

**NEW FUTURES**



**Celebrating  
Success**  
in Kensington schools

"I have been delighted to see the very good progress that has been made in Kensington schools in recent years. This has been an excellent example of what can be achieved when new opportunities created by regeneration funding are linked to the skills, hard work and commitment of teaching staff 'on the ground'. I would like to congratulate everyone involved in making the Kensington education programme such a success."

Colin Hilton  
Chief Executive, Liverpool City Council

# NEW FUTURES

# All the hard work is paying off...

We are pleased to welcome you to this special publication which celebrates the success of Kensington schools.

Since it was created in 2000, Kensington Regeneration has invested millions of pounds on improvement projects in the area. There have been initiatives to create new homes, help people into jobs, tackle crime and community safety, improve the local environment and support community groups. Health, training and support for BME communities have also been high on our agenda.

However, from all these activities, our work in education is regarded as one of the outstanding successes of the programme. Thanks to a really effective partnership with Heads, teachers and families, we have been able to provide additional resources which have supported a remarkable range of achievements by local schools.

We believe these achievements will be critical to the long-term regeneration of Kensington, because education is the key to the future prosperity of local residents and the area as a whole.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported our work over the past eight years, and hope you will enjoy reading about the success of Kensington schools in the following pages.

With best wishes



**John Caton**

Chair of Kensington Regeneration's Lifelong Learning, Employment and Enterprise Committee



**George Allen**

Kensington Regeneration Lifelong Learning,  
Employment and Enterprise Manager



The high-tech Academy of St Francis of Assisi is now a focal point for community learning and development in the area.

Excellent ✓✓

# A new start...

Kensington Regeneration's partnership with local schools has been one of the outstanding successes of its work in the area over the past eight years.

In fact, the Kensington education programme is widely regarded as an example of regeneration best practice in terms of all 39 New Deal for Communities initiatives in the country.

George Allen, Kensington Regeneration's Lifelong Learning, Employment and Enterprise Manager, explains: "Kensington Regeneration funding has provided children with new learning opportunities, purchased additional equipment and resources, enhanced family learning opportunities and improved school security.

"Working in partnership with the Excite Education Action Zone we've also delivered activities such as breakfast clubs, after-school study and accelerated learning schemes.

"And – very importantly – we've also been able to tackle one of the major problems that the area faced back in 2000

which was that a number of school buildings were run down and no longer fit for purpose. In addition, Kensington lacked a secondary school to which local primary school children could progress."

Eight years on all these issues have been addressed and the benefits of the partnership between Kensington Regeneration and local schools are reflected in the achievements of Kensington's five local primary schools and in the new Academy of St Francis of Assisi.

For example, St Sebastian's Catholic Primary recently received its third successive excellent Ofsted report. Inspectors described it as 'an outstanding school that gives pupils an excellent all-round education'.

This report followed hot on the heels of an Ofsted assessment of Kensington Infants as 'an outstanding school which provides first-rate care and support for all who attend'.

Just in case this wasn't clear enough the inspectors added: "It is difficult to see what more Kensington Infants School could do for its pupils."

All the primary schools in the area – Phoenix Primary, Sacred Heart Primary and Kensington Juniors as well as St Sebastian's and Kensington Infants – have recorded their best-ever SATs results in one or more subjects and the Academy topped a Government league table as the fastest-improving school in the country at GCSE level.



Funding from Kensington Regeneration has helped local schools to take advantage of the latest ICT developments.



**September 2000**  
The launch of the Excite Education Action Zone, marking the start of six years of partnership working with Kensington Regeneration on schools projects.



**September 2000**  
Judy Boyce is appointed as the Excite EAZ Co-ordinator. As Network Learning Co-ordinator, Judy continues to play a key role in education in Kensington today.



**September 2002**  
Phoenix Primary School opens its doors for the first time. The new school was created following a merger of Birchfield Primary and Acorn School.

