

### A message from Paul Harris

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I would like to start by saying a massive well done for everything that you have been able to achieve over this very busy term. For me, it has been a real delight to see how everyone has worked together to achieve for all.

So many of our parents and carers have been coming into our schools regularly to take part and learn alongside our children and have been supported by our dedicated staff who continually work for the very best for everyone. This is especially humbling at a time when we continue to face significant issues that affect us all. Although we are in some difficult times, I know that we all want the very best for our children and that by working in partnership we are doing just that.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very relaxing break over the holidays, to wish all of you that are celebrating a joyful Christmas and, lastly, a very Happy New Year to you all.

Best wishes

Paul Harris, CEO.



#### Our Early Years Focus across the Trust

The Tapscott Learning Trust is committed to the best start for our children.

At **Curwen**, we want children to SHINE. Staff are dedicated to ensuring that childrens experience at school is positive, nurturing, stimulating and full of memorable opportunities alongside a safe and secure learning environment. Children are immersed in a carefully planned, broad and balanced curriculum to ensure all needs are catered for so they can confidently transition into the first stage of their education.

At **Kensington**, staff are dedicated to ensuring that children love their first years of school so they can thrive and succeed through their education. The school offers a tailor-made curriculum to ensure the best possible outcomes. Staff encourage children to develop physically, verbally, cognitively and emotionally whilst embedding a positive attitude to help them to become confident, resilient and independent.

At North Beckton, the vision for the curriculum across the school is that all pupils will attain the necessary knowledge, academic and key skills to equip them for their life beyond education. Pupils learn by playing and exploring, being active, and through creative and critical thinking. North Beckton aims to provide a learning environment that is stimulating and exciting whilst incorporating classroom-based learning and indoor and outdoor extended learning opportunities

Lastly, at Ranelagh, children are provided with opportunities to follow their interests to ensure future success and are happy, enthusiastic and confident learners. Learning opportunities are fun, engaging and suitably challenging within the curriculum which encompasses play-based activities alongside aspects of adult-directed teaching and learning opportunities. There are opportunities through play to think creatively and critically alongside other children as well as on their own. They are able to practise skills, build upon and revisit prior learning and experience at their own level and pace. The children learn to adapt, negotiate, communicate, discuss, investigate and ask questions.

# Reception Entry for September 2023



Is your child starting school in September 2023? Your chances of getting your preferred choice of school are better if you apply by the national closing date of **15th January 2023**.

Please follow the links below to each of our schools websites for more information and also the school admissions process:

Curwen Primary School
Kensington Primary School
North Beckton Primary School
Ranelagh Primary School

Click here to access the Newham Admission Booklet

## Goodbye and Good Luck, Ms Helm

At the end of this term Ms Helm will be leaving North Beckton Primary School as Head Teacher after moving away from the area. Ms Helm has been a

real inspiration to us all in the many years she has worked both in Curwen and North Beckton. She has always been a force for good, tirelessly looking for what can be improved to make things better for the children in her care.

Ms Helm has had a huge impact at North Beckton and also within the Trust and has worked with many members of staff and hundreds, if not thousands, of children and their families during her time in our schools. She has made a great difference at North Beckton in the school's development and leaves the school in a very strong position and at the centre of the community.

Whilst we will all really miss her, we want to wish her all the best for her future and know that any organisation that she works with in the future will be very lucky indeed to have her!

## Healthy Schools Award





Curwen and Kensington Primary School have both been awarded with a Healthy Schools London Award.

Congratulations to Curwen for being awarded Silver! The school has identified actions to help pupils achieve and maintain good health and wellbeing with a plan in place on how the changes will be delivered and measured.

And congratulations to Kensington who has been named the first GOLD Healthy School in Newham! Physical and emotional health is at the heart of the school's curriculum.

## **Pupil Spotlight...**

### Adhelei, North Beckton

My name is Adhelei and I'm in year 5.

Some of the things I enjoy are playing musical instruments and singing songs, digging

in the edible garden, painting big pictures, joining in with parachute sessions, going to my maths group, riding a special bike, exploring the soft play area and doing signalong. I also love looking at books and listening to stories. I have a special memory of the first time I learned to walk at school and everybody was surprised, including my dad! Being part of the Trust is really good as we now have a new classroom with everything I need to learn right in the middle of our school. When I grow up I'd like to carry on playing music and I want to get better at my maths.

You can view more our 'Spotlight' stories here

#### **Pupil Parliament**

The Pupil Parliament children are the elected members of each school council. The Pupil Parliament work together to improve a broad range of topics and areas across the schools and contribute to make a real difference within our communities. So far this year the Pupil Parliament have visited the Houses of Parliament in Westminster as part of the UK Parliament Week and raised money for Children in Need.

Their plans for this year include making the trust more eco-friendly and concentrating on their chosen charity, Monkey World - Ape Rescue Centre.



#### **Community Art**

Pupils from Ranelagh took part in a portrait-making workshop celebrating their 'local heroes'. Through words and poetry, pupils were encouraged to think about what makes an everyday hero. They then created portraits of their heroes which are now displayed in Stratford centre. You can view the amazing work they have done by clicking here

**#PaintTheChange** 

#### **Book Worms**

North Beckton were delighted to open their classroom doors last week to parents and carers so they can join in with all the fantastic reading their children were doing. They learnt about set texts that different year groups are using and how encouraging their children to regularly use their Reading Records supports their reading.



We are very excited to announce the Tapscott Learning Trust's 5th Annual Report for our parents and community will be published in January 2023 where it will outline all the incredible work undertaken by the Trust and our wonderful schools in the last academic year of 2021/22. Click <a href="here">here</a> to visit the TTLT website to view our 2020/21

#### HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

We wish you all a restful and restorative break and to all those celebrating, a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

Thank you for all that you have done this year. Your dedication and commitment to your child's education does not go unnoticed and has been inspiring! Have a well deserved break and we cannot wait to see you all in 2023!