



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 29 - 4th May 2022



Dear Parents & Carers,



As you know, this term we are having a focus on handwriting in school and for homework. This is because it was very affected by the Covid lockdowns. Therefore, we need to ensure all of the children are given the support they need to achieve the expected standard for their year group.

Please remember that even if a child is working at their age expected level or at greater depth they can not be assessed at this if their handwriting does not meet the age related expectations!

Much of handwriting is about correct letter formation and then muscle memory, which is why children's handwriting improves when they practice, so please continue to support them by ensuring they practice at home and complete their handwriting homework.

Thank you.



Reminder: school will be closed tomorrow (Thursday 5th May) as we are a polling station.

Take care and stay safe.

Sue Ferguson

General Information

Dates for your diary

The summer term is always busy as there are a number of statutory assessments that take place. We are also delighted to be welcoming back most of our parent and community events.

Week of 9th May - Year 6 SATs

Weeks of 9th & 16th May - Year 2 SATs

Weeks of 16th & 23rd May - 'Changing Me' unit parent meetings (Zoom)

Friday 27th May - EWPS celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Week of 30th May - Half term

Week of 6th June - Year 1 phonics screening and year 4 multiplication check

Week of 20th June - Sports days (details to follow & dependent on weather)

Week of 27th June - Reserve sports day (in case previous week have to be cancelled)

Friday 1st July - Summer Fair (3.30 - 5pm) and the bouncy castles are back!

Wednesday 6th July - Annual reports out and new classes named

Thursday 7th July - Meet new teachers for children & Parents Evening (on site)

Monday 18th July - Y6 Awards Night

Wednesday 20th July - Last day for Nursery


Thursday 21st July - Last day (Reception to year 6) - finish at 1 pm



Relationship, Sex & Health Education - 'Changing Me' Unit

Our 'Changing Me' unit which is part of our RSHE provision will be delivered across the school the week beginning **20th June**. This unit looks at how to keep ourselves safe and puberty changes and was revised during the specific consultation we had with parents in relation to Relationship, Sex & Health Education.

Part of our school commitment is that we always provide parents and carers with the chance to review the materials being used and ask any questions you may have in advance of the sessions taking place. The dates, times and Zoom link for these are below.

Dates	Times	Year Groups	Zoom Link
Monday 16th May	4.00 - 4.30 pm	Reception parents	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82874092418?pwd=SUlhaHdqVXNGdzBheGo3M2ppcGhpdz09 
	4.30 - 5.00 pm	Year 1 parents	
	5.00 - 5.30 pm	Year 2 parents	
Tuesday 17th May	4.30 - 5.00 pm	Year 3 parents	
	5.00 - 5.30 pm	Year 4 parents	
Wednesday 25th May	4.30 - 5.00 pm	Year 5 parents	
	5.00 - 5.30 pm	Year 6 parents	

Our Learning

Year 4 - Museum of London

Year 4 went to the Museum of London to see a Roman exhibition. They enjoyed listening to the explanation on how technology now can allow us to determine the age, gender and life quality of a Roman through their DNA. We also were able to visit part of the remaining Roman wall and explore where the Romans once had stables and kept their horses.



Year 5 - Kew Gardens

This week year 5 visited Kew Gardens to support their learning on the Rainforests in Geography. We took part in a workshop that looked at analysing the temperature and humidity in a rainforest biome, and then used the Palm House as inspiration for our art project. It was great to use the different equipment to measure the conditions and see the diversity of plants and wildlife.'



Learning Tips

Well-being - 5 Ways to Better Wellbeing

Step 3 - Be Active



When you're spending time together as a family, take notice and be aware of the present.

- Bring out the board games and spend some technology free time together
- Create a calm space at home that's free from mess and noise
- Keep a family diary with stories and photos

https://www.samh.org.uk/documents/5_Ways_for_families.pdf



Handwriting

Much of handwriting is about correct letter formation and then muscle memory, which is why children's handwriting improves when they practice. As this a focus for this term in years 1 to 6, please make sure your child completes and returns their handwriting homework.



E- Safety

[Want to know where to look for support on e-safety?](#)

Being a National Online Safety School we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children.



There are a number of guides which can help this, and these can be found on our website www.ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk

Click on the Parent zone at the top and then go to E-Safety Tips.

Community, Wellbeing and Support

The Mayoral and Local Council Elections - 5th May 2022



The Mayoral and Local Council elections are on Thursday, 5 May, and Newham has new ward boundaries in place for these elections and beyond. You may find that you are now in a new ward or that your polling station has changed.

As your polling station may have changed please check your Poll Card for details before you go to cast your vote on 5 May.

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

'Our Newham Work' and 'ABBA Voyage' job opportunities

'Our Newham Work' can support you in finding the right job. The service is free to all Newham residents offering a range of advice and guidance including support services to help you secure employment, these include: improving your CV, identifying exciting career options, advising on jobs to best suit your skills, and good quality apprenticeships for all ages and more.

They are currently working with a new local employer, ABBA Voyage Arena, at Pudding Mill Lane in Stratford. They are looking for big personalities for Visitor Assistants, Retail Super Troopers to sell merchandise and Energetic Bar and Catering People

<https://www.ournewhamwork.co.uk/>

Our Newham Money

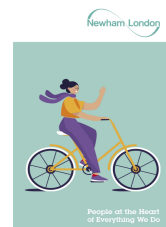
The rising cost of living means financial health is more important than ever. Our Newham Money offers support to Newham residents who may be struggling with debt or the everyday cost of living. This free confidential service can help you secure financial wellbeing and their friendly knowledgeable team can help with emergency support, affordable loans, debt advice and more.

