Author Matt Brown

Year 5 students from Ranelagh visited Stratford library for a Question and Answer session with Matt Brown, author of "The Most Powerful Boy in the World" and "Revenge of the Fancy Pants Time Pirate."

So what advice did he give the children? "Observe the peculiar in everyday life." It is here that he finds the best ideas for his stories.

Another trick he gave the children was an interesting way of getting ideas for character names: you can try this yourself. Take the name of your first pet and the name of the road you live on and put them together! Now we know where the well-loved character Compton Valance - from Matt Brown's books - got his name!

Why not get yourself down to the local library and check out Matt Brown's books for yourself?



Language of the Month



In a celebration of the 52 languages spoken by the children, parents and community members of our Trust Schools, the children at Curwen have been celebrating a different language each month, in their "Language of the Month" initiative.

This month Hindi has taken centre stage. The teachers have displayed a map to show where in the world the lan-

guage is spoken and a poster showing the words for greetings and numbers. What a great way to celebrate diversity and learn about our world. Just think! The children will be able to say "hello" in twelve different languages by the end of the year...and 72 by the time they reach Year 6. Wow!

Free School Meals - Make sure you sign up!

Every primary school child in Newham is entitled to a free school meal and we encourage every family to take up this opportunity.

Although all pupils receive a free meal it is essential that parents continue to update their eligibility as this may affect other things such as when children go to Fair Play House.

All families need to complete the 'Eat For Free' form on the Newham Website at:

<http://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Free-school-meals.aspx>



Forest School at Ranelagh Primary

The children at Ranelagh School experience a curriculum which is rich in memorable and meaningful experiences. As part of this vision, Ranelagh is a Forest School and the

children now have weekly opportunities to take part in their Forest School Experience.

Pond dipping, tree shaking, wood sawing, den construction and campfire building are just some of the experiences that will be open to them - all of which will help the children build knowledge and skills across the curriculum. Outdoor learning gives the children opportunities to connect with nature, engage in adventure and has proven benefits on academic achievement, care for the environment, well being and mental health. And, of course, it is FUN.

Fundraising at Rebecca Cheetham

In October, Rebecca Cheetham Nursery and Children's Centre held a fundraising coffee morning with proceeds going to Great Ormond Street hospital. The sellout bake sale took their running total up to and beyond an incredible £1000! A huge well done and thank you to all those who took part. The proceeds of the event all go to a wonderful cause. Moreover, these fundraisers teach the children a valuable lesson about community spirit and service to others. Well done all!



For school news from the Tapscott Learning Trust, follow us @LearnTapscott



Did you know that The Tapscott Learning Trust have a new Facebook page? On it, we will be celebrating all the very best things that Curwen, Ranelagh, Kensington, North Beckton and Rebecca Cheetham have to offer. So have a look and give it a like!

School Places

We currently have school places at all of our Schools - Curwen Primary, Kensington Primary, North Beckton and Ranelagh Primary - all successful schools within the Tapscott Learning Trust.

If you, a friend or family member, would like to visit any of our schools, please ring and make an appointment.

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