



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 18 - 1st February 2023



Dear Parents & Carers,

We realise as a school that this week has not been easy for parents due to the industrial action, and we thank you for your ongoing support.

Next week we have Parents Evening so please make sure you have booked your appointment. Details on how to do this are below.

We also need a small group of parents to speak to an external assessor on Tuesday 7th about how the school support's children's personal development. If you would be happy to do this please contact the main office. Thank you.

Take care and stay safe.

Sue Ferguson

General Information

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be held on Thursday 9th February 2023.

How do I book an appointment?

- You are now able to book a Parent Evening appointment to speak with your child's class teacher.
- The meetings will take place, in person at school in your child's class.
- You can make a booking for a Parents Evening appointment within the IRIS Parentmail App.
- Log into the app and click on "Parents Evenings" in the sidebar to access the appointments available for your child.
- Slots are available on a first come first served basis.
- On the evening, please access the school through the main office door



Can I see my child's books?

Yes, your child's books will be available outside of the classroom for you to have a look at.

What will be in the hall?

- A free tasting session of our school meals
- CGP Books (cash or you can pre order using parent mail)
- IT safety advice
- Mandarin activities
- Lost property
- Book sale (we are trying to raise further funds by selling some of the books the school no longer needs, please support us to support your children. Cash purchases only)
- Information about Little Ellies childcare
- Children Centre information
- EWPS Governor stand

We look forward to seeing you.

Parents needed

Next Tuesday (7th) we have our SMSC re-accreditation visit. This is an award that looks at the quality and impact of work to help children with their Social, Moral, Spiritual & Cultural education and personal development.



It includes lots of things like how we help children to:

- Keep safe
- Respect, value and understand others
- Make good choices about how to behave and our responsibilities to each other
- Understand how to keep themselves physically and mentally healthy
- Experience different places, events and environments (e.g. visits, competitions etc)
- Opportunities to learn different skills (our curriculum and clubs)
- Contribute to the school and have a voice in how it runs

We use this process to celebrate things we are doing well and identify areas we can develop further.

As part of our assessment visit, our assessor must speak to a small group of parents about how the school helps their children with their personal development.

So if you would like to be part of this group and can spare 20 minutes on Tuesday 7th February from 11.15, please contact the main office or email info@ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk

Thank you for your help.

Dates for your diary



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

Our Learning

Reception Visit to Greenwich



The reception classes visited the Cutty Sark and the Greenwich Museum. They have been reading stories such as The Night Pirates and Where the Wild Things are. They had a fun day and were completely tired out after their long trip.





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

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/>

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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/>

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



A warm welcome

It's always good to know that the Warm Havens around Newham are there for anyone to keep warm without the cost.

Also, they are great places to hang out, meet new people and reduce loneliness and isolation. Gail and Bez (pictured) loving going to St Bartholomew's Warm Haven in East

Ham, where they feel part of a family.

Our tips for staying warm at home day and night are:

- If you can't heat all the rooms you use, it's important to heat your main room during the day and the bedroom just before going to sleep.
- Wearing several layers of thinner clothing will keep you warmer than one thick layer.
- Having hot food and drink is also effective at helping to keep you warm.

Spring 2023

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

Newham Stay Safe App

Newham Stay Safe App enables reporting of street harassment incidents and safety concerns.

The app features tools to upload evidence in the form of photos, videos and audio. The App enables you to get access to specialist support, report incidents for investigation by the Police or Council anonymously and provides a direct route through to the 24/7 Stop Hate UK helpline.

The app is designed to give reassurance as well as a sense of safety and security whilst travelling out at night. It aims to empower women and girls and encourage reporting of any incidents where they feel unsafe in public spaces.

The app will help gather useful information which can be used to hold perpetrators to account and bring them to justice as well as target our resources to make our streets safer.

To download the App go to App Store or Google Play and search Newham Stay Safe





Free

For SEND
young
people
aged up
to 25

Saturday
11th February
13:00 - 18:00

Newham
Leisure Centre
281 Prince Regent Ln
E13 8SD

Ever wondered what sports & leisure activities are on offer for SEND young people in Newham?

Come and try out some sports taster sessions such as Bollywood and Hip Hop dance, pilates, wheelchair basketball, Boccia, multi-sports, table tennis, & swimming.

There will be information stalls about other services, opportunities to have your say about important issues that effect SEND young people in the borough, as well as a relaxation and sensory space.



Click on the link for more information
about the day and to book places
<https://tinyurl.com/GRBDAY2PLAYFEB>



WE ARE ACTIVE.

