



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 33 - 8th June 2022



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back. We hope you had an enjoyable half term and managed to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

We were delighted to see so many of you join us for tea and cake to celebrate before we broke up for the holidays and we hope you had a wonderful time. There is a special Jubilee newsletter edition that will be sent to you later this week which captures some of the special moments of the day and also has the amazing scone recipe as requested by so many of you (thank you Mrs Anderson!)

Due to our Jubilee celebrations we did not have time to do our normal celebration assembly before we broke up, so there will not be a 'Congratulations' section in this newsletter, but we will have double the amount of mentions next week!

Take care and stay safe.

Sue Ferguson

General Information

Sports Days

Please find below the details for this year's sports days, and we are delighted to be inviting parents back to view some of the events.



Basic information

- Years 1 to 6 will have a full day sports day, Reception and Nursery will have half day
- Children need to wear a full PE kit to school on their sports day and all children participate (some events may be adapted to support access for some of our children)
- Please make sure your child brings their water bottles, puts on sunscreen and wears a cap or sun hat if it is hot.
- Children will participate in a range of events during their day, moving from activity to activity.
- We are hoping to see the return on parent events too - so bring your trainers!

Please Note - Weather

- Sports days take place outside and so are weather dependent.
- We will text parents on the morning of your event to confirm if it is taking place or not that day.
- We have therefore also supplied below the reserve date if we have to cancel and rearrange.

Please Note - Parent times and access

- Even though some year groups have a whole day, parent access to view will be limited to certain times.
- This is because we still need to hold breaks and lunchtimes which would be very hard to do if parents are on site all day.
- Don't worry you will still get to see your child participate in several events if you arrive for the start of the session!
- Access for parents of years 1-6 will be Mitchell Walk (at the back of the school)
- Access for Reception & Nursery parents will be the side gate by Little Ellies (Tollgate Road, the one reception usually use)
- Seating will be available (although your children will be moving across the site so you may just wish to follow them!)

Dates & Times

Please see the table on the next page for dates and times for your child's year group.

SPORTS DAYS DATES & TIMES	Guppy 1 & Morning Nursery	Guppy 2 & Afternoon Nursery	Years 1, 2 & 3	Years 4, 5 & 6
Dates	Wednesday 22nd June	Wednesday 22nd June	Wednesday 22nd June	Tuesday 21st June
Reserve dates (if cancelled due to weather)	Wednesday 29th June	Wednesday 29th June	Tuesday 28th June	Wednesday 29th June
Length of sports day	Half day (morning)	Half day (afternoon)	Whole day	Whole day
Parent access times	10.00 - 11.30 am	1.30 - 3.00 pm	1.30 - 3.00 pm	1.30 - 3.00 pm
Parent access gates	Reception gate (by Little Ellies)	Reception gate (by Little Ellies)	Mitchell Walk gate (back of the school)	Mitchell Walk gate (back of the school)

Chair of Governors' Update

Governing Body meeting held on 19th May



We began by welcoming our newly appointed parent governor, Natalia Wiezbicka to the meeting.

This being the first meeting of the new financial year, our most critical task was to agree the budget, which sets out how the school plans to allocate its funds over the coming year. With the continued squeeze on income and increasing costs, we also considered how the school is planning to reduce expenditure overall, whilst maintaining a full and exciting curriculum experience for all pupils.

Ms Ferguson presented her termly headteacher's report. This included information about pupil numbers and the very positive attendance and punctuality figures. The report also covered development of the curriculum including plans for enhancing music provision and first aid workshops held recently for years 1 - 6. As always, we had an update on provision for children with special educational needs, Safeguarding, Health and Safety, Equity in Diversity and Early Years.

We were impressed to hear about the projects being undertaken by the Junior Governing Body and we are planning to spend a half day in school later this month where we will have the opportunity to meet with them and discuss their ideas.

Governors also reviewed a number of school policies including Food, Safeguarding, Mental Health, PE and Active Lifestyle, Well-being and School Uniform.

