



Dear Parents & Carers,

Learning Fair

We were delighted to hold our first Learning Fair since Covid last Friday. This is when children in years 1 to 6 visit each other's classrooms to hear about what children have been studying this quarter.

These sessions are run and delivered by the children and are an important part of our curriculum to help children embed their knowledge of their unit and promote children's self-esteem and confidence. For example, the year 1 learning fair was visited by children from year 3 & year 6 who had to do activities directed by children in Clownfish & Lionfish!

The next Learning Fair will be at the end of quarter 2 on February 4th and children will be visiting three different year groups.



Christmas Dates & Activities (starting on page 2!)

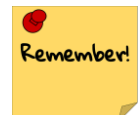
December is always a busy time in schools. In this week's newsletter we have included details of all our Christmas events and information including nativities, discos, Christmas lunch and end of the term arrangements. You will notice that many of the events are taking place over several days this year. This is so we can keep large groups mixing to a minimum as much as possible. We will send out text reminders as we approach each event.

Governor's Annual Survey

Thank you to everyone who has completed a survey. These will now be collated by the governors and the results, and any next steps will be included in the Governor's Annual Newsletter to Parents which will be issued in the next few weeks.

Date Reminders

- **Platinum Jubilee closure date for EWPS - Friday 26th November**
- **Last day for Nursery - Thursday 16th December (normal times)**
- **Last day for R to Y6 - Friday 17th December at 1.00 (gates will be open at 12.55)**



Take care and stay safe. Sue Ferguson

General Information



Toilets

Unfortunately, we are having difficulties with several toilets across the site because of a collapsed drain. We are working with the Local Authority to assess the extent of this and to get a permanent fix. In the short term 2 portable toilet blocks (with heating and hand washing facilities) will be brought in and located near the football pitch. One block will be for staff and one block will be for children who usually use the failed toilets. Please note that most of the pupil toilets across the site are still working and we will continue to monitor this closely. We will of course apply our usual enhanced cleaning regime to the portable toilet blocks as well as the functioning toilets in the building. We will update you when we have further information.

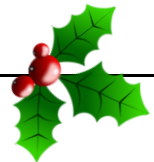


December Events Information

Event Calendar

Below are all the dates and times of events taking place in December. Further details about each event are further down this page.

Date	Event	Year Groups	Times
Monday 6th	Reception & KS1 Discos	Reception, 1 & 2	3.45 - 4.45 (Reception) 5.00 - 6.00 (Years 1 & 2)
Tuesday 7th	Y1 Nativity	Year 1	Gates open -10.30 & Starts - 10.40 (Lionfish parents) Gates open -1.45 & Starts - 1.55 (Clownfish parents)
Wednesday 8th	EYFS Nativities	Nursery & Reception	Gates open -10.30 & Starts - 10.40 (Nursery am parents) Gates open -1.45 & Starts - 1.55 (Nursery pm parents)
Friday 10th	EYFS Nativities	Nursery & Reception	Gates open -10.30 & Starts - 10.40 (Guppy 1 parents) Gates open -1.45 & Starts - 1.55 (Guppy 2 parents)
Monday 13th	KS2 Discos	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	3.45 - 5.00 (Years 3 & 4) 5.15 - 6.30 (Years 5 & 6)
Tuesday 14th	Y2 Nativity	Year 2	Gates open -10.30 & Starts - 10.40 (Starfish parents) Gates open -1.45 & Starts - 1.55 (Jellyfish parents)
Wednesday 15th	Christmas dinner & winter jumper day	Reception to year 6	During the school day
Thursday 16th	Last day nursery	Nursery	Normal times
Friday 17th	Last day R to Y6	Reception to year 6	1 pm finish for children



Christmas Cards

We are happy for children to bring in Christmas Cards for their friends which they can post in our school post box for delivery from Wednesday 1st of December. However, can you please make sure that when they are addressing the envelopes they put the child's name and class clearly on the front as it helps our year 6 'posties' make sure they get to the correct person! Thank you.

Christmas Dinner & Winter Jumper Day

Christmas dinner will be served on Wednesday 15th and all children will also be given crackers (including if they are packed lunch). We are also continuing with our tradition of winter jumper day, where children can wear a festive jumper rather than school colours on this day. We use this to raise money for the charity Save the Children and so encourage a £1 donation where possible towards this worthwhile cause.



