



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 39 - 20th July 2022



Dear Parents & Carers,

I can't believe that this is the final newsletter of the year! I'm afraid it is also one of the longest, because there is so much to cover including:

- Feedback from the Governors
- General information
- Learning tips for the holidays
- Community wellbeing and support
- Ideas and activities for the summer holidays (including lots of ideas about free ones!)
- Final celebrations for the year
- A goodbye tribute to our year 6 children

End and start of the year

Please remember that tomorrow (Thursday 21st July) is the last day and year 6 finishes at 12 and Reception to Year 5 **finishes at 1 pm.**

Years 1 to 6, the first day back is Monday 5th September. A letter has already been emailed to you this afternoon with arrangements for the first week back including slight changes to the time gates are open in the morning.



Goodbyes

We are sorry to say goodbye to Ms Afghan, who rejoined us for a short while this academic year and thank her for her hard work. We will also be saying goodbye to Ms Prendergast who has completed her teaching apprentice training and will be joining the teaching staff at North Beckton after having first joined EWPS as a teaching assistant. Having been at the school for over 10 years we wish her well on this next exciting step of her journey.

And finally ...



Unfortunately I will miss being able to wish you all a happy summer in person as I am having to work from home because of Covid! Therefore this newsletter will have to do it for me. I just want to say a huge thank you for all your support through this challenging year, and for the positivity you have shown to ensure your children are able to thrive.

I'm sure you join me in also thanking the amazing staff team and committed governors that have continued to make sure your children have the very best support, experience and education to help them flourish. Despite the challenges of recent years it is wonderful to look back at the last 12 months and know that the EWPS family continues to go from strength to strength as we truly believe that we should be 'Learning to grow and succeed together'!

Take care, stay safe and have a fabulous summer.

Sue Ferguson



Governor's Survey

The Governors met last Thursday, our last meeting for this academic year. At this meeting we received Ms Ferguson's termly report which covers any developments, events and the progress made within the curriculum. Ms Ferguson also presented the positive key stage 1 and key stage 2 results for the School, which reflect the efforts made by pupils and their staff this year.

We received the latest report from our School Improvement Advisor, who is appointed by the Local Authority and visits Ellen Wilkinson each term. This report was also very positive about all aspects of the School.

In June, the governors all spent a half day visiting Ellen Wilkinson, meeting with the Junior Governing Body and being taken on tours of the School by year 6 Ambassadors. Each governor also spent some time talking to pupils about their particular link responsibility, including Maths, English, Humanities, Early Years and Wellbeing. We were all very impressed by the focus on learning in classrooms, on the displays of pupil work around the School and the pride, confidence and enthusiasm shown by all the pupils we met.

A big thank you to parents and carers who completed our recent survey. These surveys help us to see where you feel the School is supporting you and your child well and if there are any areas of concern we need to address. We will collate the results and publish them in our newsletter next term.

Finally, may I wish the staff and pupils a well deserved restful Summer holiday.

Marie Christie, Chair of Governor's

Our Learning

Dan the Skipping Man

Years 1-4 were very fortunate to have Dan the Skipping Man in to help us develop our skipping skills. I hope to see these different types of skips out in the playground in September! **Ms Dains**



Year 5 Art Matters Visit

This week, some of year 5 had the opportunity to visit the University of East London to look at an exhibition of children's artwork across the borough. We also participated in an Art workshop, run by our very own Ms Sreedharan. We were fortunate to be able to see our own work exhibited - We were very proud. A fun morning was had by all! **Mrs Willis**

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.

Writing

The power of words

It is really important for children to have a wide vocabulary. Encourage your child to create their own thesaurus. Throw out words such as 'nice', 'good' and 'walk', encouraging them to get more creative with their language.



Why not then get them to design their own comic stories to help use this more interesting vocabulary?

Art

Try to find time everyday to practise your art. You will feel better for it! It does not matter what resources you have. The back of an envelope or the inside of a cereal box and a pen or pencil will do. Just make time to express yourself!



Maths (younger children)

It's important that even young children begin to understand numbers. This can be done through activities regularly such as:

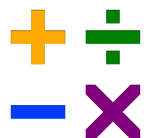


- Stick up different numbers from 0-10 around the house and ask your child to find a number and bring it to you as quickly as they can! Time it to see how long it takes and they can practice beating their score.
- Get them to match the number of objects to the number
- Order groups of items from smallest to biggest.

