



Dear Parents & Carers,

As we near the end of term I would just like to take this time to thank you for all of your support over this challenging term (and year). Despite the hard times, sadness, pain, lockdowns, technology issues and general loss of our normal lives, the way you have continued to support your children and work in partnership with us has been amazing and much appreciated. In my first newsletter of this term as we headed into lockdown I shared the following quote:

“Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all the darkness”

As our days lighten, the warmer weather (hopefully!) arrives, the vaccination programme progresses and cases continue to fall, I am hoping that for all our sakes we are beginning to see more light and less darkness. We hope you all enjoy your break whether you are celebrating Easter, starting Ramadan or just looking forward to being able to sit in a park!

Take care and stay safe.

Sue Ferguson



Ramadan

This year the Holy Month of Ramadan starts during the school holidays in April. We realise that many children are enthusiastic and get a great sense of achievement in joining their families in taking part in the spirit of Ramadan and that this may mean that older children may be starting to consider fasting. If this relates to your child please see the attached letter with more details about the school's approach to this on their return after the holidays.

After school clubs

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

Free school meals

For those of you who qualify for Free School Meals, the vouchers for the Easter holiday period are being sent out today so please check your emails (including your junk mail). If they have not come through by Thursday morning please email kerry.doody@ellenwilkison.newham.sch.uk before 4pm tomorrow so we can make sure you have them before the break



Easter & Covid

Please take time to look at the COVID questions part of this week's newsletter including how and when to notify the school if your child tests positive during the holidays.

Date Reminders

Thursday 1st April - Last day of term (finish at normal time)
Tuesday 20th April - First day back after Easter

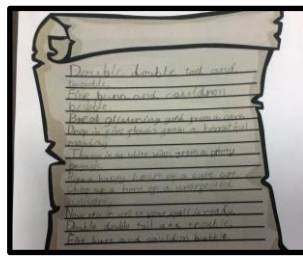
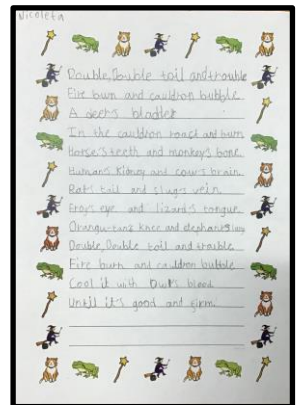


Learning



Classics Week

Last week was Classics week, where classes across the school have been studying Shakespeare's Macbeth. Lots of poetry, performance and creative writing filled our week and we thought we'd share some of the outcomes with you. Who knows, one of our pupils may be the next Shakespeare!



Learning Gallery

Welcome to the Learning Gallery! This week year 5 & 6 are each having outdoor education sessions with Fairplay House (the residential site we usually visit). As we couldn't go to them, Fairplay has come to us and children have spent sessions completing problem solving and team building activities on the school field.



Wellbeing and Support

'We are Newham – Working Together for Children and Families with SEND. What is our offer and how to access it'?



Newham is holding a virtual event over the Easter period for families of children with SEND on **Monday 19th April 2021 10am to 12:30**. The event will be held virtually via Zoom. It is an opportunity to hear about services for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and their families in Newham. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions and to shape future events. **Please see the attached flyer for details.**

Free School Meals

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.

APPLY NOW

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

COVID Question 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 6th April 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 6th you do not need to complete the form but please email us to let us know and we will then contact you on the 19th. **Do not send your child in on the 20th until you have spoken to us!**

Q: HOW DO I INFORM THE SCHOOL?

A: There is a link on the front page of the website, or you can click on the link below. No other form of communication will be checked during this period. <https://forms.gle/maP6sgePjwLYLu378>

Q: WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

A: The Senior Leadership Team is on duty from the end of school on the 1st until 6th April. 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.

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 in gardens.

General Information

Newham Easter Activities

Please find attached the Easter Holiday Programme that includes a range of online fun activities, and a few face-to-face activities. As we still have restrictions the programme is designed to ensure children, young people and families have activities to do at home. The programme also includes information on support services including health, food & funding support, crisis & counselling, and housing support. There is also information for children and young people to access learning resources.

The programme is also available online at: www.newham.gov.uk/ActivitiesForYoungPeople



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**

Congratulations!

Assembly Special Mentions

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

Wictoria (4S) - Completing L9 on Lexia.

Armani (3T) - Completing L2 on Lexia

Yeilyn (6W) Completing L7 on Lexia.

Asher (6W) Completing L8 on Lexia.

Kotryna & Deniz (3T) - Completing Level 7 on Lexia.

Kelly (5S) - Completing Level 7 on Lexia - well done!

Paul (5D) - Earning a Bronze Certificate in Mathletics.

Amira (5D) Completing L5 on Lexia.

Rosie & Cristian (5D) Completing L7 on Lexia.



COVID Champions across the school - Well done for completing 2 weeks of being a Covid champion for your class! From Miss Yousaf and the Junior Governors :)





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	Eliora	Adomas N	Brittany	Ridwan	Elia
Guppy 2	Aleksandra	Helen	Sakibur	Ayden	Mia
Lionfish	Matas	Markas	Ryan	Matvii	Muhammad
Clownfish	Zayn K	Farwa	Lucia	Jonathon	Diana
Jellyfish	Sajda	Nojus	Joshua	Aisha	Olivia
Starfish	Tyler	Hussain	Michael	Philip	Ezekiel
Turtle	Petra	Quinel	Alatz	Jake	Ashaz
Lobster	Kydon	Naglis	Aiden	Precious	Maya
Octopus	Sammi	Enrikas	Melissa	Christina	Jill
Seahorse	Precious	Casandra	Rafan	Joshua	Aydan
Stingray	Tade	Sam T	Joseph	Isabel	Maher
Dolphin	Shemi	Leilas	Ava	Marli	Delia
Shark	Daniel	Stefanie	Rubie	Archie	Laurel
Whale	Gabriella	Amelija	Enrikas	Ama	Alysha