*Well done!!*

# Celebrating Success

## Kensington Infants

Key achievements and developments at Kensington Infant School have included:

- Continuous improvement in terms of Ofsted reports. Inspectors assessed the school as 'improving', then 'very good' and most recently in 2007 as 'outstanding'.
- The creation of a high-quality outdoor learning environment with the help of funding from Kensington Regeneration. It helps to improve children's health through high-energy play and also encourages curiosity and independence.
- A Family Learning Room with a fully-equipped creche, also funded by Kensington Regeneration. Parents and carers can work with their children, particularly on improving literacy and numeracy skills, and also take courses themselves.
- Year-on-year improvements in Key Stage 1 SATs results since 2005.

"The facilities at the school are really good and it also has a lovely atmosphere. This is great for children and for parents as there are loads of activities for mums to get involved with."

Joni Martin

Parent and Trainee Teaching Assistant



**December 2002**  
The new Kensington Infant and Junior School, which replaces a run-down Victorian building, is officially opened by VIP guest Cherie Booth, QC.



**November 2003**  
Kensington Regeneration and the RLPO unveil the Music for Life project which has subsequently become one of the outstanding successes of the programme.



**December 2003**  
The groundbreaking nature of Music for Life is highlighted when then Arts and Culture Secretary Tessa Jowell makes a factfinding visit to the project.

"In the relatively short time I've been working in the area I've been really impressed by the school – it's love and care for children is remarkable and it has shown itself to be at the centre of our community."

**Rev Mike Coates**  
Vicar of St Cyprian's Church



## Celebrating Success Kensington Juniors

Key achievements and developments at Kensington Junior School have included:

- A continuous upward trend in levels of attainment by pupils throughout the lifetime of the Kensington Regeneration programme.
- Raised levels of competence in information and communication technology skills thanks to Kensington Regeneration's investment in laptops, interactive white boards and digital camcorders.
- Excellent outdoor play facilities – also funded by Kensington Regeneration – which have a positive impact on children's behaviour, encouraging co-operation and a sense of belonging.
- Significantly enhanced musical attainment thanks to the Music for Life project with the RLPO which has resulted in the creation of the school orchestra which involves up to 50 children playing together.



**April 2004**  
Charles Daniels is appointed as the new Head Teacher of Sacred Heart Primary, saying he wants to help turn children's dreams and ambitions into reality.



**May 2004**  
Kensington Regeneration helps to fund a range of new security measures in local schools, leading to a big reduction in break-ins and vandalism.



**May 2004**  
The Field of Dreams Nursery and linked arts and sports facilities are officially opened by Teaching Awards Trust Chairman Lord David Puttnam.

Fantastic  
WORK!!!

Overall attendance in Kensington schools is now 94 per cent – higher than the Liverpool average – and the number of students achieving five or more A\* to C grades at GCSE level continues to improve and is now 25 per cent higher than in 2002.

Remarkably, all this has been achieved at a time when Kensington has been undergoing some profound changes, welcoming large numbers of new residents from a wide range of ethnic backgrounds.

Statistics bear this out. Between 1991 and 2001 the BME population had risen from 4.7 per cent to 14.5 per cent. The current figure is estimated to be 22 per cent.

Staff at one school have calculated that 24 languages are now spoken there, while schools like Kensington Juniors have developed an excellent track record – and attracted widespread praise – for the quality of support they provide to children whose first language is not English.

The progress that has been made over the past eight years is remarkable, and reflects the enthusiastic way that schools,



New equipment like this interactive white board is helping to create an exciting learning environment for children.

teachers, parents and children have embraced the new opportunities that Kensington Regeneration funding has brought to the area.

### New facilities

In terms of new education facilities in the area created with the help of Kensington Regeneration, one of the biggest successes has been the multi-award-winning Academy of St Francis of Assisi which occupies the site of a former council depot on Sheil Road.

