



## ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL LOCKDOWN NEWSLETTER 7 - 24th February 2021



Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you managed to keep safe and well during half term and we are delighted by the government announcement this week that we can welcome all children back to site on Monday 8th March. Details about this, including start and end times, were sent out to all parents yesterday .



We now need to collect in all equipment issued (laptops and instruments) as the children will need to be using them at times on site. We may also need to loan them out again to children if they are isolating or a bubble is popped.

**Therefore please make sure all equipment including laptops and ukuleles are brought back to school (car park gate) on Friday 5th March between 12.30 and 3.30 pm**

Details about the breakfast club will be sent out later this week. We are hoping to restart some after school clubs during the summer term and will provide details of this closer to the time.

And finally... we do appreciate that as glad as we may all be about children returning to onsite learning, this can be an anxious time for parents, and I would like to reassure you that we continue to do everything possible to make EWPS as COVID safe as possible. Your continued support with keeping to allocated times, social distancing when queuing and making sure your child does not attend if they (or a household member) is positive or displaying symptoms is key to this, and I would ask for your continued support in this matter.



As always if you have any further questions or queries please contact the main school office.

**Take care and stay safe.**

**Sue Ferguson**

## Please help - Governor vacancies

We will shortly have two parent governor vacancies on our governing body. We are searching for parents who want to be involved in taking the school forward and shaping the education provision we provide. You do not need to have any specific experience just a desire to make a difference, but please make sure you can commit to the time commitment of:

- 8- 10 early evening meetings a year
- 1 x afternoon visit once a year.
- 2 x additional 1 hr visits during the year (these can be virtual, and times can be moved)



At this moment we are simply asking for expressions of interest and are happy to discuss what the role involves in more detail before you have to commit to an application. If you are interested in this please click on the link below to let us know.

<https://forms.gle/wANo63BF5BHFD82r9>

**Please help our school continue to go from strength to strength! Become a school governor!**

# Learning

## **World Book Day - Thursday 4th March**

On Thursday 4th March, we will be joining in with activities for World Book Day! This will include listening to a variety of popular authors read some extracts from their books and explain how they wrote them and having different adults 'drop in' and read to us in our Zoom classes throughout the day

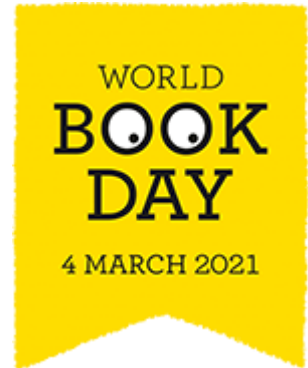
To celebrate we are also asking for people to dress up as your favourite book character! **You need to be able to know the name of your character and which book they are from.** As we are on zoom, you only need to have your top half in a costume (your legs can be dressed in normal clothes)!

Please do not spend money on costumes, you can use something you already have or may want to do a little more, make it as simple or complicated as you wish! It may be just a hat or face mask, it may be some face paint, you may decide to change your hair and put on a different top or have accessories. You could be a nursery rhyme character, or an animal, royalty, a knight, or 'Gangsta Granny'!

There will be prizes given out for the most creative costume and Mrs Ferguson will be dropping into some of our Zoom lessons to help choose winners!

Book tokens will also be emailed out parents for every pupil this year instead of given out in person, so you'll still be able to get your hands on a World Book Day Book!

Start thinking about what character you want to be, and we can't wait to see your fabulous costumes on the day!



## **Parents Evening**

Thank you to everyone who has booked their parents evening appointments. We can confirm that over 90% of parents have now booked time slots. If you have not yet booked please contact the school on 0207 511 9414 and we will support you with this process. Zoom links are the ones your children use unless in nursery or reception and these have been sent to you.



## **MOTHERS SAFEGUARDING CHAMPIONS**



## **Mother's Safeguarding Champions**

The opportunity to receive 6 sessions of **FREE** training on social media and online safety is about to start again shortly. The course will be conducted remotely for now and feedback from previous parents has been really positive.

To find out more about this opportunity please contact:

**[info@aurety.co.uk](mailto:info@aurety.co.uk)**

# Learning Gallery

Welcome to the Learning Gallery! Over the last week lots of children and staff have been sending in photos of what they have been doing in their well-being time - have a look below at some of the things you have been doing during lockdown!



Sallety (y6)

## Art



## Geography projects



# Early Years

## Thank you

A huge thank you to all parents for uploading on to Evidence Me. It makes a big difference when we can see all the wonderful work children are doing at home and also helps us to shape the next steps of the learning. Keep up the good work!



## Children's Centre Support for under 5's - NHS Health Start

**FREE** vouchers every week to spend on milk, plain, fresh, and frozen fruit, vegetables, and infant formula milk. You can also get free vitamins.

You qualify for Healthy Start if you are at least 10 weeks pregnant or have children under four years old and you or your family receive any of the below:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit
- and have an annual family income of £16,190 or less (2014/15). You also qualify if you are under 18 and pregnant, even if you do not get any of the above benefits or tax credits.

## Who to contact

Telephone: 0845 607 6823

Website: <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/healthy-start-vouchers/how-to-apply/>

# General Information

## Reimagining Early Help Parents Focus Group

Newham is inviting parents to attend their 'Reimagining Early Help Parents Focus Group' taking place on **Friday 26<sup>TH</sup> February 10:30am – 11:45am** via Zoom.

