



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 3 - 28th September 2022



Dear Parents & Carers,

I'm delighted to announce that our 'Congratulations' section of the newsletter is back this week, as last Friday we held our first celebration assembly of the year. It was wonderful to see years 1 to 6 together celebrating each other's achievements and we look forward to the Reception classes joining us in the coming weeks.



We also announced our new House Captains and Ambassadors (who have to complete application forms and be interviewed) and our Junior Governing Body representatives and our Eco Guardians (both of which are elected by the children). We thank them for agreeing to help others and look forward to the contribution they make to our community. The names of all these children can be found in the Congratulations section.

Take care and stay safe

Sue Ferguson

General Information



Harvest Festival

As part of our Harvest Festival celebrations we are collecting food for two local Food Banks which help people in crisis. All tinned, packet and dry goods are accepted. There will be a box in the playground each morning and each afternoon from tomorrow for children to put in donations. All items need to be sent in by tomorrow Thursday 29th September please in time for our harvest festival on Friday 30th. Thank you for your help.

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 29th September - CANCELLED Nursery & Reception – Attendance & Punctuality Parent Meeting

We have regrettably cancelled this session due to Ms Mustafa's Funeral. We will let you know when this has been rescheduled. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

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



Free School Meals

Every primary school aged child attending school in Newham still has the opportunity to have a free school lunch even if their parents/carers are not in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits for free school meals.

Reasons to apply - free after school clubs and discounted trips. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals they will no longer pay for their after school clubs with us and any residential trips are offered at a discounted rate.
Extra funding for your child's school too!

Whether your child is at primary school and receiving a free meal, has packed lunch or you are currently working, we request that the parents/carers of all primary and secondary aged children in Newham should still register for free school meals, even if you don't think you are currently eligible. Once we have the application, if at any time a family is in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits for free school meals we will automatically update our records and their school will receive additional funding known as Ever6 Pupil Premium. This is up to £1,320 depending on the child's age!

Applying for Free School Meals

To apply for free school meals please go to:

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

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Free Breakfast Items

We have been fortunate enough to secure funding for free breakfast items for the remainder of the school year. This term children will be bringing home a box of Shreddies or Cheerios and a bag of bagels.

If you would like your child to receive these items weekly please complete the following form:

<https://forms.gle/oEKKM8Gyi3yYUvT3A>

Please be aware if your child is currently receiving these items you will still need to complete the form to confirm that you would still like to take advantage of the scheme.



Reminder - Scooters and Bikes

We are extremely happy to see how many children are using bikes or scooters to come to school and there is lots of storage in the playground for these (as we had added extra over the summer holidays). However when you collect your child at the end of the day please make sure they do not start riding until they leave the playground. Thank you.



Reminder - Updated Information

At the beginning of the school year we asked parents of children in year 1 to 6 to update the contact information we hold for your child. This is an annual safeguarding requirement. It is important that this is completed by every parent so we can make sure the information we have is accurate. If you haven't already done so please complete the form below:



<https://forms.gle/m98sRFyHHHmsAfMf8>

Year 4 Swimming Lessons



Unfortunately Year 4 Swimming lessons have been cancelled due to a national shortage of chlorine, therefore the pools at Newham Leisure Centre are currently closed. We are hoping lessons will restart next week and will update you when we have further information.

School Photos

Parents who have not already pre-ordered their child's photos will receive an order form and their child's photo proof this evening. This will also apply for sibling photos.



Learning Tips

Reading



Read aloud regularly

Read every day. It's a special time to snuggle up and enjoy a story. Stories matter and it's fun re-reading them and poring over the pictures. Try adding funny voices to bring characters to life.

Maths

Learning the time can be tricky! Try to build in little challenges throughout the day. This could include:

- Calculate the time it takes to walk to school
- Work out how many minutes left until the next hour
- Ask them what time it is.



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/>

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

<https://www.ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk/page/?title=E%2DSafety+Tips&pid=136>

Community, Wellbeing and Support

Parent Survey

**WE ARE
CARING.**

The London Borough of Newham would like to hear from parents and carers about their childcare needs. Your views are important in helping us decide how to shape services that will be useful for you.

We are asking parents and carers in Newham whether they use childcare, how they use it, what they think about it and whether they would like to use more.

The questionnaire will take around 10 minutes to complete. The closing date for completion is 5pm on Friday 2nd December 2022. We are really keen to ensure your views are taken into account. Any parent completing the survey can opt in to be entered into a free prize draw for a chance to win £100 of shopping vouchers.

