



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 25 - 23rd March 2022



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter which I'm delighted to say includes a message from one of our Eco-Guardians in relation to the Great British Spring Clean.

Start of the day

Please make sure that you wait with your child and supervise them until they are admitted onto site in the morning so that children are safe, settled and ready for the start of school. Thank you.



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.

After school clubs

We are aiming to send parents confirmation of which after school clubs children have been allocated for the summer term by the end of this week.

Take care and stay safe

Sue Ferguson

Message from our Eco-Guardians Great British Spring Clean

EWPS will be taking part in the Great British Spring Clean and as part of this, the Eco Guardians will be encouraging all children to take part in a Litter Pick on Monday and Tuesday at lunchtime. Children from all classes are welcome! The Eco Guardians also have BIG plans for our Garden and planting area- We are doing this to make that area useful and hopefully attract new wildlife.

Olivia - Dolphin Class Yr5.



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 during school on Monday (so they don't get lost). If your child had not brought one previously you can purchase these in the playground on Monday..



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.

Our Learning



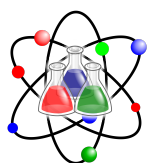
Year 5 Virtual Reality

In Science this week, Year 5 had the opportunity to take part in a space VR workshop, where they were immersed in their learning, simultaneously exploring a virtual universe.

They blasted off into space, piloting their research vessels around planets and moons and learning about the solar system. A truly wonderful learning experience was had by all.



Learning Tips



Scientists of EWPS be aware!

Science week has come to an end and it is almost time to announce the winners of this year's Science week competition.

If you haven't yet entered, it's not too late! All you have to do is choose an investigation from the science week handout sent home last week (if you don't have this see Miss Binion), carry out the Investigation at home and record your findings in a creative way. Think big! Be bold!

The deadline is Friday 25th April. The winners will be announced in the assembly on Friday 1st April.

Good luck! **Miss Binion**

Science



Well-being

Maintaining good mental health is just as important as having a healthy body. It affects the way children think, feel and act. As a parent, you play an important role in promoting your child's mental health and recognising when there may be early signs of difficulties.

Tip 10 - Help your child to develop a language of feelings.

Teaching children about feelings can be hard as it's an abstract concept but if they can understand and express their emotions, they will be less likely to 'act out'. For example, you can discuss how characters in a book are feeling and the reasons why they may be feeling that way;

<https://ssscpd.co.uk/education/parentsandguardians/child-mental-health-10-tips-for-parents>

Community, Wellbeing and Support



SEND event - response to Newham Ofsted

Outcome

Parents, Carers and partners are invited to attend an event following the joint area Ofsted and Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection into Newham services for young people with special needs and disabilities (SEND).



What? The inspections looked at how well education, social care and health services work together to identify those children and young people who have SEND and/or a disability and how well they assess

and meet their needs. Following the inspection, the outcome letter was published this week. <https://www.newham.gov.uk/downloads/file/4309/london-borough-of-newham-la-send>

When? Thursday 24 March 6-7.30pm online

How? Book a place using the link

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/newham-joint-area-send-inspection-findings-and-response-webinar-tickets-294761037197>

'Being a Parent' course

HeadStart offers a unique 'Being a Parent' course delivered by parents for parents who live, work or have children who attend school in Newham.

They provide parents/ carers a confidential, non-judgmental space, creating supportive relationships and learning strategies and techniques during difficult times.



This Summer Term, they are running 4 'Being a Parent' courses:

- 2x ASD Being a Parent Courses
- 2x General Being a Parent Courses

For more details on the courses and the dates, please see the attached flyers.

To register for one of their Summer Term 'Being a Parent' Courses, please click on the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/FH28CH3BuH>

Scrutiny Commission looking at the Relationship between Black Boys and the Borough – Brief for Focus Group for Parents/Carers:

What? The Scrutiny Commission looking at the Relationship between Black Boys and the Borough

Who? For this review, the Commission would like to engage 10-12 parents/carers of black boys.

These are the types of questions that might be asked:

1. What are the particular challenges and barriers in bringing up black boys in Newham?
2. What are your experiences that you would like to share?
3. Do young people feel safe in the borough?
4. What does Newham mean to them?
5. Do you like living in Newham and do you feel that the borough adequately meets the needs of black boys?

Why? Councillors on the Commission want to improve the lived experience (the lives) of Black Boys in the Borough. They want to understand what it is like to be a black boy living in Newham, what it is like to live, learn and play in the Borough. Once it has a better understanding of this, it will make recommendations to the Mayor which will hopefully make the lives of black boys even better.

