



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 11 - 23rd November 2022



Dear Parents & Carers,

Learning Fair

We were delighted to hold our first Learning Fair of this academic year last Friday. This is when children in years 1 to 6 visit each other's classrooms to hear about what children have been studying this quarter.

These sessions are run and delivered by the children and are an important part of our curriculum to help children embed their knowledge of their unit and also promote children's self esteem and confidence.

The next Learning Fair will be at the end of quarter 2 at the start of February.

Celebration Assembly

It was lovely to welcome our Reception children into the whole school assembly for the first time last Friday! They behaved so well and coped really well with being with so many older children who welcomed them warmly. Well done Guppy 1 & 2 we are really proud of you!



December arrangements

The run up to Christmas is always really busy, so this year we have put all the information about this in a separate newsletter. Please take time to read this as it includes details of:



- Nursery, reception, year 1 and year 2 nativities
- Christmas discos for reception to year 6
- Christmas cards
- Christmas dinner/ wear a festive jumper day
- Winter Fair
- End of term arrangements

Take care and stay safe.

Sue Ferguson

Come for a coffee and meet the Governors



Last week the Governing Body annual newsletter to parents was sent out that explained what has been happening in the school during 2021-22 and included the results from the parent survey carried out at the end of the academic year.



Parents now have the opportunity to come and share a cup of tea and a biscuit with some of our governors and discuss the information included in the newsletter and find out more about the role in our school and the plans for this year

When: Thursday 24th November at 8.45 am

Where: Please come to the main office and there will be someone there to meet you

General Information

Illnesses

A reminder to all our parents: children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school for 48 hours after their symptoms have passed. Please ensure you log your child's absence via the studybugs app or by calling the school.



Updated Dates for your diary



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

24th November - Coffee with the governors
24th November - Year 4 Parent Meeting – Multiplication Screening *
24th November - Year 6 Shark Sharing Assembly
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

Parent Meeting - Year 4 Multiplication Screening

We will be holding a Year 4 Multiplication Screening Virtual meeting on:

**Thursday 24th November
@ 2.30pm-3.00pm OR 4.30pm-5.00pm**

This is only for parents of children in Year 4

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87629238508?pwd=ZTlvbVA0cmdHYUN6cmJ3cGlzTW4xZz09>

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>



Afterschool Clubs

Attached to this newsletter will be a list of Afterschool clubs available during the spring term for children in Years 1 to 6. Unfortunately due to increasing costs there has been a slight increase to the cost of clubs. All this information can also be found on our school website

[EWPS Afterschool Clubs Spring Term](#)

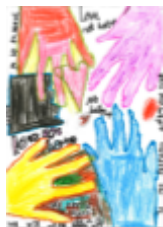
Our Learning

Learning Fair

During the learning fair children across the school visited two different classes - one class in KS1 and the other in KS2 to understand and see what they have been learning for the first quarter of the year.



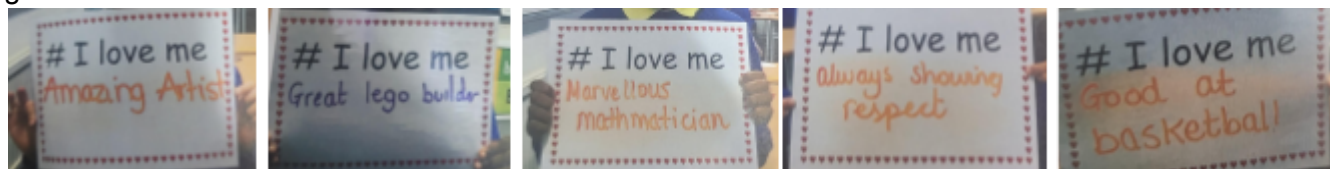
Anti-bullying Week



During Anti bullying week children understood what bullying (*the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group*) is. They also discussed who they could reach out to if they felt they were being bullied. They made a poster identifying the people they could reach out to if they felt they were being bullied. These included teachers/staff, parents, friends, family members, trusted adults.



This year's focus was **#ILoveMe**. The children were photographed with a sign saying what they were great at.



Children in KeyStage 1 made bracelets for their friends. KeyStage 2 made a bookmark for a member of their class.

Eco-Guardians

You may be aware that we have been awarded the Green Flag award-with Distinction- for our work last year improving the school environment, and looking at ways the school can have less of an impact on the natural world. Our Green Flag finally arrived this week and will be displayed in school.

