



## ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 14 - 15th December 2021



### Dear Parents & Carers,

We were delighted to be able to hold all eight nativities over the last two weeks and it was wonderful to see so many parents in attendance. We are extremely proud of how all the children performed and thank you for your support in helping this happen by following the measures we put into place. We hope you enjoyed yourselves.

Thank you also to Rev. Peter who had a Zoom session with year 1 children about advent this week.



However, I also know it was extremely disappointing for our KS2 children that we had to postpone their discos. This was not an easy decision to make and we will rearrange this as soon as we are able to.

### **REMINDER**

**Thursday 16th - Last day nursery (normal times) Friday 17th - Reception to year 6 (1 pm finish)**



It just remains for me to thank you for all your support over this year and on behalf of everyone at EWPS we wish you a wonderful Christmas break and hope that 2022 is better for us all.

**Take care and stay safe.**

**Sue Ferguson**

## General Information

### January Return Arrangements



**First day back to school is Tuesday 4th January for all year groups including nursery (normal times and gates)**

#### **What if there is a confirmed Covid case in our family household or we have**

#### **been in contact with a confirmed case ?**

- Your child needs to do a daily home test in the morning for 7 days.
- If they are negative they can come to school as normal if it's positive the current guidance states that they should isolate and arrange a PCR test to confirm.
- We will continue to put remote learning into place for any child in this position.

#### **What if my child feels unwell?**

- If your child feels unwell - PLEASE DO NOT SEND THEM TO SCHOOL.
- Please inform us of the situation.
- Continue daily testing and arrange a PCR if they are showing symptoms.
- In this case your child should continue to self-isolate until the PCR result comes back even if they are starting to feel better.

#### **What if we have travelled abroad for the holidays?**

- You must follow the guidance in place on your return, at this moment this means isolating until you have had a clear PCR test.
- Time for any isolation period should be included in your plans when arranging flights etc as children are due back on Tuesday 4th
- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD IN WITHOUT A NEGATIVE PCR RESULT

#### **What if the guidance for school's return changes?**

- If the guidance for schools' changes during the holidays we will email you as soon as possible with the new arrangements.

- We will also send you a text to let you know there is an update.
- Please be assured we have prepared for a range of different scenarios in order to minimise any disruption to your children's education as much as possible. (Fingers crossed we don't need them!)

## Learning Tips

### Winter Reading Challenge

We are delighted to invite all children to take part in the Winter Reading Challenge taking place in all Newham Libraries.

It's easy to take part, just call in to any Newham library and ask a member of the team for details.



**The aim of the Challenge is for children to borrow and read three books of their choice from 6<sup>th</sup> December – 30<sup>th</sup> January. When they join, children will receive a Reading Record to write down the names of the books they have read and to collect their sticker rewards.**

Each child who finishes the Challenge by reading three books or more will receive a certificate, given to them at the library.

Encouraging your child to read over the holidays has huge benefits and we really hope they will discover the joy of finding some great books in our libraries over the holidays.

- Newham's Libraries and Community Centres will be closed from Friday 24 December at 5pm.
- East Ham and Stratford Libraries will be open 10am-5pm on Wednesday 29, Thursday 30 & Friday 31 December.
- Libraries and Community Centres will open as normal from Tuesday 4 January.
- Call our 24-hour automated line 0333 370 4700 or visit [www.newham.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.newham.gov.uk/libraries) to renew and reserve items.
- To access eBooks, library catalogue, make reservations or look up online information and eLearning courses visit [www.newham.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.newham.gov.uk/libraries)

### Well-being

#### Looking after your mental health at Christmas

This can be a very overwhelming time of year. Your family's mental health (and yours!) does not need to be put on hold. Click on the link below for some simple ideas to support you all at this time of year.



<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/blog/looking-after-your-mental-health-at-christmas/>

### E- Safety

#### Balancing screen time at Christmas

One of the best things about this time of year is spending time as a family, however new devices and games can sometimes get in the way of this.



NOS has produced a parent's guide of ideas on how to balance this and make sure you still get time to spend together. The guide is attached to this newsletter and will shortly be on our website in the parent tab/e safety tips

# Community, Wellbeing and Support

## HAF Christmas Programme

**WE ARE  
SUPPORTING  
FAMILIES.**

**WE ARE  
NEWHAM.**

**FREE HOLIDAY  
FOOD AND FUN.**



The HAF Christmas Programme is here! As with the summer HAF programme, Newham Council is working with a range of organisations to offer **free places at holiday clubs during the Christmas holidays.**

Places will be prioritised for children and young people in Newham, aged 4 to 16, who would usually receive free school meals.