Maths (older children)

Knowing their multiplication tables really helps children's development in maths. Whether you prefer to chant them, sing them or use Times Table Rock Stars this is the aspect that a little bit of practice every day can make a huge difference!

Practice is the key! Remember to build in a little time each week during the holidays for practice, whether it is Times Table rockstars, Mathletics or your own games!



E- Safety

Stay safe online this summer

It's understandable that children may be spending more time online during the holidays so National Online Safety have published a helpful one page guide to help you keep your child safe. This includes tips such as reporting bad behaviour online, making time for other hobbies and not giving out personal information. The guide is one other attachments with this newsletter and can also be found with other information 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 - 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

General Information

Stem Enthuse Programme



Free Breakfast Items

This week children eligible for Free School Meals and families who have previously requested will be bringing home bagels and cereal for the summer holidays. There will also be an opportunity for you to come and collect some more items from the main office on:

**Friday 19th August
10.00am-11.00am
or
Tuesday 23rd August
1.00pm-2.00pm**



Community, Wellbeing and Support

Community Assemblies 2022/23 Get involved in your local Community Assembly

We have had lots of exciting ideas for how to spend £100,000 to improve each neighbourhood across Newham. It's now time to vote on which projects you think will most benefit your local community. This is your chance to directly influence how local funds are spent in your area.

Visit the [Community Assemblies page](#) now to view the projects in your local area and cast your vote. You can vote once in each neighbourhood. You will be assigned £100,000 to allocate to projects which are the most important to you. There is a short tutorial you can watch [here](#) on how to choose your favourite projects and submit your vote. You will need to register on Newham Co-create before you can vote.

Voting is now live and you have until Wednesday 27th July to submit your vote to help decide which projects should receive funding.

Get involved, share the platform, encourage friends and family to sign up and participate!

South Asian Heritage Month

Newham celebrates South Asian Heritage Month from 18 July-17 August with a vibrant



programme of events.

The programme includes a range of events including film screenings, food events, arts and culture showcases and more, taking place across the borough. Highlights include:

South Asian Games - Central Park, 30 July, 12pm
Ahimsa Gandhi: The Power of the Powerless Film Screening & Q&A - Stratford East Picturehouse, 4 August, 6.30pm.

An Evening of Qawwali - Stratford Town Hall, 17 August 6.30pm

<https://www.newhamsouthasianheritage.org/>

Summer Holidays


Newham Summer Holiday Programme

Along with this newsletter you will be sent the Newham Summer Holiday programme. The online version of this can be found here: [Activities for young people in Newham](#)


Ambition Aspire Achieve
Registered Charity Number: 1167816

SUMMER HOLIDAY PLAYScheme

TERENCE BROWN ARC
Hermit Road Park, Bethell Avenue, E16 4JT
FREE for all 5 to 11 years olds
Monday to Friday 10:00am to 3:00pm
From 25th July 2022 to 19th August 2022


Ambition Aspire Achieve
Registered Charity Number: 1167816

SUMMER HOLIDAY PLAYScheme

GLYN HOPKIN ABBEY HUB
6 Gay Road, Stratford, E15 2RN
FREE for all 5 to 11 years olds
Tuesday to Saturday 2:30pm to 6:30pm
From 2nd August 2022 to 20th August 2022

Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

We are working hard to support those most in need. Our Newham services have seen significant increases in requests for help, particularly from families requesting help with energy bills and basic food.



Our Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme to support young people in Newham has also now opened for families to access.

[Holiday Activities and Food programme \(HAF\) – Activities for young people in Newham](#)

Free summer activities for young people in Newham

As part of our commitment to building a fairer Newham, we are offering a universal and inclusive programme of free activities for children and young people of various ages, to participate in this summer.

The offer will be available from July to September across the borough's leisure centres, youth clubs, parks and libraries and will include activities suitable for our vulnerable children and those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Please spread the word and let this be a fantastic summer for our children and young people.



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

For information on the Holiday and activities food programme, please visit: www.newham.gov.uk/haf

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)



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

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.



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	Airina	For fantastic phonics skills.
1	Frankie	For her excellent fact file on London Landmarks
2	Ryan	For being extremely knowledgeable in his history work on the Great Fire of London.
3	Nojus	For beautifully presenting his work every lesson
4	Patricija	For an animated performance during her earthquake warning video.
5	Maria	Fantastic hard work on her adaptation of the Tempest playscript.

Assembly Special Mentions

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



Year 6 - Congratulations Year 6 for performing brilliantly in the first EWPS production for the first time in three years. You did yourselves proud.