Prior to its opening in 2006 Kensington children attended a number of secondary schools across the city, and consultation at the time revealed widespread support for a dedicated facility for the local area.

900 pupils attend the £21-million school in Newsham Park which is the only City Academy in the country which has the environment and sustainability as its specialism.

This theme was incorporated into the design of the building which includes a solar atrium which brings warmth and natural light into the building in winter, and solar shading to prevent overheating in summer.



Kensington Regeneration's Chair and Vice Chair visited Sacred Heart to congratulate the school on its SATs results.



**June 2004**  
Kensington Regeneration launches its Children's University pilot scheme which is designed to raise children's awareness of future opportunities in education.



**June 2004**  
St Sebastian's Primary is recognised as a centre of excellence for Spanish - the school subsequently receives more honours for the quality of its Spanish teaching.



**July 2004**  
The first Music for Life interschool performance takes place, demonstrating the wide range of skills children have acquired in the project's first few months.



With the Academy boasting a range of other special features including an east-west school layout (to maximise solar benefits), super-insulated roofs and walls and some roofs covered with sedum plants as a habitat for birds, it's clear that something quite extraordinary has been created for Kensington families.

Pupils have also been closely involved with the 'green' agenda at the Academy, taking the lead on issues such as writing an eco-policy for the school, tackling litter and the recycling of items like printer cartridges and mobile phones.

John Caton, Chair of Kensington Regeneration's Lifelong Learning, Employment and Enterprise Committee, comments: "We're delighted that we were able to work with our partners to create this exciting facility which has attracted national interest. The fact that then Prime Minister Tony Blair performed the official opening ceremony demonstrates the significance of this pioneering school."

Kensington Infant and Junior School was another new facility supported by Kensington Regeneration. The new school



The Academy has achieved year-on-year improvements in GCSE grades and SATs results.



The Field of Dreams Nursery at St Sebastian's is one of the exciting new facilities created in recent years.

complex – opened by Cherie Booth – replaced a 114-year-old Victorian building that was riddled with dry rot.

Kensington Regeneration funding helped to top up Government and local authority cash by providing a zoned playground area and a new, safe pathway into the school.

The aim was to create a new facility that the Kensington community can be really proud of – an outstanding building where children receive an outstanding education.

The third major new-build project supported by Kensington Regeneration was the Field of Dreams Nursery, arts centre and sports facilities created at St Sebastian's Primary School on Holly Road.

Great improvement



**September 2004**  
The Kensington Heads Together Forum is created to increase the level of dialogue between schools in the area and encourage the sharing of best practice.



**September 2004**  
Chris Muscatelli is appointed as the new Head Teacher of Phoenix Primary, heralding the start of a new era of improvement and success for the school.



**December 2004**  
A Music for Life 'choirs extravaganza' in Kensington featuring children from several local primary schools is hailed as a 'memorable and highly enjoyable event'.



## Celebrating Success Sacred Heart Primary

Key achievements and developments at Sacred Heart Primary School have included:

- Achieving the best Key Stage 2 SATs results in the school's history in 2008 – an aggregate of 244 this year compared with 204 in 2000.
- Organising an annual outdoor activity week with the help of funding from Kensington Regeneration. Widely regarded as the best week of the school year by the Year 6 pupils and staff who attend!
- A very successful drive to improve attendance, including 100 per cent attendance competitions every half term. The overall attendance figure in 2008 was 95.3 per cent – the best ever at the school.
- The Music for Life project which has given pupils the opportunity to learn from world-class musicians.

*"From funding special events at Christmas to the Community Wardens walking with us when we explore the city centre with the children, Kensington Regeneration has made a huge difference to life at the school."*

*Anne Edwards  
Learning Mentor – Sacred Heart Primary School*



**January 2005**  
Children at Kensington Infant School learn about the importance of the construction industry at a special event organised by the EAZ and Bellway Homes.



