



## ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 28 - 27th April 2022



Dear Parents & Carers,



### Parent Anti-Bullying Focus Group

We are still looking for further volunteers to join a parent focus group to help review our anti-bullying policy and procedures. Thank you to those of you who have already volunteered. 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.



### Maths Parent Survey

Mr Hanif and Ms Kahraman, who are our Maths Leads, would like to find out more about what our families think and feel about maths to help us create support materials that may be useful. We would really appreciate it if parents/carers could take a couple of minutes to provide your opinions using the link below.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1wGeD\\_W55fWzxpVGQIPscRcJA8A9I8cO1b8UvRrJw\\_P0/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1wGeD_W55fWzxpVGQIPscRcJA8A9I8cO1b8UvRrJw_P0/edit)



### Key Dates

**Please remember there are two closure days next week:**

**Monday 2nd May - school site closed - Bank Holiday**

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

**IMPORTANT**

### And finally...

Eid Mubarak to all our families who will be celebrating in a few days time, we hope you have a wonderful day.

**Take care and stay safe.**

**Sue Ferguson**



## General Information

### Jim Richmond - Funeral Arrangements

It is with great sadness that I wrote last week to inform you that Jim Richmond died in hospital after becoming unwell. Many of our families knew Jim as he was the Premises Manager for many years at EWPS and even after retirement continued to run a Judo club at the school on Tuesdays. He was also a GMB union representative across the borough. Jim devoted a large piece of his life to the community of Beckton and those at Ellen Wilkinson in particular.

A reminder that, with the support of his family, the school will be live streaming Jim's funeral for the community to pay their respects on **Tuesday 3rd May at 4.45 pm**.

If you wish to attend, please arrive at 4.30 pm using the front entrance so we can get people seated before the service starts. The family has requested that people wear bright colours.

Please feel free to pass this invitation onto anyone in the community who knew Jim and wishes to pay their respects even if not directly linked to the school. There will also be the chance to write a message

to the family which we will pass onto them and we will also be holding a collection for Jim's chosen charity.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions and we look forward to celebrating Jim's life with you on Tuesday 3rd May.

### Junior Governing Body Update



Our Junior Governors have been very busy and were involved in many projects in the past year.

They have had the chance to be involved in projects ranging from walk to school badge design nationally to local community work. Some of them had the chance to care for the local community by collecting and correctly discarding litter in Beckton Park. They also have had an opportunity to meet the Head Teacher and discuss and implement the best use of playground equipment.

The JG's were very forthcoming and provided feedback during a taste test to Juniper (our school caterers) for the menu development programme. Some of the Junior Governors from year 4 and year 5 also joined a KS2 virtual conference with other pupils from across the borough to develop a better understanding on managing school projects and how their role impacts the wider school community. Currently, the JGB are working on projects such as the Queen's Platinum Jubilee party and KS1 Newham school conference.

Mr Islam

### Changing Me' Unit

Our 'Changing Me' unit which is part of our PSHE 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. Therefore there will be a parents zoom event for each year group starting the week beginning 16th May. Specific dates and times will be in next week's newsletter.

### Groundworks

We just wanted to say a huge thank you to Groundworks London & their volunteers from Design Studio Associates Ltd, who worked for two days before the holidays in our playground. As part of this work they repaired many of our picnic tables, created an extra quiet area under some trees, made bug hotels, prepped our market garden ready for planting and re-sowed our wildflower meadow. Thank you for all your hard work from all the children, staff and parents of EWPS.



# Our Learning

## Earth Day

Last Friday as part of Earth Day, EWPS celebrated the planet as EYFS to year 5 took part in activities to help them understand that our world is beautiful, but is fragile and is changing faster than plants and animals can adapt. They also learnt about local issues like the trees we have within our school grounds, as well as looking at the wider global effects of climate change. Below is some of the feedback from children. Our year 6 children will be holding their own Earth Day later this term.

