



**Dear Parents & Carers,**

Welcome to this week's newsletter.



**Earthquake Relief Appeal**

As you are aware there have been a number of huge earthquakes in Turkey & Syria this week. Our thoughts are with those affected directly and family members within our community who are seeking reassurance about loved ones.

At times like this it is natural that we all want to reach out and help those in need. We therefore have linked with Newham Community Project who are looking for the following items:

- Warm clothing for all ages
- Blankets
- Duvets
- Shoes
- Gloves, Hats and Socks
- Nappies
- Toiletries & hygiene products (including sanitary items)

**No food items please**

**Any donations need to be with us by the end of school on Thursday 9th February.** Please bring them to any gate at the start or end of the day or the main office during the day.

Alternatively, you may be considering a financial donation, and if so please ensure you use recognised organisations for this such as: **ActionAid, Action Against Hunger, British Red Cross, CAFOD, CARE International, Christian Aid, Concern Worldwide, International Rescue Committee, Islamic Relief, Oxfam, Save the Children** or **WorldActionAid**

**Safer Internet Day**

Safer Internet Day is this week. This year's theme is "**Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online**". During the week children have been completing activities and having assemblies exploring their conversations online and who they can talk to about activity and content.



If you would like to find out more, including practical tips about how to speak to your child about online safety, please use the link below.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers/practical-tips-for-starting-a-conversation-about-life-online>

**Half Term Activities**

There are a range of activities that you can access during the half term, many of which are free of charge. Please see the community pages for more information

***Wishing you a good half term and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 20th February. Take care and stay safe.***

***Sue Ferguson***

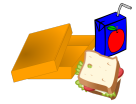
# General Information

## Book Fair



The book fair will be in school from Wednesday 8th to Friday 10th February. It will be open at the end of the school day in the school hall from 3.15pm-3.45pm. On Thursday 9th it will be open until 6.45pm to run alongside parents evening. Cash payments will be accepted.

## Strike Day Lunches



During teacher strike days children who are eligible for free school meals and are not on site will be offered a packed lunch that will need to be collected on the day of the strike.

Please be aware that all ordered lunches **must** be collected

## Parents Evening

**Parents Evening is being held tomorrow, Thursday 9th February 2023.**

**Please access the school through the main office door**

### How do I book an appointment?

- All parents evening appointments on Parent Mail are now fully booked. Please speak to your teachers class teacher to arrange another meeting.



### 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
- Book Fair
- 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.

## National Schools Breakfast Programme



Unfortunately due to financial constraints we are no longer able to offer the free breakfast items.

Any remaining stock we have will be sent out this week.

## Half Term Free School Meal Vouchers

We have been fortunate enough to secure funding for free school meal vouchers for this half term. All children who are eligible for free school meals will be issued with a £15.00 voucher to be used at a supermarket of your choice. Vouchers will be emailed to you on Wednesday 8th February.

### Year 4 Swimming - Seahorse Class

Year 4 swimming lessons will swap to Seahorse class after half term. The lessons will take place in the afternoon from 1.30-2.30pm. Children will be leaving school at 12:50pm to walk to the leisure centre.

Please ensure that your child brings their swimming kit for this lesson. This must include:

- \* a clean towel
- \* a swimming hat (both boys and girls)
- \* swimming trunks for boys (no shorts)
- \* 1 piece swimming costume for girls (no bikinis)



**Pupils must wear a swimming hat according to Newham Leisure Centres guidelines.**

### 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

### Dates for your diary

**13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>** - 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

## Urban Debate League

Well done to the 16 children in Year 5 who attended the Urban Debate League on Monday 30th January! You were so confident and did really well in your first ever real debate. Onwards & upwards for the next round!



## 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

### Set a good example; be caught in the act!

Children are a product of their upbringing and mimic the behaviour they see at home, repeating the

actions they observe from their parents or guardians. If a child observes his or her parent/guardian reading every night, then that child will emulate the same behaviour.

So pick up a book, newspaper or magazine and get caught reading!

## Maths

We all want children to feel confident with numbers, even if we struggle with maths ourselves

Everyone can help children with maths – you don't need to be an expert, and there is help!

Use the link below to find out more.

<https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/helping-children-maths>



## Well-being

### How can I support my child's emotional literacy?

Emotional literacy is the ability to understand, express and cope with emotions. It's a skill that children will develop as they grow, but can also be nurtured throughout childhood. There are lots of ways to help your child develop in this area.



