



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at parents evening last week and hope you found the event helpful. It was particularly nice being able to stop and talk to many of you in the main hall as you looked at the information stands as you sampled some of the dishes from the lunch menu (which we hoped you enjoyed).

Next year's term dates

Next year's term date cards will be sent home with your child today. They are also available on our website

Hot weather

Thank you for your continued support during the hot weather, by making sure your child wears sunscreen, a hat and brings in a water bottle.



End of Year

Wednesday 20th July - Last day for Nursery

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

Take care and stay safe.

Sue Ferguson

Governing Body Visit

We were delighted to welcome members of the Governing Body into school; for the afternoon recently. They spent time with the children in the lunch hall and playground and toured school with our ambassadors, looking at work, visiting lessons and speaking to children. They also spent time with our Junior Governing Body to discuss ideas about what the school should concentrate on next to move us forward.



Governor's Survey

We value the opinions of everyone in our school and believe that the more we work together, the better the outcome for our pupils. To support this, every year the



Governing Body conducts a parents' survey to ascertain your views of the school. These are then used to help inform our school evaluation and future planning.

Therefore, if you have not already completed a paper copy, we would ask that you please take a couple of minutes to fill out this short survey. Any responses that have a name attached will automatically be entered for our prize draw to win £25 of uniform vouchers.

[Governor's Annual Survey 2022](#)

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Book

Children in years 1 to 6 will be bringing home a book this week to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It will help your child understand the life and time of our Queen over the past 70 years and learn about the rich history of the UK and the commonwealth.

Our Learning

St Mark's Church Visit - Year 5

This week Year 5 made a visit to St Mark's Church in Beckton as part of our R.E unit on Christianity. We were fortunate to meet with Pastor Peter who answered our many questions on the history of Christianity and how the Bible teaches Christians forgiveness.



Stranger Danger

Both the Year 5 classes were able to take part in a 'Stranger Danger' workshop here at EWPS, which focused on safety and awareness. The children were taken through potentially life-saving scenarios and embedded their knowledge of how to keep safe in a variety of situations. This fun, yet effective session, helped our children to develop important skills that will allow them to make the right choices in risky situations.

Jasmin, D5

During our workshop we learnt about stranger danger. We were taught that this was a problem and how to prevent this from happening. We were asked questions and watched a video about what this danger can cause. I enjoyed this workshop because it allowed me to stay alert.

Jasmin y5 Dolphin

Arijus, S5

Stranger danger is a warning that others. Some strangers can be dangerous. We were taught about it. I enjoyed it because I learned a lot of things to help me stay safe.

Zeynep, D5

At the stranger danger workshop I learned how to walk to school by myself and if I met a stranger I will get help from my teacher and walk to my destination.

Zeynep

Daria, S5

Extremism

Recently, both Year 5 classes were invited to take part in a workshop to discuss extremism and radicalisation. The session enabled the children to gain a better understanding of what makes people vulnerable and to recognise these issues.

Adeturayo, D5

In the extremism workshop we learnt about what extremism means when someone has hatred or violence to another person if doesn't have to be true it could be false.

Adeturayo, Dolphin

Ahmed, D5

In the extremism workshop we learnt about what extremism meant. The workshop taught us how to stay safe and how to help others. We also learned that if it was extremist or not, extremism will spread the message and make it better.

Ahmed - Dolphin

Morgana, D5

In the extremism workshop we learnt about what extremism means. We were taught that if someone has a bad attitude or someone has a bad attitude, it's called extremism. We also learned that if it was extremist or not, extremism will spread the message and make it better.

Morgana Dolphin year 5

Aronas, S5

The extremism was a fun workshop because we learned about the other things and they took back to one of our lessons with Mrs Frank and we learned that it was Not Extremist. Both examples of it was: Not Extremist Both or Extremist.

Investigating River Thames Visit - Year 3

Year 3 attended a workshop to investigate River Thames which was related to our big question -Water, Friend or Foe? The sessions included a fieldwork on the riverside & foreshore and carried out hands on investigations using a wide range of resources.



