



## ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 26 - 30th March 2022



**Dear Parents & Carers,**

### **Child Q**

You have probably seen the appalling case of Child Q in the media during the last week. The degrading treatment a child suffered in an environment where they were supposed to be safe has horrified us all, and highlights the discrimination that is still being experienced by many of our communities.

Although this happened in a secondary school in a different borough, we believe it is essential that actions are taken in every aspect where children are trusted to the care of others. Such behaviour and attitudes don't stop unless they are challenged!

In Newham this has meant that Education (including schools), Children's Social Care, Police and Newham Safeguarding Children's Partnership have been working together in this regard and they will be shortly releasing a statement about the outcomes of this.

In the meantime as a school we have agreed with the Chair of Governors that we will make explicit in our Safeguarding policy that no child in our care will ever meet with someone from a partner agency in school without a member of our staff being present, this would include any contact with the police and/or social care.

Since the tragic death of George Floyd we have also been doing considerable work on our curriculum, environment and approach in order to promote Equity in Diversity, challenge racism and discrimination. Our staff working party are looking forward to sharing this with parents next term and inviting you to contribute to the next steps of the work we are doing.

At EWPS we believe school should be a safe space in which children, their families and staff are able to feel seen, heard and valued and where differences are celebrated and embraced. Racism and intolerance has no place in our community and we must all continue to work together to ensure it is always challenged. Change starts with us.

**Take care and stay safe.**

**Sue Ferguson**



### **Ramadan & Fasting**

As we enter the holy month of Ramadan we realise that many children are enthusiastic and get a great sense of achievement in joining their families in taking part in the spirit of Ramadan.

Although fasting for the entire month only becomes obligatory at the age of puberty, we recognise that some younger age pupils at EWPS may wish to fast on certain days or for the whole month. However, the younger the age, the more difficult it is for children to fast without their physical stamina and concentration levels being affected.

Therefore only children in years 5 & 6 who have reached puberty will be supported to fast whilst at school. We would ask that younger children who wish to fast should avoid doing so during school days and be encouraged to fast only at weekends when they can spend time with their families.

Please note that all children will still need to be taking part in all aspects of the curriculum including PE.

If you wish for your child to fast please follow the steps below.

- ☐ All parents must inform the school in writing if they wish their child to fast (either by a written note to the class teacher or via email [info@ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk](mailto:info@ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk) )
- ☐ If a child says that they are fasting, but the school has not received written permission from their parent, this will be discussed with them in a respectful manner; however the child will not be allowed to miss lunch until written permission has been received.
- ☐ The school will inform parents immediately if their child becomes unwell.
- ☐ The school and parents agree to work in partnership to make reasonable adjustments if it becomes clear that a child is physically, academically, mentally or emotionally adversely affected by fasting.
- ☐ We ask parents of children who are fasting to ensure they are having well balanced meals (including water) when breaking and closing fast.

## HEALTHY DIET



## Catering Update

Following a survey with all children, representatives of the Junior Governing Body have met with the Headteacher, our school cook, lunchtime supervision staff and our catering company Juniper to discuss feedback from our current menus and to look at the new options for after Easter.

A number of developments have been discussed and these are being fed into the new menus which we will share with parents shortly.

The JGB will be taking photos of each of the menu options as we progress through our new three week cycle so children are clearer about the options when they first come into school.

This same group will meet around the June half term to see if any further improvements are needed.

Please note that our Food Policy has also been updated to reflect this change in approach. It can be found on our website in the parent tab/policies/healthy schools.



## Spring Clean

This week our Eco Guardians led a group of children from all year groups to pick up and remove rubbish from our playground.

Most of the rubbish has been blown from outside into our playground- but we were able to rescue, clean and reuse equipment that had also gone astray. A BIG thank you to all the children who helped- and to the Eco- Guardians, who are terrific! We will have more exciting Eco news to report over the next few newsletters.