WE ARE NEWHAM.

FEBRUARY HALF TERM PROGRAMME



Free activities for children and young people this half-term! Come and try a variety of activities. Sessions include: Cricket, Baseball, Free Running, Scootering, Flag Football and Skateboarding!



VENUES:

- Central Park, High Street South, East Ham E6 6ET
MEETING POINT: Park Cafe
- Keir Hardie Recreation Ground, Taring Road, Canning Town E16 1LQ
MEETING POINT: Old Changing Rooms
- Plashet Park, Woodhouse Grove, E12 6ES
MEETING POINT: Bowls Club
- Stratford Park, West Ham Lane, Stratford E15 4PT
MEETING POINT: Changing Rooms/ Covered MUGA

DATES:
Monday 13 February - Friday 17 February

TIMES/AGES:
12pm-2pm - 5-11 years
2pm-4pm - 12-16 years

To book: <https://tinyurl.com/FebHTyouthactivity>
For more information:
sports@activenewham.org or 07741 293506



ST MARKS CHURCH & COMMUNITY
218 TOLLGATE ROAD E6 5YA

FEBRUARY HALF TERMS 13TH-17TH 2023

Limited space available



WEEKDAYS: 8AM-6PM
SESSION: 8AM-1 PM/ 12PM-5PM/
3PM-6PM

We are here to teach and support your child's life skills

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S LIFE SKILLS

Learning and having fun

Activities includes:

- First Aid & Emergency
 - Cooking
 - Life Skills Workshop
 - Drama Workshop
 - Dance Aerobics
 - Design & Printing
 - Sports Games
 - Homework Support (Maths & English)
- *****Slots are limited*****

Email: setthevibe@outlook.com for more information.

Or Call 07456951256



Healthy Meals Provided



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	Antoan	Writing independently in literacy
Year 1	Khadija	For producing a very informative and well presented fact file about space.
Year 2	Austeja	For presenting her work neatly in every lesson.
Year 3	Muhammad	For working hard and writing a recount of part of the BFG story independently.
Year 4	Ruby	For writing her own version of our book- with a surprise ending!
Year 5	Boris	For writing a fantastic narrative with in depth description.
Year 6	Lauryn	For her short story inspired by Boy in the Tower.

Assembly Special Mentions

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



Year 2 - For being wonderful representatives for our school on our school trip to the Science Museum. They were extremely well behaved and respectful to all.

Lobster Class - For performing well in their class assembly. Well done!

Reception - For their first school visit to the Cutty Sark in Greenwich - they were well behaved and tenacious along the way - well done!

Year 5 - For being superstars on our trip to the Tower of London this week and sharing their knowledge. Well done Year 5!

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



Marcus Rashford





Certificate Mentions 27/01/2023



Congratulations to the following people who achieved a certificate this week

Certificate	Name & Class	Level
Times Table Rockstars <i>(New speed record!)</i>	Lakin, Milana, Aroush (T3) Vinicius (O4) Alena, Olivia, Hamzah, Henry (S4)	
Mathletics Silver	Saarah (S4)	
Mathletics Bronze	Laurynas, Ibraheem, Ryan, Patryk, Dhaved (C1) Hafsa, Nyla (L1) Reece, Kevin (J2) Sumaiya (L3) Lakshana x2, David I, Eliana, Saarah (S4)	
Pen Licence	Ali (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.



27/01/2023

House Name	Creola Katherine Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
Value	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard & Cared For
Guppy 1	Halle	Daniel	Fisola	Safeeya	Abimelech
Guppy 2	Elia	Jokubas	Bliss	Zarah Mohsin	Jimmy
Lionfish	Ariya	Mahdiya	Michaela	Matei	Sameel
Clownfish	Niamh	Aariz	Zoya	Toby	Khadija
Jellyfish	Kevin	Sarah	Aisha	Brittany	Haris
Starfish	Alisha	Spencer	Scarlet	Ayden	Areeb
Turtle	Lucia	Zain	Ayesha	Diana	Joel
Lobster	Raphael	Matas	Amira	Amelia.M	Natalie
Octopus	Simon	Eidanas	Evie	Jay	Hussein
Seahorse	Henry	Minahil	Ruby-Jo	Mikaela	Jessica

Stingray	Meer	Daria	Miley	Liam	Deniz
Dolphin	Noah	Nicholas	Kydon	Nuelf	Maddison
Shark	Liliana	Ahmed	Olivia	Kellicia	Niah
Whale	Radoslav	Arijus	Olivia	Maria	Jasmine