



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 19 - 2nd February 2022



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

First of all, happy new year to all our families who celebrated Chinese New year yesterday. We hope you had a wonderful day.



This week on our 'Congratulations' pages you will see more names than usual, this is because it includes two weeks of achievements due to the enforced heating closure.

Lunchtimes



As a result of children's and staff feedback, we have been looking at how we can continue to improve children's experiences at lunchtime. Developments so far include:

*rearranging how the play space is used, *installing board game tables, *reorganising timetables to allow for equal access in year groups, *Activewall and Poddley introduced, *2 PE sessions for all children learning new different playground games, *new equipment available at lunchtime and *buddy bench relaunched.

Feedback so far has been really positive and the staff and our Junior Governing Body representatives will continue to review and improve our provision throughout this academic year.

Toilets

The snagging work for our temporary toilet blocks is nearly complete and a risk assessment for their use is now in place so children will start to use these shortly.

Bike donations

Thank you so much to families who have donated bikes their children have outgrown. This allows us to provide access to bike clubs and lessons for children who may not have this equipment at home. If you do have any bikes or helmets your children have outgrown please consider donating them to the school so we can help more children learn this important life skill. Thank you.



Take care and stay safe.

Sue Ferguson

General Information



Children's Mental Health Week - Express Yourself Day (Fri 11th Feb)

Next week is 'Children's Mental Health Week' where schools, youth groups, organisations and individuals across the UK will take part in helping to shine a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health. At EWPS we will be exploring this on Friday 11th March

As part of this, we have decided to hold an 'Express Yourself Day' which is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas. It's important to remember that being able to express yourself is not about being the best at something or putting on a performance for others. It is about finding a way to show who you are, and how you see the world, that can help you feel good about yourself.

So on Friday 11th we are asking children and staff to come to school to 'Dress to Express'. This could be:

Wear your favourite colour, your favourite item of clothing or an item to express how you feel!

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £1 on this day which will go to a child's mental health charity. So show us how you feel and dress to express yourself!



Parents Evening

Thank you to all parents who have already booked an appointment. If you have not yet booked please do so as quickly as possible using Parentmail. If you need any help with this please contact the man office.

Book Fair

Please find attached to this week's newsletter details about the book fair that will be taking place next week from Wednesday 9th until Friday 11th.



Nursery, Reception & Year 1 – Dental visit



The Dental Team is due to visit your school on Thursday 3rd February 2022 for Nursery, Reception & Year 1. The fluoride varnish programme is an NHS initiative to improve children's oral health as Public Health England as in Northeast London over one in four children starting school with some dental decay.

Children will only be seen if parents have completed and returned the permission form, so if you have not yet completed and returned this, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

Bikeability

Children in Year 5 and 6 were fortunate enough to complete a Bikeability Level 1 and 2 with Cycle Confident last week. All children were taught how to ride safely on the road, turn signals and general bike safety. Well done to everyone who participated.



Ms Dains

Learning Tips

Reading

Set a good example; be caught in the act!



Children are a product of their upbringing and mimic the behaviour they see at home, repeating the actions they observe from their parents or guardians. If a child observes his or her parent/guardian reading every night, then that child will emulate the same behaviour.

So pick up a book, newspaper or magazine and get caught reading!

Maths



We all want children to feel confident with numbers, even if we struggle with maths ourselves. Everyone can help children with maths – you don't need to be an expert, and there is help!

Use the link below to find out more.

<https://www.nationalnumeracy.org/helping-children-maths>

Well-being Children's Mental Health Week



The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is Growing Together. Growing Together is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. However, emotional growth is often a gradual process that happens over time, and sometimes we might

feel a bit 'stuck'.

As parents and carers, you play an important role in your child's mental health. Check out our free resources for families using the link below.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

E- Safety - Need Advice?

As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child safe online. There is advice and resources to support you as you support your child to use the internet safely, responsibly and positively.



<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Community, Wellbeing and Support

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 will operate monthly on:

15th February 16th March 2022

To book a session between 10am and 12 email or phone sarah.parkinson@newham.gov.uk

Tel: 07976 733536

Book early to avoid disappointment



NEWHAM PARENT FORUM
Empowering Parents and Influencing Services

Coffee morning for families of children with Special Educational Needs

Newham Parent Forum is the official forum for families with children that have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities in Newham. They will be hosting their first coffee morning for this year on **February 8th at 10.30 via Zoom.**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83278457101?pwd=Rit1QTl5d25PMDlMbHVzVjZlZWV2hEZz09>

Meeting ID: 832 7845 7101

Passcode: 084656

To find out more about the Newham Parent Forum visit

<https://www.newhamparentforum.co.uk/>

Curious by Nature - Litter Pick & Forest Schools during half term

Earlier this year EWPS Eco-Guardians participated in half-day litter picking with 'Curious by Nature', a local community group last November- and collected 6 bags of rubbish from Beckton park next to our school.

'Curious by Nature' is running another community litter pick on **Wednesday 9 February from 10am to 12pm** and although our children are not taking part this time, it's an opportunity for local parents to meet up and help our community.

They are also running a Forest School activity during half term, details of which are below.

Date: 16-18 Feb Times: 10am-12pm.