**March 2005**  
The opening of the new community garden at Kensington Infant and Junior School, a wonderful new facility for pupils, staff, families and local residents.



**August 2005**  
St Sebastian's Primary School receives a Government Charter Mark award, a national standard recognising the excellence of its customer service policies and procedures.

"Working with the RLPO was a really fantastic opportunity for our young reception class children – seeing them performing on stage at the Philharmonic Hall is something I'll remember throughout my career."

Sue Evans

Reception Teacher – Phoenix Primary School

## Celebrating Success

# Phoenix Primary

Key achievements and developments at Phoenix Primary School have included:

- A very positive Ofsted report in January this year which praised 'the concerted effort to raise the quality of teaching and learning which is a major factor in the improving rate of progress made by pupils'.
- Achieving the school's best-ever Key Stage 2 SATs results in English in 2007 and excellent results in maths and science this year.
- Coming second in a competition organised by Radio City for schools across the city which aimed to recognise and reward improved attendance.
- Seeing the school's reception class performing their own 'rap' song on stage at the Philharmonic Hall thanks to the Music for Life project.



**September 2005**

Then Prime Minister Tony Blair officially opens the new Academy of St Francis of Assisi, highlighting the national significance of the innovative new school.



**December 2005**

Kensington Regeneration launches Christmas in the Curriculum, funding for additional school activities to encourage attendance in the run-up to the festive season.



**February 2006**

Kensington Regeneration funds a new laptop loan scheme to help local children work at home and encourage parents to improve their computer skills.

You star 



Prime Minister Tony Blair was the VIP guest at the official opening of the Academy.



Attendance and attainment levels at Sacred Heart Primary are currently the best in the school's history.

This facility – opened by Lord David Putnam – has provided a first-class environment for children in the Foundation Unit.

Together with the Life Bank it is also providing many Kensington families with high-quality, affordable childcare on their doorstep. Prior to these new developments there were no dedicated nursery facilities in the area.

All five of Kensington's primary schools have also benefited from the introduction of state-of-the-art security features funded by the Kensington Regeneration programme. The high-tech smoke screens and water sprays have virtually wiped out break-ins and vandalism in the schools.

Smoke Cloak is activated when a school's security is breached. Each area where the devices are fitted fills with a dense white fog in seconds, making it impossible for the offenders to see what they are doing, leaving them disorientated.

This is supplemented by a Smart Water spray which is activated when the offenders are in the building, leaving them indelibly marked with a

DNA-like substance which is visible under special lights.

Kensington Juniors Head Bryn Gorry comments: "Break-ins used to be a real problem in the area. They were costing schools an awful lot of money and were really upsetting for both staff and pupils.

"There has been a big reduction in the number of incidents since the introduction of this scheme. It has obviously been a real deterrent to criminals and thus money very well spent."

### New learning opportunities and experiences

One of the key aims of Kensington Regeneration's work with schools has been to give children access to new learning opportunities and experiences.

The Music for Life project has been an outstanding example of this aspect of the programme, forging a unique link between the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra and local primary schools.



#### April 2006

Kensington Regeneration funds a series of inset days to raise schools' awareness of the cultures of new local residents from a wide range of ethnic backgrounds.



#### June 2006

Kensington Regeneration invests £120,000 in state-of-the-art learning equipment for the five local primary schools and the Academy of St Francis of Assisi.



#### August 2006

The Reading is Fundamental initiative begins in Kensington, providing children in local primary schools with free books and other literacy resources.

10%  
Top Marks

Each school

has its own RLPO

musician who takes a weekly

music lesson. There are also regular

performances at the schools, and for local groups.

The project has also involved trips to see the RLPO play, world music workshops and the chance for pupils to perform in the spectacular setting of the city's Philharmonic Hall.

Children have also been able to get involved with a songwriting project, working with singers, guitarists, rappers and DJs as well as the RLPO musicians.