The report on our application said they liked how we selected Eco-Guardians, and how 'the process has really helped them to improve their confidence, critical thinking and leadership skills.' They also valued 'the educational approach' we took to the programme and how we communicated what we did through the newsletter and school website, display boards in school and through Eco Guardians feeding back to their classmates. They liked how we worked with Newham Council, Keep Britain Tidy and BikeAbility to expand the learning opportunities for our children and how we organised a litter pick to clean up part of our own playground. This year the Eco Guardians will be tackling three major items:
Years 1&2 will be working on our school garden
Years 3&4 will be looking at reducing the amount of food we waste at lunchtimes
Years 5&6 will be helping encourage more sustainable travel among staff and students



Thank you to all last year's Eco Guardians who did a great job! Kiya and Jay were not available for the picture, but well done to them also!

Art Matters

The 2022 online Art Matters Exhibition is now live and features visual art works from over 3000 young people from 49 schools and colleges from primary schools, secondary schools and sixth form colleges from Newham and other East London boroughs.

This showcase is the online partner of the physical exhibition that was held at the University of East London in July 2022. We hope that you enjoy looking at the work on show and get inspired to have a go at making your own pieces!

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

ART MATTERS
ONLINE EXHIBITION 2022

Learning Tips

Reading



Create a comfortable environment
Make a calm, comfortable place for your family to relax and read independently - or together.

Maths

Estimate the number of things inside a box/packet. E.g. how many biscuits in a packet.



RE

Recognize and Respect Diversity
Discuss other religions, what are the similarities and differences within and between religions and worldviews.



Art

Try drawing a variety of lines: straight, squiggly, curly, zig-zags, boxy etc...



Well-being

Looking after your mental health



As a parent, you've always got a to-do list. But it's also important that you look after your own mental health and wellbeing. Taking care of your mental health needs will help you feel more able to deal with the tricky moments when they arise.

Make time to do things that give you energy and make you feel good.

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/mental-health-wellbeing/stress/parents-self-care/>

E- Safety

The Call of Duty (CoD) series is a worldwide gaming phenomenon, with millions of copies sold every year. While 2021's release, Vanguard, wasn't quite as well received, this latest entry – Modern Warfare II – is proving to be hugely popular. A sequel to the recent Modern Warfare reboot (and not to be confused with the original Modern Warfare 2, from back in 2009), the game is an online shooter which features – unsurprisingly – extreme violence, rendered in realistic graphics. Amid the explosions and potential political nature of the plot, there's much for parents to be aware of. In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as offensive chat/messaging, in-game purchases and addiction.



<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/cod-mw2>

Community, Wellbeing and Support

FREE HELP WITH LIVING COSTS



Free help with money

- Our Newham Money: ☎ 020 8430 2041 ✉ ournewhammoney@newham.gov.uk
www.ournewhammoney.co.uk
- Money A+E: money advice & education to people in Newham
www.moneyaande.co.uk ☎ 020 8616 3750
- Community Links: for housing, debt, consumer and employment advice, free legal services from FreeLaw. www.community-links.org ☎ 020 7473 2270
- Bonny Downs: Welfare and Welfare Benefit Checks for over 65s ☎ 020 8586 7070



Free help with housing

- If you're having problems with a private landlord or letting agency, contact: ✉ privatehousing@newham.gov.uk ☎ 020 3373 1950
- If you're homeless, you can get support from our Homelessness Prevention service at: www.newham.gov.uk/housing-homes-homelessness/homelessness-prevention-advice.
- If you're threatened with homelessness, contact: ✉ hpsa@newham.gov.uk
- Emergency help for families with children: MASH ☎ 020 3373 4600 during office hours (Mon-Thurs, 9am-5:15pm or Fri 9am-5pm) ☎ 020 8430 2000 at any other time
- If you're pregnant and need immediate help or you're clinically or physically vulnerable. ✉ AccessToAdultsSocialCareTeam@newham.gov.uk



Free help with food

- Newham Food Alliance ☎ 07790 975 086 ✉ frontdoor@newhamfoodalliance.org
www.newham.gov.uk/newhamfoodalliance



Free help with energy bills

- Our Newham Money: ☎ 020 8430 2041
- East End Citizens Advice: ☎ 020 8525 6379 Tuesdays & Wednesdays 10am-1pm
- Mayor of London Warmer Homes Programme: ☎ 0300 555 0195 ✉ shine@islington.gov.uk



Free help with work

- Our Newham Work: ☎ 020 3373 1101 ✉ ournewhamworkengagementteam@newham.gov.uk
www.ournewhamwork.co.uk
- Employment Rights Hub for free confidential support and advice if someone is having problems at work ☎ 020 3373 6494
- Work Rights Centre for help with employment rights, CV building and benefits ☎ 0300 4000 100 (EN) 07437 110951 ✉ contact@workrightscentre.org



Free help with stress and emotional pressure

- Free and confidential psychological support for adults: www.newhamtalkingtherapies.nhs.uk ☎ 020 8775 1770
- For children (under 18): Talk to your doctor or the school.
- For school health support ☎ 020 3373 9983
www.newham.gov.uk/schoolhealth
- Mental health crisis line for anyone: ☎ 0800 073 0066 anytime

costoflivingresponse@newham.gov.uk
www.newham.gov.uk/council/cost-living-response

WE ARE NEWHAM.



