



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 21 - 23rd February 2022



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you have all had a restful half term.



Before the break it was lovely to see so many of you attend parents' evenings (either in person or virtually) to discuss your children's progress and have the opportunity to look through their books. We are hoping that we will be returning to our pre-pandemic approach for the summer so that parents will be returning to the main areas of the school including the hall where there will be the opportunity to sample the school lunch menu, meet the governors, purchase support materials and so much more! Fingers crossed!



Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who purchased a book at the book fair. Not only have you helped your children explore the joy of reading but have also helped raise £240 towards books for the school libraries.

Covid Changes

As you may be aware the majority of Covid restrictions finish tomorrow, further guidance will be sent out to parents at the start of next week about how this affects procedures at EWPS.

World Book Day - Love Reading!

Details about world book day on Thursday 3rd March are included again in this week's newsletter. We would also like to encourage parents to volunteer to come in and read a book to a small group of children (in English or in their home language). It only needs to be for 5 to 10 minutes but it would be wonderful for children to experience such great role models! Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are happy to get involved.



Take care and stay safe.

Sue Ferguson

General Information

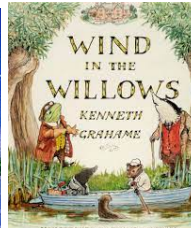
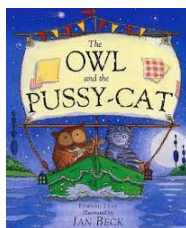
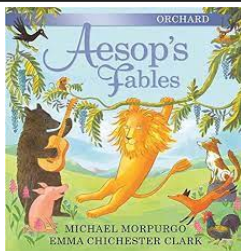
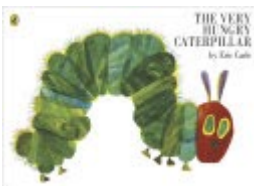
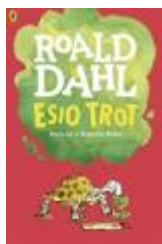
Parent Governor Applications - We Need You!

There is still time to apply for our parent governor vacancy. Paper copies of the governor application form will be sent home with your child before half term. So why not get involved and help shape the education our children experience!



If you would like to know more about the time commitment and role before applying please contact the main office who will arrange for someone to contact you.

Advance Notice - World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March



It's that time of year again! Our Classics Week, will be taking place on the week beginning Monday 28th February, and will once again coincide with World Book Day 2022. Our theme this year will be animals in Classic Literature, and we will be reading the timeless tales of Beatrix Potter and 'The Wind in the Willows' by Kenneth Grahame.

On Thursday 3rd of March, WBD will be celebrating 25 years, which is a testament to how much we all love reading. The children will have opportunities to Drop Everything And Read throughout the day, be read to, and will compete for the title of Best World Book Day costume. **This year we are asking that children (and staff) dress up as animal characters from books.**

For those looking for ideas, Beatrix Potter and Kenneth Grahame have written of many animal characters to inspire your costumes, alternatively there are many other books which feature animals such as the 'Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle, 'The Owl & The Pussy Cat' by Edward Lear, Aesop's Fables and many titles by Roald Dahl. We look forward to seeing the books your children are reading come to life!

Ms Khan, Ms Foster and Ms Burchell



Help for Early Years

Our Early Years Team are asking for donations of the following items to support provision for our youngest children:

- Outgrown dressing up clothes, hats, bags etc.
- Older versions of items you no longer use such as telephones, outdated clothing or toys, old children's books etc - basically any items that can show how life has changed over time



Donations can be given to staff at the gate or class teachers and we will make sure they go into our nursery and Reception classes. Thank you for your support.

Learning Tips

Reading

Set a good example; be caught in the act!



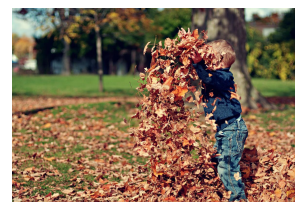
Children are a product of their upbringing and mimic the behaviour they see at home, repeating the actions they observe from their parents or guardians. If a child observes their parent/guardian reading every night, then that child will emulate the same behaviour. So pick up a book, newspaper or magazine and get caught reading!

Well-being **Playing outside**



Research shows that children have a need to be outside, taking opportunities to explore, discover, climb and run.

We are really fortunate in our local area to have space to do this. Make sure you involve children in using your outdoor space by asking them to help create obstacle courses for one another, asking them to think about what tools and resources they will need. Or you could provide materials for the children to make dens outdoors.



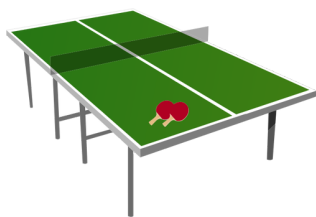
E- Safety - Top 10 tips for respect online

Even before lockdowns inflamed the situation, one in every five 10- to 15-year-olds was experiencing bullying online: abusive messages, having rumours spread about them or being excluded from group chats, for example. Through smartphones and tablets, we're used to being able to communicate from anywhere, at any time – but digital devices became commonplace so quickly that it caused a problem: as a society, we haven't properly adjusted to how different they've made life. NOS top tips can help you to build positive relationships online and avoid some of the potential issues.



In the attached guide, you'll find a number of tips such as how to stop internet addiction, being aware of the dark side, and pressing 'pause'.

