



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL LOCKDOWN NEWSLETTER 8 - 3rd March 2021



Dear Parents & Carers,

Return to school

We are delighted to be welcoming everyone back to site next Monday. I have reattached all the details again this week in case they have got lost in your emails. Please remember to socially distance when queuing at gates.



As much as we are looking forward to all children returning, we do realize this can be a stressful time for everyone. If you feel like further support will be helpful, please speak to us or take time to look at the well-being section this week that provides details about a 'Going back to school' workshop being run by Newham tomorrow (Thursday 4th).

Returning equipment

Please remember to 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**



Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will be running from Monday. Full details will be sent out tomorrow.

Parents Evening

We hope you found the new way of booking your parents evening appointment easier and we are delighted 92% of families booked! We would also like to say thank you to everyone who then attended, and we hope you found it useful, as it makes a huge difference to pupil outcomes if school and home work together.



Unfortunately, in a couple of classes we did have an extremely low attendance rate (less than 50%) and I will shortly be contacting those parents to discuss this. Therefore, I would urge all parents going forward to prioritise attendance (particularly as it is on Zoom, so you do not even need to travel)! Parents evening takes place three times a year and usually takes no more than 10 minutes for a session, so we are only asking for 30 minutes of your time! Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Take care, stay safe and see you on Monday!

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.



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 need 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>

Learning

World Book Day - Tomorrow (Thursday 4th March)

We hope you are all looking forward to your world book day activities tomorrow and we can't wait to see how creative you have all been! We are all looking forward to the range of activities tomorrow!

As part of these celebrations, we want to encourage children to participate in the competition below. This is focussed on the things that make them and others around them happy, events and activities they look forward to. There has been a great deal of challenge over the last year but now is a time to look forward with a feeling of hope and expectation.

Teachers will discuss this with children tomorrow. Children can write about anything to do with Hope in 221 words or less, choosing one of the three writing activities below.

- ★ A paragraph or two about hope
- ★ A poem about hope
- ★ A letter on the theme of hope

<https://2simple.com/landing-pages/world-book-day-competition/>

It's a great opportunity to get our reading motivating our writing!



Newham Library Session For World Book Day

Come and join the Newham Library Service for a 'Supercalifragilistic' World Book Day celebration with Mary Poppins and friends **Thursday 4th March at 2pm**. Listen to some stories and have a virtual tour of some of Newham's libraries.



<https://zoom.us/j/92712380404>

Mary may well be flying in but others may like to zoom...

This is an event suitable for KS1 children but also for the young at heart. It has been set up as a zoom webinar event which means children will be off camera but will see and hear everything that goes on. The event will last approximately half an hour.



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 positive. To find out more about this opportunity please contact:

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.

Hungry Caterpillar Art and looking at frog spawn in Reception

Elia G1



Sophia G1

Oliver G1

Food art & sun catchers from year 2



Olivia 2J



Sajda 2J



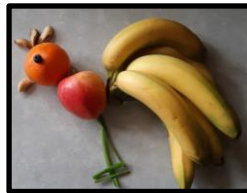
Mantas 2J



Emma (2S)



Diana (2S)



Vesta (2S)



Annabel (2J)

Victoria (2J)



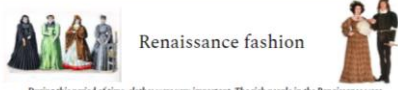
History projects from year 4

As an extra learning activity, the children in year 4 made presentations about a time in history they would like to travel back to. They researched many aspects of architecture and social and cultural history.



Peter (4S)- The Titanic

Renaissance fashion



During this period of time, clothes were very important. The rich people in the Renaissance wore materials like satin, cotton and velvet. Even though nowadays medium class people can afford to wear cotton. During the Renaissance it was not that easily available as it is today.

Men in Renaissance used their clothes to make them look bigger. They wore puffy shouldered shirts and jackets topped with capes and wide-hipped, often puffy, knee-length pants worn over stockings on the lower leg. They would round out the outfit with wide-toed shoes.

During the Renaissance period women wore long dresses, often with detachable, wide and puffed sleeves. To keep the dresses clean women would wear aprons or over dresses. Women would typically wear about 5 layers of clothes everyday. Also, females used to cover their hair with wigs or hats.

Agnija (4S) - The Italian Renaissance.

Pyramids

Pyramids were tall buildings, where they put the tombs in. In the pyramids you would rarely find a king's tomb, as there weren't many kings. There was a girl called Cleopatra, people used to call her Cleo for short. She was married to a king. When she died she was placed in a lovely tomb in a big pyramid.



Joshua and Ayden (4S) - Ancient Egypt

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 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're 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 don't 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

Track Safety Message from National Rail

"Due to the very high level of trespassing on the tracks by young people in your local area, Network Rail in partnership with Learn Live are working to help raise awareness to students across the UK educating them about the dangers of the train tracks through interactive digital delivery.

Please share the relevant safety video, as we traditionally see an increase in trespassing over this holiday period.

Remember 15 mins can help save lives and provide important safety information to young people.

