



Dear Parents & Carers,

Home School Agreement

At EWPS we believe it is essential that all members of our school community work in partnership to achieve the best outcomes for our children.

Our home school agreement summarises some of the responsibilities we all have to enable this to happen.

Please take time to look through this and discuss it with your child. We will also be discussing it in the Friday assembly this week.



If you would like to discuss any aspect of the home school agreement please contact the main office who will put you in contact with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Start and end of the day



Thank you for all your support with start and end of the day procedures. To help ensure we can continue to get children into school quickly please move away from the gate once your child has entered so that other children can get in quickly and thank you for making sure children no longer use the climbing frames after school so that we can get clubs started on time.

Harvest Festival

Thank you so much for all the donations so far as part of our collection campaign for the Beckton Food Bank which helps people in crisis. All tinned, packet and dry goods are accepted. There is still time to donate! Can all items need to be sent in by Thursday 30th September in time for our virtual harvest festival please. Thank you for your help in supporting our community.



Take care and stay safe.

Sue Ferguson

General Information

HELLO

Governor's Update

Hello, and welcome to our first Governor's Update which we hope will become a regular feature following each Governing Body meeting.

We met last week, the first meeting to be held in the School since January 2020. It was lovely to be able to see everyone again and meet some new governors face-to-face for the first time too!

As this was the first meeting of the year, we discussed the school priorities for this year which include:

- Developments in reading, writing and maths
- Continued refinement of our curriculum
- Wellbeing and mental health
- Introducing the new Early Years Framework

The agenda also included setting up committees for the year and deciding on which area of the curriculum each governor would have a particular responsibility for as Link Governor. These areas include: Inclusion, Safeguarding, Wellbeing, Training, English, Arts, Early Years and STEM (science, technology, maths).

We were delighted to hear from Ms Ferguson how well the children had settled in at the start of term and how much everyone appreciated the relaxation of COVID restrictions. We also discussed how the school supported Safeguarding, Equality and Diversity and Wellbeing for pupils, families, and staff.

Marie Christie (Chair of Governors)

Dates for your diary



At their meeting last week, the Governing Body agreed the term dates for academic year 2022-23 which have been attached to this newsletter and will shortly be on our website.

They also agreed the additional bank holiday date for the Queen's Jubilee to be added to our dates. As the national day happens during the June half term, schools are free to place the additional day elsewhere. This has now been agreed as **Friday 26th November 2021. Therefore, school will be closed on this day.**

PE Kits

Please make sure your child comes to school on their PE days in the correct kit.

Children should be in:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black tracksuit/jogging bottoms or shorts
- Plain black sweatshirt/tracksuit tops (not school jumper)
- Appropriate footwear

This kit was chosen by the school so parents can buy from a range of shops and to keep costs as low as possible. Thank you for your support in this.

Learning Tips

Reading

Read aloud regularly

Read every day. It's a special time to snuggle up and enjoy a story. Stories matter and it's fun re-reading them and poring over the pictures. Try adding funny voices to bring characters to life.



Maths

Learning the time can be tricky! Try to build in little challenges throughout the day. This could include:

- Calculate the time it takes to walk to school
- Work out how many minutes left until the next hour
- Ask them what time it is.



Well-being The five ways to wellbeing



We know parenting isn't always easy. Although it's often amazing and rewarding to watch your children grow up, and to help them learn to be independent, it can also be really hard work. It can feel especially hard if your child's mood and behaviour seem different and you're not sure why, or what you can do to help. But you are not alone!

There is lots of practical advice and tips on supporting your child - from how to encourage your child to open up about their feelings to dealing with mental health services. No matter what you and your child are going through, things can get better

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/>

E- Safety

Want to know where to look for support on e-safety?

Being a National Online Safety School, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children.



There are several guides which can help this, and these can be found on our website www.ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk

Click on the Parent zone at the top and then go to E-Safety Tips.

