



## Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at parents evening before half term and we hope you found the event useful. As you will see from the updated diary at the end of our newsletter, we have a number of events taking place this term so please take some time to check these and make sure you have the dates in your diary. Thank you. **Sue Ferguson**

## World Book Day :

We are holding our World Book Day on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018**. All Children are invited to dress as their favourite book character. Prizes will be given for the most inventive costumes.



## Classics Week

Before half term, we enjoyed our annual Classics Week, this time looking at a variety of plays by William Shakespeare. Ranging from The Tempest in Nursery to Henry V in Year 6, each class seemed to fully embrace their characters and story lines.

Children had the opportunity to explore using the 'olde English' language that was used by 16th century writers, as well as being able to put on performances for other year groups. There were many brilliant writing outcomes, as well as some amazing performances in the school studio on Friday. Well done to all of those who took part. Shakespeare will truly be a tough act to follow next year! **Mr Kimberley**



## Pen licences

We were really pleased to be able to award more pen licenses in Friday's assembly. As you 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. Therefore huge congratulations to our latest recipients:

**Dzung** (year 6), **Gabriela** (year 6), **Luka S** (year 6) & **Mate** (year 3)



## PE Kits

PE is an important part of your child's education, so we really appreciate your support by ensuring your child always has the correct kit in school.

In line with our school uniform policy this should be:

White plain t-shirt (logo optional).

Navy or black shorts or track suit bottoms.

Black plimsolls (these are preferable to trainers as they are more flexible).

These should all be kept in a draw string bag (no rucksacks).

Thank you.



## Swimming

Our year 4 children all have the opportunity to learn how to swim at Newham Leisure Centre. With many of us living near water, swimming is an essential life skill and for the first half of the year, Seahorse class has been attending a swimming lesson every week. At the beginning of the year, some of our children were unable to swim. They have shown great resilience and I am delighted to report that every child can now swim at least 5m with many of them swimming a length of the pool which is 25m!



The children in Seahorse received their certificates last week in assembly. Well done to all of them. **Mrs Ellis**



### **Chess Grand Masters**

29 January 2018 - James Hart from Seahorse today became the youngest school chess grandmaster. He scored his third and final grandmaster norm with a win against Saule Brankeviciute on board two in the fourth round of the school championship.

The other School grandmasters are Kayaan, Dzung and Benjamin.



### **Advance Notice - Polling Station – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018**

It has now been confirmed that the school building will be required as a polling station for the Local Elections on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: Have a Conversation - Family Agreements**



A family agreement is a great way to start a conversation with your whole family about how you all use the internet and how to behave in a positive way when online at home, at school or at a friend's house.

Childnet International has lots of helpful advice and examples that provide a framework to help families set clear expectations for positive and safe internet use.

To find out more visit : <http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/have-a-conversation>

**Tai Chi Club has been cancelled for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018.**  
**Therefore children must be collected as normal.**

### **Stars of the Week**



Class	Name	Value(s)
6 Shark	Micah	Inspire (For his approach to learning at home)
6 Whale	Dave	Inspire (For inspiring us all with his Shakespearean narrative)
5 Dolphin	Trip	
5 Stingray	Alexandra	Resilience (For her hard work and determination in Maths. Keep it up)
4 Octopus	Maja	Successful (For her brilliant input and understanding of Othello)
4 Seahorse	Elisa	Successful (For an in depth piece of writing about Othello)
3 Lobster	Agota	Inspire (For her constant positive attitude to learning. Well done)
3 Turtle	Aderayo	Successful (For her outstanding performance in our class assembly)
2 Jellyfish	Aimee	Resilience (For completing her Maths challenge. Well done!)
	Jessica	Successful (For wonderful story writing)
2 Starfish	Delia	Successful (For writing a well thought of argument during classics week)



	<b>1 Clownfish</b>	<b>Thien</b>	<b>Successful</b> (For counting in tens up to 1100! What a superstar!)	Our stars are awarded in Friday assemblies to children who have shown particular commitment to our school values during the week. To
		<b>Vanessa</b>	<b>Resilience</b> (For her progress in reading and writing. Well done!)	
	<b>1 Lionfish</b>	<b>Agnija</b>	<b>Successful</b> (Focusing and trying her best in all lessons)	
	<b>Guppy 1</b>	<b>Maddison</b>	<b>Inspire</b> (For her excellent attitude to her learning and being a good role model to others)	
	<b>Guppy 2</b>	<b>Khadija</b>	<b>Respect</b> (For always caring for others and keeping the classroom clean)	
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 2<sup>nd</sup> February are: **Seahorse = 99.63%**  
Punctuality Winners for the week ending 2<sup>nd</sup> February are :**Whale, Stingray, Dolphin, Octopus, Lobster, Starfish, Lionfish and Guppy 1 = 0 lates**

Upcoming Diary Dates				
FEBRUARY				
Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	N/A	1-6	Learning Fair	<b>NO</b>
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 p.m.	5	Year 5 Fairplay House parents meeting	<b>YES</b>
MARCH				
Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?
Thu 1 <sup>st</sup>	2:45 p.m.	6	Whale Class assembly	<b>YES</b>
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	N/A	All	World Book Day celebration	<b>NO</b>
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9 am & 2 pm	All	Parents Meeting – Inclusion (event repeated)	<b>YES</b>
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 p.m.		Parents Meeting	<b>YES</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 – 10.45	R-6	Mother’s Day gifts on sale (charity fundraiser)	<b>NO</b>
Thu 8 <sup>th</sup>	2.45 p.m.	2	Starfish class assembly	<b>YES</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>h</sup>	N/A	All	STEM Week – Science & Technology	<b>NO</b>
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 p.m.	1-6	Parents workshop – All about Science	<b>YES</b>
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	1.30-3.00p.m.	1-6	Science & Technology Learning Fair	<b>YES</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup>	3.15 – 3.45 p.m.	All	Book Fair	<b>YES</b>
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	2.30 p.m.		Parents Meeting -	<b>YES</b>
Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup>	2.45 p.m.	5	Dolphin class assembly	<b>YES</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	5	Year 5 @ Fair Play House	<b>NO</b>
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 p.m.	All	Parents Meeting – Coffee Afternoon with SLT	<b>YES</b>
Thu 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 - 10.15 a.m.	R	Stay & Play	<b>YES</b>
	8.45 – 10.00 a.m.	N (a.m.)		<b>YES</b>
	12.45 – 2.00 p.m	N (p.m.)		<b>YES</b>
	2.45 p.m.	6	Shark class assembly	<b>YES</b>
<b>Thu 29<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>ALL</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL. SCHOOL FINISHES AT NORMAL TIME</b>	
APRIL				
Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?



<b>3<sup>rd</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>	
<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.55 a.m.</b>	<b>N-6</b>	<b>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL</b>	
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> TBC	TBC	1 - 6	Parents meeting : Sex & Relationship Education @ EWPS – How we teach it and how to discuss it with your child	<b>YES</b>