Guppy 1 - For performing so well in front of their parents during their first assembly last week.

Guppy 2 - They will be performing their very first assembly this afternoon - well done for their practice thus far.

Year 1 - For their brilliant behaviour on our trip to Margate beach. Well Done to you all!

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

Overall House Winners 2022

Congratulations to this year's house winners:

Creola Katherine Johnson

The children in this house were treated to an afternoon at the park and an ice lolly to keep cool!



Certificate Mentions 15/07/2022



Congratulations to the following people who achieved a certificate this week



Certificate	Name & Class	Level
Lexia (New levels completed)	Daria (S5) Melissa, Jannah, Niah, Olivia Jahleeka (D5) Wiktoria, Aleeza, Mikail, Kiya, Daria, Agnija (S5) Mary (D5) Zeynep (D5) Daria (S5)	1 2
Times Table Rockstars (New speed record!)	Natalie, Emilijus, Matas, Jayden, Daniel M (J2) Jonathan (S2) Jahleeka (D5) Aleeza, Maria, Radoslav (S5)	
Mathletics Bronze	Sumaiya (J2) ,Elias (S2) & Daria (S4)	
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.



15/07/2022

House Name	Creola Katherine Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
Value	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard & Cared For
Guppy 1	Amber	Zakariyya	Jake	Yousuf	Kayden
Guppy 2	Mahdiya	Samara	Isabella	Zoya	Sehajnad
Lionfish	Spencer	Jibrail	Iulian	Isabelle	Ola
Clownfish	Harry	Kevinas	Ridwan	Robert	Merlia
Jellyfish	Kemi	Emilijus	Matas	Daniel M	Sumaiya
Starfish	Majus	Luca	Samarah	Hasan	Saule
Turtle	Micheal	Jahdel	Eliana	Henry	Saarah
Lobster	Evie	Rhea	Jason	Sneeha	Maira
Octopus	Isra	Diamond	Emma	Nasharie	Kydon
Seahorse	Meer	Ryan	Miley	Kesar	Paulina
Stingray	Vanessa	Maxi	Zain	Ermal	Aleeza
Dolphin	Zoya	Ali	Morgana	Camilla	Adetunrayo
Shark	Zannat	Paul	Delia	Maher	Tade
Whale	Zarah	Maria	Gabriel	Isabel	Marli

Year 6 Leavers



End of Year Production - Willy Wonka
For this year's production, Year 6 performed Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. The year 6 pupils had the task of presenting themselves in the mould of their



character ; trying to replicate their personalities. Although it was tricky at first, they were brilliant at learning and adapting to become the character. All of the pupils had to learn dance routines and songs- 14 in total. After 3 long years without a performance, this production didn't disappoint. The pupils did absolutely amazing and that is testament to their hard work and dedication from the very first practice session. Well done year 6. You did yourselves proud.



Awards Evening

On Monday 18th July 2022 Year 6 were invited to an Awards Evening to mark the end of their time at EWPS. There were lots of laughter and a few tears looking back on the wonderful memories the children and staff hold. Awards were given for:

- Maths - Oscar and Arnas
- English - Neeriah and Sam
- Science - Sofia and Dipthi
- Speeches - Shark Girls
- Art and DT - Ava and Delia
- PE - Marli and Any
- Music - Sam T and Danyal
- Computing - Theo and Ianys
- MFL - Gabriele and Kornelija
- Humanities - Isabel and Sara
- RE and PSHE - Aiden and Shemi
- Attendance



WHALE - Silver

Matei, Daniel, Zarah, Isabel, Maria, Kelly, Amira, Ieva, Ava, Sam T, Sofia

Whale - Gold

Aiden, Neeriah, Theo, Grace, Isaac

SHARK - Silver

Danya, Ianys, Kornelija, Arnas, Micah, Hawam Ikran, Shemi, Any, Rubena, Emily-Grace

