



Headteachers Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday we held a staff training day. This gave us the opportunity to review how well our curriculum and books were developing and what we might need to change. We also looked at what we can do to help promote wellbeing for everyone within our school community. Further information about our next steps will be outlined in future newsletters.



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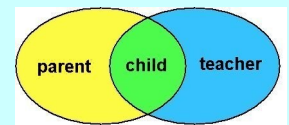
The Governor's Curriculum & Standards Committee met last Thursday. At this meeting they looked at the progress of our school development plan and agreed updates to a number of policies including the Curriculum Policy. These will all shortly be available on the website.

The highlight of the meeting was a presentation by our SEND Team who then supported discussions about how we ensure children have the appropriate support for their needs so there is access for all.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening is on **Thursday 13th February** for all classes. Appointment request letters are being sent out with your child tomorrow and a copy is also being sent by email. Please return them as soon as possible to your child's class teacher. Families with more than one child in the school, please list all your children's names on one sheet and return it to your oldest child's class and we will endeavour to coordinate appointment times (this is less likely to be possible if you chose an early time due to the popularity of this time slot.!)

Appointment times allocated will be confirmed in your child's home school book.



Vacancies



We have a number of vacancies that we will be putting on our website tomorrow. Details of roles are below. Please note that some are fixed term contracts.

- ♦ **Teaching Assistant**—1 year contract—full time (term time).
- ♦ **Teaching Assistant**—1 year contract—part time -8.30 to 1.15 (term time)
- ♦ **Nursery Nurse**—1 year maternity cover—full time (term time)
- ♦ **Little Ellies Level 3 Childcare Practitioner**—permanent contract year round (including school holidays)

For further information including qualifications, application process and dates please see the school website or contact the main office.

The successful applicant will have to meet the requirements of the person specification in order to be offered the post and will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. EWPS & Little Ellies are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Please note you will need to provide photo ID as part of this commitment.

Learning Tips



Reading

BookTrust's Bookfinder helps parents find the perfect book for their child, according to age and interests:



www.booktrust.org.uk/books/bookfinder/

Wellbeing

Think about phone usage – both theirs and yours.

We don't fully understand the impact of social media on our mental health but using phones and laptops can impact on our sleep, which is important to our mental health.

We're also more likely to listen to one another if we're not distracted by technology.

E-Safety—What parents need to know about social pressures

Links between children's use of social media and their mental health and wellbeing readily receives attention in the news. There are an array of features which parents and carers should be aware of which can contribute towards children experiencing 'social pressures' online.

In mid-2019 NOS released a series of four guides that provided information on social pressures linked to certain aspects of social media and online behaviour. Such was the overwhelmingly positive response to each individual one, this #WakeUpWednesday they've published the full 'social pressures' series as a collective.

Download the full guide from our website
www.ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk/parentzone/esafetytips



Curriculum Tip— Maths

Finding learning x tables a bit tricky? Why not try singing them with your child instead? You can choose your own tune or use the internet to give you some ideas.



Upcoming Diary Dates



JANUARY

Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?
Thu 30 th	2.45 p.m.	3	Turtle class assembly	YES

FEBRUARY

Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?
w/b: 3rd	N/A	All	STEM Week – Science, Computing & Technology	NO
Thurs 6th	2.45 p.m.	6	Whale class assembly	YES
Fri 7 th	N/A	1-6	Learning Fair	NO
Tue 11th	All day	All	Safer Internet Day	NO
Weds 12 th	2.30 p.m.	1-6	Parents Meeting – Attendance & Punctuality	YES
Thurs 13 th	3.30 – 7 p.m.	All	Parents evening	YES
17th – 21st		All	HALF TERM	
Thurs 27th	2.45 p.m.	2	Starfish class assembly	YES

Congratulations

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 stand up in our assembly and they get to use the climbing equipment at lunchtime that day.

This year based on the feedback from parents, pupils and staff we have changed the format so that 5 stars are awarded for each class—1 for each value.

Value	Heard and Cared For	Resilience	Respect	Successful	Inspire
Led by House	Mo Farah	Evelyn Glennie	Nelson Mandela	J K Rowling	Albert Einstein
Guppy 1	Ryan	Kemi	Emilijus	David	Matas
Guppy 2	Dolcie	Luca	Andrew	Jonathan	Kenshiro
Clownfish	Eidanas	Jason	Simon	Sneeha	Kristapus
Lionfish	Saarah	Sofia	David	Minahil	Jasmine
Jellyfish	Fisayo	Kesar	Paulina	Henryk	Deor
Starfish	Arile	Patricija	Maya	Nasharie	Dijana
Lobster	Erika	Mikail	Thien	Nuraz	Daria
Turtle	Jahleeka	Hanna	Saami	Jasmin	Morgana
Octopus	Isaac	Ronnie	Toni	Austeja	Joseph
Seahorse	Rubena	Marli	Aimee	Delia	Ikran
Dolphin	Senam	Macie	Maksims	Chidi	Archie
Stingray	Rokas G	Adam	Ama	Aderayo	Alex
Shark	Luca	Madlen	Anna	Adam	Milana
Whale	Denisa	Atalya	Hsu	Haider	Harold

Attendance Winners

13th—17th January
Jellyfish = 99.29%

Punctuality Winners

13th—17th January
Whale, Seahorse, Starfish
and Lionfish = 0 lates

House Winners

J K Rowling