**Mr O'Dowd**

# General Information



## After School Clubs

Clubs will start the second week back after Easter. Please pay for all after school summer term clubs by the end of this week. Thank you

## Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property in the brown tubs by the main hall doors. If you are missing items please check these before the end of term as all of these clothes will be recycled during the Easter break. Thank you



## Key Dates



**IMPORTANT**

### Polling Station

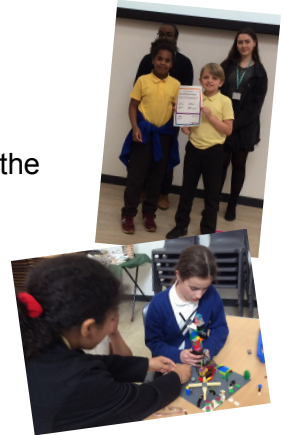
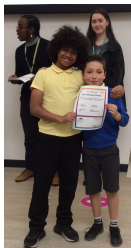
**Thursday 5th May - school site closed to all pupils.**

We have been 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 Lego Workshop

Year 5 took part in a Lego workshop at London's University Technical College last week. The focus of the session was Green Energy, which centred around global conversions on the planet - sustainability, recycling and energy. The children were able to design, create and evaluate their constructions on how to implement sustainable energy sources within a community. They created wind turbines, hydroelectric generators and renewable energy solutions with Lego.



## Learning Tips



### Well-being - 5 Ways to Better Wellbeing

Why not use the holiday period to spend time as a family and try the 5 ways to better wellbeing? See the attachment for further information or visit

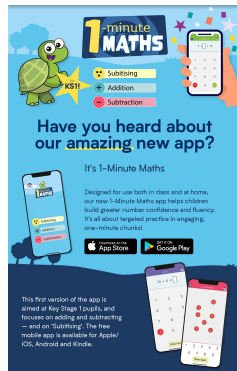


[https://www.samh.org.uk/documents/5\\_Ways\\_for\\_families.pdf](https://www.samh.org.uk/documents/5_Ways_for_families.pdf)

## Maths

1 minute maths is a free app that gives children greater number confidence with 1 minute a day challenges.

Or simply continue with Times Table Rockstars and Mathletics!



## Reading

Visit the local library together. It's always fun choosing new books to read, and keep an eye out for special events at the library or local bookshops particularly during the holidays.

Just remember to read a little every day!



# Community, Wellbeing and Support

## Free food and fun during the Easter Holidays!

Newham Council is working with a range of organisations to offer free places at holiday clubs during the Easter holidays. These places are primarily for school-aged children from reception to year 11 (inclusive) who receive benefits-related free school meals. There is something for everyone: sport, drama, day trips, cooking, music, arts & crafts, dance, fun day trips and much more! All clubs will also provide a delicious, healthy meal each day.

This is an opportunity for children and young people to have fun, learn new things and make new friends!

All clubs welcome children and young people who need some additional support and the programme includes some specialist clubs who are very experienced in providing activities and support for children with more significant and complex SEND.

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



## Get fit, lose weight, feel great!

Losing weight can help you to feel happier, more confident and can drastically improve your health. Newham residents can get free help to lose weight today! **Live Well Newham**, delivered by **Xyla Health & Wellbeing**, is a completely **FREE** 12-Week Weight Management

Programme, here to support you with nutritional advice, physical activity and lifestyle advice. Join a group of like-minded people in your local community who all have similar goals and can support you in making positive lifestyle changes.



[https://xylahealthandwellbeing.com/our-services/weight-management/live-well-newham/self-referral/?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=newham&utm\\_campaign=newham\\_newsletter\\_lwn](https://xylahealthandwellbeing.com/our-services/weight-management/live-well-newham/self-referral/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=newham&utm_campaign=newham_newsletter_lwn)



## Beckton Parks Masterplan

Newham Council are currently asking you to have your say on the future of the parks and green spaces in Beckton, so please get involved in shaping its vision. Until April, Street Space is working alongside Newham Council to involve local residents so do get involved. The four-month engagement programme is the first step towards the creation of the Beckton Parks Masterplan, which will then be submitted for planning approval. They want to hear your thoughts, ideas and ambitions.

<https://newhamco-create.co.uk/en/projects/becktonparksmasterplan>

## 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

**Ismaeel (G2)** - Ismaeel showed lovely manners to let me pass on Tuesday when I was carrying something. What a polite young man! From Violet, Premises staff.