The project is unique to Kensington – there's nothing like it anywhere else in the country – and there has been a fantastic response from children and staff at the schools and this has resulted in a number of memorable and highly-enjoyable performances.

Everyone who attends these events can see that as well as being a valuable skill in its own right, music has the power to



*The Academy's environmental specialism impacts on life at the school in many ways.*



*The Music for Life project has been widely acclaimed as an outstanding success.*

encourage self expression and build the confidence of children. When you see them performing, it's clear they're getting a huge amount of enjoyment out of playing and singing.

Music for Life is now widely regarded as an example of national best practice and has even attracted Government interest, being the subject of a visit from then Arts and Culture Secretary Tessa Jowell.

Other Kensington Regeneration projects aimed at providing additional opportunities for local children have included Christmas in the Curriculum, a package of support enabling schools to provide additional activities in the run-up to the festive season, traditionally a peak time for absenteeism.

This has helped schools to keep children motivated by organising pantomimes and Christmas shows, theatre and concert trips, special visits to places like Wigan Pier and



**September 2006**  
St Sebastian's Primary hosts a visit by a party of European teachers keen to learn more about the school's approach to teaching foreign languages.



**September 2006**  
Additional classroom accommodation is introduced at Phoenix Primary School, providing more teaching space and an in-school base for parents.



**December 2006**  
Kensington Regeneration distributes desk sets to around 1,000 children aged from four to 12 in the area to help them with their school work.



# Celebrating Success

## St Sebastian's Primary

Key achievements and developments at St Sebastian's Primary School have included:

- The opening of the Field of Dreams Nursery in 2004, a wonderful environment for Foundation Unit children and a valuable resource for the local community.
- Achieving three outstanding Ofsted reports in a row in 2000, 2004 and 2008 – a record matched by only 20 schools in the country.
- Developing a highly-successful and wide-ranging programme of extra-curricular activities including sport, art, dance, drama, music and other cultural activities.
- A remarkable track record in teaching Spanish which culminated in St Sebastian's being named as the best Spanish-speaking school in the country in 2008.

"Kensington Regeneration has supported the school in many ways. For example, local families have really appreciated the help with the cost of playscheme places, and the books the children received as part of the Reading is Fundamental scheme."

Jackie Hilton  
Lead Practitioner – St Sebastian's Primary School



**January 2007**  
Kensington's Academy of St Francis of Assisi tops a Government league table as the fastest-improving school in the country at GCSE level.



**March 2007**  
Kensington Regeneration contributes £73,000 towards a wide range of new family learning projects in the area's five local primary schools.



**May 2007**  
Local schools achieve the SATs improvement targets set by Kensington Regeneration, three years before the end of the programme.

