



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 24 - 16th March 2022



Dear Parents & Carers,

Educational Visits

We are very aware of the limited experiences our children have had over the last two years due to the pandemic, so we are delighted to be starting to arrange more visits for our children in addition to the visitors we already had coming into school.

We try to minimise costs to parents, and where possible try to keep these free of charge, as the school subsidises all visits. However this is very challenging and we do sometimes have to request a voluntary contribution because we simply can't afford to pay all the costs. Therefore I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support with this.

Widening our children's experiences is an important part of their education as an email we received last week showed. The year 2 classes visited St Paul's to learn about the Easter story and the following day we received the following email from St Paul's Education Team:

"On behalf of the Schools and Family Learning department I would like to extend a big thank you to your students for their behaviour on their visit to St Paul's Cathedral. The tour guides were really impressed with the respect that they showed towards the building, their interesting questions and their enthusiasm. We have sent you a certificate in recognition of their excellent conduct."



Well done year 2 and thank you to all staff and parents who enabled such a positive experience to take place.



Parent Anti-Bullying Focus Group

We are currently reviewing our anti-bullying policy and procedures and are looking to have a parent focus group to help with this. If you would be interested in being involved please either email the school or speak to any member of staff. We will then contact you with further details and to find out what times you are available.

Community, Wellbeing & Support

Please take time to look at this section as there is a lot of information this week including:

- Information advice & pop up event for the Ukrainian community (including about visa extensions &/or immigration for family members)
- International day for elimination of racial discrimination
- Information on ways to donate to Ukraine relief organisations
- Information about the £150 energy rebate (which does not have to be repaid)
- Support to access healthy food if in financial difficulties
- Parent connect (including free SEND youth groups, parent advice & classes, employment training etc).



Take care and stay safe

Sue Ferguson



After School Clubs

A number of our after school club providers are increasing their prices from April. As the school already subsidises this quite heavily, unfortunately we will have to pass on this increase to



parents. Therefore from the start of the summer term after school clubs will be £2.50 per session.

Please remember that if you are in receipt of free school meals, clubs will continue to be provided at no cost. If you have not applied for free school meals and think you may qualify please use the link below to register.

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/schools-education/free-school-meals/2>

Information about summer clubs is being sent out tomorrow. If you want your child to attend you will need to apply (even if they are already in a club).

General Information

How to help your child with phonics Sessions for parents in Reception

What?

Sessions are to explain how parents can support their children with their reading and writing using phonics. We will cover:

- How phonics is taught in school with a chance to look at the resources we use
- How phonics links to reading
- How we scaffold writing
- Different activities parents can do at home to support your child's learning

When?

Sessions are from **3:30pm – 4:00pm**

There are 2 dates left that you can choose from: **Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd March.**

All the sessions are the same so choose the date that works best for you!

How?

Each session will have no more than 15 parents - first come basis on a sign up sheet by the classrooms



Childcare?

Reception age children and above can come in and stay in one class with staff members.

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 next week. If your child had not brought one previously you can purchase these in the playground at the end of school from 21st March (next week).



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.



New Parent Governor

We are delighted to welcome one of our Reception parents, Natalia Wierzbicka, to the governing body as the new parent representative. Thank you for offering your time to help continue improving the educational experiences for our children.



Scooters & Bikes in the playground



We are extremely happy to see how many children are using bikes or scooters to come to school and there is lots of storage in the playground for these. However when you collect your child at the end of the day please make sure they do not start riding until they leave the playground. Thank you.



Community, Wellbeing and Support



Information advice and pop up event for Ukrainian community



What? Information advice and pop up event for Ukrainian community:

- 30-45 minutes for a presentation from Praxis, a charity for Migrant and Refugees, on immigration options plus Q&A,
- then 2.5 hours of 30 minute appointments for one-off immigration advice with available advisers. Appointments can be made on the day, first come first served.
- Other information will also be available on the day to support health and wellbeing.
- Advice on applying for school places

Who? Newham residents who may either be Ukrainians on temporary visas who would like to know more about visa extensions or those with family members in Ukraine who would like more information on the routes for bringing family to the UK at present.

