



## ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 21 - 24th June 2021



Dear Parents & Carers,



As you know we have been holding our sports day this week. So far the weather has been kind to us (fingers crossed it continues tomorrow!) It is lovely to see some of the main events taking place this year (even if they are in socially distanced bubbles!) and we can't wait until restrictions are lifted so you can share them with us again. We will share images with you in next week's newsletter.

### Parents Evening

Parents' evening will be again held by Zoom this term. Appointment bookings open at 5pm today and are made through ParentMail. This information will also be text to all parents. If you need any help with this please contact the main office.



### Uniform Policy

We realise that some parents may be starting to think about uniforms for the next academic year. So please find attached the school's uniform policy that was reviewed and approved last week by the Governors Curriculum Committee.

### Governor Visits

This week we have been delighted to welcome back some of our governors onto site for the first time in over a year (as we have been working virtually). They have been meeting with staff and conducting learning walks. All governors have different link subject areas. This visit has been to talk about the following areas.

1. What has been done within the bridging and recovery curriculum since school reopened?
2. What needs to be done going forward?
3. What changes to curriculum delivery made during lockdown will be maintained?
4. How is the equality and diversity agenda being developed?
5. What are the plans for next year?
6. What has been the impact on workload?



Each governor then writes a report, and they are shared and discussed at the next meeting (which is at the start of July).

### Upcoming Diary Dates

**Friday 2nd July** - Covid memorial event (see details later in the newsletter)

**Wednesday 7th July** - New classes information & annual reports sent to parents.

**Thursday 8th July** - Children will meet & spend time with their new teachers.

**Thursday 8th July** - Parent's evening will be taking place via Zoom as restrictions are still in place



**Friday 16th July** - Last day of term.

**Monday 6th September** - First day of term for years 1 to 6 (Reception and Nursery will be contacted separately)

**Take care and stay safe.**

**Sue Ferguson**

## General Information

### JGB & Covid Memorial

Next week, the Junior Governors will be selling rainbow ribbons as part of our Covid memorial event. The money raised will be donated directly to the

NHS. Ribbons will be sold for 50p and have been made by our Pupil Ambassadors. Children can bring in money which will be dropped in a bucket before they enter their classrooms.



### Memorial

As we have mentioned in previous newsletters, we believe it is important that we come together as a school community to acknowledge the impact Covid has had on all of our lives. At EWPS we are planning to do this in several ways next week.

### Pebbles

- Every child will be painting a pebble over the course of the next week, in one of the colours of the rainbow. These will then be laid in the playground to represent a rainbow which has been symbolic to the pandemic.

### Postcards

- Before the morning of Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, each child will complete a postcard with their most significant memories of Covid. This may be positive or negative, but most importantly personal to the child.
- They will then have time to decorate their postcard.
- These will be collated into memory albums that will be kept in our school library.
- We will also be sending blank postcards home so families (and staff!) can choose to share their memories too. Simply send it back in with your child.

### Tree planting

- A tree will be planted in the playground on Friday as part of the memorial.
- This will take place with the Junior Governors and be live streamed to all classes.
- Each class will be given an opportunity to visit the tree during the day and children will have the opportunity to share what is written on their postcards if they so wish.

### Additional support

We realise that many of our families have suffered great hardship, illness and sadly loss of family and friends because of the pandemic. We will ensure we are sensitive to this, but if we are not aware of your circumstances and you are concerned that your child may need further support please let us know as soon as possible by contacting the main office or emailing your child's year group.

# Learning Gallery

Welcome to the Learning Gallery! Here are some of the activities and outcomes from the last week.

*Last week the children in Guppy 1 & 2 made sandwiches and lemonade and then had a picnic in the outside area.*



*Year 3 had a workshop with someone from the Port of London as part of their big question curriculum Water - friend or foe?*



*Some of the Junior Governing Body took part in a taster event held by Juniper (our caterers) to decide what new recipes should go on the next menu for schools.*





## Message from the Institute of Imagination to Year 6

First and foremost, a BIG THANK YOU from the team at the Institute of Imagination, for taking part in THE BIG BUILD!

We worked with 14 schools across Newham, so well done in being part of a collective and collaborative project. We had been planning and preparing for months, so we really enjoyed being able to deliver it with your participation. As a result, we have engaged with nearly 2000 pupils and teachers across the borough!