To find out more and book <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/curious-by-nature-london-35622664273>

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



Ade Adiptan - 21/01/22

Malalah Yousafzai - 28/01/21

Assembly Special Mentions



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

Sajda (3T) - For creating a beautiful still life drawing. You're an amazing artist! Well done!

Blessing, Kenny and Mariana (2J) & Tahmid (3T) - For learning to ride their bikes after 1 bike club session! Well done and safe riding!

Olivia (5S) - For creating an amazing, highly informative booklet giving advice on how to save the planet. The booklet has been distributed around the school and is also in the reception area for our visitors to read. Fantastic work Olivia, Well done!

Morgana & Ahmed (5D) - For being proactive and showing excellent leadership in creating fun activities for the class to do at lunchtime

Octopus class - For learning all of their lines and a brand new song in such little time for their assembly. You put on a fantastic show and didn't miss a beat. I'm so proud of you! -Miss Dualeh

Year 5 & 6 Athletes - Well done to all the children in years 5 & 6 who participated in the athletics competition a couple of weeks ago.



Certificate Mentions 21/01/22 & 28/01/22



Congratulations to the following people who achieved a certificate this week

Certificate	Name & Class	Level
Lexia <i>(New levels completed)</i>	Daniel L (2J) Samarah (2J) Jonathan (2J) Emilijus (2J) Jonathan (2S), Elias (2S) Deniz (4S) Micah (6S) Joseph (6W) Delia (6S) Any (6S), Lily, Vanessa & Nia (5S)	1 2 5 3 4 7 12 6 14 11 10
Maths in a flash <i>(New levels completed)</i>	Milana, Elias, Inaayah, Kai'rone, Nikita, Lakin & Zain (2S), Jayden, Ibrahim, Sumaiya, Abeera, Rokhaya & Liepa (2J) Ryan & David (2J), Zain & Farwa (2S) David (2J), Lakin & Majus (2S) Matas, Ibrahim & Daniel M (2J) & Hasan (2S) Eric (2J) Daniel M (2J) Matas (2J)	1 2 4 5 8 10 17
Times Table Rockstars <i>(New speed record!)</i>	Oliver (1L) Sumiya (2J) Fionel & Milana (2S) Jay, Orion, Diana, Glory, Michael & Maira (3L) Eliana, Nojus, Michael, Matteo, Alena, David, Saarah Milana & Olivia (3T) Aishah, Christopher, Nuelf, Precious, Naglis, Nicholas, Keianna & Daisie, Daniel, Dijana, Rayan, Kevin & Patricijia (4O) Miley, Paulina, Henryk, Yasin, Kesar, Khadija, Kajus, Liam, Ilyas, Ulliel, Armani, Artjoms, Quinel, Alatz, Daria, Abdul, Hameed, Boris, Jake, Meer, Alatz, Afia & Ashaz (4S) Ali, Azaan, Kellicia, Danielius, Belle & Amresh (5D) Maxi, Cassandra, Wiktorja & Maria (5S) Paul, Rubena, Dipthi & Sara (6S) Amira, Isabel & Ieva (6W)	
Mathletics Bronze	Rexhep, Sumaiya, Liepa & Blessing (2J) Michael (3T) Daria & Liam (4S) Kornelija & Paul (6S)	
Mathletics Silver	Oliver (1L), Akachuku (3L), Quinel (4S) & Dijana (4O)	
Mathletics Gold	Quinel (4S) & Olivia (5S)	



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.



21/01/22 & 28/01/22

House Name	Creola Katherine Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
Value	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard & Cared For
Guppy 1	Zahra Ismaeel	Arham Rebecca	Patryk Jake	Nyla Gabriel	Feliks Yousaf
Guppy 2	Samara Lincoln	Rohaam Yusuf	Sameel Simona	Dennis Charissa	Matrix Aariz
Lionfish	Jibrail Austeja	Sakibur Iulian	Kalonzo Areeb	Frankie Robert	Tessa Isabelle
Clownfish	Gaia Emilis	Haris Iqra	Elia Adomas	Harry Merlia	Nicole Reece
Jellyfish	Rexhep Natalie	Raphael Mariana	Dragos Eric	Ramisah Rokhaya	Ibrahim Kenny
Starfish	Zain Luca	Kai'rone Diana	Hasan Farwa	Elias Milana	Elizabeth Hannah
Turtle	Minahil Matteo	Tahmid Maverick	Joshua Aleena	Aisha Micheal	Jahdel David
Lobster	Rejus Eidanas	Simon Glory	Dziugas Taijsha	Sneeha Tyler	Jason Vesta
Octopus	Mattias Dijana	Maya Christopher	Daisie Patricija	Riad Steven	Naglis Kevin
Seahorse	Afia Henryk	Paulina Daria	Deniz Alatz	Petra Abdul-Hameed	Nicoleta Kajus
Stingray	Vanessa Olivia	Mikail Rafan	Lauryn Lauryn	Aleeza Kiya	Aydan Maria
Dolphin	Camilla Ahmed	Amresh Liliana	Ali Danielius	Eliza Azaan	Zoya Eliza
Shark	Dipthi Paul	Emily Aimee	Abdul Kornelija	Ianys Danyal	Sara Tade
Whale	Isabel Sofia	Amira Matei	Sam Zarah	Aiden Oscar	Marli Isaac