Newham Libraries - Warm Haven



As you may know, Libraries across Newham have become Warm Havens to help cope with the cost of living crisis. There are several things that have been put in place, such as all libraries being open 7 days a week, until 8pm, and Sunday opening 12-4pm, people are able to charge their phones and all library fines incurred during this time will be waived. There have also been more activities added to their timetable such as Social walks, Stay & Play, Tai Chi, board games, movie club and lots more. For more information please go to

Newham Community Neighbourhood Events | Eventbrite

or to join their mailing list and get regular updates scan this QR code:



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	Safa	For making excellent progress in phonics.
Year 1	Freddy	For independently writing comparative sentences about Antarctic animals
Year 2	Tessa	For achieving very good scores consistently in all her SATs test papers.
	Sophia	Writing a fantastic report about wolves in English.
Year 3	Natalie	For writing a great story, which included adverbials and conjunctions.
	Inaaya	For creating a thoughtful piece in RE on how she would spread positivity around the world.
Year 4	Tyler	For working hard to confidently work out multiplication using partitioning and the grid method.

	Saarah	A very detailed leaflet showing her learning on Hinduism.
Year 5	Hannah	Really detailed analysis of different bags in DT
	Ulliel	Great effort on embedding reporting clauses in his writing.
Year 6	Lauryn	For her excellent investigation in science

Assembly Special Mentions

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

Dolphin Class - For putting on an amazing class assembly and wow-ing everyone !

Andrew (T3) - For his amazing work as a host this morning in the Learning Fair this morning. You were so helpful and a great role model ! Well Done!

Octopus & Seahorse Classes - For behaving very well on our very wet trip to the Hindu temple on Tuesday- Well done From Ms Dualeh & Mr O'Dowd

Ambassadors - For hard work and support during wet lunch times - a huge thank you from all lunchtime staff and Mrs Ferguson.



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

Ade Adepitan



Certificate Mentions 18/11/2022

Congratulations to the following people who achieved a certificate this week

Certificate	Name & Class	Level
Lexia	Samarah (T3) Lucia (T3)	5 8
Times Table Rockstars <i>(New speed record!!)</i>	Raphael, Amelia, Jayden, Rexhep, Ryan, Markas, Matas, David, Mariana, Dragos (L3) Joel, Nikita, Hasan, Max, Fionel, Majus, Kai'rone, Elizabeth, Zain, Milana, Aroush, Esther (T3) Simon, Saad, Tyler, Vesta, Jay, Taijsha, Waraka, Issa, Sneeha, Glory, Abdul (O4) Nabeel, Amina, Alena, Jahdel, Ruby, Saarah, Matteo (S4) Noah, Dijana, Maya, Diamond (D5) Deor, Khadija, Armani, Quinel, Petra, Fisayo, Alatz, Yasin (S5)	



Mathletics Bronze	Zaki, Laurynas, Toby (C1) Robert, Nicole, Emily, Shannon, Reece, Kevin, Darius, Ridwan, Gaia, Natali (J2) David, Sumaiya, Matas (L3) Jessica, Milana, Elias, Fionel (T3) Olivia, Jessica, David I, Eliana, Mikaela (S4) Quinel (S5)	
Mathletics Silver	Jessica (T3) Eliana, David I (S4)	
Mathletics Gold	Hasan (T3)	
Pen Licences	Quinel, Ulliel (S5) Kellicia, Jannah (S6)	



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.



18/11/2022

House Name	Creola Katherine Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
Value	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard & Cared For
Guppy 1	Hooriya	Ahmad	Marnie	Rada	Ziyarah
Guppy 2	Anna	Bliss	Otilia	Jimmy	Joao
Lionfish	Samuel	Layla	Amelia	Elsie	Nyla
Clownfish	Laurynas	Samara	Gabriel	Kayden	Ismaeel
Jellyfish	Sarah	Robert	Shannon	Dawud	Nicole
Starfish	Alexandra	Austeja	Alisha	Safeerah	Jibrail
Turtle	Andrew	Ayden	Deborah	Ester	Hasan
Lobster	Emilijus	Mariana	Sumaiya	Dragos	Rokhaya
Octopus	Vesta	Diana	Abdul	Phillip	Simon
Seahorse	Tahmid	Sajda	Nojus	Hamzah	Milana
Stingray	Meer	Miley	Quinel	Ulliel	Kotryna
Dolphin	Maddison	Mattias	Isra	Nasharie	Ardin

Shark	Mary	Ariana	Jannah	Ali	Bella
Whale	Eliel	Precious	Daria	Nuraz A	Sofia