Wellbeing and Support



Parent Connect

Attached to this week's newsletter is the latest edition of Parent Connect. It has lots of information about how and where to access support, including helpful advice with parenting and keeping your child safe online.

- ❖ Next Gen Newham Event! 30th Sep
- ❖ Headstart Peer Parenting Sessions
- ❖ Parent Pathways Training
- ❖ Newham Family Support Sessions – Youtube Videos Translated in Community Languages
- ❖ DICE Parenting Support Programme
- ❖ IWF Reporting Indecent Images



COVID advice of the week- What should I do if my child has symptoms?

We realise that at this time of year children can fall ill with seasonal colds and viruses.

However, please remember that if your child is displaying one of the three covid symptoms (including a temperature) please do not send them into school. The symptoms are:

- Continuous cough.
- fever/high temperature
- loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste



Seek medical advice and arrange a PCR test (there is a centre at Beckton Globe).

Congratulations

Assembly Special Mentions



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

Guppy 1 & 2 - For settling in so well and making it through a full week! Well done Guppies! We're so proud of you!

Albie (2S) For settling in exceptionally well into Year 2; for being brave and trying new things.

Ilyas (4S) For smashing end of year expectations in his timetables within the first two weeks of school due to his own dedication every single day of the summer holidays. He now has an average speed of 2.04 seconds. AMAZING!!

Abdul - Hameed (4S) - For going the extra mile and helping a younger child look their best after lunch!

Azaan, Jasmin, Bella, Saami, Tornadas & Adetuayo (5D) - for times table rockstar achievements

Years 3, 4 & 5

Isabelle, Michaela, Luca Michael Ch, Olivia Cj, Oliver, Milana, Paul, Daniel M & Mattias - Achieving bronze Athletics certificates

Daniel G, Boston, Keiaana, Miley-Star, Quinel, Nicoleta, Petra, Daria, Khadija, Kajus, Ryan, Fisayo, Meer, Ashaz, Alatz, Afia, Vanessa, Ermal, Sofia, Rafan, Olivia & Zain - For increasing rock speed and achieving timetable rockstar certificates

Ikran (6S) -For helping her younger brother with perfecting his times tables ready for his times table test in Year 4.

Kadija and Kornelija (6S) -For being so helpful with the Guppies but without being overbearing. They are encouraging them to be happy and individual members of the EWPS family.

House Winners

Every child is in one of our 5 houses. They can earn points for their house by showing our 5 school values and by supporting other children in the school. Each week the House with the most points becomes House of the Week. They have a star added to their chart in the hall. The House with the most stars at the end of the year gets an afternoon at the park with ice lollies too!



We are currently in the process of renaming our school houses and over the next couple of weeks children will be voting for who they think should be the role models we use. Therefore, we will be announcing the winning house as a colour until this takes place.



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

Yellow House



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 & Cared For
Guppy 1	Feliks	Zaki	Nyla	Laurynas	Rebecca
Guppy 2	Isabella	Hafsa	Yusuf	Amelia	Samuel
Lionfish	Areeb	Jibrail	Oliver	Stefania	karolis
Clownfish	Gaia	Harry	Sophia	Kevinas	Olivia
Jellyfish	Daniel M	Kemi	Abraham	Eric	Amelia C
Starfish	Lucia	Hasan	Albie	Ester	Deborah
Turtle	Sajda	Hamzah	Minahil	Nojus	Milana
Lobster	Yasmine	Jason	Sneeha	Eidanas	Vesta
Octopus	Precious	Noah	Aiden	Diamond	Daniel G
Seahorse	Armani	Fisayo	Boris	Deor	Abdul Hameed
Stingray	Olivia	Precious	Nia	Kiya	Aronas
Dolphin	Mary	Liliana	Enrikas	Larissa	jasmin
Shark	Arnas	Kornelija	Sam	Aimee	Ianys
Whale	Oscar	Isabel	Grace	Rosie	Sam