**Dolphin Class** - Working extremely hard on an amazing informative assembly this week!

### 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	Darjans	For creating a beautiful minibeast made from clay and natural materials.
1	Chaslyn	For her imaginative ideas in English and sentence writing.
2	Amelia M	For independently identifying human features and physical features in her Geography lesson.
3	Sajda	For researching and finding many interesting facts about the Iron age.
4	Afia	For a fantastic news paper article about the Roman Invasion



5	Morgana	Publishing an amazing opinion piece in English about Hidden Figures
6	Shemi	For creating a stunning interpretation of what the resurrection of Jesus may have looked like to Christians.

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <b>Certificate Mentions 25/03/2022</b>            Congratulations to the following people who achieved a certificate this week         </div>  </div>		
Certificate	Name & Class	Level
<b>Lexia</b> <i>(New levels completed)</i>	Zain (J2) Philip (L3) Dragos (J2) Jonathan (S2) Aleena (T3) Wiktoria (S5) Rosie (W6)	4 6 7 8 10 13 14
<b>Maths in a flash</b> <i>(New levels completed)</i>	Hasan, Milana, Inaayah (S2) Kemi, Matas, Markas (J2) Kesar, Deniz (S4) Nikita, Ester (S2) Rexhep, Daniel M (J2) Joel (S2) Lakin (S2)	1 2 4 8
<b>Times Table Rockstars</b> <i>(New speed record!!)</i>	Kai-rone, Jonathan, Fionel (S2) Evie-Rae, Simon, Jay, Orion, Diana, Hussain, Maira, Elena, Sneeha (L3) Matteo, Saarah, Minahil (T3) Isra, Aiden, Christopher, Steven, Maddison, Kydon, Daniel, Nuelf, Maya, Rayan, Kevin, Nasharie, Keianna, Mattias, Diamond, Riad (O4) Daria, Kajus, Jake, Fisayo, Ashaz (S4) Tornadas, Kellicia, Bella (D5) Aydan, Olivia (S5)	
<b>Mathletics Bronze</b>	Robert, Thomas, Kevinas, Ridwan x2, Gaia x2 (C1) Mia x2 (L1) Eric, Matas, Sumaiya x2, Daniel M (J2) Elias x2, Andrew, Joel, Kai'rone, Milana, Hasan (S2) Michael Ch x2, Issa, Orion (L3) David, Henry (T3) Aishah x2, Christopher, Emma, Nuelf, Diamond x2 (O4) Ashaz, Quinel, Henryk, Daria, Yasin, Liam, Kotryna, Fisayo x2, Artjoms (S4) Adetunrayo (D5) Rafan (S5)	
<b>Mathletics Silver</b>	Mia (L1) Matas (J2) Michael Ch, Orion (L3) Christopher, Nuelf (O4) Ashaz, Yasin, Kotryna (S4) Adetunrayo (D5)	
<b>Mathletics Gold</b>	Michael Ch (L3) Christopher (O4) Kotryna (S4)	



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.



**25/03/2022**

House Name	Creola Katherine Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
Value	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard & Cared For
Guppy 1	Arham	Nyla	Layla	Airina	Feliks
Guppy 2	Freddy	Jervanni	Hafsa	Toby	Ayana
Lionfish	Isabelle	Karolis	Amber	Areeb	Frankie
Clownfish	Natali	Merlia	Elena	Darius	Kevin
Jellyfish	Zain	Natalie	Ramisah	Jayden	Dragos
Starfish	Jessica	Ayden	Max	Lakin	Elias
Turtle	Minahil Victoria	Saarah Ruby	Hamzha Nojus	Sofia Olivia	Joshua Kartar
Lobster	Orion	Sneeha	Elena	Waraka	Diana
Octopus	Riad	Diamond	Isra	Steven	Mattias
Seahorse	Ulliel	Alatz	Liam	Deniz	Armani
Stingray	Peter	Aronas	Precious	Ermal	Casandra
Dolphin	Saami	Melissa	Camilla	Danielius	Larissa
Shark	Sam	Arnas	Zannat	Ikran	Aimee
Whale	Amira	Oscar	Matei	Maria	Zarah