Christmas Discos



Dates and times

Monday 6th December **3.45 - 4.45** (Reception) & **5.00 - 6.00** (Years 1 & 2)

Monday 13th December **3.45 - 5.00** (Years 3 & 4) & **5.15 - 6.30** (Years 5 & 6)

Location and access to the site

- All discos will be held in the hall and will be supervised by school staff.
- Parents need to use the Mitchell Walk gate (at the back of the school) to access the site.
- Children need to line up with their adult by the hall doors and give their ticket to gain entry.
- Collection is from the same place.

Tickets

Available on Parentmail and in the playground at the end of every day from Thursday 25th November. Price £2.

Further information

- **Please note all children must be collected from school at 3.15 as usual. Children who are not collected will not be allowed to attend the event and ticket money will be refunded.**
- ALL children including year 6 must be collected.
- Please collect your child promptly as we have only 15 minutes between the two events on each night and staff are giving up their own time so these events can take place.
- We strongly suggest that as your child enters the hall that you take their coat away with you and bring it back when you collect them (this way they don't get muddled with someone else's)
- Sorry no parents can attend the discos
- Discos are NO PHOTOGRAPHY events (this includes mobile phones).
- This is a non-uniform event.

Also, on sale

Crisps 50p

Drinks 30p

Glow bands 25 p each or 5 for £1



Nativities

Details of all the nativities are below and we ask you to attend the performance for your child's class only due to the restriction on numbers at each performance. **Please note that there is a maximum number of 2 adults per child.** Windows will be open to allow sufficient ventilation and we are happy for parents to be masked if they are more comfortable with this. All performances will be held in the Hall and access to this will be via the Mitchell Walk gate (back of the school). Sorry no access via the main office.

Times	Tuesday 7th December	Wednesday 8th December	Friday 10th December	Tuesday 14th December
Gates open at 10.30 Performance starts at 10.40	Y1 (Lionfish parents only)	Guppy 1 and Morning Nursery (Nursery parents only)	Guppy 1 and Morning Nursery (Guppy 1 parents only)	Y2 (Starfish parents only)
Gates open at 1.45. Performance starts at 1.55	Y1 (Clownfish parents only)	Guppy 2 and Afternoon Nursery (Nursery parents only)	Guppy 2 and Afternoon Nursery (Guppy 2 parents only)	Y2 (Jellyfish parents only)

We will have our charity bucket for donations at all performances with all proceeds going to Richard's House Children's Hospice in Beckton. We look forward to welcoming you.

Learning Tips

Phonic information sessions for parents

Earlier this week we had a phonics session for parents. This session was to introduce parents to Anima phonics and take you through it. This is the recorded session we are sharing with you in case you missed it and were not able to join.

Please see YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/HpsMSly3-QY>

If you have any questions about this or about how to support your child at home please speak to your child's class teacher or contact me or the English Leads. Thank you.



Ms Laskar

Reading

If your child is watching television, insist they have the subtitles on!



This reinforces spoken to written word correspondence, you can even extend it to turning the volume off, so they have to read what is being said to work out what is going on! Why not have a go!

Maths

Maths ideas for 0- to 6-year-olds

Give your child a head start in Maths: everything parents need to know about Numeracy development from 0-6 with fun activities you can build into everyday life and play

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/help-your-child-with-maths>

Well-being

Parent Advice Phone-In with an Educational Psychologist (EP)

- The EPS Parent Advice sessions are offered to any Newham parent or carer who would like to discuss concerns about their child with an educational psychologist (examples may include: your child's emotional well-being, challenging behaviours, learning progress, your relationship with your child or some of your own worries).
- The sessions aim to be supportive, confidential, and informal. Each session is 40 minutes.
- Please note these are stand-alone, one-off sessions that do not result in follow-up work. They are free sessions and open to all parents and carers of Newham children and young people. There is no criteria or threshold to access these sessions.

Sessions operate monthly and the next session is on the 7th of Dec 2021

To book a session between 10am and 12 email or phone

sarah.parkinson@newham.gov.uk 07976 733536

E- Safety

Do you want to talk to your child about online safety but don't know where to start? Then it may be helpful to use the NOS guide for parents about 7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child.

You can find this on our website in e safety tips (parents tab) or use the link below.

<https://www.ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1514&type=pdf>



Congratulations



Assembly Special Mentions 1



Congratulations to the following children who took part in the summer reading challenge at Newham libraries during the summer holiday and earned a certificate for the number of books they read.