<https://www.ournewhammoney.co.uk/>

Cycle with confidence

Feeling a bit wobbly on two wheels? Never cycled before? Perhaps you just want to brush up on your cycle skills? The Beckton Bikezone is ready to help. Newham has teamed up with Cycle Confident to bring cycling to Beckton Park. Whatever your age or ability, our skilled instructors can help. All events are FREE and if you don't have a bicycle, we can lend you one on the day.

<https://cycleconfident.com/sponsors/newham/>



Beckton and Royal Docks Children's Centre **Activity Calendar (2nd – 27th May 2022)**

Please book after **9:30am** on the **Friday** the week before your sessions
020 7474 0654 email: info@bardcc.org.uk

Mornings

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Messy Monday Under 5's 10:00 – 11:00 Dove Approach entrance Booking Required Music and Movement 10:00 – 11:00 Royal Wharf Community Dock Square Term Time Only	Stay & Play Babies <i>Babies under 1 year</i> 10:00 -11:00 Dove Approach entrance Booking Required	SEND Stay and Play Under 5's 10:30 – 11:30 Dove Approach entrance Booking Required Sing-Along 10:00-11:00 Britannia Village Hall Term Time Only	Sing-Along and Stories Under 5's 10:00 -10:45 Tollgate Road entrance Booking Required	Stay & Play Under 5's 10:00 -11:00 Tollgate Road entrance Booking Required

Afternoons

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Baby Sing-Along and Stories Babies under 1 year 1:30-2:30 Dove Approach entrance Booking Required	Stay & Play Under 5's 1:30-2:30 Tollgate Road entrance Booking Required	Stay & Play Babies Babies under 1 year 1:30 – 2:30 Dove Approach entrance Booking Required Sing-Along 1:30 – 2:30 North Woolwich Library Term Time Only		Stay & Play Under 5's 1:30 - 2:30 Tollgate Road entrance Booking Required

Congratulations

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	Ayana	For writing an invitation to Mrs Ferguson to our tea party
1	Ayden	For independently plotting 12 events on a timeline from the 1400s to present.
2	Luca	For improving his handwriting.
3	Aleena	For working very hard on her phonics and being able to blend and sound out some words.
4	Boris	For writing a suspense filled opening in English
5	Zeynep	For her beautiful work explaining the different layers of the rainforest.
6	Aiden	For revising at home and making excellent progress in his Maths tests.

Assembly Special Mentions

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

Reception - For fabulous behaviour during their first ever whole school assembly in the hall

Year 3 - For behaving well on our trip to Celtic Harmony.



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

Michael Rosen



Certificate Mentions 27/04/2022



Congratulations to the following people who achieved a certificate this week

Certificate	Name & Class	Level
Lexia <i>(New levels completed)</i>	Saule, Diana (S2) Rejus (L3) Luca (S2) Daria (S5) Dragos (J2) Jonathan (S2) Mikail (S5) Zoya (D5) Aleeza (S5) Elias (S2) Any (S6) Rosie (W6)	3 5 6 8 9 10 11 12 13 15
Maths in a flash <i>(New levels completed)</i>	Matas (J2) Nikita (S2) Mariana, Markas (J2) Hasan (S2)	1 2 3
Times Table Rockstars <i>(New speed record!)</i>	Noah, Mattias, Keiaana, Nasharie, Kevin, Naglis, Precious, Rayan, Maya, Boston, Nuelf, Daniel, Maddison, Steven, Christopher, Aishah, Aiden (O4) Miley, Quinel, Henryk, Deor, Kotryna, Fisayo, Afia (S4)	
Mathletics Bronze	Matas, Markas, Natalie, Dragos (J2) Milana (S2) Michael.C (L3) Aiden, Daniel, Rayan, Patricija, (O4) Jake (S4)	
Mathletics Silver	Markas, Dragos (J2) Milana(S2) Kevin (O4) Quinel, Afia (S4)	
Mathletics Gold	Mattias (O4) Fisayo (S4)	
Pen Licences	Dipthi (S6)	



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.



04/05/2022

House Name	Creola Katherine Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
Value	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard & Cared For
Guppy 1	Arham	Laurynas	Patryk	Esther Elizabeth	Rebecca
Guppy 2	Noah	Paula	Simona	Yusuf	Elsie
Lionfish	Ola	Tope	Spencer	Tanya	Helen
Clownfish	Sarah	Nael	Adomas	Sophia	Brittany
Jellyfish	Ramisah	Kenny	Abeera	Sumaiya	Matas
Starfish	Deborah	Hasan	Fionel	Elizabeth	Luca
Turtle	Amina	Sofia	Milana	Hamzha	Minahil
Lobster	Sneeha	Orion	Michael	Yasmine	Tyler
Octopus	Nasharie	Nuelf	Daisy	Maya	Daniel
Seahorse	Paulina	Meer	Deniz	Sofiia	Boris
Stingray	Sofia	Olivia	Nia	Bianca	Precious
Dolphin	Kellicia	Olivia	Saami	Azaan	Amresh
Shark	Kornelija	Jonas	Delia	Maher	Arnas
Whale	Aiden	Kelly	Cristian	Gabriel	Oscar