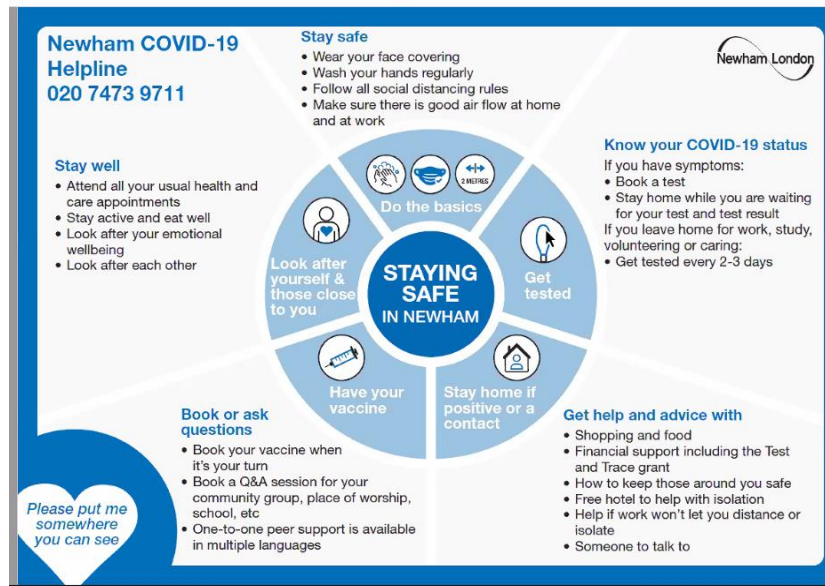
We have made things easier for you to watch the free safety videos by just entering the email railsafety@learnliveuk.com into the I am registered field when you first watch the videos."

We will be showing this to children in year 3 to 6 but wanted to make sure parents could access too so you can reinforce the message with your child. Please click the link to view.

<https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-primary-school-safety-talk/>



COVID Question of the week - What is happening to help people stay safe in Newham?



Wellbeing and Support

Going back to school workshop

We know how stressful it's been for parents/carers over the last couple of months juggling between work and home schooling. So, Newham is holding a mental wellbeing workshop targeted at parents/carers and focused on 'Going back to school' and the experience of home schooling. The workshop will be delivered by mental health professionals from Newham Talking Therapies

The 'Going back to school' workshop will cover:

- ❖ how change affect us
- ❖ addressing the feelings around children going back to school
- ❖ acknowledge the experience of home schooling.
- ❖ learn about techniques to engage with change.



Date: Thursday 4th March 6-7 pm

The Eventbrite link to register is: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/going-back-to-school-workshop-with-parent-tickets-143077808577>

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. Click the link below to join the workshop!

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

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.



Evaldas (2J) - For completing level 5 on Lexia
Mikaela (2J) - For completing level 7 on Lexia
Mantas(2J) - For completing level 6 on Lexia



Nicholas, Nasharie and Christopher (3L) - For earning a new certificate on Lexia. All 3 boys have been working really hard on Lexia and logging in every day. They have exceeded their time target; Nicholas has been on Lexia for more than 206 minutes this week.

Wiktoria and Mikail (4S) - Both achieved Lexia certificates - keep going!
Olivia and Joshua(4S) - Both achieve Gold certificates in Mathletics
Well done all - one very happy teacher!

Rosie & Cristian (5D) - Both achieved Lexia certificates this week.
Raymund, Jayden & Rubena (5D) - Have all achieved Mathletics certificates this week.

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 **Ski jump challenge**.

Not sure? Then follow the link to see a video: is: <https://youtu.be/EURdqhnJhe0>

Week 5 - Shoulder plank

S2 - Vesta (67)
J2 - David (53)
L3 - Nagalis (55)
T3 - Artjoms (55)
O4 - Azaan (89)

S4 - Zain (69)
S5 - Jonas (85)
S6 - Mubashir (72)
W6 - Mate (80)



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



House Winners

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

Albert Einstein ! Congratulations - two weeks in a row!





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	Shannon	Shehzad	Sofia	Kevinas	Kevin
Guppy 2	Robert	Karolis	Isabella	Stefania	Anderson
Lionfish	Ramisah	Eric	Kenny	Amelia	Rexhep
Clownfish	Zain	Hannah	Andrew	Jessica	Nikita
Jellyfish	Saarah	Mantas	Matteo	Olivia	Alena
Starfish	Sarah	Eidanas	Jay	Alexandra	Glory
Turtle	Meer	Fisayo	Daria	Paulina	Alatz
Lobster	Aishah	Maddison	Nuelf	Keiaana	Steven
Octopus	Adeturayo	Zoya	Jill	Lilliana	Jasmin
Seahorse	Nuraz A	Joshua	Nia	Lily	Aydan
Stingray	Austeja	Kornelija	Joseph	Kadija	Maher
Dolphin	Abdul	Amira	Gabriel	Rubena	Rosie
Shark	Konrad	Pijus	Mubashir	Daisy	Oliver
Whale	Kayne	Ollie	Mate	Ama	Aidan