



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 12 - 30th November 2022



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter, as this is a very busy time of year please see the table below of our upcoming events:

Date	Event	Year Groups	Times
Monday 5th	Reception & KS1 Discos	Reception, 1 & 2	3.45 - 4.45 (Reception) 5.00 - 6.00 (Years 1 & 2)
Tuesday 6th	Y2 Nativity	Year 2	Gates open -10.30 & Starts - 10.40 (Starfish parents) Gates open -1.45 & Starts - 1.55 (Jellyfish parents)
Wednesday 7th	EYFS Nativities	Nursery & Reception	Gates open -10.30 & Starts - 10.40 (Guppy 1 & Nursery am parents) Gates open -1.45 & Starts - 1.55 (Guppy 2 & Nursery pm parents)
Thursday 8th	Y1 Nativity	Year 1	Gates open -10.30 & Starts - 10.40 (Lionfish parents) Gates open -1.45 & Starts - 1.55 (Clownfish parents)
Monday 12th	KS2 Discos	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	3.45 - 5.00 (Years 3 & 4) 5.15 - 6.30 (Years 5 & 6)
Wednesday 14th	Christmas dinner & winter jumper day	Reception to year 6	During the school day
Monday 21st	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 events.

Take care and stay safe.

Sue Ferguson



Congratulations - Lifetime Achievement Award for Services to Education in Newham

We are delighted to announce that Sam Coster, one of our long standing governors, was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award at The Education Space Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 8th November 2022.

Sam has dedicated over 60 years to education in Newham starting in 1957 as a teacher at Burke Secondary School. He then joined Eastlea in 1972 where he remained until 1991. In November 1991 (after having retired) Sam joined the

support team at Three Mills, Tunmarsh. From 1995 Sam worked in teacher training for 12 years, not wanting to rest on his laurels Sam decided to take up a role as Governor at Ellen Wilkinson in his spare time in 2004.

Anthony Wilson, CEO of Newham Community Learning, presented the Lifetime Achievement Award for Contribution to Education in Newham, paying tribute to Sam's service to education that has spanned more than 60 years! The award was received by Sam's step-daughter, Karen Pearce. Sam was able to join the meeting online and received a standing ovation from all those attending in person.

Thank you for all your hard work and commitment Sam - we are lucky to have you as part of the EWPS community!



General Information

Updated Dates for your diary

Please note there have been some changes from dates issued in September

1st December - Parent Meeting – Attendance & Punctuality, 10.30am

1st December - Parents meeting – online safety *

5th December - EYFS & KS1 Discos

6th December - Year 2 Nativity Performance

7th December - Nursery & Reception Nativity Performances

8th December - Year 1 Nativity Performance

12th December - KS2 Discos

14th December - Christmas Jumper day & Christmas Lunch



After School Clubs



This week will be the final week for most afterschool clubs.

Due to previous cancellations the following clubs have been extended. Please see table:

Last Session	Club
Monday 5th December	Chess, Science & Football
Thursday 8th December	Drama & Coding
Friday 9th December	Gymnastics

Please note that after their last session all children will need to be collected at 3:15pm.

Parent Meeting - Online Safety

We will be holding an Online Safety Virtual meeting on:

Thursday 1st December

@ 2.30pm-3.00pm OR 4.30pm-5.00pm

*This is for parents of children in
Reception - Year 6*

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87629238508?pwd=ZTlVbVA0cmdHYUN6cmJ3cGlzTW4xZz09>



Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a co-opted governor to join our Governing Body.

WE NEED YOU!

A co-opted governor is someone from the community who has the skills and experience which the governing board requires. They are appointed by the existing board, following an interview. All skill sets welcome, although a background in finance or premises would be helpful. So why not get involved and help shape the education our children experience!

If you would like to know more about the time commitment and role before applying please contact the main office who will arrange for someone to contact you.

Action for Happiness - Kindness Calendar

Action for Kindness is a movement of people taking action to create a happier and kinder world, together. Their mission is to promote a happier world, through a culture that prioritises happiness and kindness.

Each month they have a calendar with ideas on small acts we can do each day. For December the focus is Kindness. How many acts can you complete?

December Kindness 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely	6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find	7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today	1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others	2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are	3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment	4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about
12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today	13 See how many different people you can smile at today	14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one	15 Contact an elderly neighbour and brighten up their day	16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to	17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you	18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving
19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated	20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need	21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you	22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed	23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness	24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh	25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!
26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature	27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat	28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy	29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why	31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2023	

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS **Happier · Kinder · Together**

Check out their website for more information [Action for Happiness](https://www.actionforhappiness.org/)

Learning Tips

Writing



Every story needs a spark of inspiration. Encourage your child to look out for story ideas in everyday life. Maybe a place you visit on a day out could become the setting for a spooky story.

Maths



Help children to learn their tables and have a quick recall of all tables up to 10 x 10 and related division problems – e.g. how many 6s in 42?.

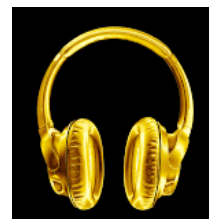
PSHE

Discuss developing independence, resilience and responsibility: including preparing children and young people to face life's challenges and make the most of life's opportunities.



Music

Listen to your favourite song, can you learn all the lyrics? Can you clap along to the beat? Can you pick out the different musical styles in the song? Is it reggae, pop, classical, RnB?



