



Dear Parents & Carers,

Normally the last newsletter of the year is quite simple to write, but this year it feels more important. 2020 has not been kind to any of us and I know that as community we have gone through a great deal loss and hardship and that is likely to continue for a little longer yet. It is hard to find hope and optimism when we see the daily positive test numbers rising and our food bank queues lengthening.

However there is hope! It is there in the strength, support and the commitment that this community has shown to each other throughout these times, even when we have been physically separated we have remained connected. It's there with the faith you have shown in ensuring your children still come to school, in the food appeals you have kindly supported and even dealing with all the technology for basic communication!

It is a privilege for us as a school to serve such a wonderful community, and as we go our separate ways for the holidays I am reminded of a quote from Desmond Tutu

**"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all the darkness"**

So on behalf of all the children, staff and governors at EWPS thank you for being our light during the darkness and we look forward to welcoming you back safe and well on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

**Take care and stay safe**

**Sue Ferguson**

**Community Messages**

**Message from Theatre Royal  
Stratford East Pocket Pantomime -  
DAME TROTT**

As we're unable to bring you our regular fun-filled Stratford East panto this year, during lockdown we created this one-off pocket panto and we are extremely excited to share this exclusive new video with you, DAME TROTT was created especially for Newham residents (recommended age guidance: 9+)

Watch here:

[www.stratfordeast.com/dametrott](http://www.stratfordeast.com/dametrott)

Please note: the video will be available to watch from noon on Wed 16 Dec - Sun 03 Jan. Audio described and captioned versions available.



**Newham Winter Holiday Programme**

As schools close for the end of the year, Newham Council have developed a programme for children, young people and families. It includes important information and contact details about staying safe and how young people and families can access support, if required during the holiday period. Support information includes: Health, Food & Funding, Crisis & Counselling, Housing and other support.

The programme also includes holiday ideas and activities for everyone.

In addition, they have also provided the HeadStart All About Me Journal which is filled with information and ideas to support young people's wellbeing. The information has been attached to this newsletter and can also be found on the Newham website via the following link <https://www.newham.gov.uk/children-families/activities-young-people-newham/1>

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## COVID QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Q: SHOULD I NOTIFY THE SCHOOL IF MY CHILD HAS A POSITIVE TEST AFTER THE END OF TERM?**

**A:** Up to and including 24<sup>th</sup> December please inform the school if a pupil who attends the school tests positive. If it is a family member or your child comes into contact you do not need to let us know.

After the 24<sup>th</sup> you do not need to complete the form but please keep your child home on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January and then call us. **Do not send your child in until you have spoken to us!**

**Q: HOW DO I INFORM THE SCHOOL?**

**A:** All parents will be sent a link by email and text on Friday to report a pupil positive case between 19<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> December. There will also be a link on the front page of the website. No other form of communication will be checked during this period.

**Q: WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

**A:** The Senior Leadership Team is on duty from the end of school on the 18<sup>th</sup> until 3 pm on Christmas Eve. This means that if we are notified of a positive case during this time we will follow similar procedures to if the school was open including contacting the DFE, LA & Public Health.

Therefore if the positive case was in school during the infectious period we will be contacting families and staff to inform them they need to self-isolate for 10 days. **Please note we will NOT be calling contacts individually but will send you a text message. We will only text if your child is directly affected.**

**Q WHAT MUST WE DO IF YOU CONTACT US?**

**A:** Your child will need to self-isolate for 10 days. This means they MUST NOT mix with other families even during the 5 day period agreed by the government.

# Q+A SESSION

with **Jason Strelitz**, Newham's Director of Public Health and **Geeta Subramaniam-Mooney**, Corporate Director Brighter Futures, Newham's Children and Young People's Commissioner

**Wednesday, 16 December 2020**  
**5.30-6.30pm**  
**Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85221904930>**

**Do you have questions about COVID-19?**

- Would you like to know more about the rules and regulations?
- Do you want to know how best to keep your friends and family safe?

**A special session for Newham residents aged 8-18.**

Any questions, email: [younghealthchampions@newham.gov.uk](mailto:younghealthchampions@newham.gov.uk)

**JUST COME ALONG!**

### E-Safety Tip

Your child may be receiving a new electronic devices as a gift during this period. If so please take a couple of minutes to look at the 12 online safety tips for children with new devices that has been attached to this newsletter. You can also find it on our website by clicking the parents tab at the top and the E-safety tips.

<https://www.ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk/>

## Congratulations

### Special Assembly Mention

**Who?** Whale

**Why?** For their great assembly.



### Special Assembly Mention

**Who?** Jessica ,Matei ,Neeriah , Merita , Grace ,Yatharth , Kornelija (5S)

**Why?** Completing their 'Bike Ability' course this week. Congratulations and we hope you like your certificates and badges.

### Special Assembly Mention

**Who?** Gabriel, Amira, Zarah, Paul, Hawa, Rubena, Raymund & Theo (5D)

**Why?** Have all achieved a Bronze certificate in the last month in Mathletics- 6 in the last week!



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**Who?** Octopus

**Why?** For his hard work and completing Level 6 of the Lexia program.

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**Who?** Gabriel , Oscar ,Raymund , Rubena , Marli , Rosie , Junaid , Zarah , Ava , Leilas , Paul , Aiden, Arnas (5D)

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## House Winners

All children in the school are part of one of the 5 Houses. They can earn house points for their house by working hard, and following our 5 values. The House with the most house points each week wins a star for their house board which is in the main hall. The children in the house with the most stars at the end of the year get a special treat.

**Congratulations to last week's House winners –  
Nelson Mandela**



## Stars of the week



Our stars are awarded in our Friday virtual assembly to children who have shown particular commitment to our school values during the week. To say thank you they also get 3 House Points and a star of the week pencil to use in school or take home.

Value	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard and Cared For
Guppy 1	Emiloju	Adomas N	Darius	Natali	Eliora
Guppy 2	Frankie	Robert	Helen	Anderson	Areeb
Clownfish	Ryan	Damian	Rexhep	Jayden	David
Lionfish	Joel	Nikita	Kai'rone	Inaaya	Cindy
Jellyfish	Hamzah	Alena	Joshua	Ruby	Kartar
Starfish	Philip	Emma	Tyler	Michael	Glory
Turtle	Ulliel	Henryk	Kotryna	Alatz	Daria
Lobster	Daisie	Kevin	Steven	Noah	Patricija
Octopus	Bella	Morgana	Azaan	Camilla	Enrikas
Seahorse	Taleah	Aydan	Kiya	Wiktorija	Precious
Stingray	Ronnie	Maher	Sam T	Tade	Masai
Dolphin	Cristian	Maria	Zarah	Raymund	Oscar
Shark	Oliver	Senam	Chaniya	Raigardas	Pijus
Whale	Luca	Kyran	Ama	Yeilyn	Erika