Mr O'Dowd

### Maya (4Q)

"We made bird feeders with wire and string. We threaded bread, cheese, chopped apples, raisins and it was a bit tricky to twist the wire but we managed it. We hung them outside for the birds."



### Ryan (2J)

"I used bubble writing and zig-zags to decorate a poster of the Basil plant sale we are having later on this year. We drew a picture of the shop to advertise it."



### Victoria (3T)

"We made a butterfly feeder using a paper plate, some string and mashed banana. We decorated our plates using markers and drew flowers, it was a bit messy."



### Evanna, Feliks, Ismaeel, Zakariya, (Guppy 1)

"We had a list of things to find, and we went outside. We found trees, butterflies and birds."

"I found footprints."

"I found a brown butterfly."

"I found a slug, but it was not on our list."

### Frankie (1L)

"We liked making a painting of some of the trees in our playground. We used hot chocolate, spinach and other leaves to make colours."

### Kellicia (5D)

"We researched what bees need and what we have in our playground for them. We wrote to Mrs Ferguson with our findings so that we can help make our school more bee-friendly."

## Year 3 Celtic Harmony Prehistory Experience

Year 3 enjoyed visiting Celtic Harmony and took part in exciting activities to support our learning of Stone Age to Iron Age. Everyone had the chance to participate in activities such as den building, starting fires using tools, forest hunting and cooking inside roundhouses.



# Learning Tips

## Well-being - 5 Ways to Better Wellbeing

### Step 2 - Be Active



Being active isn't just good for our physical health; it's also proven to have a positive effect on our mental health and wellbeing.

- Swap a daily car or bus journey for a walk together
- Try a new activity or sport together
- Set an exercise challenge to complete as a family each week

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



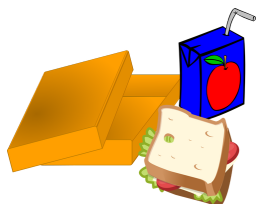
### Handwriting

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.



## Community, Wellbeing and Support

### Advice for packed lunches



A packed lunch can make a valuable contribution to your child's diet and future health. It is important to include a balanced variety of foods so that your child can get all the nutrients they need.

Recent surveys looking at children's lunchboxes found that they were too high in fat (especially saturated fat), salt and sugar, and just under half of lunch boxes contained no fruit.

To help support parents we have attached a leaflet which provides practical tips for you and your child on how to prepare a healthier lunch box. We will also put this on our website in the parent zone tab/ health, wellbeing & safety advice/healthy eating.

<https://www.ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk/page/?title=Healthy+Eating&pid=198>

### Love Clean Streets

Newham Council have launched an app which allows you to report problems such as graffiti, fly-tipping, fly-posting, litter and dog fouling. Most areas in London suffer these problems from time to time, but by using the app it will make the Council aware of issues and they can then deal with them more quickly. There is also a webpage you can report issues on if you don't wish to download the app.

The app 'Love Clean Streets' can be downloaded in the Apple or Google app stores or from

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/contact-information/love-newham-app-website>





## HeadStart Peer Parenting Summer Course



Are you or do you know a parent/carer of a 9-16 year old (5-25 for SEND)?

HeadStart Newham offers a unique 9-10 week 'Being a Parent' course for parents/ carers living or working in the London Borough of Newham.

Join us this May and embark on our Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities Being a Parent Course.

Meet other parents in similar circumstances, build a supportive network and learn practical communication skills for everyday life and bring up confident, happy and co-operative children.

Please see attached our Summer Term course flyers for more details.