When? 21st March 2022, noon until 3:30pm

Where? Stratford Library

A wide range of organisations are involved in this including Praxis, the Renewal Programme, RAMFEL, NHS and LBN. Contact Elizabeth.Owen@newham.gov.uk for more details.

Further legal advice for those wanting to come to the UK from Ukraine can be found here: www.asylumaid.org.uk



Donations to the Ukraine

We have been asked about further ways families can support the humanitarian relief efforts for Ukraine. Newham have sent the following information out to schools:

Many organisations are now asking for money rather than supplies due to transport and storage issues. Therefore please see below a list of different organisations you may wish to support.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/helpukraine>

- for donations for medical supplies and support in Ukraine – this is organised by UK Ukrainian nationals

<https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-crisis-appeal> to donate to the DEC through the British Red Cross

At EWPS we have also been approached by a parent in relation to the campaign below:

“With a group of Beckton Mums we have started a fundraising campaign to raise money for school equipment for Ukrainian refugees in Poland. I was wondering if it would be possible for you to help us spread the word and get more supporters?”

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/runforschoolbags?utm_term=jRk7BE77d

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Newham Council is proud to announce that it will be marking International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on Monday 21 March with an in-person event.

What? Speakers: Rokhsana Fiaz OBE, Mayor of Newham, Althea Loderick, CE Newham Council, Sonita Gale, Director of the film Hostile, panel discussion, performances by E6 poetry collective & Newham Music's Repz Choir who have been working with London African Gospel Choir to produce a specially commissioned piece for the event.

When? Mon, 21 March 2022 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Where? Stratford Youth Zone, Theatre Square, London. E15 1BX

How? Register for free tickets

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/international-day-for-the-elimination-of-racial-discrimination-tickets-293827494947>

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION



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Newham Food Alliance



If you, or someone you know, are struggling to get access to the healthy food you need because of financial issues, the Newham Food Alliance may be able to offer support. Simply use the link below to complete the form.

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-advice-support/7>

The information gathered on this form helps them to match you (or the person you are referring) with a partner who is best able to provide the direct food support needed.

If you have any questions, or are unable to use this form, the team are available to receive calls Monday-Friday (9am-5pm) at **07790 975 086** or email frontdoor@newhamfoodalliance.org

£150 energy bills Council Tax rebate

Most households, in a property in council tax bands A-D, will get a Government funded £150 energy bills Council Tax rebate. [The rebate will not need to be repaid.](#)

If you pay by Direct Debit they will repay you automatically. If they do not have your details, Newham will be in touch to arrange payment.

Payments will be made after 1 April, please do not contact the Council, they will be in touch. Always check any request for payment details from the Council before sharing.



Find out more information by using the link below.

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/aboutthe150rebate>

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 activities for children to access.

- ❖ **Newham Parents as Partners**
- ❖ **Ukraine – Support for parents and young people**
- ❖ **Services, Groups and Activities**
- ❖ **The Journey of a Child**
- ❖ **Being a Parent ASD Course and Being a Parent Group**
- ❖ **Positive Transitions and SEND Youth Clubs**
- ❖ **DICE Parenting Programme – Places Available!**
- ❖ **Newham Family Support YouTube Videos**
- ❖ **West Ham Foundation – The Upskill Project**
- ❖ **Free Construction Course**
- ❖ **Safe Connections Suicide Prevention Hub and Helpline**
- ❖ **AAA Zone Wellbeing Group, Multi-Sports Club & Good for Girls Project**
- ❖ **Headstart Coffee and Chat**
- ❖ **Headstart Befriending**



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

Creola Katherine Johnson



Assembly Special Mentions

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

Year 2 - Year 2 visited St Paul's Cathedral on Wednesday to learn more about the Easter story as part of their RE unit. We received this message from the team at St Paul's Cathedral:

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Well done Year 2! We are very proud of you!