Learning Tips

The Summer Reading Challenge is back

It is time once again for the Summer Reading Challenge – a national reading programme to inspire a love of reading and prevent the holiday reading dip.

The theme for the Summer Reading Challenge 2022 is 'Gadgeteers' involving six fictional characters who use their curiosity and wonder to understand the science behind a whole range of interests from fashion and technology to cooking and music.

In its second year of a pilot scheme with The Reading Agency, Newham's libraries are working with all Newham primary schools to ensure that all children are registered to take part. To continue the challenge children will need to pop into any Newham library with their collector folder, take out, read and return books. The library teams will award 'Gadgeteer' themed prizes and stickers for every two books your child reads and a medal and certificate when your child reads six books or more.



The library is working on lots of Fantastic FREE events to support the Summer Reading Challenge. You will be able to find information about these events on their [eventbrite](#) page very soon.

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



Well-being The five ways to wellbeing

We know parenting isn't always easy. Although it's often amazing and rewarding to watch your children grow up, and to help them learn to be independent, it can also be really hard work. It can feel especially hard if your child's mood and behaviour seem different and you're not sure why, or what you can do to help. But you are not alone!

There is lots of practical advice and tips on supporting your child - from how to encourage your child to open up about their feelings to dealing with mental health services. No matter what you and your child are going through, things can get better

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/>

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.

Friday 15th July - Nursery graduation

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

Free School Meals Vouchers

If your child is eligible for free school meals you will shortly be receiving a voucher for the summer holidays. This will be emailed to you so please make sure you check your junk/spam folders. If you have any issue accessing this please call the school by Tuesday 19th July so we can help you.



We Need Your Help?

Our train is in desperate need of a makeover!

It has been here since the school opened 37 years ago and is starting to look very unloved.

Could you spare some time to help give it a new lease of life? We will provide the materials and would be grateful for any time you could offer.

If you can help out please email info@ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk and let us know your availability.

Once the train has had its much needed makeover it will need to be named. Please keep a look out for the upcoming competition for the children to take part in.

Community, Wellbeing and Support

Beckton Parks Masterplan **Co-designing a Sustainable Future for our Green Spaces.**

Newham Council are working with residents and community stakeholders to create a future vision for the Beckton Parks Masterplan area.

The area covers 2 council wards: Beckton and Custom House. It includes the largest amount of local authority managed green space in the borough and a variety of leisure and community facilities situated within Beckton District Park (North and South), New Beckton Park, Beckton Corridor, Newham City Farm Site and King George V Park:

The landscape offers enormous potential to create new and improved sports, leisure, wildlife and community led opportunities through improving existing spaces and facilities and re-purposing areas to better meet local needs.

Exhibition dates: Launch event - **Friday 15 July; 6-8pm**
Please book via [Eventbrite](#).

Saturday 16 July - Monday 18 July 2022 - The exhibition will stay on display outside Will Thorne Pavillion throughout the whole weekend so you can take a look at any time.

Wednesday 20 July – Friday 19 August; Beckton Globe Library

Tuesday 23 August – Tuesday 6 September; Custom House Library



Copies of the Beckton Parks Playbook will be available from both libraries after 15 July.

Evening and weekend GP appointments. Share your thoughts.

Across the country the NHS has asked local GP practices to review the times, locations and services they're able to provide in the evenings, at weekends and on bank holidays.

The local NHS in Newham is seeking patient views on the types of GP and nurse appointments that should be available and how they are delivered locally to ensure proposed plans meet the needs of residents across Newham. By sharing your views, you can help provide vital feedback to shape these new plans and make sure local practices are providing the right services at the right times and locations for local people.



<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/eveningandweekendappts>

Tackling Litter in Newham

Newham Council is tackling street litter by promising to fine anyone who drops litter. A new Enforcement contract started in July adding capacity to our existing enforcement team to tackle litter problems.

£150 fixed penalty notices will be issued for dropping any litter.

Cigarette butts, chewing gum and spitting will all be targeted in the crackdown.

The Council has appointed a contractor – Kingdom Local Authority Support - to tackle the problem of litter on Newham's streets.