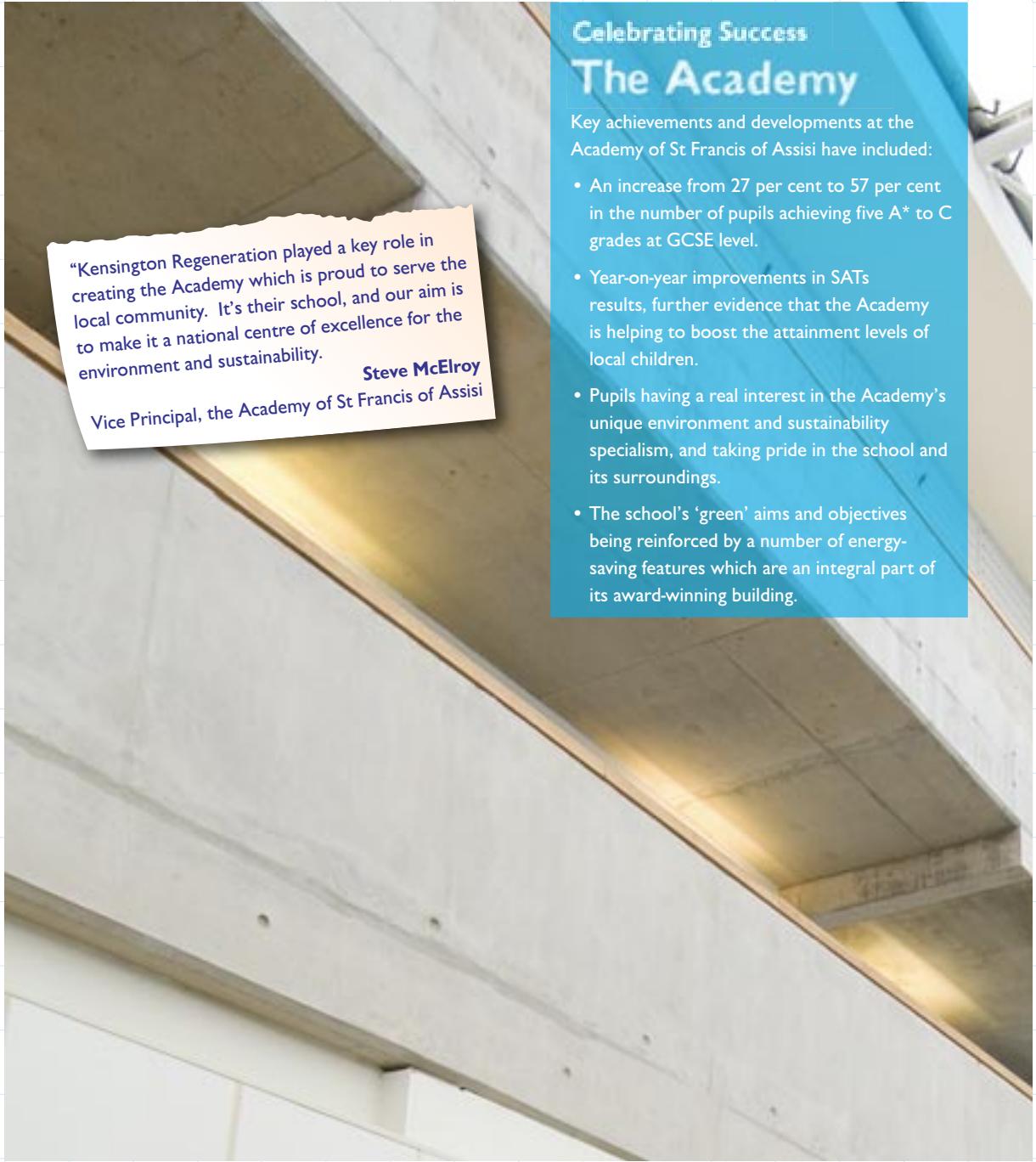
## Celebrating Success

# The Academy

Key achievements and developments at the Academy of St Francis of Assisi have included:

- An increase from 27 per cent to 57 per cent in the number of pupils achieving five A\* to C grades at GCSE level.
- Year-on-year improvements in SATs results, further evidence that the Academy is helping to boost the attainment levels of local children.
- Pupils having a real interest in the Academy's unique environment and sustainability specialism, and taking pride in the school and its surroundings.
- The school's 'green' aims and objectives being reinforced by a number of energy-saving features which are an integral part of its award-winning building.

"Kensington Regeneration played a key role in creating the Academy which is proud to serve the local community. It's their school, and our aim is to make it a national centre of excellence for the environment and sustainability.  
**Steve McElroy**  
Vice Principal, the Academy of St Francis of Assisi



**May 2007**  
The Music for Life project is recognised as an example of best practice in an awards scheme run by Renew Northwest, the regional centre of regeneration excellence.



**June 2007**  
An Extended Schools Worker is appointed to help local schools explore the options for extended services and to develop links with potential partners.



**June 2007**  
The Academy of St Francis of Assisi wins a Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors UK Sustainability Award, the third major 'green' award for the cutting-edge building.