Nefeli C1 - Nefeli joined clownfish class this week and she has been brave, polite and resilient. Welcome to the school Nefeli, we are very lucky to have you.

Panathlon Competitors - Congratulations to the 12 children who competed in the Panathlon and came 2nd out of 10 schools! Well done everyone! Everybody at EWPS is very proud of you! Ms Dains

Work of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who have been nominated by their teachers for the quality of their work this week.



Year	Name	Context of Work
Reception	Amber	For fantastic phonics skills.
1	Scarlett	For her knowledge of mammals and comparing animals in Science successfully.
2	Lucia	For her amazing drawing of St Paul's inspired by our trip to St Paul's Cathedral.
3	Jessica	Science - Correctly answered all the types of forces and then drew an object and labelled all the forces correctly.
4	Nicoleta	Science - For her detailed observations and explanations on which state of matter materials are
5	Ahmed	Geography- An amazing detailed presentation and fact file about different biomes



Certificate Mentions 11/03/2022



Congratulations to the following people who achieved a certificate this week

Certificate	Name & Class	Level
Lexia <i>(New levels completed)</i>	Rejus (L3)	4
	Luca (S2)	5
	Arile (O4)	8
	Liam (S4)	9
	Elias (S2)	10
	Christopher (O4) Amira (W6)	11
	Deniz (S4) Zannat (S6)	13
	Ava (W6)	16
Maths in a flash <i>(New levels completed)</i>	Eric, Kenny (J2) Elizabeth, Ester, Lucia (S2) Yasin (S4) Niah, Jannah, Melissa, Olivia (D5) Agnija, Daria, Mikhail, Wiktorja (S5)	1
	Fionel (S2) Zeynep, Mary (D5)	2
	Rachel (S2)	3
Times Table Rockstars <i>(New speed record!!)</i>	Luca, Kai'Rone, Jonathan (S2) Diana, Hussain, Elena (L3) Victoria (T3) Isra, Aishah, Christopher, Maddison, Kydon, Daniel G, Nuelf, Maya, Kevin, Nasharie, Keianna, Mattias (O4) Kajus, Fisayo, Alatz (S4) Tornadas, Kellicia, Ahmed, Jannah (D5) Dara (S5)	
Mathletics Bronze	Oluwatope (L1) Ibrahim, Eric, Rexhep, Kenny Ameila M (J2) Aroush (S2) Michael Ch, Elena (L3) Miley, Quinel, Daria, Kotryna, Fisayo, Ulliel (S4)	
Mathletics Silver	Rexhep, Kenny, Sumaiya (J2) Fisayo (S4)	
Mathletics Gold	Sumaiya (J2)	



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.



11/03/2022

House Name	Creola Katherine Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
Value	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard & Cared For
Guppy 1	Alex C	Darjans	Jake	Khadija	Aisha
Guppy 2	Sameel	Eva	Charissa	Isabella	Sehajnad
Lionfish	Chaslyn	Tessa	Amber	Anderson	Nicolas
Clownfish	Gaia	Brittany	Dawud	Merlia	Nefeli
Jellyfish	Mariana	Matas	Kenny	Rexhep	Abraham
Starfish	Saule	Cindy	Lucia	Jonathan	Hannah
Turtle	Minahil	Maverick	Joshua	Micheal	David M
Lobster	Rhea	Glory	Simon	Taijsha	Emma
Octopus	Kevin	Aiden	Arile	Riad	Aishah
Seahorse	Afia	Quinel	Paulina	Alatz	Kajus
Stingray	Maxi	Peter	Zain	Aleeza	Maria
Dolphin	Tornadas	Liliana	Danielius	Zoya	Eliza
Shark	Joseph	Micah	Jayden	Sara	Shemi
Whale	Cristian	Gabriel	Neerah	Isaac	Matei