Year 6 helped imagine and design public art sculptures which have now been installed across Newham. Your schools' pieces can now be visited at the following locations:

[Pontoon Café in the Olympic Park](#)

[London Design and Engineering UTC](#)

[East Ham Library](#)

Well done!

## Learning Tips

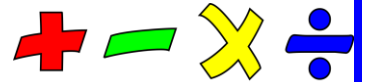


### Reading

Bring reading to life!

You could try cooking a recipe you've read together. Would you recommend it to a friend? Alternatively, play a game where you pretend to be the characters in a book, or discuss an interesting article you've read.

### Maths



Get your child to make a mental tally of the different colour cars they can see when they are going home after school.

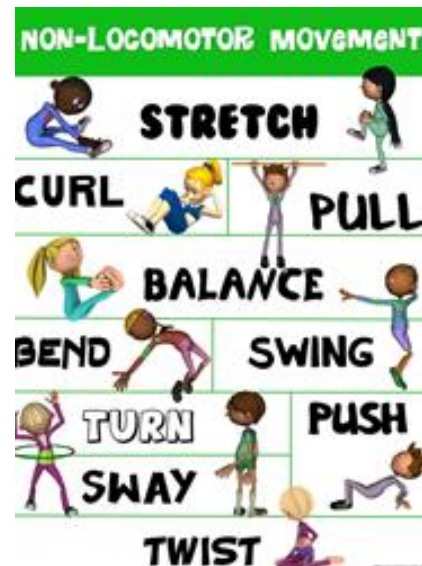
### Writing

Writing a story is not always just about the words. Creating comic books, picture books and illustrated stories can let your child use their artistic talents too. Or you could move from page to screen and get them coding to create an animated tale.



### PE

Want some simple exercises your child can do at home that do not need lots of space or equipment? Try some of the ones below.



### Well-being

Talk openly about mental health.

Just as you might encourage them to eat fruit and veg to keep their bodies healthy (and model this behaviour yourself), talk openly about, for example, staying connected with others or being physically active in order to take care of our

minds. <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications/make-it-count-guide-for-parents-and-carers>

# Early Years



## Beckton & Royal Docks Children's Centre

### Do you have a child under 5? Have you registered them with a Children's Centre?

If not, why not use this opportunity to do so to help you find events and opportunities for you and your child!

#### Family Support

The family support team is there to give advice if needed.

Times: available Monday to Friday or pop in to speak to someone.

**Access is via the house gate on Dove Approach.**

**Tel: 0207 474 0654**

#### Activity Sessions

Some onsite sessions are now starting to take place but pre booking is essential due to Covid restrictions please contact the centre to find out more.

## Wellbeing and Support

### Settled Status - Stay Settled in Newham



Did you know that each child must have their own EU Settled Status (EUSS) application? You can apply for your child, or they can apply for themselves. **If your child was born in the UK but is not a British citizen, they will still need to apply.** You need to apply before the 30th of June.

If you have already applied to the EUSS, you can link your child's application to yours. This means that if your own application is successful, your child will get the same status as you. You will need to prove your relationship to your child and also have a copy of their ID.

We can help you if you need further support. Please call the

**EUSS Bilingual Helpline: 0808 196 3510 or e-mail:**

**[staysettledinnewham@gmail.com](mailto:staysettledinnewham@gmail.com)**

**If you are still not sure please contact the school and we can help you access support to apply.**

### COVID Question of the week- Who can now be vaccinated?




**Anyone 18 or over** can now arrange to have their vaccination. There are a number of vaccination sites across Newham. You can book your vaccine on the NHS website or follow the link below for local community sites.

**<https://www.newham.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-vaccination/4>**

If you have questions about the vaccine and would like to talk to one of the Vaccine Peer Support volunteers please email **[covidhealthchampions@newham.gov.uk](mailto:covidhealthchampions@newham.gov.uk)** or call 020 3373 2777

## Weekly parent support webinars

 Need some support for yourself or your family? Not sure where to start? Newham is running weekly workshops every **Thursday, 4pm-5pm** on **Microsoft Teams** to help you find the support you need. Click the link below to join the workshop!

