

# ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 11 - 24th March 2021



#### Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been a busy week in school and staff are working extremely hard to ensure that children have a rich and varied experience now that we are returned to site. Some of these activities can be seen in the Learning Gallery later on this newsletter (including the chicks that have hatched in Reception!)



#### **Minute Silence**

Yesterday we observed the national minute silence to remember all of those who have tragically lost their lives during the pandemic. We held this in the playground (socially distanced) as we felt it was important to come together as a community to mark this huge loss which has affected every part of our community. The

children observed this perfectly and you would have been hugely proud of their approach to this. Please remember if you or your family do need support there are services we can help connect you to.

#### After school clubs

Details of after school clubs that will be available in the summer term will be sent out next week.

#### **Date Reminders**

With the pandemic lockdown we realise some of the upcoming diary dates may have got a little lost. Therefore please see the list of the main ones below. We are hoping we will be able to add some events that can be held outside in the summer term, but we cannot do this until we see how the COVID guidance changes at the next review.

Thursday 1st April - Last day of term (finish at normal time)

Tuesday 20th April - First day back after Easter

Monday 3rd May - Bank Holiday

Thursday 6th May - Polling Station closure (work will be set to do at home)

Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June - Half Term

Monday 14th June - Class photos

22nd & 23rd June - Provisional Sports Days

Week of 5th July - Annual Reports, Parents Evening, new class information released.

Take care and stay safe.

**Sue Ferguson** 

Important

### Learning

### **Classics Week**

This week has been Classics week, where classes across the school have been studying Shakespeare's Macbeth. Lots of poetry, performance, and creative writing have filled our week and we hope to share some of the outcomes with you in next week's newsletter.



### **Learning Gallery**

Welcome to the Learning Gallery! Over the last week children and staff have been sending in photos of what they have been doing now they are back in school.









Welcoming the new fish in Nursery

Busy days in Reception and our chicks hatched too!







Virtual Reality Space experience in Year 5





Performance poetry in Year 1









Computer programming and Easter art in Year 6





### **Wellbeing and Support**

Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government

## Newham Adult Learning Service FREE English Lessons

English taught and social club - FREE course for beginners.

Email:Sangita.passi@newham.gov.uk

### **Free School Meals**

APPLY NOW

Please remember if your circumstances have changed you may now be eligible for free school meals.

To check your eligibility and apply simply follow the link below.

https://www.newham.gov.uk/schools-education/free-schoolmeals/2?documentId=502&categoryId=20004

### Free school meals over Easter

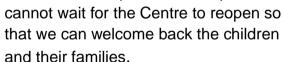
If you already have confirmed eligibility for Free School Meals you will be emailed two weeks of £15 food vouchers before we break up.

### **Early Years**

### **Children's Centre**

Exciting times over at the Children's Centre, we are having a garden makeover!
The gardeners have been working hard to transform the garden into a fantastic area for the children and their families to play and explore. So far there is a new mud kitchen, lots of wonderful, scented herbs, and a water table. There is much more to come, and we will

of course share pictures and updates with you. The BaRD team











### **General Information**



### **Beckton Globe Library's Easter Holidays Activity Packs**

From Thursday 1st April pop down to Beckton Globe Library to pick up your activity packs.

The activity packs are arts and crafts inspired to create your own Easter themed masterpieces. Each pack has instruction sheets and materials for over 5 fun activities.

Also enter our Creative Writing and Drawing Competition to win a prize! And read 6 books to be entered into the competition to win the Golden Ticket!

Walk past our window and be inspired by all the different books on offer and feel free to pop up and the staff will find you books that your family would enjoy.

We are open from 10.00am-5.00pm Monday to Saturday. For you to return and pick up books you have ordered.

For more information email **CN.BecktonRoyalDocks@newham.gov.uk** or

call 020 3373 0853

### **COVID** Question of the week

### What are the changes on Monday 29th March?



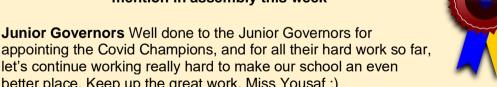
- Outdoor gatherings (including in private gardens) of either 6 people (the Rule of 6) or 2 households will also be allowed.
- Outdoor sports facilities such as tennis and basketball courts, will also be allowed to reopen, and people will be able to take part in formally organised outdoor sports.
- The 'stay at home' rule will end on 29 March, but many restrictions will remain in place.
- People should continue to work from home where they can and minimise the number of journeys they make where possible, avoiding travel at the busiest times and routes.

### Congratulations!



#### **Assembly Special Mentions**

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





appointing the Covid Champions, and for all their hard work so far, let's continue working really hard to make our school an even better place. Keep up the great work, Miss Yousaf:)

Milana (2J) - Completing Level 3 on Lexia.

Adeturayo (40) - Completing Level 7 on Lexia - well done!

Christina (40) Level 8 Lexia- has become a Lexia champ and has logged in the most in the classwell done.

House Captains - It's fabulous having you back to help with Friday assemblies. Thank you from Mrs Ferguson.



## House Winners Last week's House winners who earned the most house points were Nelson Mandela! Congratulations





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   | Olivia T | Dawud     | Elena      | Kevin     | Sonny               |
| Guppy 2   | Rida     | Khadija   | Areeb      | Anderson  | Spencer             |
| Lionfish  | Abeera   | Zain      | Kemi       | Dragos    | David               |
| Clownfish | Saule    | Aroush    | Jessica    | Cindy     | Luca                |
| Jellyfish | Minahil  | Alena     | Milana     | Maverick  | Mate                |
| Starfish  | Aleena   | Kristupas | Rejus      | Sneeha    | Emma                |
| Turtle    | Kajus    | Meer      | Paulina    | Deor      | Henryk              |
| Lobster   | Adyaan   | Anna      | Mattias    | Nuelf     | Kian                |
| Octopus   | Jasmine  | Tornadas  | Simas      | Zoya      | Ahmed               |
| Seahorse  | Lauryn   | Kiya      | Nuraz C    | Dominik   | Maria               |
| Stingray  | Isaac    | Zannat    | Merita     | Danyal B  | Matei               |
| Dolphin   | Ikran    | Leilas    | Cristian   | Gabriele  | Gabriel             |
| Shark     | Pijus    | Zainab    | Yusuf      | Stefanie  | Konrad              |
| Whale     | Emily    | Rokas     | Angel      | Asher     | Erika               |