You can sign up by using the QR code on the flyer or by simply clicking this link:

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



# WELCOME TO NEWHAM HELPLINE

**For anyone in Newham who is an asylum seeker or refugee, family, friends or host.**

Email:  
[Welcome.Newham@newham.gov.uk](mailto:Welcome.Newham@newham.gov.uk)  
Free phone: **0800 916 8757**  
Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm

**Can provide:** free advice, support and answer questions on how to get help for health, money, food, jobs and housing

**Cannot help with:** case work or immigration status or advice

Many languages spoken

People at the Heart of Everything We Do

## 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	Gabriel	For brilliant phonics skills when writing about landmarks.
1	Sonny	For independent writing in English on how to look after the planet.
2	Kemi	For fantastic addition work in maths and presenting her work beautifully.
3	Sajda	Drawing a beautiful picture of a Bronze Age roundhouse
4	Paulina	Creating a unique and very interesting creature. We cannot wait to

		read all about it in your story next week!
5	Kiya	For demonstrating great empathy when describing a character.
6	Dipthi	For writing wonderfully descriptive sentences in English.



### Assembly Special Mentions

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

**Year 2** - Year 2 behaved fantastically on our trip to Suntrap this week. They were attentive, respectful and engaged with all of the tasks even when they found building a den a bit tricky! Well done Year 2.

**Year 5** - Year 5 for showing great resilience and determination to complete the activities at Fairplay House. You are all inspirational. We are so proud of how you overcome any anxieties and fears. You smashed it! Well done.

### 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



### Certificate Mentions 27/04/2022

Congratulations to the following people who achieved a certificate this week



Certificate	Name & Class	Level
<b>Lexia</b> (New levels completed)	Emilijus (J2) Ayden (S2) Daria (S5) Micah (S6) Mikail (S5) Elias (S2) Nia (S5) Zannat (S6)	5 8 9 11 14
<b>Maths in a flash</b> (New levels completed)	Ryan, Kemi (J2) Rachel, Nikita (S2) Jahleeka, Mary, Olivia, Jannah, Niah, Melissa (D5) Lily, Agnija, Wictoria, Daria, Mikail (S5) Zeynep (D5) Matas	1 2 4
<b>Times Table Rockstars</b> (New speed record!)	Joel (S2) Paulina, Daria, Kesar, Ilyas, Quinel, Deor, Kajus, Liam, Jake, Fisayo, Afia (S4) Diana, Maira, Sneehea, Waraka (L3)	
<b>Mathletics Bronze</b>	Rexhep, Abeera, Emilijus, Sumaiya, Raphael, Matas, Liepa, Daniel M, Kenny, David (J2) Luca, Elias x2, Andrew, Joel, Kai'rone, Saule. Jonathan, Elizabeth,	

	Majus, Milana, Ester, Hasan (S2) Ashaz, Quinel, Petra, Daria, Afia, Kotryna, Jake, Ilyas, Fisayo, Ulliel, Artjoms (S4)	
<b>Mathletics Silver</b>	Sumaiya, David (J2) Elias, Joel, Majus (S2) Daria, Jake, Ilyas (S4)	
<b>Mathletics Gold</b>	Elias (S2)	



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.



**27/04/2022**

House Name	Creola Katherine Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
Value	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard & Cared For
Guppy 1	Zakariyya	Zaki	Alex C	Hadassah	Zahra
Guppy 2	Ayana	Musa	Sameel	Samara	Freddy
Lionfish	Chaslyn	Austeja	Jibrail	Mia	Mihail
Clownfish	Robert	Thomas	Nefeli	Iqra	Gaia
Jellyfish	Dragos	Liepa	Matvii	Ryan	Daniel M
Starfish	Jonathan	Diana	Jessica	Ester	Majus
Turtle	Joshua	David M	Ruby	Amina	Nojus
Lobster	Elena	Evie	Philip	Aleena	Waraka
Octopus	Mattias	Maya	Diamond	Kevin	Maddison
Seahorse	Nicoleta	Paulina	Yasin	Ryan	Ilyas
Stingray	Kiya Nuraz C	Maria Casandra	Aronas Maxi	Nuraz A Rafan	Aydan Precious

Dolphin	Olivia Larissa	Enrikas Adetunrayo	Ahmed Niah	Jannah Bella	Jahleeka Melissa
Shark	Hawa	Dipthi	Ianys	Sam	Shemi
Whale	Sam	Neeriah	Isaac	Ieva	Rosie