**Understanding anxiety and self-harming behaviour**

**24<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Join on your computer or mobile app

<https://bit.ly/3sKR7vq>

## Congratulations!



### Assembly Special Mentions



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

**Guppy 1 and Guppy 2** - For skilfully making delicious sandwiches and tangy lemonade and then being on their best behaviour as they shared a picnic.

**Sneeha (2S)** - Completing Level 4 in Lexia

**Alena (2J)** - Completing Level 6 in Lexia

**Maverick (2J)** - Completing Level 5 in Lexia

**Mikaela (2J)** - Completing Level 11 in Lexia

**Daniel A (3L), Fisayo (3L) & Mattias (3L)**-  
Awarded Bronze Certificates on Athletics

**Nicholas (3L)** - Completing Level 8 in Lexia

**Arile (3L)** -Completing Level 7 in Lexia

**Rayan and Aishah (3L)** - For being the first year 3s to complete 77 times table club  
Good luck with club 100!

**Deor (3T)** - Completing Level 8 in Lexia

**Paulina (3T)**- Completing Level 5 in Lexia

**Jake (3T)**- Awarded Bronze Certificate on Athletics

**Joshua (4S)** - Achieving rock speed of 2.21 s/q

**Lauryn (4S)** - Achieving rock speed of 3.8 s/q

**Olivia (4S)**- Achieving rock speed of 1.4 s/q

**Jill (4O)** - Achieving rock speed of 1.87 s/q

**Liliana (4O)** - Achieving rock speed of 2.93 s/q

**Leilas (5D)** - Achieving rock speed of 1.56 s/q

**Aiden (5D)** - Achieving rock speed of 1.82 s/q

**Zarah (5D)** - Achieving rock speed of 1.8 s/q

**Theo (5D)** - Achieving rock speed of 3.59 s/q

**Shemi (5D)** - Achieving rock speed of 5.0 s/q

**Amira & Micah (5D)** - Making huge progress in their times tables- Keep it up!

**Delia (5D)** - For completing Level 8 in Lexia and earning a Bronze Athletics Certificate.

**Rosie (5D)** - For completing Level 9 in Lexia- at home!

**Sam A (5S)** - Achieving rock speed of 3.21 s/q

**Danyal (5S)** - Achieving rock speed of 2.84 s/q

**Matei (5S)** - Achieving rock speed of 2.42 s/q

**Jessica (5S)** - Achieving rock speed of 2.62 s/q

**Masai (5S)** - Achieving rock speed of 2.71 s/q

**Austeja (5S)** - Achieving rock speed of 4.05 s/q

**Daniel E (5S)** - Achieving rock speed of 2.75 s/q

**Neeriah (5S)** - Achieving rock speed of 1.45 s/q

**Alison (5S)** - Achieving rock speed of 1.92 s/q

**Joseph (5S)** - Achieving rock speed of 1.89 s/q

**Jonas (5S)** - Achieving rock speed of 3.35 s/q

**Isaac (5S)** - Achieving rock speed of 6.25 s/q

**Sam T (5S)** - Achieving rock speed of 4.72 s/q

**Isabel (5S)** - Achieving rock speed of 2.48 s/q

**Sallety (6W)** - Completing Level 6 in Lexia

**Kerell (6S)** -Achieving rock speed of 3.66 s/q



### 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	Robert	Sonny	Natali	Nael	Eliona
Guppy 2	Rida	Helen	Frankie	Amber	Nicolas
Lionfish	Natalie	Matvii	Markas	David	Sumayia
Clownfish	Ayden	Lucia	Lakin	Kai'rone	Deborah
Jellyfish	Maverick	Jasmine	Nojus	Sajda	Matteo
Starfish	Evie	Sneeha	Rejus	Emma	Jay
Turtle	Uliel	Afia	Quinel	Artjom	Inaaya
Lobster	Anna	Aishah	Daniel.A	Aiden	Steven
Octopus	Adeturayo	Melissa	Zoya	Tornadas	Zeynep
Seahorse	Dominik	Vanessa	Lauryn	Nuraz C	Mikail
Stingray	Matei	Kelly	Allison	Jonas	Tade
Dolphin	Oscar	Aimee	Ava	Maria	Jayden
Shark	Daisy	Mahir	Eshan	Jay	Agota
Whale	Kiesantis	Asher	Ama	Amelija	Nisha