



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 5 - 5th October 2022



Dear Parents & Carers,

Last Friday, it was lovely to hold the first celebration assembly with our new House Captains leading. It is not an easy thing to stand up and speak in front of 400 children and 40 adults (even as an adult!) but they did an amazing job and we look forward to their continued support and leadership.



Harvest Festival

Last Friday we also held our Harvest Festival. A particularly big thank you to Pastor Peter for celebrating this with us. It was wonderful to reflect on the importance of community. Thank you to all the families that have donated food for the food bank at St Mark's Church. You can still make a donation until Friday 7th October - even if it is a single can or packet! All donations are very welcome and very needed.



Take care and stay safe
Sue Ferguson

Junior Governing Body

The JGB had its first meeting on Friday the 30th September. During this meeting we signed our JGB contracts and discussed the key responsibilities of this important role. Then set some dates and times for future upcoming meetings and projects. Some exciting projects include playground equipment and hosting up and out week with the year 6 ambassadors. The JG's are very excited to deliver many fun projects this year.

General Information

Year 6 Parents - Applying for Secondary School

Please remember that your child's secondary school application form must be submitted by **31st October**. If you need any help with doing this please speak to the main office by calling **020 7511 9414**.



Parents - Maths Meeting

Maths Parent workshop will be held on Thursday 6th October at 2:15. All Parents are welcome. Come and experience Maths reasoning at our school and attempt some of the many challenges your child may come across. We look forward to seeing you.



Date: 06/10/2022

Time: 2:15pm

Location: Entrance via main school office (will be based in the Studio)

We need you for EWPS Up & Out week!

At EWPS we believe it is important to support children's aspirations and widen their understanding of the world around them

One of the ways we do this is through our 'Up and Out' week which introduces children from year 1 to year 6 to different career options they may wish to do when they are older.

We arrange a range of people from all different jobs who come to speak to the children and we are looking for more volunteers to join them!

Whether you work in the NHS, a shop, bank, the IT sector, a factory, or maybe you are a scientist, driver, plumber, carpenter, electrician, chef, gardener, artist, musician, first responder, beautician - WE need you!

All you would need to do is speak to a class of children about your work including: what you do, how you got into this role, what skills you needed, what you like about your job, you can even include anything you wished you had known when you were at school! Ideally this would be in person but we are happy to arrange a zoom call if it is easier!

If you think you could help us please use the link below to let us know your availability for the week beginning the 17th October and we will contact you to make arrangements. Thank you for your help.

[Up & Out Week Volunteer Form](#)



Updated Dates for your diary

Thursday 6th October- Maths parent workshop

Friday 7th October - Parents workshop - How to help your child with phonics (Year 1 &2)

w/b: 10th October - Yr 6 Fairplay House

Thursday 13th October - Year 4 Octopus Sharing Assembly

Friday 14th October - Parents workshop - How to help your child with phonics (Nursery & Reception Children)

w/b: 17th October - Up & Out week

Thursday 20th October - Parents evening

Friday 21st October - Applying for a Reception place 2023 (More details to follow)

24th – 30th October - Half term



No Back Packs!

We would like to remind parents that children are not permitted to bring in back packs/rucksacks due to their size and weight in their coat hook areas. This does not apply to year 4 on Wednesday during their swimming sessions. Reading and PE bags with the school's logo can be purchased from the main office. Only the reading bags have a logo, the PE bag for Reception can be any drawstring bag.



Our Learning

Year 5 Lego Workshop

Year 5 were invited to a Lego workshop at London Design & Engineering UTC last week. This session was led by some of the sixth formers and linked into development of environmental education as well as creativity and design. The children explored the idea of oceans as some of our largest eco systems, ways in which humans impact on this and what can be done to reduce the damage we can cause all through the use of Lego! Well done to everyone, the UTC were very impressed with your knowledge and creativity.



Panathlon

On Thursday 29th September 12 of our children had the chance to participate in bowling at the O2. Out of 13 schools, our two teams came 2nd and 4th. The children all behaved amazingly well and we are all very proud of them! They even have the chance to compete in the London Finals for bowling.



Learning Tips

Reading

Make reading active



Play games that involve making connections between pictures, objects and words, such as reading about an object and finding similar things in your home. You could organise treasure hunts related to what you're reading. Try creating your very own book by using photos from your day and adding captions.

Maths

It's important that even young children begin to understand numbers. This can be done through little 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 and numbers from smallest to biggest.



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', encourage them to get more creative with their language



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!

Well-being Difficult conversations

We've all been on the receiving end of them and most of us have had to instigate them at some time. But that doesn't make it any easier when we realise that we are going to have to have a "difficult" conversation with our child.

It might be because we have to break some bad news or try to find out more about something that doesn't seem quite right with them at the time.

