



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 17 - 25th January 2023



Dear Parents & Carers,

Impact of national strike action

All families should have received an email letter yesterday about the national strike action by members of the NEU and the impact this will have on EWPS. The dates of the proposed action are:

- Wednesday 1st February 2023
- Thursday 2nd March 2023
- Wednesday 15th March 2023
- Thursday 16th March 2023

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay, the lack of school funding, the current recruitment and retention crisis and the devastating impact this is having now and will continue to have in the future. It is not because of any issues at our school.

Ellen Wilkinson Primary School will therefore be closed on Wednesday 1st February.

This is likely to also happen on the other three dates if strike action continues, and therefore we recommend that you start to make provisional alternative childcare arrangements for these dates as well. Little Ellies childcare is unaffected and so will be open on these days.

I am sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. If you have any further questions please contact the main office and ask for a member of the Senior Leadership Team to contact you.

Take care and stay safe.

Sue Ferguson

General Information



Message from the Curriculum Committee

Last Thursday the Curriculum and Standards Committee met. The meeting began with a presentation from Mr Hanif, (Lead teacher for Maths) on the resources used in Maths and ways in which the School supports pupils' progress, especially in numeracy and problem solving.

We then looked at the School Development Plan for this year and the work which has been completed so far. We also considered the School's Self Evaluation document in which the School considers its strengths and areas which need further development.

We received figures on attendance, mobility, safeguarding and behaviour.

Part of the role of this committee is to regularly review school policies. We do this by looking at a number of policies each meeting and on this occasion we reviewed those relating to the International Dimension, Behaviour and Children with Special Educational Needs.

Dates for your diary



26th January - Lobster Sharing Assembly

1st February - **School closed - strike action**

7th February - **Safer Internet Day**

9th February - Parents evening

13th – 17th - Half term

23rd February - Seahorse Sharing Assembly

2nd March - **Possible strike action - attendance on site may be restricted or school may be closed to pupils**

2nd March - World Book Day (may need to be moved - see above)

9th March - Year 5 Fair Play House parents meeting

9th March - Octopus Sharing Assembly

15 & 16th March - **Possible strike action - attendance on site may be restricted or school may be closed to pupils**

16th March - Stingray Sharing Assembly (may need to be moved - see above)

23rd March - Dolphin Sharing Assembly

3rd -16th April - Easter Holidays



IMPORTANT - Change to Newham Term Dates 2023-24

All Newham schools have been advised that the Local Authority have changed their proposed term dates for 2023-24 to match with other Local Authorities. These dates are used by all Newham schools to set the term dates for their settings which were agreed and shared with EWPS parents in September last year.

The new dates have two main differences from the ones used to set EWPS dates - October 2023 half term is a week earlier and the Spring 2024 break is a week later. The Local Authority has left it to individual schools to decide if to keep with original dates or change them.

After discussions with representatives of the EWPS Governing Body it has been agreed that:

October 2023 half term remains the same 30th October to the 3rd of November 2023

This is because it is likely that many families may have already booked holidays, leave or childcare for these dates as it is this calendar year.

Spring 2024 will now move a week later to 29th March 2024 to 12th April 2024

This has changed to align with the new dates as it is over a year away and it is unlikely that families have already booked breaks away and will support families who have children in other Local Authorities. Moving the date also means that Eid is now likely to fall in this period which will give many of our families more time to celebrate with each other.

The updated term dates have been attached to this newsletter and have been changed on our website. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Our Learning

Year 2 Science Museum Trip

On Tuesday 24th January, both classes in Year 2 went together to explore the exhibition of flight at the Science Museum. We had a fantastic day observing many different aeroplanes up close and finding out lots of facts about them. We really enjoyed exploring the first forms of flight created and learnt more information about the Wright Brothers. We also saw how forms of flight have changed over the many years with planes increasing in size and carrying more people. The facts we learnt on the day will certainly help us as we carry on to learn about pilots and planes in our Big Question for History.



Badge Design Competition

Living Streets are an organisation that promotes walking to school for health and environmental reasons. They are running a badge design competition and this year's theme aims to bring pupils closer to the nature found across Britain!

WHAT SHOULD YOU DRAW?

Wherever we live, nature is all around. Encourage pupils to go out for an adventure with their families to see what nature has to offer in the local area. Pupils can also draw a special memory of nature from a recent holiday around Britain or from a different season.

EXAMPLES OF DESIGNS COULD INCLUDE:

Animals or insects e.g., squirrel, foxes, stag beetles, dragon flies

Lakes, rivers, canals or coastlines e.g., River Thames, Royal Docks (with nature focus)

Vibrant flowers or mighty trees e.g., bluebells, English oak tree

Rolling hills or awe-inspiring views e.g. Beckton Alps, The Greenway, Beckton Park, or further afield.

Wherever your British Nature Walk takes you, draw it!

Be big, bold and colourful! Diversity and originality are key to standing out from the crowd! WOW badges are only 3cm, so simple designs without small details in them work best! Trademarks or logos must not be used, Winning designs will be digitally recreated, so pupils can use pencil, crayons or pens.

COMPETITION ENDS TUESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2023

More details are available from the webpage below, Competition forms will be distributed in school to children.

[THE BRITISH NATURE WALK](#)

Learning Tips



Well-being

How do I help my child stay safe on games and apps?

It's natural to worry about the dangers of games and apps. But you can help your child learn to keep themselves safe.