It cannot do this by only talking about black boys. It is important to talk to teachers, parents, faith leaders, colleges, mental health providers, police and magistrates and others, but it is most important of all to hear directly from black boys themselves how they feel about their lives and what is



good, not so good and what could be better.

When? Thursday 31st March 2022, 18.00-20.00pm (evening)

Where? Via Zoom (Joining instructions will be shared to those that book)

How? E-mail dawn.henry@newham.gov.uk



Children's Centre Activity Programme

The children's Centre has a range of activities and support for children under the age of 5 and is **FREE** to access.



Monday

Music & Movement at Royal Wharf Community Dock Square, 2-5 years
10am-11am (Term time only)

Messy Mondays, under 5's 10am-11am (Dove Approach entrance)

Baby Sing-along & Stories, 0-12 months 1.00pm-1.45pm (Dove Approach entrance)

Tuesday

Stay & Play Babies, 0-12 months 10am-11am (Dove Approach entrance)

Stay & Play, under 5 years 1.30pm-2.30pm (Tollgate Road entrance)

Wednesday

SEND Stay & Play, under 5 years 10.30am-11.30am (Dove Approach entrance)
(For children with additional needs, communication/speech delay)

Stay & Play Babies, 0-12 months 1.30pm-2.30pm (Dove Approach entrance)

Sing-Along at North Woolwich Library 1.30pm-2.30pm (Term time only)

Sing-Along at Britannia Village Hall 1.30pm-2.30pm (Term time only)

Thursday

Sing-along & Stories, over 1 year 10am-10.45am (Dove Approach entrance)

Friday

Stay & Play, under 5 years 10am-11am (Tollgate Road entrance)

Booking essential for all sessions

All sessions are subject to change at short notice

Call the Children's Centre on Fridays from 9.30am to book or for more information about the sessions:

0207 474 0654

Beckton & Royal Docks Children's Centre, Dove Approach E6 5TJ



Email: info@becktonandroyaldockschildrenscentre.org.uk

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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

Dolphin & Stingray Classes - Being superstars on our Educational Visit to Stratford Theatre! Your exceptional behaviour was a credit to our school.

Jellyfish Class - For working so hard all week and being very helpful to all adults in the class.

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	Niamh	For using her phonics in independent writing
1	Adomas	For an amazing fact file on Mary Seacole. Well done!
2	Lucia	For her amazing drawing of St Paul's inspired by our trip to St Paul's Cathedral.
3	Evie	Maths- For understanding and using the column method successfully.
4	Aishah	English - For being a brilliant budding journalist and using reported speech correctly.
5	Olivia	Maths - For her exceptional presentation in Maths when drawing line graphs and interpreting data.
6	Sofia	RE- For her excellent analysis of the crucifixion of Christ.



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>	Kajus (S4) Wiktorja (S5), Zannat (S6)	8 13
Maths in a flash <i>(New levels completed)</i>	Inaayah, Lakin, Ester (S2) Rachel, Nikita (S2)	1 4
Times Table Rockstars <i>(New speed record!)</i>	Kai'rone, Fionel, Jonathan (S2) Kajus, Jake, Fisayo (S4)	
Mathletics Bronze	Andrew, Kai'rone (S2) Michael (L3) Yasin, Liam, Fisayo (S4) Neeriah, Gabriele, Sam (W6)	
Mathletics Silver	Yasin (S4) Ieva, Amira (W6)	
Mathletics Gold	Matei (W6)	



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.



18/03/2022

House Name	Creola Katherine Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
Value	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard & Cared For
Guppy 1	Gabriel	James	Zakariyya	Amirah	Evanna
Guppy 2	Amelia	Samuel	Simona	Ariya	Isabella
Lionfish	Oliver	Tanya	Austeja	Kalonzo	Stefania
Clownfish	Sonny	Reece	Natali	Eliora	Ridwan
Jellyfish	Abeera	Eric	Raphael	Mohammed	Kemi
Starfish	Jonathan	Deborah	Nikita	Andrew	Fionel

Turtle	*	*	*	*	*
Lobster	Hussain	Rejus	Issa	Sarah	Vesta
Octopus	Daniel	Nuelf	Aiden	Maya	Naglis
Seahorse	Petra	Kesar	Henryk	Liam	Quinel
Stingray	Nia	Aronas	Lauryn	Rafan	Mikail
Dolphin	Morgana	Adetunrayo	Cristina	Bella	Mary
Shark	Any	Emily	Delia	Ianys	Danyal
Whale	Aiden	Gabriele	Junaid	Ava	Grace

Turtle Class will have double 'Star of the Week' next week