Whatever the subject, and however old the child you're talking to, there are lots of ways to make it a bit less painful for you both and maybe even come away from the conversation knowing that you're even closer to your child than before.

How you start the conversation is going to depend on a lot of things, including how old and mature your child is and what you want to talk about. Ultimately, it's always going to be up to your judgement about the best way to tackle it but what you'll read here could give you a few pointers.



For more advice visit

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/talking-about-difficult-topics/>

E- Safety

A free online safety guide on how to be green with your tech.

Right now, humans aren't living sustainably: we're taking too many resources and not leaving the world in a fit state for future generations. Old tech products are a clear example: if we throw them away, the



poisonous lead and mercury inside can get into the food chain through the soil. Recycling tech, though, has its own issues: it's often exported to countries where the law doesn't protect people from hazards. Whole villages (including children) sort through discarded devices to remove useful parts and substances like gold, silver and copper – often putting their health at risk. Finding ways to reuse tech is the

greenest option.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of tips such as donating your old devices to charity, reusing your smartphones and recycling the batteries.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/be-green-with-your-tech?>

Community, Wellbeing and Support

Newham Parent Carer Forum

Newham Parent Carer Forum, would like to welcome you to our monthly coffee morning.

11 October 2022 10am -12pm

Our guest will be: Helen Cusik : Group Manager of Disabled Children and Young People's Team.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83889562530?pwd=R0tLKzZOQ2lnSTRxcmtTU2FOY0V6dz09>

<http://www.newhamparentforum.co.uk>

Access All Areas - World Mental Health Day Festival 2022

Presenting Access All Areas - a free World Mental Health Day festival on Monday 10 October. Created by young Londoners, for young Londoners.

Newham's Young people aged 16-25 years are invited to come and meet their peers who share similar experiences, gain new skills to improve their resilience, learn about new and existing services, and

hear directly from decision makers about how they can create change.

Those attending are welcome to join for the whole festival or just join for whatever workshops, panel discussions, or performances that are of interest. Refreshments will be available on the day, alongside goodie bags filled with freebies and useful resources for attendees to take home.

There is no cost to attending the festival or joining in any of the activities but pre-registration is required via [Eventbrite](#).



When: Monday 10 October, 1pm – 8pm.

Where: City Hall, Royal Docks, Kamal Chunchie Way, London, E16 1ZE.

Get in touch with [Thrive LDN](#) for more information or any queries about the day.

Stoptober Events in Newham

This Stoptober our *Quit Well Newham* Stop Smoking Team are holding weekly drop-in sessions and outreach events across Newham to help residents who want to quit smoking.



Residents will get free, friendly advice on the many different ways to quit and find out about the money they can save – up to £167 per month!

This support is all the more important as smokers are four times more likely to quit with help from *Quit Well Newham* than trying to do it on their own.

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

Black History Month

Black History Month is an annual celebration of the contributions made by Black African and Caribbean communities in the borough, nationally and internationally. The celebration runs throughout October.



Explore a month of virtual and live events that celebrate the contributions made by Black African and Caribbean communities in the borough, nationally and internationally. To launch our programme, we are excited to be joined by Plaistow-born, award-winning British Grime MC, rapper and songwriter, Ghetts, who will talk about his career.

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

Newham Council teams up with blue-light emergency services at Westfield

Newham Council is proud to join with partners from Westfield Stratford City, The London Fire Brigade (LFB), The London Ambulance Service (LAS) and Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) to launch a new safety hub for residents.

Westfield Stratford City has temporarily donated the use of a vacant retail unit within the Mall to create a hub for shoppers to get free information from Council Officers and London's emergency services.



Council officers from Housing Services, Community Safety, Private Sector Housing and Repairs services and Engagement Teams, will meet residents, giving advice and reassurance on a range of issues from fire safety, to Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and how to report

Street Tag

Street Tag has great back to school activities for kids.

It's a spell your name activity with fun exercises so children can spell their first name, last name, middle name, and the names of their favourite movie/cartoon characters.



Each kid who participates in this will get 1000 bonus points.

Parents should send in pictures/short boomerangs of their kids as proof of doing the activities to the email on the flyer.

When sending in your submissions, please the subject should be ST back to school activity for kids, along with the username and leaderboard name for kids who participated in the activity.

any issues to the Council effectively.

[Newham Blue Light Emergency Services](#)

The deadline for submissions is 14 October.