Year 1	Eliora, Mia, Francesca, Isabelle, Emily, Stefania, Karolis, Adomas, Reece, Gaia, Tessa & Amber
Year 2	Blessing, Natalie, Albie, Luca, Zhixin, Eric, Rokhaya, Kai'Rone, Dragos, Liepa, Sumaiya Ali, Ryan, David Mircea, Mariana, Milana & Ester
Year 3	Eliana, Jahdel, Victoria, Mikaela, Nojus, Olivia C, Matteo, Vesta, Ruby- Jo, Sarah, Philip, Jay, Alena, Diana, Glory, Hussain, Alexandra, Jessica, Jason & Elena
Year 4	Christopher - Slav, Nicoleta, Quinel, Emma, Dijana, Nuelf, Kesar, Precious, Naglis, Kotryna, Jake, Abdul-Hameed, Ilyas, Oluwafisayomi, Rayan, Anna & Mattias
Year 5	Eliel, Ademiju, Musraphat, Ali, Nuraz, Jasmin, Niah, Sofia, Casandra, Morgana, Camilla, Cristina-Elena, Ahmed, Rafan, Lilliana & Olivia
Year 6	Danyal, Gabriel, Leilas, Matei, Neeriah, Kornelija, Zarah, Arnas, Mohammed, Isabel, Zannat, Kelly, Ieva, Paul, Gabriele, Ikran, Jonas, Oyetade, Sam, Junaid & Any



Assembly Special Mentions 2



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

For mastering 1 level in Mathsfacts in a Flash
2J - Ibrahim, Zain, Raphael, Matvii, Eric, Rexhep, Liepa, Abeera, Kenny & Markas
2S - Luca, Deborah, Joel, Fionel, Nikita, Majus, Milana, Aroush & Ester

For mastering 2 levels in Mathsfacts in a Flash
2J - David & Ryan
2S - Hasan

For mastering 9 levels in Mathsfacts in a Flash
2J - Matas & Daniel M
2S - Kai'rone

For mastering 8 levels in Mathsfacts in a Flash
2S - Lakin

Zain (2J) Completing level 1 Lexia

Elias (2S) Completing level 2 Lexia

Lucia (2S) Completing level 2 Lexia

Melissa (5D) Completing level 10 Lexia

Jasmin (Y5) - Congratulations on becoming EWPS GrandMaster in chess - Mr Bright (Chess coach)

Amira (6W) Completing level 8 Lexia

Daniel (6W) Completing level 9 Lexia

Joseph (6S) -Last week Joseph logged 364 minutes both at school and at home. He has worked extremely hard. Well done Joseph!

Micah (6S) -For working incredibly hard at home at the Lexia program. He has been the first in class to achieve a Lexia Superstar Certificate. Well done!

Delia (6S) -For resilience and trying her best. Delia has also achieved a Level 10 Lexia Superstar! Well done!

Delia (6S) -My apologies for your name being missed off when you were star of the week earlier this term! Thank you for being so kind about it. Mrs Ferguson

Adeturayo (5D) Completing level 11 Lexia
Niah (5D) Completing level 6 Lexia

Lobster Class - For a fantastic assembly last week. Miss Burchell and Mrs Shabbir are so proud of you!

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!



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

Michael Rosen



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.



House Name	Creola Katherine Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
Value	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard & Cared For
Guppy 1	Arham	Zahra	Evanna	Malkia	Amirah
Guppy 2	Ayana	Sameel	Freddy	Hafsa	Isabella
Lionfish	Rida	Amber	Karolis	Kalonzo	Chaslyn
Clownfish	Kevin	Olivia	Shezhad	Sofia	Sophia U
Jellyfish	Rokhaya	Dragos	Zain	Amelia M	Blessing
Starfish	Diana	Hannah	Elias	Samarah	Ayden
Turtle	Sajda	Amina	Eliana	Victoria	Kartar
Lobster	Issa	Glory	Diana	Dziugas	Sarah
Octopus	Mattias	Steven	Boston	Aishah	Patricija

Seahorse	Daria	Ilyas	Boris	Deniz	Armani
Stingray	Precious	Daria	Wiktorja	Nuraz A	Aydan
Dolphin	Amresh	Arianna	Jahleeka	Bella	Adeturayo
Shark	Hawa	Tade	Jayden	Arnas	Zannat
Whale	Marli	Rosie	Daniel	Oscar	Gabriele
Breakfast club					Kai'rone