Marie Christie (Chair of Governors)

Birthday Sweets



Please remember that if you are sending your child to school with treats for their classmates on their birthdays, they need to be nut free. A box of 'Celebrations' should also be avoided due to their nut content. This is due to allergies. We thank you for your support with this.

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 20th June - Changing Me unit across the school

Week of 20th June - Sports days

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



Learning Tips

Maths - Practice!

Remember to keep practising your maths facts using Maths in a Flash, Mathletics & TTRS!

Reading - Little tip

If your child is watching their favourite tv programme or film - put the subtitles on! Every little bit helps!



E- Safety - Help?

As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online.

You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child safe online. The UK Safer Internet Centre has lots of advice and resources to support you as you support your child to use the internet safely, responsibly and positively.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>



Beauty of Beckton Art Competition

We are always looking for ways to celebrate our local area so we are taking part in an art competition 'Beauty of Beckton' run by Attic Self Storage. Draw, paint or create a picture depicting the 'Beauty of Beckton' and show us what you like the most about our area. Take a picture of your artwork and submit your pictures using the link below, or bring them to school after the half term and your teacher will submit them for you. Winning artworks will be displayed in their new branch. **You could win £500 in art supplies for EWPS, and for each entry Attic will donate £5 to the local Richard House Children's Hospice.**

<https://www.atticstorage.co.uk/blog/beauty-of-beckton-submit-your-artworks-here>



Well-being - Ideas for family time

Parents and carers play an important role in your child's mental health. Place2Be have developed and recommended resources to help you support your child's wellbeing. Their wellbeing resources for families can help you start conversations with your child, and encourage you to enjoy quality time together as a family. All of which are important for your wellbeing too!

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/wellbeing-resources-for-families/>



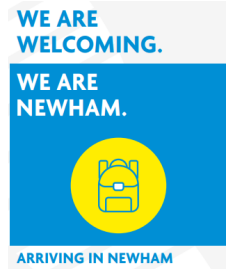
Community, Wellbeing and Support

Welcome to Newham helpline and Champions group

Newham has set up a new helpline for asylum seekers, refugees, family, friends or hosts. The helpline is free and can provide advice and support on many topics including how to get help for health, money, food, jobs and housing. The helpline has interpreters who speak many different languages, including Ukrainian, Russian and Romanian. Contact the helpline via email:

Welcome.Newham@newham.gov.uk or **Freephone: 0800 916 8757**

(Monday – Friday 10am-5pm). For immigration advice contact the Ukrainian Advice Project on projectu@dlapiper.com or visit <https://adviceukraine.co.uk/>



There is also a 'Welcome to Newham' Champions group for anyone who would like updates on support, advice, rules and services relating to asylum seekers and refugees settling in Newham.

Email: welcomenewhamchampions@newham.gov.uk or **WhatsApp: 07977156899**

Welcome guides and leaflets are also available for new arrivals from Ukraine and Ukrainian residents of Newham. If you would like to order copies of the leaflets to share, please contact Matt Bury on Matt.Bury@newham.gov.uk

Coffee & Chat with Newham Headstart

A warm, safe and confidential space for parents/carers to connect and learn together.

- Open and honest conversations
- Sharing lived experiences
- Tools, Tips & Advice

June 8th 10am face to face Canning Town Library

June 22nd 6pm Virtual

Theme: Parents wellbeing

July 6th 10am Stratford Library

13th July 6pm Virtual

Theme: Transitions



To sign up, please follow the link:

https://newham-self.achieveservice.com/service/Parenting_Support_Referral

Therapeutic workshops

Newham CAMHS offers online therapeutic workshops for young people and parents/carers who live in Newham and would like advice and support to improve their mental health and wellbeing.

The following workshops are now available for registration:

June 1- Managing My Mood

June 8 - Managing Anxiety and Worries

June 15 - Managing Conflict & Arguments

June 29 - Anger

July 6 - Sleep

The workshops are held online and take place on **Wednesdays at 3.30pm for 90 minutes.**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/newham-camhs-workshops-23209370238>