Community, Wellbeing and Support



PING! FREE OUTDOOR TABLE TENNIS

Newham has NEW outdoor table tennis tables! Find a location that suits you and get your ping pong on! Simply grab a friend or family member, your bat and balls and play for free now!

Our nearest one is located at New Beckton Park Savage Gardens, East Ham E6.

Get involved in co-designing the vision for Beckton's green spaces

Newham Council are working with residents and community stakeholders to create a future vision for the Beckton Parks Master Plan area.



The area covers 2 council wards: Beckton and Custom House. It includes the largest amount of local authority managed green space in the borough and a variety of leisure and community facilities situated within Beckton District Park (North and South), New Beckton Park, Beckton Corridor, Newham City Farm Site and King George V Park.

These are your community spaces so make sure you have your say on how they should be used and developed!

To find out more visit <https://newhamco-create.co.uk/en/projects/becktonparksmasterplan>

Congratulations



Assembly Special Mentions

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

TTRockstars competition winners in each year group

Year 6 winners – Whale

Year 5 winners – Dolphin

Year 4 winners- Seahorse

Year 3 winners – Turtle

Year 2 winners – Starfish

Year 1 winners – Clownfish

Year group winners across the school! - Year 4

Class winners across the school! - with an outstanding score of 2155 – Seahorse

Octopus class - For trying hard and performing well during their class assembly. Ms Burchell

Orion (3L) - For trying really hard on the TTRS challenge last week and waking up at 5am in the morning to practise!

Diana (3L) - For wearing the coolest red shoes on 'Dress to Express' that made us all happy!



Certificate Mentions 04/02/22 & 11/02/22



Congratulations to the following people who achieved a certificate this week

Certificate	Name & Class	Level
Lexia <i>(New levels completed)</i>	Zain (2J) Saule (2S) Luca (2S), Eidanas & Alexandra (3L) Dragos (2J), Lucia (2S), Lily & Vanessa (5S) Jonathan (2S), Armani (4S) Dzuigas (3L) & Niah (5D) Elias (2S) Nia (5S), Ashaz (4S), Amira (6W) Rosie (6W), Zannat (6S) & Melissa (5D) Isaac (6W) & Delia (6S) Any (6S)	2 4 5 6 7 8 10 11 12 11 & 12
Maths in a flash <i>(New levels completed)</i>	Rexhep, Matas, Kenny, Daniel M, Ryan Amelia M, Sumaiya & Kemi (2J) & Jessica & Fionel (2S) Matas, Kenny & Kemi (2J) Hasan (2J) Daniel M (2J) David (2J)	1 2 3 & 4 6 12
Times Table Rockstars <i>(New speed record!)</i>	Oliver (1L) Sumiya (2J) & Fionel (2S) Michael (3L) & David & Saarah (3T) Aishah, Nuelf, Naglis, Nicholas, Daisie, Rayan, Kevin (4O) Paulina, Henryk, Yasin, Kesar, Khadija, Kajus, Liam, Jake, Ilyas, Meer, Ulliel, Alatz & Afia, (4S) Azaan, Kellicia & Belle (5D) & Wiktoria (5S) Isabel (6W)	
Mathletics Bronze	Oliver (1L) Milana (2S) & Eric, Amelia M, David, Sumaiya, Kemi & Rexhep (2J) Michael, Elena & Emma (3L) Olivia, Matteo, Milana, David & Saarah (3T) Aishah, Daniel, Dijana & Patricija (4O) Quinel, Alatz, Abdul Hameed, Boris & Ulliel (4S) Danielius (5D) Amira & Ieva (6W)	
Mathletics Silver	Eric & Sumaiya (2J)	



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.



04/02/22 & 11/02/22

House Name	Creola Katherine Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
Value	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard & Cared For
Guppy 1	Evanna Amirah	Amber Matei	Airina Laurynas	Adamas Darjans	Zaki Esther Elizabeth
Guppy 2	Freddy Niamh	Hafsa Masheedat	Mahdiya Samuel	Zoya Rohaan	Ryan Musa
Lionfish	Robert Mia	Austeja Ola	Jibrail Stefania	Chaslyn Tope	Genesis Spencer
Clownfish	Olivia Elicora	Sarah Natali	Harry Thomas	Sophia U Gaia	Shezhad Emily
Jellyfish	David Abeera	Daniel M Markas	Amelia M Liepa	Ibrahim Zain	Matvii Emilijus
Starfish	Milana Zain	Elias Lakin	Jonathan Farwa	Fionel Elias	Jessica Hannah
Turtle	Olivia Sajda	David M Matteo	Jessica Micheal	Eliana Nabeel	Micheal Milana
Lobster	Hussain Orion	Rhea Diana	Issa Diana	Sarah Maira	Emma Jay
Octopus	Nasharie Patricija	Isra Keianna	Steven Noah	Kydon Naglis	Dijana Maddison
Seahorse	Miley Ulliel	Meer Petra	Deniz Henryk	Ryan Ilyas	Kajus Deor
Stingray	Eliel Nia	Casandra Precious	Zain Peter	Rafan Aronas	Lily Agnija
Dolphin	Tornadas Jasmine	Jannah Ali	Punyanshi Olivia	Liliana Zoya	Niah Ahmed
Shark	Jayden Delia	Any Joseph	Arnas Micah	Ikran Rubena	Abdul Sam
Whale	Grace Oscar	Marli Neeriah	Isabel Amira	Theo Gabriel	Ieva Aiden