<https://streettag.co.uk/blog/backtoschoolactivities>

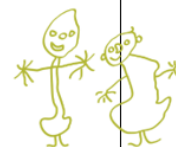


Beckton and Royal Docks Children's Centre Activity Calendar

3rd – 21st October 2022



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Messy Monday's 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 and Play Babies Under 1's 10:00-11:00 Dove Approach entrance Booking Required	SEND Stay and Play Special educational needs and disabilities, speech & language delay Under 5's 10:30 – 11:30 Dove Approach entrance Sing-Along 10:00-11:00 Britannia Village Hall Term Time Only	Sing-Along & Stories Under 5's 10:00 – 10:45 Tollgate Road entrance	Stay & Play AM Under 5's 10:00-11:00 Tollgate Road entrance
Baby Sing-Along and Stories Under 1's 1:30 - 2:30 Tollgate Road entrance Booking Required	Stay & Play Under 5's 1:30-2:30 Tollgate Road entrance	Stay and Play Babies Under 1's 1:30 – 2:30 Dove Approach entrance Booking Required Sing-Along 1:30 – 2:30 North Woolwich Library Term Time Only	Play Dough Workshop Under 5's 6 th October 1:30 – 2:30 Booking Required	Stay & Play PM Under 5's 1:30 – 2:30 Tollgate Road entrance



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

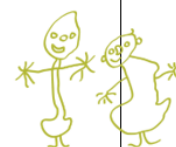


Beckton and Royal Docks Children's Centre Activity Calendar

24th – 28th October 2022 (Half Term)



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Messy Monday's Under 5's 10:00 – 11:00 Dove Approach entrance Booking Required	Stay & Play Cooking Under 5's 10:00-11:30 Dove Approach entrance Booking Required	SEND Stay and Play Special educational needs and disabilities, speech & language delay Under 5's 10:30 – 11:30 Dove Approach entrance	Sing-Along & Stories Under 5's 10:00 – 10:45 Tollgate Road entrance	Stay & Play AM Under 5's 10:00-11:00 Tollgate Road entrance
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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		
Year 1	Isabella	For insisting on writing more independent sentences in an English lesson, even using because!
Year 2	Adomas	For fantastic addition and subtraction work that is neatly set out in his book.
Year 3	Kai'Rone	For creating a brilliant and neat piece of writing in English
Year 4	Victoria	For very effective use of personification and expanded noun phrases in her writing.
Year 5	Nicoletta	For making predictions in science and testing her predictions to determine if something was soluble or insoluble.

Assembly Special Mentions

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

Year 3 - For showing respect and having brilliant behaviour in their Ancient Egypt workshop. 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




Ade Adepitan

Certificate Mentions 30/09/2022


Congratulations to the following people who achieved a certificate this week



Certificate	Name & Class	Level
Lexia <i>(New levels completed)</i>	Tahmid (S4) Phillip (O4)	6 7
Maths in a Flash	Shannon, Emily, Reece, Khalid (J2) Adomas (J2)	1 2
Times Table Rockstars <i>(New speed record!!)</i>	Simon, Tyler, Jay, Sneeha, Vesta, Emma, Issa, Rhea, Diana, Glory, Hussain, Elena, Evie, Orion, Jason (O4) Minahil, Jahdel, Saarah, Ruby-Jo, Lakshana, Hamzah, Eliana, Nojus, David I, Jessica, Aishah, Aiden, Nicholas (S4) Aishah, Aiden, Nicholas, Isra, Kydon, Daniel, Nuelf, Diamond, Christopher, Maddison, Maya (D5) Nicoleta, Kortryna, Alexsandra, Yasin (S5)	
Mathletics Bronze	Ridwan (J2) Phillip, Diana, Rares (O4) Eliana, Sajda, Mikaela, Nojus, Michael, Ruby, Sofia, David M, Jessica (S4) Daniel, Nuelf, Nicholas, Mattias (D5) Quinel, Daria, Fisayo (S5)	
Mathletics Silver	Ridwan (J2) Diana (O4) Eliana, Mikaela (S4) Daria (S5)	
Mathletics Gold	Ridwan (J2)	



Our stars are awarded in our Friday 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.



30/09/2022

House Name	Creola Katherine Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
Value	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard & Cared For
Guppy 1					
Guppy 2					
Lionfish	Lincoln	Paula	Amelia	Zakariyya	Mahdiya
Clownfish	Amber	Samara	Ibraheem	Zaki	Kayden
Jellyfish	Adomas	Gaia	Sonny	Iqra	Khalid
Starfish	Alisha	Robert	Aribah	Isabelle	Tanya

Turtle	Lakin	Samarah	Elias	Deborah	Diana
Lobster	Eric	Abeera	Amelia.M	Dragos	Rexhep
Octopus	Raras	Jason	Diana	Abdul	Waraka
Seahorse	Olivia	Nojus	Milana	Jessica	David I
Stingray	Ulliel	Fisayo	Kajus	Alatz	Jake
Dolphin	Jasmine	Dijana	Keiaana	Maddison	Christopher
Shark	Olivia	Rugile	Morgana	Zeynep	Azaan
Whale	Vanessa	Daria	Ermal	Aleeza	Radoslav