*Keep up  
the good work!*

Salford Quays, class parties, dressing-up days and a reward scheme.

In the light of Kensington's changing demographics, this project has also helped schools to focus on the international aspect of Christmas by exploring how the season is celebrated in other cultures, including the home countries of pupils who have relocated to the New Deal area in recent years.

Kensington Regeneration has also funded a pilot scheme through Liverpool Children's University to give local children a taste of life in higher education.

Children attended extra-curricular activity modules after school for a number of weeks each term, building up credits which eventually enabled the pupils to graduate at a high-profile ceremony at one of the leading local universities.

The modules – in subjects like road safety – were designed to raise the children's awareness of opportunities in education while having fun and gaining self confidence at the same time.



A mix of old and new technology entertains children at St Sebastian's Catholic Primary School.

Kensington Regeneration's view is that these projects – and similar activities the Partnership has funded on a school-by-school basis – have had really positive results, providing children with new opportunities and experiences in order to broaden their horizons and present them with new challenges.

### Additional resources

Funding from Kensington Regeneration has helped to bring many new resources into Kensington schools in recent years, all aimed at boosting local attendance and attainment levels.

For example, a £75,000 laptop programme provided the five primary schools and the Academy with state-of-the-art ICT equipment. A wide range of hardware and software was purchased, and this was backed up by intensive teaching support.



Outdoor areas like this one at Sacred Heart Primary help to improve children's health through high-energy play.



**July 2007**  
Kensington Infant School is assessed as 'outstanding' by Ofsted and given the highest grade possible for all aspects of its teaching and care of pupils.



**July 2007**  
Schools Minister Jim Knight praises the Academy of St Francis of Assisi as 'an incredible example' of creative and innovative modern school design.



**July 2007**  
Kensington schools organise special events to celebrate Liverpool's 800th birthday - Sacred Heart focuses on the history of the former Liverpool Royal Infirmary nearby.

The Partnership then invested a further £120,000 in learning equipment for the schools, including 28 more laptops which children could borrow to work on at home with their families.

Other new items included playground equipment, interactive smart boards, art equipment and a pack of educational tools for every pupil in the area.

More recently, there was a substantial investment in family learning projects in the primary schools. At Kensington Juniors this involved families working together on a video project, making short films about life at home and at school using equipment bought with Kensington Regeneration funding.

Phoenix Primary has created a new parents room to provide an in-school base for mums and dads, while St Sebastian's has developed an exciting new outdoor learning environment for pupils, families and community use.

Meanwhile, Sacred Heart Primary has opened a new suite of



Kensington Regeneration has invested heavily in state-of-the-art equipment for local schools including the Academy.



Apple Mac computers where parents can work alongside children, and Kensington Infants has opened a parents room and launched a home lending scheme of resources in different languages.

Phoenix Primary Head, Chris Muscatelli, says: "Projects like this are very important because they help to get the message across that learning never stops, whatever your age. They also promote the importance of families learning together, which can result in real benefits for both parents and children."

Kensington Regeneration's most recent schools investment has been via the BLINK – Boosted Learning in Kensington – project, a package of support for activities including shared reading, holiday clubs, help your child with maths schemes and dads and lads clubs.

In addition to these area-wide initiatives Kensington



**September 2007**  
Kensington Regeneration invests more than £50,000 in a project offering learning resources as rewards for increased attainment and attendance in local schools.



**February 2008**  
Kensington Regeneration funds a major African-themed schools event which focuses on the continent's rich culture as well as the serious issues it faces.



**April 2008**  
St Sebastian's achieves its third outstanding Ofsted report in a row, one of only a handful of schools in the country with such a remarkable record.

Very  
good ☺



Teachers from Europe visited St Sebastian's to learn more about how children learn foreign languages there...



...and pupils show a keen interest in working with their teacher at the award-winning school.