The aim of **this Focus Group** is to involve parents in review of Newham early help services (including Children Centres, Health Visiting, School Nurses, Early Help family support and similar), and work together to help shape services that are informed by parents' experiences and ideas that you can bring to the table.

If you are unable to attend the session, please do not worry, as there will be more sessions as part of their co-production in the future.



Topic: Reimagining Early Help Parents Focus Group  
Time: **Feb 26, 2021 10:30 AM London**

**Meeting URL:** <https://zoom.us/j/99498091896>



## COVID Question of the week -

### **Where do I find information about the easing of lockdown restrictions?**

The government guidance on the four steps and the dates it is hoped they may begin can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021/covid-19-response-spring-2021-summary>

# Wellbeing and Support

## Weekly parent support workshops



Need some support for yourself or your family during lockdown? Not sure where to start? Newham is running weekly workshops every **Thursday, 4pm-5pm** on **Zoom** to help you find the support you need. This can include support for wellbeing and mental health, finances, housing, befriending and much more. Click the link below to join the workshop!

<https://zoom.us/j/95579486838>

### Workshops

Support for children and young people with additional needs	Thursday 25th February 2021
Immigration support for families	Thursday 4th March 2021
How to protect your children online	Thursday 11th March 2021
Keeping children and young people safe in their community	Thursday 18th March 2021

# Congratulations!

## Assembly Special Mentions



**Congratulations to the following people who had a special mention in assembly this week.**



**Konrad (6W)**- For sharing photos of his hobby.

**Alena & Mikaela (2J)** - For successfully completing Level 3 on Lexia

**Evaldas, Jessica, Eliana, Sofia, Michael, Maverick (2J)** - For always working super hard and consistently turning in their completed work on Google Classrooms. Absolute superstars!

**Dolphin (5D)** - Performed their raps very well and worked hard on their writing.

**Stingray (5S)** - For being extremely brave and impressing both Ms Prendegast and Miss Dualeh with their UNREAL musicality, respect and confidence. We want to thank them for constantly bringing us laughter and joy during these trying times. Keep it up Stingray!!!

**Everyone in Year 1(1C & 1L)** - For working really hard each day. They turn up to the calls with the most positive energy every day! (Shout out to the parents for their support and positivity too!)

## London Youth Games - Congratulations



Thank you so much to all pupils, parents, and staff for continuing participation in the London Youth Games. You are doing an amazing job, not only have you helped Newham climb to 9th out of the 33 boroughs, EWPS has been particularly noted by the Newham School Sports Partnership Manager/School Games Organiser.

***"I just wanted to congratulate Ellen Wilkinson for being the most engaged school in LYG/School Games challenges this term so far! Please pass on our thanks to staff for getting children involved and submitting scores - their effort (and the children's) is much appreciated."*** **Simone Laidlow**

So, keep up the good work everyone and do not forget to try this week's challenge below!

## London Youth Games - Congratulations Class Winners

Well done to the following children for being class winners over the last couple of weeks.. This week's activity is the **Shoulder tap plank challenge**. **This week is a difficult one! Children in KS1 and LKS2 should do this on their knees. UKS2 can try it on their feet rather than on their knees.**

Not sure? Then follow the link to see a video: <https://youtu.be/kNNcyPDZey0>

### **Week 4 - Shuttle Runs**

G1- Darius (30 runs)  
Guppy 2- Aleksandra and Stefania (26 runs)  
L1 - Abeera (42 runs)  
C1 -Saule (39 runs)  
S2 - Vesta (41 runs)  
J2 - David (36 runs)  
L3 - Kevin (39 runs)

T3 -Paulina (23 runs)  
O4 - Enrikas (49 runs)  
S4 - Peter (61 runs)  
S5 -Maher (56 runs)  
D5 - Leilas (52 runs)  
S6 -Syed Ershan (19 runs)  
W6 - Tajus (24 runs)



**Remember to submit your results each week to your class teacher.**



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.



	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard and cared for
Guppy 1	Reece	Elia	Natali	Nicole	Eliora
Guppy 2	Austeja	Mia	Ayden	Sakibur	Klaudija
Lionfish	Eric	Abeera	Matas	Zain	Liepa
Clownfish	Elizabeth	Raffael	Hasan	Jonathon	Lucia
Jellyfish	Jahdel	Sajda	Kartar	Nojus	David
Starfish	Rhea	Hussain	Alexandra	Kristupas	Orion
Turtle	Miley	Deniz	Ilyas	Nicoletta	Kajus
Lobster	Kydon	Adyaan	Arile	Isra	Daisie
Octopus	Jannah	Tornadas	Eliza	Bella	Azaan
Seahorse	Dominik	Eliel	Mikail	Rafan	Olivia
Stingray	Emily G	Sam T	Austeja	Kelly	Isabel
Dolphin	Aimee	Ava	Gabriele	Ikran	Aiden
Shark	Yusuf	Agota	Daniele	Laurel	Senam
Whale	Luca	Sallety	Rokas	Adam	Erika



### House Winners

Last week's House winners who earned the most house points were

**Albert Einstein!** Congratulations!