<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/stages-development/social-emotional-development/emotional-literacy-child/>

## E- Safety

In the last couple of decades, the volume of online traffic has increased exponentially – but, by and large, people's awareness of the accompanying risks hasn't grown along with it. To illustrate the scale of the issue, consider this: a report by the Internet Crime Complaint Centre found that, in the US during 2020, there was a successful cyber-attack every second. Yes: every second.



Criminals continue to find new and devious ways to attempt to hijack our online transactions and harvest our private information. To them, the smart devices that many of us now use as standard at home are simply a convenient back door into our lives – and our networks. Check out our #WakeUpWednesday guide for advice on beefing up your household's cyber resilience. In the guide you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as how to use a password manager, how to back up your data and how to check for breaches.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/12-top-tips-for-building-cyber-resilience-at-home>

# Community, Wellbeing and Support

## **Home Fire Safety Checker/Home Fire Safety Visits**

A fire can start in any room and the effects can be devastating, even a small fire in your home can lead to substantial damage and expensive repairs. The London Fire Brigade want to stop fires from happening and that is why we offer our on-line Home Fire Safety Checker/free Home Fire Safety Visits to help keep you and your loved ones safe.

### **Home Fire Safety Checker**

If you just want to check the fire safety of your home, our new Home Fire Safety Checker tool allows you to carry out a thorough check of your home in only a few minutes – so there's no need to wait for a visit. Go to: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/home-fire-safety-checker>

### **What happens during a Home Fire Safety Visit?**

Our firefighters or trained staff will visit you at home, at a time that suits you and carry out a risk assessment. They will give you advice based on your home and individual needs, this includes; information on how to prevent fires, the importance of smoke alarms to detect a fire and your escape plan in the event of a fire.

A visit can take up to 90 minutes or longer if needed and we will fit free smoke alarms if required. Specialist alarms can be fitted for people who may have a delayed response to escape for example; strobe light and vibrating pad alarms for those who are deaf or hard of hearing.

### **How to book a Home Fire Safety Visit:**

Freephone: 0800 028 4428

Email: [smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk](mailto:smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk)

Text /SMS: 07860 021 319



## **Newham City Farm Petition**



Please consider signing this online petition to encourage Newham Council to keep a Community Farm in Newham. Newham City Farm is close to our school, in King George V Park. It provides a welcome amenity for families, especially for those with younger children. Keeping a link to animals is important for our children's understanding of food production, how we lived in the past and access to animals and nature is beneficial for all our well-being.

<https://www.change.org/p/rokhsanafiaz-keep-a-community-farm-in-newham>

## **Could you come up with a fun name for one of the Council's new bin lorries?**

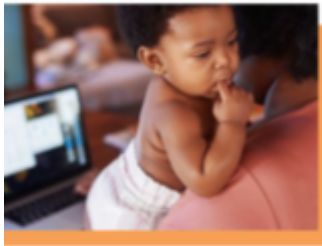
Newham Council are running an exciting competition at the moment, inviting pupils at Newham primary schools to colour a bin lorry picture and to give it a name. Entry forms have been distributed to each class on Wednesday morning- but you'll need to hurry, as entry closes at **5pm on 10th February 2023**. You can enter more than once and you should send your entries directly to [recycling@newham.gov.uk](mailto:recycling@newham.gov.uk). The winning names will be displayed on new waste collection vehicles. Newham Council will use the winners' names in relation to the competition on corporate social media accounts.



# MAMA GOES TO WORK



MUMMY'S DAY OUT



We are pleased to announce the launch of our upcoming project 'Mama Goes to Work'. This project is to support Black and Brown mothers who are seeking to enter employment after having a child or want to develop their skills and confidence to return to employment.

## WHAT TO EXPECT:

- How to write a CV
- Practical interview skills
- Confidence building
- Exploring entrepreneurship
- Creating a professional social media profile (LinkedIn)
- Career mapping
- Vision board making
- and much more!

FOLLOW US @ MUMMYS\_DAY\_OUT



[www.mummysdayout.com/mamagetwork](http://www.mummysdayout.com/mamagetwork)

TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST  
SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW



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## Join your next local Community Assembly

WE ARE



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In 2022, residents applied for a share of £100,000. Residents submitted project proposals. You voted for your favourites. Now they are well underway on delivering those projects.

