



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter and a special welcome to the new families who have joined us since the start of the new year.



### Attendance

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued commitment in making sure children attend school "Every day and on time". We know this can be particularly challenging at the moment, but we appreciate your support with this.

In fact, last week we received a letter from Anita Stewart, Newham's Director of Education, Inclusion & Achievement to congratulate and thank both the school and parents for their commitment to children's regular attendance.

Let's keep up the good work but please remember do NOT to send your child in if they have Covid symptoms (see later in the newsletter for further guidance)

Take care and stay safe.

Sue Ferguson

## General Information

### Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be held on **Thursday 14th October 2021**. Based on the feedback from last term from parents and staff we are trying a mixture of face to face and Zoom appointments this time.

- 3.30 - 6.20pm will be for face-to-face appointments only.
- 6.30 - 7.30pm will be for zoom meetings only.
- All classes have a few additional sessions on other days, please note that these will all be zoom meetings.



To book an appointment please use Parentmail where you can see the available appointments to meet with your child's class teacher.



### Thank you

Thank you for your donations for our Harvest Festival. We have been overwhelmed with your generosity. All food will be donated to Newham Food Bank.

A huge thanks to Reverend Peter for zooming in to lead our Harvest Festival and share with us what Harvest means to Christians.

**Mrs Higgins**

## Year 6 Parents - Applying for Secondary School

Please remember that your child's secondary school application form must be submitted by **31st October**. If you need any help with doing this please speak to the main office by calling **020 7511 9414**.



## **Nursery Parents - Applying for Reception**

We have sent home today the prospectus "We Are Going to School" as this explains the process of how to apply for a Reception place for September 2022.

Please note that the national closing day for on time applications is **Saturday 15 January 2022** **23:59pm**.

Applications received after national closing day will be known as late applications. These applications cannot be considered for places until all on time applicants have their places. For all popular schools all places are usually already offered to on time applicants before late applicants can be considered, so applying on time is important.

We will be holding an information session after half term to help explain the process and offer support with applying through eAdmissions including providing access to a device to apply online for those who need it. Details of dates and times will be sent out next week.

## Learning Tips



### **Reading**

#### **Make reading active**

Play games that involve making connections between pictures, objects and words, such as reading about an object and finding similar things in your home. You could organise treasure hunts related to what you're reading. Try creating your very own book by using photos from your day and adding captions.

### **Maths**

It's important that even young children begin to understand numbers. This can be done through little activities regularly such as:

- Stick up different numbers from 0-10 around the house and ask your child to find a number and bring it to you as quickly as they can! Time it to see how long it takes and they can practice beating their score.
- Get them to match the number of objects to the number
- Order groups of items and numbers from smallest to biggest.



### **Writing**

#### **The power of words**

It is important for children to have a wide vocabulary. Encourage your child to create their own thesaurus. Throw out words such as 'nice', 'good' and 'walk', encourage them to get more creative with their language



### **Art**

Try to find time every day to practise your art. You will feel better for it! It does not matter what resources you have. The back of an envelope or the inside of a cereal box and a pen or pencil will do. Just make time to express yourself!



## Well-being Difficult conversations

We've all been on the receiving end of them and most of us have had to instigate them at some time. But that doesn't make it any easier when we realise that we are going to have to have a "difficult" conversation with our child.

It might be because we have to break some bad news or try to find out more about something that doesn't seem quite right with them at the time.

Whatever the subject, and however old the child you're talking to, there are lots of ways to make it a bit less painful for you both and maybe even come away from the conversation knowing that you're even closer to your child than before.

How you start the conversation is going to depend on a lot of things, including how old and mature your child is and what you want to talk about. Ultimately, it's always going to be up to your judgement about the best way to tackle it but what you'll read here could give you a few pointers.

For more advice visit

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/talking-about-difficult-topics/>



## E- Safety

### Agree with your child rules for Internet use in your home

Try to reach an agreement with your child on the guidelines which apply to Internet use in your household. Here are some tips to get started:



- Discuss when and for how long it is acceptable for your child to use the Internet
- Agree how to treat personal information (name, address, telephone, e-mail)
- Discuss how to behave towards others when gaming, chatting, e-mailing or messaging
- Agree what type of sites and activities are OK or not OK in our family
- Follow the rules yourself! Or at least explain why the rules are different for adults

There are several guides which can help this, and these can be found on our website

[www.ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk](http://www.ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk)

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

## Community, Wellbeing and Support

### Racism and Inequality - Time to Talk 2

**Date and time: Thu, 7 October 2021 18:00 – 20:00**

**Location: Online event**

The London Borough of Newham is hosting the second of a series of Time to Talk sessions focused on Racism, Inequality and Disproportionality within our borough. We know Newham can be a great place to live but we would like to hear from you about the challenges of living in Newham, where the problems arise and how best we can work together to both highlight the issues and create changes to make Newham a better place to live for the whole community.

