



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 6 - 13th October 2021



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Thank you to everyone who has booked their parents evening appointment. If you have not done so there is still time! Please login to ParentMail to see which appointment slots are still available.



Book Fair

The book fair will be in school from the 13th of October until 19th October. It will be open at the end of the school day outside by Seahorse class (opposite the Mitchell Walk gate). This year you can pay for your books online prior to collecting them from the fair itself.

Attached to this email is a leaflet with some of the books available, a link for you to pay online and an instruction leaflet telling you how to pay. You will need to show proof of purchase before you can take the books from the fair.

Please note that if it is raining we will unfortunately not be able to open the book fair for that day.

Date Reminders

- Half term - week beginning Monday 25th October
- Year 6 SATs briefing for parents - Tuesday 2nd November (on Zoom @ 2.15 & 4.30)
- Platinum Jubilee closure date for EWPS - Friday 26th November

Take care and stay safe.

Sue Ferguson

General Information

Parents Evening

Thank you to all parents who have booked their Parents Evening appointment. The main session for this is tomorrow **Thursday 14th October 2021**. This is a mixture of face to face and Zoom appointments this time.

- 3.30 - 6.10pm will be for face-to-face appointments only.
- 6.30 - 7.30pm will be for zoom meetings only.



Please note:

Face to face appointment access will be by the Mitchell Walk gate at the back of the school and then via your child's external classroom door.

At present we are not asking parents in large groups into the school building so please wait outside your child's classroom door and the teacher will let you in at your appointment time.

We therefore advise you to arrive as near to your time as possible so that you are not waiting outside too long.

Nursery Parents - Applying for Reception Zoom Meeting

We will be holding an information session next week to help explain the process and offer support with applying for a reception place. Please details below:

Date & time: **Wednesday 20th October 2021 at 9.30am**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81331871281?pwd=ODNrSXILVHVhdGILdkRDWG5GcWxwdz09>



CURRICULUM & LEARNING

Our Curriculum Vision

Our curriculum vision

To achieve our vision of 'Learning to Grow and Succeed Together', we use our **core values** to enable our children to:



- Have dreams, values and ambitions and the life skills to fulfil their potential
- Know how to learn and have skills and knowledge for life
- Be independent, self-motivated and self-confident
- Be successful by learning from mistakes, accepting failure, and having the determination to try again
- Stand up for themselves whilst respecting the ideals of others
- Understand that they can make a difference in an imperfect world, and have sound values to build a life on
- Attain highly across the curriculum to have the best possible life chances and opportunities.

Making our vision and values a reality

At EWPS our curriculum is based around a set of golden absolutes to help us make our vision and values a reality. These were created after consultation with pupils, parents, governors, staff so that we truly reflect the needs, interests, and aspirations of community we serve.

These **golden absolutes** are a curriculum that:

- Enable children to be aspirational and prepared for life in the 21st century
- Promotes enjoyment, creativity, critical thinking, and a fascination for learning
- Nurtures the mental, physical, and emotional wellbeing of every child
- Supports children to be effective and confident communicators
- Encourages collaboration, teamwork, and mutual respect
- Provides a meaningful context for learning that reflects local needs and community
- Broadens horizons locally, nationally, and globally
- Promotes a social conscience that reflects British Values
- Provides access for all



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Curriculum Newsletters

To find out more about the curriculum your child experiences at EWPS a curriculum newsletter for this quarter has been put on your child's google classroom. These will also be on our website by the end of the week. We hope you find them useful.

Learning Tips



Reading

Reading guides for parents

Want some more ideas of how to help your younger child read?

The Book Trust has free parent guides for a variety of ages. Click on the link below to find out more.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/>

Maths

Watch out for shapes

When you look around, everything is made from shapes. So why not encourage your children to learn the names of shapes when you're out and about to entertain them? They could identify car wheels as circles, windows as rectangles and even tiles as hexagons or whatever shape they may be!

If your child is older, see if they can spot 10 right angles on their way to school.



Well-being The five ways to wellbeing

Maintaining good mental health is just as important as having a healthy body. It affects the way children think, feel and act. As a parent, you play an important role in promoting your child's mental health and recognising when there may be early signs of difficulties.

Tip 1 - Connect with your child every day.

Try to make time every day for an activity where you can connect with your child without distractions that enables comfortable conversation. We all lead busy lives, but doing an activity like this together will offer your child the opportunity for them to feel secure and express how they are doing / feeling.

<https://ssscpd.co.uk/education/parentsandguardians/child-mental-health-10-tips-for-parents>

E- Safety

Parental controls offered by your home internet provider

The 4 big internet providers in the UK – BT, Sky, TalkTalk and Virgin Media - provide their customers with free parental controls which can be activated at any time to help prevent age-inappropriate content being accessed on devices in your home.



