



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 14 - 15th December 2022



Dear Parents & Carers,

We were delighted to be able to hold all six nativity performances last week and it was wonderful to see so many parents in attendance. We are extremely proud of how all the children performed and I'm sure you join me in thanking the staff for their hard work to enable this to take place.

This week brought lots of snow which means we were able to hold our school snowball fight in the park on Monday for years 1 to 6! Children were then able to go out again at lunch time into the playground to make snowmen, or if they preferred they could stay in and watch a film in the studio. Unfortunately we have not been able to let the children out to play since then, as the snow has now turned to ice and it is not possible to clear and grit the entire playground. We would remind you that when coming on to site at the end of the day please use the cleared paths and still take care.

Winter Fair

Next Monday (19th) We are holding our first winter fair from 3.30 to 4.30 pm. Money raised will be going towards our school fund for a new stage. Please make sure your child is collected on time (except for year 6 who do not need to be collected) as staff are needed to be on stalls. We will have a variety of activities and food. All activities are cash only and it really helps if you have change please! We look forward to seeing you!

Thank you

As this is the final newsletter of the year it just remains for me to thank you for all your support during 2022, and on behalf of everyone at EWPS we wish you a wonderful Christmas break and a happy new year. I hope that you have a relaxing two week break and we look forward to welcoming you back in January.

REMINDERS:

- Last day nursery - Tuesday 20th (normal times)
- Last day R to year 6- Wednesday 21st (1pm finish)
- The first day back for all year groups red is Monday 9th January 2023

Take care and stay safe.

Sue Ferguson



General Information

Updated Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Year Groups	Times
Monday 19th	Winter Fair	All	3.30 - 4.30 pm
Tuesday 20th	Last day nursery	Nursery	Normal times
Wednesday 21st	Last day R to Y6	Reception to year 6	1 pm finish for children

Please use the Mitchell Walk Gate (back of the school) for access to all parent invited events.

Newham Winter Activities

There are a large number of events and activities happening in Newham during the winter months and advice and support about the Cost of Living impact. Details can be found using the link

www.newham.gov.uk/winteractivities

The Winter Reading Challenge



The Winter Reading Challenge is on at all Newham libraries for young people. Taking part is easy, pop into any Newham library from 1 December and ask to join. A member of the library team will give the young person their very own Gadgeteer Snowman Reading Folder, where they will write down and rate the books they have been reading.

Collect a super-themed sticker for each book they read and receive a certificate when they have read three books.

There are lots of amazing books to read in our libraries this festive season, so what are you waiting for? The Challenge lasts until 20 February 2023!

Our Learning

Year 6 Trip - British Museum

We have introduced a new topic in Year 6; learning about the history of the Kingdom of Benin. The children have been engaged and enthused learners, and did EWPS proud when we went to a workshop about the People of Benin at the British Museum on Thursday 9th December. The Museum teacher was full of praise for the intelligent observations, and higher level historical thinking of our Year 6 brainboxes! Well done!



Learning Tips

Reading



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

Build and test primary maths skills with different weekly challenges on Guardians. Defenders of mathematica. Learn and practise a variety of mathematical topics.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zd2f7nb/articles/zn2y7nb>

Well-being

How can I build my child's confidence and independence?



Children often need help finding their confidence when they start mixing with others. Supporting your child with these new experiences helps them gain new skills.



<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/mental-health-wellbeing/building-childs-confidence-and-independence/>

E- Safety

A free online safety guide on HiPal.

HiPal is a trending social media app which turns phones into walkie-talkies, allowing people to have voice conversations with friends or strangers. There are two account options: one for users aged under 12 and one for those aged 12 or above. The former has fewer features and limits interaction with strangers; enabling use of the walkie-talkie feature or photo sharing with friends and family only. The 12+ accounts offer more options, including adding strangers as friends, sharing photos and videos publicly, sending private messages and holding voice chats with strangers as well as friends.



In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as contact with strangers, dangerous challenges and intrusive features.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/hipal>

Community, Wellbeing and Support

Beckton Walking and Cycling



Newham council are consulting residents on ways to make the local area better for walking and cycling around.

Please see the link below to give your thoughts on walking and cycling in Beckton. Consultation closes 1st January.

[Project • Beckton Walking and Cycling](#)

love clean streets

'Love Clean Streets' is a free smartphone app and website that allows you to report environmental issues directly to Newham Council. The app is available by downloading the 'Love Clean Streets' app.

You can quickly report problems such as graffiti, fly-tipping, fly-posting, litter and dog fouling.

Love Newham - via Love Clean Streets - is available on the following

smartphones: **iPhone** **Android**

After you have downloaded the app, simply take a photo, add some brief details, and then send.

The location is captured automatically with all of the information they need to deal with the problem.

Newham Council have asked for the following information to be shared with our families. Digital copies will also be sent to you.



Hello Newham Parents and Carers!

Please enjoy this month's Parent Connect Newsletter. If you would like to receive this Newsletter direct to your email every month, you can sign up [here](#)!

Best wishes all,
The Early Help Partnership Team

November 2022

STREP A & SCARLET FEVER



What is Strep A?

