

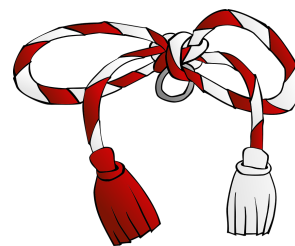


ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 22 - 3rd March 2022



Dear Parents & Carers,

This week I was privileged to receive a Martisor from one of our year 4 children. This is a special pin that many people from Moldova & Romania wear from the 1st until the 31st of March to celebrate the start of spring and the hope it brings. My gift giver then explained that once it has reached the 31st day "you have to hang the pin on a tree and make a wish as it could come true!"



I was truly touched by such a generous gesture and the hope it represented, however it threw into even sharper context the current devastation, destruction and loss of life being caused by the conflict in Ukraine. For those caught up in the violence and attacks, it's unimaginable – and for those looking on from afar, the feelings of fear and helplessness can be overwhelming, making it hard for us as adults to look towards hope. As a school we have families from both countries within our community and cannot begin to imagine the turmoil and pain they are experiencing, but please know that our thoughts are with you at this time.

This generation of children are more connected through news and social media than any others have been before. This means that many of them, even if not directly affected, will be acutely aware that on the other side of Europe a country full of children just like them are experiencing fear and trauma that no child should endure. We have built our school community upon shared values including respect and being heard and cared for, and aim for our children to be global citizens becoming the change they want to see in the world, but not a world like this.

Parents and carers are best placed to know how much or little their child is, or needs to be, aware of but these conversations are hard. To support this we have put some links in the learning tips this week about ideas you may wish to consider, please make sure you check these first to see if they are appropriate for your situation and the age of your child.

We have also been approached and are happy to support a humanitarian appeal in relation to items needed urgently by the huge numbers of people who have had to flee. Details of the items requested and how to do this are provided below.

It is always hard as a Headteacher to know when to speak up and when to remain silent, as for schools it is important that we remain neutral, however please know that I will continue to wear my Martisor for this month in the spirit it was given to me, but be assured that on the 31st it will be placed lovingly on a tree with my earnest wish for peace.

Please take care of each other.

Sue Ferguson

Items needed

The following items are being requested to support those displaced by the conflict. These need to be given to the school by Friday morning please so we can arrange for them to be dropped off in time for transportation.

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| - Batteries and torches | - Thermal clothes |
| - Clean clothes in good condition | - Nappies |
| - Sanitary items | - Clean bedding |



All donations can be given to staff at gates or class teachers at the end of the day. Thank you.

General Information

Key Dates

Rearranged KS2 Disco

Monday 28th March - 3.45 - 5.00 (Years 3 & 4) , 5.15 - 6.30 (Years 5 & 6)

All tickets already purchased will be reissued the week before. If your child had not brought one previously you can purchase these in the playground at the end of school from 21st March.



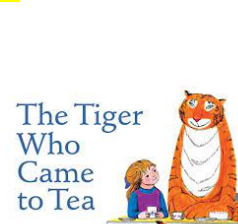
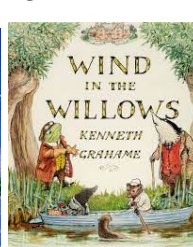
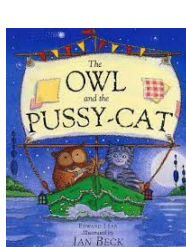
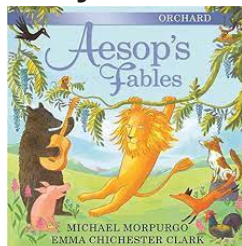
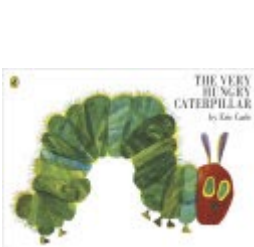
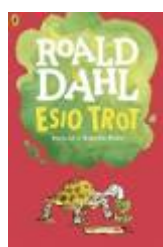
IMPORTANT

Polling Station

Thursday 5th May - school site closed to all pupils.

We have been recently advised we will be required as a polling station next term. Therefore the school site will be shut to pupils on this day. Work will be set in advance and sent home. It will not require Google classroom access. We apologise for the inconvenience caused.

World Book Day - Tomorrow - 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

Our Learning

Panathlon Success

We were delighted to send 12 of our children to compete at Newham Leisure Centre against other schools. The children were able to take part in a variety of activities which included,

long jump, javelin, football, and racing. EWPS eventually came 2nd out of 10 schools! Well done everyone! Everybody at EWPS is very proud of you!

Ms Dains





EWPS Bakers

Last week year 4 spent the day learning how to make different types of bread from countries around the world. They also enjoyed a tasting session. Well done to all our budding bakers and thanks to Juniper (our caterers) who came and worked with the children.



Learning Tips



Well-being Conflict in Ukraine

Parents and carers are best placed to know how much or little their child is or needs to be aware of but these conversations are hard. To support this we have put some links below about ideas you may wish to consider, please make sure you check these first to see if they are appropriate for your situation and the age of your child.