This session is primarily aimed at residents living in:

- Custom House
- Canning Town
- Beckton



- Royal Docks
- Plaistow
- East Ham

To register for the event, sign up here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/racism-and-inequality-time-to-talk-tickets-166306269529>

If you would also like to provide feedback about racism, inequality and disproportionality in Newham on a survey this can be accessed through the following link:

Survey link: <https://citizenlabco.typeform.com/to/MI2n11CH>

For any questions, please contact [raceequality@newham.gov.uk](mailto:raceequality@newham.gov.uk)

## Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)



Do you live or work in Newham?

Do you have questions or concerns about Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)?

Female genital mutilation, 'cutting' or 'circumcision' can cause serious health consequences for girls and women. It is a human violation and illegal under UK law.

Newham Domestic and Sexual Violence Support Services provide the following:

- Confidential one-to-one support and advocacy for women affected by FGM
- Community empowerment and awareness sessions
- Information, guidance and resources over the phone or by email

The Newham Domestic and Sexual Violence Support Services provide services to all residents affected by domestic and sexual violence.

**If you think someone is at immediate risk of FGM contact the police on 999.**

### Contacts:

**Newham Domestic and Sexual Violence Support Services on 0808 196 1482 (10 am-6pm Monday to Friday) and ask to speak to the Hestia FGM Team or email [InfoNewham.DSV@hestia.org](mailto:InfoNewham.DSV@hestia.org)**



**NSPCC's free 24 hour anonymous FGM Helpline : 0800 028 3550 or email [fgmhelp@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:fgmhelp@nspcc.org.uk) or website [www.nspcc.org/fgm](http://www.nspcc.org/fgm)**

## Being a Parent Course

A **free** course for parents with children aged 9 to 16  
Delivered for Parents by Parents



The course helps parents learn practical communication skills for everyday life & bring up confident, happy and co-operative children. You will leave this course feeling better able to:

- Help others by sharing your experience as a parent
- Learn new ways to communicate with your children, celebrate successes
- and solve problems together
- Create a calm and peaceful family life

See the attached flyer for more details.



## **COVID advice of the week- Can my child come to school if someone in the household has tested positive?**

The current guidance states that children under the age of 18 can continue to attend school if someone in the household tests positive if they are not displaying any symptoms.

However, it is recommended that you arrange a PCR test for them, and we would strongly encourage parents to keep their child at home until they receive the results.

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



## **Congratulations**



### **Assembly Special Mentions**



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

Congratulations to the following children for achieving a new speed on Timetable Rockstars and earning their next certificates this week:

**Yr 3- Jahdel & Daniel G**

**Yr 4 - Boston, Keiaana, Petra, Deniz, Meer, Alatz & Afia**

**Yr 5 - Ali, Vanessa, Cassandra, Aydan, Sofia, Olivia, Arijus, Zain & Maria**

**Yr 6: - Paul & Aiden**

Congratulations to the following children for achieving Mathletics certificates this week:

**2S - Milana**

**3T - Olivia & Mikaela,**

**4S - Quinel, Daria, Fisayo & Meer,**

**5D - Ali**

**6W - Amirah**

**6S - Paul**

**Nia (5S) - For consistently improving her accuracy on TT Rockstars. Well done Nia!**

### **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**

**Red 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	Michaela	Yousuf	Malkia	Airina	Evanna
Guppy 2	Matrix	Ayana	Eva	Rohaan	Keifer
Lionfish	Alisha	Isabelle	Robert	Anderson	Mia
Clownfish	Dawud	Sonny	Kevin	Merlia	Eliora
Jellyfish	Matas	Zain	Blessing	David	Markas
Starfish	Joel	Milana	Lucia	Elias	Majus
Turtle	Milana	Ruby	David	Saarah	Matteo
Lobster	Diana	Rhea	Tyler	Maira	Glory
Octopus	Oliver	Naglis	Steven	Maya	Anna
Seahorse	Khadija	Nicoleta	Kajus	Kotryna	Afia
Stingray	Radoslav	Peter	Sofia	Vanessa	Daria
Dolphin	Christina	Larissa	Nisa	Jahleeka	Danielius
Shark	Jayden	Any	Kadija	Dipthi	Emily
Whale	Gabriel	Daniel	Amira	Marli	Zarah