- Strep A is a bacteria that causes a mild infection which can be treated with antibiotics
- It can cause some illnesses including a sore throat, scarlet fever, and impetigo (skin rash)
- It can in very rare cases become serious and affect children's lungs and blood



Symptoms of scarlet fever and Strep A

- Early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever
- After 12 to 48 hours, red, tiny (like a pin) rash develops, usually on child's chest and tummy. Sometimes the rash spreads to other parts of their body
- Skin will feel rougher and scratchier than normal (like sandpaper)
- Cheeks might feel flushed and children might be pale around their mouths. It may look is different in darker skins but the feel is the same



What to do if someone has symptoms

- Call 111 or your GP to find out the reason for the symptoms and get treatment
- Stay at home to reduce the chance of giving other people the infection
- If a child or adult is diagnosed with Strep A (eg scarlet fever), they should stay home until 24 hours after starting antibiotics
- Antibiotics should be taken for as long as the GP prescribed - even if someone feels better
- If your child is having difficulty breathing or turning blue call 999



What to do to reduce the risk of getting or spreading Strep A

- Wash hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds
- Use a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes
- Keep away from others when feeling unwell
- Have your flu and COVID vaccines and childhood vaccines



Why are there more cases of Strep A at the moment

- There are some ideas about why (eg people mixing more) but it isn't yet clear why there are more cases
- The number of cases becoming serious is NOT higher than in the past
- For almost everyone, Strep A causes a mild disease that is easily treatable
- There are more cases of Strep A so there are more cases of serious Strep A (invasive group A Strep)



For more information scan the QR code.

Become a Community Health Champion
chc@newham.gov.uk Whatsapp / text 07929 792873



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Making the best of Christmas

With the festive season upon us, you may feel anxious about money at such an expensive time of year. Don't let Christmas put pressure on your wallet. Support and guidance is available to you whatever your situation this Christmas.

www.ournewhammoney.co.uk



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	Ziyarah	For singing so beautifully during the nativity performance.
Year 1	Aisha	For completing a beautiful flower in PSHE about making new friends.
Year 2	Kevinas	For counting in 3's independently and using this to complete his 3 times table work in maths.
Year 3	Raphael	For showing a massive improvement in his handwriting.
Year 4	Glory	For a beautifully written conversation using inverted commas.
Year 5	Yasin	
Year 6	Eliel	For the timeline he created while comparing what was happening in Ancient Benin and in Europe.

Assembly Special Mentions

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

Reception- For being so brave and resilient during the preparations and performances of their nativities. You all did so well and your teachers are incredibly proud of you, well done!



Year 1 - For being superstars in their performances of their Nativity play. You all did so well and your teachers are very proud of you!

Year 2 - For being superstars in their performances of their Nativity play. You all did so well and your teachers are very proud of you!

Year 6 - For being inspirational when sharing your knowledge of Benin at the British Museum.

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



Certificate Mentions 09/12/2022

Congratulations to the following people who achieved a certificate this week



Certificate	Name & Class	Level
Lexia	Merlia (J2) Emilijus (L3) Ashaz (S5)	3 8 12
Times Table Rockstars <i>(New speed record!)</i>	Eliora, Blessing (J2) Eric, Ryan, Raphael, Amelia (L3) Elizabeth (T3) Jay, Abdul, Orion, Taijsha, Eidanas, Yasmin (O4) David M, Matteo, Olivia (S4) Keiaana, Isra (D5)	
Mathletics Gold	Robert, Gaia (J2)	
Mathletics Silver	Robert, Shannon, Ridwan, Gaia (J2) Olivia, Jessica, Sofia (S4)	
Mathletics Bronze	Patryk (C1) Samuel, Amelia, Isabella x2, Jervanni (L1) Robert, Shannon, Kevinas, Kevin, Ridwan, Gaia, Brittany (J2) Matvii, David (L3) Max (T3) Elena (O4) Sajda, Victoria, Nojus, Olivia, Milana, Sofia, Henry, Jessica (S4)	
Pen Licence	Kai'Rone (T3) Ashaz, Henryk (S5)	



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.



09/12/2022

House Name	Creola Katherine Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
Value	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard & Cared For
Guppy 1	Eric	Keyaan	Ziyarah	Avery	Zoe
Guppy 2	Matei	Kayaan	Elia	Jokubas	Sanjana
Lionfish	Yusuf	Nyla	Matei	Michaela	Samuel
Clownfish	Niamh	Ryan	Malkia	Samara	Ismaeel
Jellyfish	Merlia	Emilis	Nael	Khalid	Kevin
Starfish	Deebrah	Tanya	Chaslyn	Sakib	Tope
Turtle	Ester	Fionel	Hannah	Max	Luca
Lobster	Abeera	Daniel. M	Rexhep	Markas	Jayden
Octopus	Evie	Waraka	Jason	Phone	Taijsha
Seahorse	Milana	Aisha	Alena	Victoria	Tahmid
Stingray	Quinel	Afia	Henryk	Ashaz	Khadija
Dolphin	Daisie	Dijana	Mattias	Daniel	Precious
Shark	Niah	Morgana	Azaan	Enrikas	Jannah
Whale	Olivia	Aronas	Aleeza	Wiktorja	Zain