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/supporting-your-child-with-upsetting-content/> (advice for parents about how to start the conversation)

<https://reliefweb.int/report/ukraine/ukraine-5-ways-talk-children-about-conflict> (Experts at Save the Children share five tools and tips that caregivers can use to approach the conversation with children)

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/25/help-for-teachers-and-families-to-talk-to-pupils-about-russias-invasion-of-ukraine-and-how-to-help-them-avoid-misinformation/> (DFE advice on misinformation)

<https://metro.co.uk/2022/02/24/how-to-talk-to-children-about-whats-happening-in-ukraine-16163133/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-60557186> (BBC -Ukraine conflict how to help yourself, children and others)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/60554258> (Newsround - War in Ukraine: What's happening there? Basic info aimed at years 5 & 6)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002> (Advice for children of what to do if upset by the news)

Community, Wellbeing and Support

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Community Fund

This year, Her Majesty the Queen became the first British monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, following 70 years of service. An extended bank holiday from Thursday 2 June to Sunday 5 June 2022 will give communities throughout the United Kingdom the opportunity to commemorate the event.

This will be an historic moment and we know people will want to come together to mark it in style.



Newham Council wants to help local people do just that so we have set up The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Community Fund to help support community celebrations. It will be a wonderful opportunity for communities to come together to celebrate Her Majesty's achievements and service, as well as enjoy each other's company.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Community Fund will open on 1 March and close on 31 March.

Residents and community groups are invited to organise commemorative or celebratory events for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee from Thursday 2 June to Sunday 5 June. **Grant applications can be made up to a maximum of £500. Those receiving a grant will also receive a waiver of all non-statutory fees and charges such as road closures, hire of council community venues and parks.**

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/jubileefund>



Make a nomination for the Newham Civic Awards

Do you know a local resident, entrepreneur, group, organisation or company who is doing something special, valued and amazing? Are they helping to make Newham a better place to live, work or study?

If so, we would love to hear about them!

You can make a nomination to the Newham Civic Awards, and help recognise, celebrate and reward special individuals, entrepreneurs, groups, organisations and companies in our borough.

To find out more visit <https://www.newham.gov.uk/awards>

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>

COVID advice of the week- Updated information for parents

Earlier this week we sent out updated advice to parents about Covid arrangements in light of the recent changes. We have reattached this with this email for information. If you have any questions please contact the main office who will be happy to help you.



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

Clownfish class - For making Miss Patel feel so welcome and being so friendly this week!

Jannah (D5) - For making an effort to keep joining up her handwriting!

Mrs Ferguson - For treating the staff every Friday morning to goodies.



Certificate Mentions 25/02/2022



Congratulations to the following people who achieved a certificate this week

Certificate	Name & Class	Level
Lexia (New levels completed)	Maverick (T3) Emilijus (J2) Diana (S2) Elias (S2) Ayden (S2)	8 4 2 9 4
Maths in a flash (New levels completed)	Albie, Jessica, Fionel, Jessica, Joel, Elizabeth, Hannah (2S) Sumaiya, Amelia M, Ryan M, Rexhep (2J) Joshua (3T) Olivia, Jannah (5D) Wiktorja, Daria, Mikail (5S) Joseph, Emily Grace (6S) Grace (6W) Hamzah Mirza Baig, Jonas Morkunas, Saarah Shah-Ali, Milana Shvets, (3L) Mary Anwar, Zeynep Burcali (Y5) Kai Rone (2S) Matas (2J) Kenshiro (2J) Nikita, Lakin (2S) Hasan (2S) Daniel M (2J)	1 2 3 & 4 11 17
Times Table Rockstars (New speed record!!)	Luca, Kai'rone, Fionel, Joel, Jonathan, Lucia (2S) Victoria, Nojus, Matteo, David, Kartar(3T) Michael Ch, Orion, Diana, Sneeha (3L) Aishah, Christopher, Kydon, Daniel G, Nuelf, Boston, Maya, Nicholas, Kevin, Arile, Nasharie, Keianna, Diamond (4O) Nicoleta, Quinel, Henryk, Yasin, Kesar, Kajus, Liam, Boris, Fisayo, Ashaz, Alatz (4S) Ali, Kellicia, Camilla, Ahmed (5D) Casandra (5S) Ikran (6S) Gabriel (6W)	



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.



25/02/22

House Name	Creola Katherine Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
Value	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard & Cared For
Guppy 1	Zakariyya	Jake	Alex C	Aisha	Khadija
Guppy 2	Yusuf	Paula	Toby	Ayana	Mahdiya
Lionfish	Karolis	Ola	Amber	Robert	Oliver
Clownfish	Reece	Shannon	Sonny	Iqra	Nicole
Jellyfish	Muhammad	Jayden	Raphael	Kemi	Mariana
Starfish	Nikita	Samarah	Albie	Elizabeth	Zain
Turtle	Saarah	Sofia	Mikeala	Ruby	Matteo
Lobster	Aleena	Evie	Michael	Sneeha	Waraka
Octopus	Diamond	Boston	Arile	Christopher	Riad
Seahorse	Nicoleta	Fisayo	Paulina	Ryan	Kotryna
Stingray	Sofia	Ermal	Lily	Aydan	Peter
Dolphin	Azaan	Larissa	Olivia	Zeynep	Jasmin
Shark	Tade	Jonas	Maher	Zannat	Dipthi
Whale	Marli	Zarah	Gabriele	Sam	Isaac