Shark - Gold

Dipthi Maher, Zannat, Sara-Iqura, Tade, Jayden

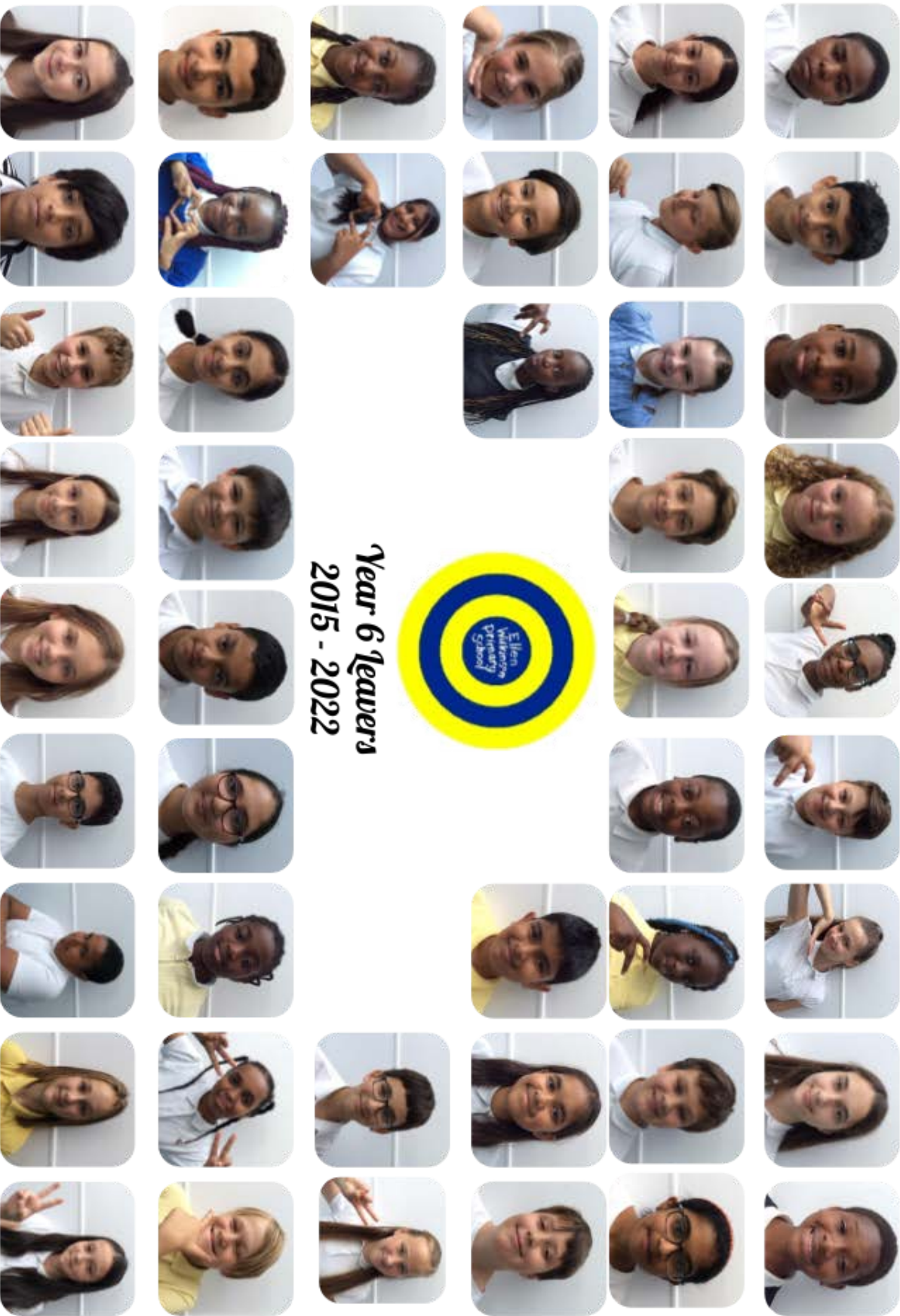
- House Values

*Inspire Gabriele and Jayden
Respect Emily and Junaid
Resilient Daniel E and Zannat
Success Maria and Maher
Heard and Cared For- Amira and Micah*



- *Governors Award - Isaac and Hawa*
- *House Captains - Paul, Zannat, Ikran, Jonas, Matei, Aiden, Daniel E, Joseph, Maria and Neeriah*
- *Ambassadors - Hawa, Micah, Iany, Grace, Sofia Shemi, Isabel, Gabriel, Ava, Tade, Kornelija, Isaac, Ieva, Marli, Jayden, Rubena, Sara, Zarah, Oscar*
- *School Council - Neeriah & Gabriel, Aimee & Paul*
- *Citizenship- Kelly and Ikran*
- *Special Achievement Award - Rosie and Micah*
- *Academic - Dipthi and Matei*
- *Home-school learning - Abdul and Zara*
- *TfA choice - Cristian and Amira*
- *Pupil choice - Rubena and Matei*





Year 6 leavers
2015 - 2022