Regeneration funding has supported a wide range of projects, activities and events in individual schools, ranging from a new parents centre and an initiative to encourage children to drink more milk at Sacred Heart to a new music centre and language lessons at St Sebastian's.

### Schools to be proud of

The results of this investment, coupled with the skill and commitment of school staff and the support of parents, can be seen in the comments of Ofsted inspectors, in school attendance figures and in the area's SATs results which continue to improve.

It is also reflected in the individual achievements of the schools. For example, the Academy of St Francis of Assisi is the leading City Academy in the country and the highest-

placed Liverpool school in the Government's CVA – value added – league table.

St Sebastian's Primary – a designated centre of excellence for Spanish – was recently recognised as the best Spanish-speaking school in the country after impressing judges from the London office of the Spanish Ministry for Education.

And Phoenix Primary was also honoured recently in an attendance competition sponsored by Radio City, with the children who had a 100 per cent attendance record being treated to a limousine ride around the city as a prize.

These achievements, and many similar ones in other schools, show how far Kensington Regeneration and Kensington schools have come together.

Kensington Regeneration Chief Executive, Lynn Spencer, believes that it's this partnership approach which has been the key to the progress that has been made over the past eight years.



May 2008  
Staff and pupils at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary celebrate after achieving the highest Key Stage 2 SATs results in the history of the school.



May 2008  
Attendance at Sacred Heart Primary breaks the 95 per cent barrier for the first time and is now at the highest level in the history of the school.



May 2008  
Staff and children at Kensington Infants School celebrate after pupils record their best-ever SATs results in both maths and science.



Very  
good ☺

"Kensington Regeneration and local schools wouldn't have been as successful without each other," she explains. "It's only been achieved through collaboration. We didn't present the schools with a 'scheme' and expect them to fit into it."

"From day one we've been meeting with our local schools, listening to their concerns and finding out what form of additional resources and support they felt would help them to operate more effectively."

"We've used these comments to develop projects that were designed to maximise the benefits of Kensington Regeneration funding for pupils, families, staff and Kensington as a whole."

According to Lynn, the Government's SATs results and Ofsted reports reflect these benefits in part, but they don't tell the whole story: "The official figures are obviously very important, but they don't always show how projects like Music for Life and new family learning facilities are changing the lives of children in our area."



Kensington schools are making a big difference to the lives of children in the area.

The success of the Academy has helped Kensington Regeneration to promote the wider improvements in progress in the area.

A large white banner is displayed on a building. The text "laying the foundations..." is written in a bold, sans-serif font. Below the text is a photograph of two men in suits standing next to a stack of wooden pallets. One man is smiling at the camera. The banner also features the "Kensington" logo and some smaller text at the bottom.



**June 2008**  
Kensington Regeneration's Boosted Learning in Kensington (BLINK) project supports family activities in schools including shared reading and holiday clubs.



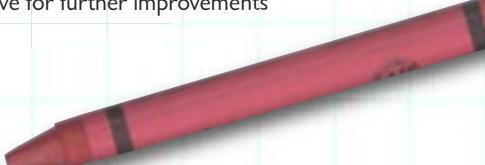
**June 2008**  
Yet more success for the Academy of St Francis of Assisi when pupils achieve record-breaking GCSE results.



**July 2008**  
Pupils with 100 per cent records are treated to a limousine ride round the city when Phoenix Primary is honoured in a Radio City attendance competition.

The final word goes to Kensington Regeneration's Chair of Lifelong Learning, Employment and Enterprise, John Caton: "Celebrating success is very important, and it's right that we should be looking back with some pride at how far we've come. However, it's also important to remember how far we've still got to go."

"In education, there are always new challenges to be met and new opportunities to be grasped, so we will continue to work closely with the schools throughout the remainder of the Kensington Regeneration programme in order to ensure that the current momentum is maintained, and to support them as they strive for further improvements in the future."







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