At the end of the questionnaire, there is an opportunity for you to request further information about funded early education, help with childcare costs and childcare providers in Newham.

To access the questionnaire click on this link: www.newham.gov.uk/childcareparentsurvey2022

Help us to help you! Take the survey now!



at Newham Libraries

**Friday 30 September
& Saturday 1 October**

Newham Libraries are running a Fun Palaces Event for families to celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Challenge on Saturday 1st October. There will be lots of fun activities throughout the day, such as a gardening and craft workshops to a drumming session in Beckton Globe Library, and a disco at North Woolwich Library. Fun Palaces supports local people to co-create their own cultural and community events, across the UK and worldwide, sharing and celebrating the genius in everyone. [Click here to book your place!](#)

Congratulations

Pupil Roles And Responsibilities 2022-23

We have now allocated pupils roles and responsibilities for this academic year.

A big well done to the following children:

House Captains

Michael Rosen	Marcus Rashford	Ade Adepitan	Katherine Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai
Melissa & Aronas	Olivia S & Peter	Morgana & Eliel	Sofia & Azaan	Lauryn & Arijus

Ambassadors

Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Ahmed Kiya Zejnep Jahleeka Maria	Kellicia Nuraz A Jasmin Adetureyo Vanessa	Precious Tornades Casandra Daria Rafan	Saami Christina Zain Bella Aleeza

Junior Governing Body

Ismaeel & Kayden (C1) Isabella & Paula (L1)	Sonny & Shannon (J2) Oliver & Ayden (S2)	Eric & Natalie (L3) Aroush & Luca (T3)
Jay & Diana (O4) Ruby & Olivia (S4)	Kajus & Boris (D5) Isra & Naglis (S5)	Ariana & Larissa (S6) Nia & Agnija (W6)

Eco Guardians

Khadija & Feliks (C1) Layla & Yusuf (L1)	Gaia & Robert (J2) Mia & Areeb (S2)	Zain & Rokhaya (L3) Ester & Ayden (T3)
Glory & Simon (O4) Jessica & Hamzah (S4)	Ashaz & Daria (D5) Kydon & Daniel (S5)	Jenna & Mary (S6) Lilly & Ermal (W6)

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		
1	Masheedat	For carrying out additional summer homework researching the planet Mars.
2	Austeja	For beautifully presenting her maths work every lesson.

3	Daniel. M	For using some great vocabulary in his writing.
4	Evie	For a beautiful written piece using personification.
5	Daniel	For using excellent reasoning skills in maths
6	Olivia S	An excellent explanation in science of diet and lifestyle

Assembly Special Mentions

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

Mia & Helen (S2) & Bella (S6) - Thank you for being such good friends and playing with someone who finds it difficult to join games.



Octopus Class - Well done Octopus class for being fantastic representatives of our school during your first two weeks of Swimming. You behaved fantastically and have set the standard very high. Ms Davison, Ms Johnson and all of your adults are proud of you. Keep up the good work!!! Miss Dualeh.

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



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.



23/09/2022

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	Isabella Jervanni	Rohaam Freddy	Layla Nyla	Alex C Evanna	Matei Yusuf
Clownfish	Khadija Laurynas	Niamh Airina	Gabriel Aisha	Noah Toby	Aariz Ismaeel
Jellyfish	Shannon	Harry	Dawud	Sophia	Eliora
Starfish	Oliver Areeb	Frankie Ayden	Robert Mia	Isabella Karolis	Alisha Spencer
Turtle	Albie Luca	Aroush Lucia	Zain Kai'rone	Milana Ayden	Hannah Farwa
Lobster	Daniel.M Rokhaya	David Zain	Matas Ryan	Liepa Kemi	Markas Kenny
Octopus	Rhea Orion	Simon Vesta	Elena Aleena	Issa Tyler	Emma Evie
Seahorse	Sajda Sofia	Michael Lakshana	Amina Eliana	David M Saarah	Jahdel Matteo
Stingray	Meer Uliel	Petra Ryan	Liam Daria	Deniz Jake	Deor Paulina
Dolphin	Riad Diamond	Arile Christopher	Aiden Naglis	Oliver Precious	Maya Aishah
Shark	Kellicia Ahmed	Jannah Tornado	Jahleeka Adetunrayo	Zoya Jasmin	Amresh Liliana
Whale	Cassandra Maria	Olivia Zain	Peter Mikail	Bianca Kiya	Precious Aronas