



## ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 16 - 18th January 2023



### Dear Parents & Carers,

We were delighted to welcome back the Confucius Institute on Friday as they held their first Chinese New Year school's performance since the pandemic. All the children in years 1 to 6 were treated to displays of music, dancing and martial arts as well as information about cultures and celebration. Some of our classes were even fortunate enough to also participate in some of the activities themselves. To find out more please see the 'Our Learning' section of this newsletter.



### National Strikes



You may have seen that there are national strikes for some staff in schools planned for dates in February and March. The first of these is scheduled for Wednesday 1st February. We are looking at how this affects the staffing levels at EWPS and will advise parents as soon as possible.

**REMINDER: School is closed next Monday (23rd January) for a staff training day**

Take care and stay safe.

Sue Ferguson

## General Information

### Dates for your diary

**19th January** - Turtle Sharing Assembly  
**23rd January** - INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS  
**26th January** - Lobster Sharing Assembly  
**7th February** - Safer Internet Day  
**9th February** - Parents evening  
**13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>** - Half term  
**23rd February** - Seahorse Sharing Assembly  
**2nd March** - World Book Day  
**9th March** - Year 5 Fair Play House parents meeting  
**9th March** - Octopus Sharing Assembly  
**16th March** - Stingray Sharing Assembly  
**23rd March** - Dolphin Sharing Assembly  
**3rd -16th April** - Easter Holidays



### Year 5 Fairplay House Trip

Information regarding Year 5's upcoming Fairplay House trip has been sent out to parents. If you would like your child to attend and have not yet signed up to show your interest please do so as soon as possible.

More information will be sent out shortly about payment plans and how to pay.

### School Times



Just a reminder that the school gates close at 8.50am. Any children arriving after this time will need to enter school via the main office.



### Rescheduled KS2 Christmas Disco

We have rescheduled the KS2 Christmas Disco for Monday 20th February at the following times:

3.45 - 5.00 (Years 3 & 4)  
5.15 - 6.30 (Years 5 & 6)



If your child has already got a ticket we will reissue them on the day. If your child has not got a ticket and would like to buy one please speak to the staff at the main gates

## Our Learning



### Chinese New Year Performance and Workshops



On Friday 13th January, we were lucky enough to watch an amazing performance celebrating the Chinese New Year. It was full of dance, music, martial arts and more! Some classes got to take part in workshops that immersed them even more into the Chinese culture.

新年快乐 xīnnián kuàilè - Happy New Year!

### Year 2 visit to London Sabha Gurdwara

Year 2 had the exciting opportunity to visit the London Sabha Gurdwara located in Barking. They learnt more about Sikhism and the 5 K's. They enjoyed a guided tour of the Gurdwara and sat in the Langer hall to observe the free kitchen. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn more about Sikhism.



### Prevent workshops - year 5

KS2 have been very fortunate this week as we have been visited by Ross Paton, the Prevent Education Officer at the London Borough of Newham to raise awareness of Extremism. Prevent duty focuses on helping our children build their understanding and appreciation of others, this means showing children about all kinds of different lifestyles and cultures, helping them see that there are lots of different ways of living which all deserve respect.

## Learning Tips

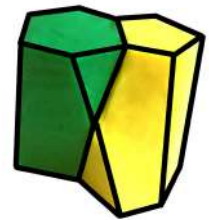
### **Reading**



Choose a favourite time to read together as a family and enjoy it. This might be everyone reading the same book together, reading different things at the same time, or getting your children to read to each other. This time spent reading together can be relaxing for all.

### **Maths**

On your way to school can you identify as many shapes as possible. Are there structures that are made up using a variety of shapes?



### **Well-being**

#### How can I help when my child feels anxious?

Growing up involves lots of challenges, so it's natural to feel worried, scared or anxious from time to time. There can be many reasons for these feelings. You can help by letting your child know it's OK to talk about their mental health.



<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/mental-health-wellbeing/anxious-feelings/how-can-i-help-when-my-child-feels-anxious/>

### **E- Safety**

World of Warcraft originally launched way back in 2004, and since then the game has blossomed into a major entertainment property. It's spawned spin-off novels, merchandise and even a Hollywood movie adaptation ... but why are we still talking about it in 2023? World of Warcraft's most recent iteration,

Dragonflight, launched last November and marks the game's ninth major expansion. This latest addition has attracted a whole host of lapsed players back to the game – as well as newcomers jumping into the realm of Azeroth for the first time.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as the potential for online addiction, in-game purchases and simulated violence.



<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/world-of-warcraft>

## Community, Wellbeing and Support

**Ambition Aspire Achieve**  
Building Ambition, Inspiring Success, Making a Difference

### Free Lego Club

**GLYN HOPKIN ABBEY HUB**  
6 GAY ROAD, STRATFORD E15 2RN  
**FREE** for 5 to 10 years olds  
Every Tuesday afternoon 4pm to 5:30pm

*Computers & Tablets*

*Lots of fun, make new friends!*

Must register on first day

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### SCERTS Training Course for Parents/Carers \*face-to-face!

