



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 16 - 12th January 2022



Dear Parents & Carers,



This week we were delighted to be able to send some year 5 & 6 children to a sports event at UEL and year 2 visited the Science Museum. Thank you to all staff and parents for their support in making this happen and for the extra planning and Covid measures that had to be put into place.

We will continue to try and continue these important children's experiences as much as we can with the current restrictions in place and thank everyone for helping to make this happen. This means that we are still planning to hold the postponed disco at some point for our older children and will let you know as soon as we are able to do so.

Club Payment

Please make sure you have made your after-school club payment via Parentmail. Please note that Monday and Thursday clubs have only been charged for 9 weeks due to school INSET day and February parents evening.

REMINDER

Monday 24th January - School closed to pupils for a staff training day (no clubs on this day)

Thursday 10th February - Parents evening (no clubs on this day)

Take care and stay safe.

Sue Ferguson

Free School Meals

Every primary school aged child attending school in Newham can have a free school lunch. However, if parents/carers qualify we would urge you to still complete the Free School Meals application as you could be accessing much more support including:

- **Free after-school clubs**
- **Discounted residential visit (in years 5 & 6)**
- **Food vouchers during school holidays (dependent on government funding)**
- **Access to Holiday Activity programmes**

This is only for school aged children and does not include those in nursery.

Eligibility for free school meal applications

Your child may receive free school meals if you get any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)



If you think you may be eligible we would urge you to apply by using the link below

[https://newham-self.achieveservice.com/service/Application for Free School Meals](https://newham-self.achieveservice.com/service/Application%20for%20Free%20School%20Meals)

Learning Tips



Reading Ask questions

To keep them interested in the story, ask your child questions as you read. Start with 'Where did we get to last time?', 'Can you remember what's happened so far?' and 'What do you think will happen next?'



Well-being Young Minds

Young Minds has 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/>

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E- Safety

When children receive new devices which can access the internet it is important that the parental controls are set up to help protect your child when they are online. NOS has compiled a simple guide to help you do this for a range of devices.



This is attached to this week's newsletter and can also be found on our website using the link below

<https://www.ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk/page/?title=E%2DSafety+Tips&pid=136>

Community, Wellbeing and Support

Our Newham Money

'Our Newham Money' offers support to Newham residents who may be struggling with debt or the everyday cost of living. They are a free confidential service and are here to help you secure financial wellbeing. Their team can provide advice about:

- Emergency support
- Affordable loans
- Smart spending
- Regular saving
- Benefits & income
- Debt advice



If you need to contact the team, email ournewhammoney@newham.gov.uk or to leave a voicemail message call **020 8430 2041** and a member of the team will get back to you during office hours.

COVID advice of the week- How has testing changed?

The guidance for types of testing changed yesterday (Tuesday 11th January 2022).



- If you or your child has symptoms you should still arrange a PCR
- However, if you or your child has a positive home test (no symptoms) you now do not need to get a PCR test to confirm. You should start your isolation period from the home test date.
- Please note if you wish to claim the Test and Trace Support Payment to financially support your isolation period you will need to do a PCR test.

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

Marcus Rashford



Assembly Special Mentions



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

Starfish & Jellyfish -For making such an effort for our **Wow Day** this week by dressing up as pilots and being fantastic listeners during a flight workshop led by the RAF Museum.

Guppy 2 For being an amazing group of children and making Ms Osobu feel very welcomed:)

Sam A, Joseph & Tade (6S) - For achieving 100% in every Spelling Test they have had this year. Well done!

Octopus -For continuing to remain focused and resilient this week with their learning whilst Miss Dualeh has been stuck on zoom. You have made things so much easier with your great behaviour!



Certificate Mentions

Congratulations to the following people who achieved a certificate this week



| Certificate | Name & Class | Level |
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| Lexia (New levels completed) | Zain - Well done for completing level 2 Lexia. (2J) | 2 |
| | Rejus - Well done for completing level 2 Lexia. (3L) | 2 |
| | Ava - completing Level 15 (6W) | 15 |
| | Rosie - completing Level 10 (6W) | 10 |

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| Maths in a flash <i>(New levels completed)</i> | Ibrahim, Natalie (2J) & Saule (2S) Farwa (2S) Kai'rone (2S) | 1 2 6 |
| Times Table Rockstars <i>(New speed record!)</i> | Michael (3L) David (3T) Christopher, Aishah, Nuelf & Kevin (4O) Nicoleta & Quinel (4S) Jasmin, Camila & Amresh (5D) Aronas (5S) | |
| Mathletics Bronze | Nicole (1C) Jessica (2S) Ibrahim (2J) Jay (3L) Milana & Jessica (3T) Nicoleta, Quinel, Daria & Artjoms (4S) Steven, Emma, Diamond & Nicolas (4O) | |
| Mathletics Silver | Steven & Diamond (4O) | |


 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.
 

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| House Name | Creola Katherine Johnson | Malalah Yousafzai | Michael Rosen | Ade Adepitan | Marcus Rashford |
| Value | Inspire | Respect | Successful | Resilient | Heard & Cared For |
| Guppy 1 | Hadassah | Amber | Gabriel | Malkia | Laurynas |
| Guppy 2 | Eva | Isabella | Samuel | Elsie | Sehajnad |
| Lionfish | Chaslyn | Iulian | Ayden | Isabella | Rida |
| Clownfish | Nael | Olivia | Brittany | Sonny | Kevin |
| Jellyfish | Jayden | Sumaiya | David | Muhammad | Eric |
| Starfish | Lakin | Hasan | Nikita | Albie | Saule |

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| Turtle | David | Mikeala | Ruby | Sajda | Kartar |
| Lobster | Diana | Elena | Jay | Orion | Aleena |
| Octopus | Daniel | Diamond | Arile | Boston | Emma |
| Seahorse | Alatz | Henryk | Ilyas | Quinel | Meer |
| Stingray | Nuraz C | Lauryn | Wiktorja | Peter | Maria |
| Dolphin | Kellicia | Niah | Adetunrayo | Enrikas | Cristina |
| Shark | Ikran | Kornelija | Jayden | Tade | Dipthi |
| Whale | Isaac | Ieva | Sophia | Amira | Gabriel |