



Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe our first week has gone so quickly, everyone has come back refreshed and are working extremely hard. It was wonderful to be able to issue our first pen licenses last Friday as part of our commitment to improving handwriting and general presentation standards (although I am still working towards mine!) Practice, expectation and praise is the key to helping your child improve in this area so please continue to reinforce how important it is to use their best handwriting whenever they put pen to paper. It is amazing how quickly their best can become the norm! If you would like any further information on how to support your child in this area please speak to their class teacher or Mr Kimberley. Thank you.

Sue Ferguson



Arts & Culture Week

This week is Arts and Culture week. Your child is learning about art in different cultures and using different media to explore this. They are also using a range of techniques to investigate a popular artist's style and then produce their own interpretations of this.

Remember on **Friday 12th** we are encouraging the children and staff to dress up in their own cultural clothing or clothing from another culture as part of our end of the week celebration.

Ms Sreedharan



Pen Licenses

As you may know we are working with the children to improve handwriting and general presentation standards. As an incentive children can work towards achieving a pen license which provides them with a school pen that they can use in their books. In order to achieve a license, writing must be:

- Neat
- Legible
- Consistently cursive with correct joins
- Be of the same standard in all writing in all books

If a class teacher feels this standard has been reached, all of the child's books are looked at by Mrs Ferguson & Mr Kimberley to agree the judgement. It is only after this that a pen license is issued.

As this is such a difficult thing to attain we are therefore very pleased to inform you that we were able to present our first 3 pen licenses on Friday! Congratulations to the following children:

Isra (Year 6), **Lara** (Year 6) and **Madlen** (Year 4)

We look forward to announcing more of our license holders in the coming weeks.



Road Safety – Pedestrians and Drivers

We are really pleased that so many of our children are walking to school, but we would urge you to ensure that they are supervised particularly when crossing the road (including the entrance to the car park!) We have had a couple of 'close calls' already this term where children have run out from between parked cars or have run across the entrance to the car park without looking to see that the turning is clear. We would also ask that if you do drive your child to school that you park only in the legally indicated areas. Thank you.



Free English Course for Parents & Carers (Crèche provided for Under 5'S)

Would you like to:

- Learn English Speaking, Listening, and Reading & Writing?
- Take up a City & Guilds Qualifications once you are ready?
- Find out how to help your child do better at school?



If the answer to the above questions is YES then come along!

Where: Beckton & Royal Docks Children's Centre (next to Ellen Wilkinson School)

When: Thursdays

Start Date: 11th January 2018

Time: 1.00 – 3.00pm

Call: 0207 474 0654 to book

All course participants who complete this course receive a certificate. Please bring your National Insurance number with you as this is needed for enrolment purposes.



Advance Notice - Polling Station – Thursday 3rd May 2018

It has now been confirmed that the school building will be required as a polling station for the Local Elections on Thursday 3rd May. **Therefore school will be closed to pupils on this day.** We apologise for any inconvenience this causes.

E-Safety - Tip of the Week

Subject: Free Parent Workshop

Did you know you can access a free online resilience workshop for parents? This is a **FREE** parent led workshop; there is even a light lunch provided and a crèche for under 4's! The workshop will take place on **Thursday 11th January (9:30 to 12:00) at Community Links, 105 Barking Road.**

Stars of the Week

Class	Name	Value(s)
6 Shark	Asia	Resilience (For progress in Maths)
6 Whale	Olamma	Heard and Cared For (For being a helpful and considerate table partner)
5 Dolphin	Aahil	Heard and Cared For (for being a fantastic table partner. Always supporting those struggling in class)
5 Stingray	Philemon	Heard and Cared For (For always being polite and having good manners)
4 Octopus	Joe	Resilience (For continuing to work hard on your handwriting and making good progress)
4 Seahorse	Mariam	Successful (For having a good week thus far. Keep it up)
3 Lobster	Guste	Inspire (For always being an amazing role model and inspiration. Well done)
3 Turtle	Ama	Hear and Cared For (For caring for people and objects within the classroom)
2 Jellyfish	Sophia	Respect (For always being respectful to her peers and adults)
2 Starfish	Ava	Resilience (For trying really hard to use the inverse in Maths)
1 Clownfish	Eliel	Inspire (For excellent punctuality in school and for showing enthusiasm in his learning)
1 Lionfish	Maria	Respect (For consistently being respectful to everyone at Ellen Wilkinson)

Stars of the Week

Our stars are awarded in Friday assemblies to children who have shown particular commitment to our school values during the week. To say thank you we ask them to come to the front in our assembly and they can choose a friend to sit with them at their own special table at lunchtime that day.



House Winners

Congratulations to everyone in **J K Rowling** House for having the most house points this week



Attendance and Punctuality Winners

Attendance winners for the week ending 15th December are: **Starfish = 99.33%**

Punctuality Winners for the week ending 15h December are : **Shark, Dolphin, Stingray, Octopus, Seahorse and Clownfish = 0 lates**



Upcoming Diary Dates



JANUARY

Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?
Wed 17 th	2.30 p.m.	1	Parents meeting – Year 1 Phonics	YES
Thu 18 th	2.45 p.m.	2	Jellyfish class assembly	YES
Wed 24 th	2.30 p.m.	All	Parents meeting – Coffee Afternoon with SLT	YES
Thu 25 th	2.45 p.m.	4	Octopus class assembly	YES
Thu 25 th	9.00 - 10.15 a.m.	R	Stay & Play	YES
	8.45 – 10.00 a.m.	N (a.m.)		YES
	12.45 – 2.00 p.m	N (p.m.)		YES
Fri 26th		All	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS	
Wed 31st	2.30 p.m.	3, 4 & 5	Parents meeting – Handwriting & Spelling at EWPS	YES