<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/mental-health-wellbeing/online-safety-wellbeing/safe-online/>



Reading

Reading guides for parents

Want to know more about how to support your child's reading at home? There are lots of age related guides to help you. You can use the link below or find this on our website in the parents tab and then click on home learning.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/>

PE



E- Safety

Twitter is a social media network which allows users to post short messages ('tweets') of up to 280 characters. Tweets can consist of text, photos, videos, audio, links, polls and GIFs – often linked by hashtags if they share a common theme or message. Hashtags receiving high levels of interest are said to be 'trending'. Twitter users can engage with other people's posts by liking, retweeting (sharing) or tweeting back (commenting on). Since the entrepreneur Elon Musk acquired Twitter in 2022 for \$44 billion, the platform has undergone several major changes.



In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as trolls and bullying, fixation on view count and interaction with strangers.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-twitter>

Community, Wellbeing and Support

PREMIER HOLIDAY CAMPS

Have a fantastic February half-term with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before – from roller skating to fencing, lacrosse to cheer.

Book now for a half-term full of fun!

PREMIER CAMPS NEAR YOU

Gallions Primary School	Hallsville Primary School
Multi-Activity	Multi-Activity
13th-17th Feb	13th-17th Feb
9am-3pm	9am-3.30pm

We have lots of exciting activities planned throughout the week!

Please Bring

- A packed lunch
- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing
- Loads of energy!

<https://www.premier-education.com/holiday-camps/>



LGTB History Month

LGBT+ History Month celebrations launches with a Cabaret Night curated by Raze Collective on the 3 February.

This year, Newham Council will host a programme of activities and events responding to the theme of 'Art – Behind the Lens'. Activities range from film screenings to talks, to workshops and performances, and will celebrate and highlight the culture, history and achievements of the LGBT+ community.

This programme is part of Newham Unlocked, the Council's cultural festival of events and activities which highlight the rich and diverse mix of creativity that exists in the borough and ensures that residents get the chance to experience the vibrant and diverse cultural community that exist in Newham.

[Find more information about Newham's LGBT+ History Month programme and book onto events >](#)

Ambition Aspire Achieve
Charity Registration Number 107086

CYCLING CLUB

GLYN HOPKIN ABBEY HUB
6 GAY ROAD, STRATFORD, LONDON E15 2RN

EVERY SATURDAY from 2pm to 4pm
Opportunities and activities for all ages from 5 upwards

Great Value - Only £2 per Session

BIKES AVAILABLE - No need to have a bike of your own
Activities include: Learn to ride • riding for fun • Bikeability courses (all levels) • group rides • bike maintenance • BMX bikes • trips to BMX tracks • Velodrome • cross country tracks

★ **Opportunity to build your own a bike!** ★
Young people with disabilities and/or additional needs especially welcome
(we have a wide array of adapted bikes)

The Glyn Hopkin Abbey Hub is a COVID-19 safe environment

For further details call Marie 07852350786
email - marie@theaaazone.com
PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL

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	Dennis	For focusing during English and writing accurate facts about space.
Year 2	Kevin	For working independently in all of his maths lessons this week to solve addition and subtraction problems and improving his presentation.
Year 3	Albie	For an excellent performance in our sharing assembly
Year 4	Waraka	For writing a brilliant opening paragraph to his story and trying extra hard in his English lessons.
Year 5		
Year 6	Liliana	For an excellently written travel brochure for the Ancient civilisation of Benin. It made Miss Khan want to travel back in time to visit.

Assembly Special Mentions

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

Robert (J2) - For inspiring others to use our new maths programme, Freckle. He has answered nearly 1,500 questions since Friday! Keep up the hard work!



Turtle Class - Well Done Turtle Class for your amazing sharing assembly! Miss Adams is very proud of you all!

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



Certificate Mentions 20/01/2023

Congratulations to the following people who achieved a certificate this week



Certificate	Name & Class	Level
Lexia	Kevinas (J2) Kevin (J2) Nuraz C (W6)	4 5 9
Times Table Rockstars <i>(New speed record!)</i>	Blessing, Kenny (L3) Phone, Saad (O4) Alena, Amina, Michael, Henry, Sofia, Tahmid, Saarah, Hamzah, Sajda, Nabeel (S4)	
Mathletics Gold	Niamh, Laurynas, Toby, Zaki (C1)	
Mathletics Silver	Zaki (C1) Sumaiya, David (L3) Henry, Sajda, David I (S4)	
Mathletics Bronze	Sumaiya x5, David x2 (L3) Elena (O4) David M, Sajda x3, Amina, Victoria, Mikaela x3, Nojus, Sofia x2, Henry x2, Jessica x2, Saarah x2, Tahmid, David I x2, Eliana (S4)	



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.



20/01/2023

House Name	Creola Katherine Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
Value	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard & Cared For
Guppy 1	D'or	Aliza	Ruby	Lucian	Ahmad
Guppy 2	Antoan	Safia	Bliss	Otilia	Justina
Lionfish	Arham	Jervanni	Yusuf	Alex A	Lincoln
Clownfish	James	Dhaveed	Amina	Patryk	Amber
Jellyfish	Darius	Sophia	Merlia	Shezhad	Brittany
Starfish	Mihail	Tanya	Robert	Chaslyn	Scarlet
Turtle	Inaaya	Lakin	Cindy	Joel	Aroush
Lobster	Sumaiya	Markas	Rokhaya	Zain	Liepa
Octopus	Saad	Rhea	Elena	Isra	Emma
Seahorse	David	Victoria	Sajda	Tahmid	Michael
Stingray	Sofiia	Khadija	Henryk	Deor	Boris
Dolphin	Christopher	Aishah	Riad	Ardin	Steven
Shark	Tornadas	Mary	Camilla	Jahleeka	Enrikas
Whale	Aleeza	Lily	Nuraz C	Nia	Daria