Well-being

Parenting Smart: mental health advice for parents



Parenting Smart is a hub of short, useful articles written by Place2Be's parenting experts. Each article, aimed at parents of children aged 5 to 11, shares practical advice on a number of different topics.

<https://mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/resources/parenting-smart-mental-health-advice-for-parents/>

E- Safety

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-16 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17. In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as age-inappropriate content, dangerous challenges and contact with strangers.



<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/tiktok-2022>

Community, Wellbeing and Support

Staying well and healthy this winter

A few simple actions can help improve our chances of staying well and healthy this winter. To help you we've produced a leaflet providing information that can help you take actions that will reduce the chances of you getting ill.

The leaflet is full of information on how to be active, eat healthily, get the right vaccinations, get support when needed, stay connected and keep warm.

[We Are Together at Christmas launched in Newham to inspire the borough to celebrate](#)

WE ARE
STAYING HEALTHY.

WE ARE
NEWHAM.



Better pedestrian and cycling access in Beckton



We are working across Newham to improve cycling and walking, making active travel easier for all. Thanks to levelling up funding we have invested in Mitchell Walk, in Beckton, to make it more accessible and safer to use. Now residents and visitors alike can enjoy walking and cycling along this path surrounded by greenery and separated from motorised traffic.

So far, we have replaced steep steps with accessible ramps, improved crossings, provided new lighting and CCTV, and we will continue with more works to improve the path near Ellen Wilkinson Primary School.

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	Fantastic writing of key words about pirates and improvement of handwriting.
Year 1	Laurynas	Knowing how to double a number into the thousands
Year 2	Darius	For using his inference skills to work out the meaning of words from a text and explaining them clearly to the class.
Year 3	David	For working hard in maths this week and being able to tell the time to the nearest minute.
Year 4	Octopus	Rhea for writing a beautiful description about what freedom is.
Year 5	Arile	For creating an incredibly creative and well made bag in DT
Year 6	Sofia	Fantastic persuasive writing

Assembly Special Mentions

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

Guppy 1 & Guppy 2 - For attending their first assembly successfully.

Shark Class - For performing with confidence and enjoyment in our sharing assembly. 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



Creola Katherine Johnson



Gadgeteers

Over the summer holidays there was a national reading programme to inspire a love of reading and prevent the holiday reading dip. This year's theme was Gadgeteers.

A big congratulations to the following children who took part: borrowing, reading and returning 6 or more books from the library over the six week break:

Lauryanas, Darjans (C1)

Emilis, Emily (J2) Areeb, Austeja (S2)

Aroush, Kai'Rone (T3) Hussain, Eric, Matas, Dragos, Mariana, David, Liepa, Raphael (L3)

Diana, Vesta, Glory (O4) Eliana, Jessica, Victoria (S4)

Rayan, Christopher-Slav (D5)

Olivia, Casandra, Sofia, Eliel (W6) Ahmed, Ali, Olivia, Ademiju (S6)



Certificate Mentions 25/11/2022



Congratulations to the following people who achieved a certificate this week



Certificate	Name & Class	Level
Lexia	Kemi (L3) Liam (S5)	2 10
Times Table Rockstars <i>(New speed record!)</i>	Robert (S2) Blessing, Markas, Dragos (L3) Jessica, Nikita, Max (T3) Yasmin, Phone, Saad, Tyler, Issa, Waraka, Sneeha (O4) Matteo, David, Jahdel, Hamzah (S4) Precious, Riad (D5) Miley (S5)	
Mathletics Bronze	Emily, Shannon, Reece, Kevin, Ridwan (S2) Eric, Sumaiya, Amira (L3) Jessica, Cindy, Fionel, Milana(T3) Yasmine, Raresh, Diana (O4) Eliana x2, Jahdel, Victoria, Nojus, Milana, David M, Jessica Amina, Mikaela, Ruby David I, Henry(S4) Fisayo (S5)	
Mathletics Silver	Kevin (J2) Eric, Sumaiya (L3) Jessica (T3) Yasmine, Raresh (O4) Jahdel, Mikaela, Ruby, Nojus, Milana (S4) Fisayo, Quinel (S5)	
Mathletics Gold	Eric (L3) Fisayo, Daria Jake (S5)	
Pen Licences	Afia (S5) Elliel (W6)	



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.



25/11/2022

House Name	Creola Katherine Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
Value	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard & Cared For
Guppy 1	Aurora	Abimelech	Safeeya	Halle	Emma
Guppy 2	Matei	Kayla	Justina	Sofia	Yousuf
Lionfish	Layla	Arham	Dennis	Amelia	Hafsa
Clownfish	Zaki	Jake	Izabella	Samara	Aisha
Jellyfish	Gaia	Thomas	Adomas	Harry	Kevinas
Starfish	Tanya	Tessa	Alisha	Oliver	Scarlet
Turtle	Farwa	Jessica	Nikita	Samarah	Kai'rone
Lobster	Natalie	Kemi	Blessing	Matvii	Zain
Octopus	Aleena	Eidanas	Evie	Sneeha	Yasmin
Seahorse	Minahil	Olivia	Michael	Victoria	Saarah
Stingray	Alex	Fisayo	Daria	Deor	Deniz
Dolphin	Nicholas	Christopher	Riad	Daisy	Maya
Shark	Adetunrayo	Camilla	Amresh	Olivia	Jahleeka
Whale	Zain	Rafan	Arijus	Lily	Casandra