The contractor will add capacity to the Council's internal team, providing further visible enforcement presence on the streets.



Free places to visit during the Summer Holidays

The summer holidays can be a long and expensive six weeks to keep the children occupied. However there are lots of free places to visit locally and around London.

Here are a few ideas for you:

Parks

- Beckton District Park
- Brampton Park
- Hermit Road Recreation Ground
- Central Park
- Plashet Park
- West Ham Park
- Olympic Park, Stratford



Museums

- Museum of London Docklands
- Hackney Museum
- Museum of the Home
- Museum of London
- British Museum
- Young V&A
- Science Museum
- National History Museum



Swimming Pools

Swimming is FREE to all Newham residents aged under 16. Charges will apply for Fun sessions with inflatables and water slides.

- East Ham Leisure Centre
- Newham Leisure Centre
- Atherton Leisure Centre (limited)



Other

- The Greenway - great for bike rides
- Jubilee Walkway
- London City Airport
- Mudchute Farm
- Hackney City Farm
- Libraries: Beckton Globe, Custom House, East Ham, Canning Town, Stratford.



Booking May be required, please check via their website www.activenewham.org.uk

For more ideas on free or cheap family days out check out: [Free things to do in London | Day Out With The Kids](#)

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	James	For fabulous descriptive writing.
1	Nicole	For making her very own story book and reading it to the class. Amazing work Nicole!
2	Inaayah	For her amazing recount of why the Great Fire of London spread so quickly.
3	Jason	Writing two pages of amazing sentences about what he would do if he were living in the Stone Age.
4	Ilyas	For leading his groups in a maths lesson solving reasoning problems.
5	Mary	Writing a very creative script in English, and including fantastic devices

Assembly Special Mentions

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

Year 4 - For amazing dedication to learning their times tables that has resulted in incredible speeds and fantastic scores! We are all so proud of you!



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



Malalah Yousafzai

Certificate Mentions 08/07/2022

Congratulations to the following people who achieved a certificate this week

Certificate	Name & Class	Level
Lexia <i>(New levels completed)</i>	Emilijus (J2) Armani (S4) Jonathan (S2)	7 13
Times Table Rockstars <i>(New speed record!)</i>	Natalie, Abeera, Rexhep, Ryan, Jayden, Daniel M (J2) Jonathan (S2) Issa, Maira (L3) Christopher Steven, Maddison, Diamond, Precious, Noah (O4) Sofiia, Henryk (S4) Amresh (D5) Maria (S5)	
Mathletics Bronze	Dragos, Sumaiya (J2) Andrew, Kai'rone (S2) Christopher (O4) Nicoleta, Artjoms Fisayo (S4)	
Mathletics Silver	Dragos, Sumaiya (J2) Andrew (S2) Artjoms (S4)	
Mathletics Gold	Elena (L3)	
Pen Licences	Marli (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.



08/07/2022

House Name	Creola Katherine Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
Value	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard & Cared For
Guppy 1	Layla	Aisha	Yousuf	Matei	Nyla
Guppy 2	Masheedat	Ryan	Matrix	Niamh	Ayana
Lionfish	Mihail	Karolis	Chaslyn	Iulian	Tessa
Clownfish	Eliora	Sarah	Darius	Nicole	Shannon
Jellyfish	Liepa	Abeera	Daniel L	Bogdan	David
Starfish	Jonathan	Diana	Inaayah	Luca	Andrew
Turtle	Ruby	Nabeel	Minahil	Maverick	Aleena
Lobster	Jay	Simon	Vesta	Sarah	Elena
Octopus	Keiaana	Dijana	Patricija	Oliver	Kydon
Seahorse	Boris	Deor	Khadija	Alatz	Artjoms
Stingray	Rafan	Olivia	Lauryn	Mikail	Aydan
Dolphin	Azaan	Tornadas	Melissa	Mary	Ariana
Shark	Aimee	Jayden	Rubena	Emily	Jonas
Whale	Oscar	Maria	Grace	Kelly	Gabriel