Join your local Community Assembly to hear how these projects have, and will, impact your neighbourhood. Find out how they have met the local priorities you set in your area.

Enjoy some food, make connections, celebrate the achievements and discover how you can get involved.

[Newham Community Assemblies | Project showcase | Eventbrite](#)

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# HALF TERM FOREST SCHOOL

Monday 13 February & Wednesday 15 February  
10am- 12:30pm

**FREE\***

Tree climbing • Tool usage • Plant identification • Campfire Cooking • Games • Crafts

Beckton District Park South & Britannia Village Garden

Ages 4-11 attending with an adult

\*FREE with £5 refundable booking deposit

Book on our website!  
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info@curiousbynaturelondon.co.uk  
@curiousbynaturelondon

Project supported by Newham Community Assemblies

# Who's Behind THE CAMERA

Funded by Get Living to Inspire the East Village Community, we will be hosting a week of activities to encourage young people from ethnic minority backgrounds to consider careers in Sports Media.

**February Half Term  
13th-17th - 10am-2pm  
Age 11-16**

Sports | Filming | Journalism | Editing

London Stadium Learning  
Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park  
London E20 2ST

APPLY HERE

For more info please contact  
jalden@londonstadiumlearning.uk

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Choose one of our sessions to take part in. At each session we'll code and run our programs to submit to the Mission Zero project. Your child's code may run for the astronauts on the International Space Station.

**For children aged 8+**

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## 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	Zara	For her excellent writing about Jack and the Beanstalk.
Year 1	Ibraheem	For writing accurate sentences independently and using 'because' successfully.
Year 2	Shehzad	For showing great improvement in spelling trickier words.
Year 3	Lakin	For writing a brilliant descriptive opening for his own BFG story
Year 4	Rhea	For creating a fantastic website about her country.
Year 5	Aishah	A really powerfully written ode in English
Year 6	Jahleeka	For writing a magnificent short story with a touching ending.



## Assembly Special Mentions



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

**Year 5 Debate Team - Boston, Aishah, Precious, Maya, Dijana, Diamond, Riad, Ashaz, Petra, Meer, Uliel, Fisayo, Kortryna, Nicoleta, Jake, Khadija** - Confidently representing EWPS at their first ever Debate Mate competition. We are so proud of you!

**Year 1** - For showing a lot of maturity when travelling on the DLR and London Underground. We are so glad you were able to enjoy the London Eye together and see London from a bird's eye view.

**Sumaiya (L3)**- For getting one or more Mathletic certificates every week! Keep up the hard work.

## 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 03/02/2023



Congratulations to the following people who achieved a certificate this week



Certificate	Name & Class	Level
<b>Times Table Rockstars</b> <i>(New speed record!)</i>	<b>Natalie (L3) Deborah (T3) Olivia, Lakshana, Amina (S4) Naglis (D5)</b>	
<b>Mathletics Gold</b>	<b>Mikaela (S4)</b>	
<b>Mathletics Silver</b>	<b>Sumaiya (L3) David M, Mikaela (S4)</b>	
<b>Mathletics Bronze</b>	<b>Ryan (C1) Shannon, Ridwan (J2) Sumaiya (L3) Mikaela, David M, Sofia, David I, Sajda, Milana, Sofia, Olivia (S4)</b>	
<b>Pen Licence</b>	<b>Jessica (S4) Ermal (W6)</b>	



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.



**03/02/2023**

<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	Hooriya	AhnaF	Louisa	Adam	Sofia
Guppy 2	Yousuf	Umayah	Filippos	Kayla	Joao
Lionfish	Jervanni	Evanna	Nyla	Yusuf	Isabella
Clownfish	Ibraheem	Kayden	James	Toby	Feliks
Jellyfish	Ridwan	Shehzad	Gaia	Natali	Harry
Starfish	Ayden	Isabelle	Tanya	Robert	Karolis
Turtle	Farwa	Hasan	Aroush	Elias	Samarah
Lobster	Daniel.M	Blessing	Muhammad	Matvii	Abraham
Octopus	Waraka	Glory	Abdul	Philip	Emma
Seahorse	Nabeel	Saarah	Sofia	Kartar	Olivia
Stingray	Jake	Alatz	Meer	Petra	Ulliel
Dolphin	Esther	Hannah	Keiaana	Rayan	Aiden
Shark	Jasmin	Ahmed	Melissa	Morgana	Ariana
Whale	Klya	Ermal	Wiktorja	Rafan	Maria