A choice of activities is available between 20th December 2021 to 4th January 2022. There is something for everyone! Sport, drama, day trips, cooking, music, arts & crafts, dance, and family fun days. This is an opportunity to have fun, learn new things and make new friends! Clubs will also provide a delicious, healthy meal each day. Click the below link to view

the brochure: <https://www.newham.gov.uk/downloads/file/3966/christmas-2021-haf-brochure>

If you have any questions, please contact the team by email [HAF@newham.gov.uk](mailto:HAF@newham.gov.uk) or telephone **020 3373 9714 or 020 3373 0469.**

## 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 support for learning and skills.



## COVID advice of the week- Is there any support or advice if we have to isolate?

- There is further help and advice available from the Newham COVID-19 helpline on **0207 473 9711** or email [covidhelp@community-links.org](mailto:covidhelp@community-links.org).
- This can in some cases include financial support

# Congratulations

## 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**





## Assembly Special Mentions

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

**Nursery, Guppy 1 and Guppy 2** -For brilliant rehearsal performances and performances to the parents on Wednesday & Friday. We are so proud of you all!

**Aiden (4S)** - for helping our premises manager (Mr Sutton) each day.

**Year 1** -Well Done to all of Year 1 for your amazing nativity performances! Your teachers, parents and carers are so proud of you! You all did so well!



## Certificate Mentions

Congratulations to the following people who achieved a certificate this week



Certificate	Name & Class	Level
<b>Lexia</b> <i>(New levels completed)</i>	Ramisah (2J)	2
	Lucia (2J)	3
	Saule (2J)	1
	Luca (2J)	2
	Elias (2J)	5
	Philip (3L)	5
	Kajus (4S)	6
	Micah (6S)	5
Joseph (6S)	11	
<b>Maths in a flash</b> <i>(New levels completed)</i>	Ibrahim, Raphael, Sumaiya, Daniel M, David (2J) & Majus (2S)	1
	Matas (2J) & Ester (2S)	3
	Aroush (2S)	4
	Hasan (2S)	6
	Nikita (2S)	7
	Milana (2S)	8
	Kai'rone (2S)	20
<b>Times Table Rockstars</b> <i>(New speed record!)</i>	Orion & Maira (3L)	
	David (3T)	
	Nuelf, Precious, Naglis, Daisie, Diamond,	
	Isra, Aishah, Kydon, Nuelf, Boston, Kevin, Daisie & Diamond (4O)	
	Miley, Nicoleta, Paulina, Henryk, Daria, Yasin, Kesar, Deniz, Jake, Oluwafisayomi, Meer, Ulliel, Armani, Artjoms, Alatz & Afia (4S)	
	Eliza & Camila (5D)	
	Maxi, Nuraz, Lily, Nuraz, Mikail, Aleeza, Peter & Zain (5S)	
Paul & Zannat (6S)		
<b>Mathletics Bronze</b>	1C - Kevinas	
	2J -Eric & David	
	2S -Milana & Aroush	
	3L -Ackachukwu	
	4O - Aishah	
	4S -Daria & Fisayo	
5D - Zeynep		
6S - Paul		
<b>Mathletics Silver</b>	2J - David & 5D - Zeynep	



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	Amber	Airina	Zakariyya	Nyla	Ismaeel
Guppy 2	Jervanni	Zoya	Isabella	Yusuf	Elsie
Lionfish	Karolis	Sakibur	Mia	Nicolas	Alisha
Clownfish	Merlia	Thomas	Elia	Kevin	Reece
Jellyfish	Emilijus	Ryan	Amira	Liepa	Abeera
Starfish	Rachel	Jessica	Inaayah	Alana	Saule
Turtle	Minahil	Saarah	Nojus	Mikeala	Nabeel
Lobster	Maira	Tyler	Michael	Hussain	Vesta
Octopus	Keianna	Riad	Isra	Nasharie	Precious
Seahorse	Ulliel	Miley	Nicoleta	Paulina	Ilyas
Stingray	Cassandra	Vanessa	Wiktoja	Mikiel	Aronos
Dolphin	Jahleeka	Enrikas	Tornadas	Ali	Olivia
Shark	Hawa	Emily	Arnas	Maher	Jonas
Whale	Aiden	Neeriah	Leilas	Daniel	Kelly