They have come together to produce these helpful video guides to help you to download and set-up the controls offered by your provider. Click the link below to find out more.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parental-controls-offered-your-home-internet-provider>

Community, Wellbeing and Support

Ambition, Achievement, Inspiration

1-31 OCTOBER 2021

Black History Month is an annual celebration of the contributions made by Black African and Caribbean communities in the borough, nationally and internationally.

Throughout October, Newham Council will host a programme of activities that responds to the theme of Ambition, Achievement, Inspiration.



The programme is part of Newham Unlocked, the Council's cultural festival of events and activities that highlight the rich and diverse mix of creativity that exists in the borough, to ensure that residents get the chance to experience the richness of a vibrant and diverse cultural community. This year the programme consists of mainly in-person events, which will be held safely, following Covid-19 guidelines

<https://www.newhamblackhistory.org/>



Royal Docks Originals Festival



Throughout October, the festival will showcase some of the incredible new cultural activities being developed in this vibrant part of east London. Look out for exciting new world premieres, free family activities, exceptional diverse artworks, unforgettable theatre, enlightening workshops, and music from some of the most exciting artists on the circuit.

Two new works commissioned by the Royal Docks Team headline the festival, reflecting the pivotal role played by this historic 4km stretch of Newham and its creative potential.

Royal Docks Rainbows is a sensory extravaganza that will delight everyone, and ARRIVAL is a brand-new immersive family theatre adventure based on tales of people arriving at this buzzing corner of the world.

<https://www.royaldocks.london/whats-on/royal-docks-original-festival>



Free support to quit smoking this Stoptober

While the number of adult smokers totalling almost 40,000 in the borough is declining, 13.8% still smoke, with double the number of male smokers compared to women.

Councillor Zulfiqar Ali, the Lead Member for Adult Health and Social Care said: "Our free stop smoking service can offer people-friendly expert advice and support in quitting, so I would urge smokers to join the thousands giving up this Stoptober and feel the health benefits."

For friendly advice and support on stopping smoking visit the [stop smoking stall on East Ham High Street on 15 October, 10am-4pm, or call 020 7882 8230, mobile 0747 4082330 to quit this #Stoptober](#)

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/stopsmoking>

COVID advice of the week- What is the Newham COVID helpline?



If you are unable to isolate safely at home, need other support while you're isolating (including accessing food, financial advice, or befriending) or have questions related to COVID-19 the Newham COVID-19 Helpline will be able to provide information and direct you to services which may be able to assist you.



You can contact the Newham COVID-19 Helpline on [0207 473 9711 \(9am-7pm, 7 days a week\)](tel:02074739711) or email covidhelp@community-links.org.

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:

4O - Aishah, Emma, Daniel, Boston
4S - Miley, Quinel, Petra, Jake, Fisayo, Meer, Ulliel, Alatz, Afia
5D - Ali, Eliza, Zeynep, Bella
5S - Vanessa, Agnija, Cassandra, Aydan, Maria

Abdul-Hameed (4S) - For going above and beyond with his science learning and creating a Slideshow to educate all of us, even Miss Woodward and Mr Hart! Keep up the enthusiasm and positive attitude towards your learning.

Aisha (4O) - For being the first pupil to achieve the first gold Mathletics certificate for this year!

Zeynep (5D) Maths Club - Zeynep has brought her speed up from 12.24 seconds to 4.55 seconds after a week of hard dedication. Well done!

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

1L - Aleksandra
2S - Milana
3T - Mikaela, Olivia,
3L - Michael
4S - Ulliel
4O - Oliver, Aishah, Nicholas, Emma & Mattias
5D - Danielius
5S -Wiktorija & Casandra

Neeriah, Kadija and Tade (Y6) -Please say a big thank you to Neeriah, Kadija and Tade in year 6. They have been a massive help in the hall at lunchtime this week. They are amazing with the little children.

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	Amirah	Khadija	Esther Elizabeth	James	Jake
Guppy 2	Fabiha	Jervanni	Freddy	Sameel	Sehajnad
Lionfish	Rlda	Mihail	Helen	Iulian	Sakibur
Clownfish	Emilis	Robert	Elia	Nicole	Adomas
Jellyfish	Liepa	Rexhep	Ibrahim	Dragos	Muhammad
Starfish	Fionel	Cindy	Ayden	Saule	Inaayah
Turtle	Saarah	Eliana	Sajda	Joshua	Nabeel
Lobster	Aleena	Emma	Issa	Sarah	Dziugas
Octopus	Riad	Nicholas	Isra	Mattias	Arile
Seahorse	Ashaz	Ulliel	Quinel	Alatz	Nicoleta
Stingray	Zain	Casandra	Ayden	Nuraz C	Agniya
Dolphin	Kellicia	Azaan	Zoya	Olivia	Melissa
Shark	Hawa	Abdul	Any	Tade	Zannat
Whale			Neeriah	Amirah	