**Training for parents/carers of children who:**

- Are in Reception to Year 11 who have social communication needs or a diagnosis of Autism.
- Parents/carers must be Newham residents or children must attend a Newham school YR-Y11.

**Social Communication Emotional Regulation Transactional Supports**

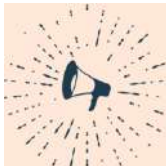
Learn about autism, social communication and strategies to support your child's communication and ability to stay focused, calm and engaged.

**Please attend ALL 4 sessions:**

Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	9.30-12.30
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	9.30-12.30
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2023	9.30-12.30
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	9.30-12.30

Course delivered in person at Tunmarsh Centre, Tunmarsh Lane, E13 9NB  
\*Parking is NOT available

Click here to book a place:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/HqFmpuUges>



### Could you be a Cost of Living Champion?

We are recruiting Cost of Living champions to offer our communities a vital link to accessing the support they need.

If you'd like to help support your fellow residents with information, please do sign up, you'll get regular updates to share with friends, colleagues, families and your wider community. Helping us to get information out, across our communities to support those in most need.

[Sign up to be a Cost of Living Champion by email >](#)

### The Queen Remembered

Come and join us at East Ham Library from 18 January to 14 March to view our new display commemorating The Queen.

This display will contain a variety of memorabilia including books of condolences from residents and the proclamation of His Majesty King Charles III.

There will be a special unveiling of the Queen's display case on Tuesday 17 January, by Mayor of Newham, Rokhsana Fiaz OBE.

[View our online Newham Magazine remembering the Queen's Life >](#)



## 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	Anna H	For beautiful writing using her phonics
Year 1	Esther	For starting and completing her work independently in Maths this week.
Year 2	Aleksandra	For beautifully presenting her work every lesson.
Year 3	Abeera	For writing a great character description of the BFG.
Year 4	Olivia	For creating a chart at home, showing the climate of Warsaw, Poland as part of our Geography learning.
Year 5	Petra	For excellent use of subjunctive form in her writing, alongside beautiful handwriting.
Year 6	Precious	For creating an excellent Benin bronze mask.

### Assembly Special Mentions

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

**Andrew (T3)** - Andrew's last day is on Friday. We wish him the best of luck in his new school! We will miss you very much!



### Certificate Mentions 14/01/2023

Congratulations to the following people who achieved a certificate this week

Certificate	Name & Class	Level
<b>Times Table Rockstars</b> (New speed record!!)	Gaia , Shannon (J2) Kenny, Blessing (L3) Phone (O4) Amina, Michael, Alena, Sofia, Henry, Nabeel (S4)	
<b>Mathletics Silver</b>	Zaki (C1) Sumaiya, David (L3) Sajda, Henry, David I (S4)	
<b>Mathletics Bronze</b>	Toby, Esther, Masheedat, Zaki, Ibraheem (C1) Layla (L1) Emily, Shannon, Adomas, Kevin, Ridwan, Gaia, Brittany (J2) Sumaiya x5, David x2 (L3) Eliana, Sajda x2, Amina, Tahmid, Victoria, Mikaela x3, Nojus, Sofia, David I x2, Henry x2, Jessica x2, Saarah x2 (S4)	
<b>Pen Licence</b>	Daniel (D5) Larissa(S6) Casandra (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.



**14/01/2023**

<b>House Name</b>	<b>Creola Katherine Johnson</b>	<b>Malalah Yousafzai</b>	<b>Michael Rosen</b>	<b>Ade Adepitan</b>	<b>Marcus Rashford</b>
<b>Value</b>	<b>Inspire</b>	<b>Respect</b>	<b>Successful</b>	<b>Resilient</b>	<b>Heard &amp; Cared For</b>
Guppy 1	Emma	Marnie	Safa	Aurora	Jana
Guppy 2	Yousuf	Jokubas	Adam	Layla	Hayley
Lionfish	Alex C	Sameel	Zakariyya	Musa	Elsie
Clownfish	Jake	Gabriel	Yousuf	Amber	Niamh
Jellyfish	Eliora	Kevinas	Thomas	Nefeli	Iqra
Starfish	Alisha	Oliver	Tessa	Tanya	Isabella
Turtle	Jonathon	Denitsa	Diana	Andrew	Jessica
Lobster	Ryan	Kemi	Ibrahim	Daniel. L	Mariana
Octopus	Vesta	Yasmin	Saad	Jay	Abdul
Seahorse	David M	Amina	Hamzah	Jahdel	Mikaela
Stingray	Alexandr	Yasin	Artjoms	Liam	Ilyas
Dolphin	Rayyan	Oliver	Kydon	Christopher	Esther
Shark	Ariana	Ali	Liliana	Amresh	Melissa
Whale	Kiya	Agnija	Casandra	Vanessa	Eliel