



# ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER 26 - 18th April 2023



**Dear Parents & Carers,**

Welcome back. I hope you had a nice break.

We have a very busy half term coming up including additional bank holidays, coronation celebrations and KS1 & 2 SATs. Therefore please make sure you check the dates section of the newsletter regularly as some dates are liable to change

### Impact of national strike action

Please make sure you have checked your emails about arrangements for the planned industrial action that are due to take place on **Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May**. As previously we will text classes that we can open by 8.40 am and children have until 9.30 to come into school.

Please note that arrangements will be put into place so that the year 3 visit planned for Thursday 27th April can still go ahead as it is too late to cancel this. So children in year 3 need to attend school as normal on Thursday 27th April.

### And finally...

Eid Mubarak to all our families who will be celebrating on Friday or Saturday this week, we hope you have a wonderful day.



**Take care and stay safe.**

**Sue Ferguson**

## General Information



### Clubs



All after school clubs start this week. Please check the table below for further information. Please note we still have spaces in some of our clubs if you still wish to book.

Day	Years	Club
<b>Monday</b> (Club will run 17/04, 24/04, 15/05, 22/05, 05/06, 12/06, 19/06, 26/06, 03/07 + 10/07) <b>NO SESSIONS ON 01/05, 08/05, 29/05</b> <b>AND NO CLUBS AFTER 10/07</b>	1, 2 & 3	<b>Football</b>
	3, 4, 5 & 6	<b>Chess</b>
	4, 5 & 6	<b>Science</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> (Club will run 18/04, 25/04, 02/05, 09/05, 16/05, 23/05, 06/06, 13/06, 20/06 + 27/06) <b>NO SESSIONS ON 30/05 AND</b> <b>NO CLUBS AFTER 27/06</b>	1, 2 & 3	<b>Multi-SPORTS</b>
	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	<b>Performing Arts</b>
	2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	<b>Homework &amp; Online learning</b>

<b>Wednesday</b> (Club will run 19/04, 26/04, 03/05, 10/05, 17/05, 24/05, 07/06, 14/06, 21/06, 28/06 + 05/07) <b>NO SESSIONS ON 30/05 AND</b> <b>NO CLUBS AFTER 05/07</b>	1 & 2 ONLY	Phonics
	3, 4, 5 & 6	Guitar
	3, 4, 5 & 6	Art
	4, 5 & 6	Multi-Sports
<b>Thursday</b> (Club will run 20/04, 27/04, 04/05, 11/05, 18/05, 25/05, 08/06, 15/06, 22/06, 29/06 + 13/07) <b>NO SESSIONS ON 01/06 AND</b> <b>NO CLUBS AFTER 13/0</b>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Bike - Beginners and New Riders
	2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Drama
	4, 5 & 6	Football
	4, 5 & 6	Fencing
<b>Friday</b> (Club will run 21/04, 28/04, 05/05, 12/05, 19/05, 26/05, 09/06, 16/06, 23/06 + 07/07) <b>NO SESSIONS ON</b> <b>02/06 + 30/06</b> <b>AND NO CLUBS AFTER 07/07</b>	1, 2, & 3	Dodgeball
	4, 5 & 6	Martial Arts
	4, 5 & 6	Gymnastics

### Dates for your diary

**Thursday 27th April - National strike action - attendance on site likely to be restricted**

**Monday 1st May - Bank holiday - school closed**

**Tuesday 2nd May - National strike action - attendance on site likely to be restricted**

**Thursday 4th May - Lionfish class assembly @2:45pm**

**Monday 8th May - Coronation Bank Holiday- school closed**

**9th-12th May - Year 6 SATs week**

**Monday 15th May - Clownfish class assembly @2:45 (This has been rescheduled due to the National strike action)**

**Thursday 18th May - Guppy 1 class assembly @ 2:45pm**

**Thursday 25th May - Guppy 2 class assembly @2:45**

**29th May - 2nd June - Half term**

**Monday 5th June - First day back**



# Our Learning

## Year 2 Visit to the Hive

Year 2 had a fantastic opportunity to take part in exploring Epping forest. This was related to our big question for quarter 3: What does it take to be an explorer? The children took part in planning out a route using their map skills. They then went out into the forest in groups to follow the route to explore the forest. They were able to identify and name some common wild plants found in the forest, explore and appreciate the natural forest environment and how to treat the environment with care and sensitivity.



## Learning Tips

### Reading - Talk about books



This is a great way to make connections, develop understanding and make reading even more enjoyable. Start by discussing the front cover and talking about what it reveals and suggests the book could be

about. Then talk about what you've been reading and share ideas. You could discuss something that happened that surprised you, or something new that you found out. You could talk about how the book makes you feel and whether it reminds you of anything.

### Handwriting

Much of handwriting is about correct letter formation and then muscle memory, which is why children's handwriting improves when they practice.

As this a focus for this term in years 1 to 6, please make sure your child completes and returns their handwriting homework.



### Well-being



Having an energy-efficient home is beneficial in many ways. Saving energy can mean you spend less money on household bills. It also has a positive impact on the environment.

If you want to teach your child habits for saving energy, think about some of the following.



<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/behaviour/using-rules-rewards/saving-energy/>

### E- Safety

If you know any young gamers, you'll almost certainly be familiar with Fortnite. It's one of the most popular video games on the planet – up alongside other mega-hits like Minecraft, Roblox and Call of Duty in terms of its sheer number of fiercely dedicated players. Fortnite currently has more than 400 million devotees worldwide – around 25 million of whom play it every day.

Given Fortnite's relatively young user-base, though (as many as one in four pre-teens are reported to have played the game, despite its PEGI 12 age rating), it's prudent not to conflate immense popularity with absolute safety. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide assesses the latest version for potential pitfalls that parents and carers of young Fortnite fans should be aware of.

In the guide you'll find a number of potential risks such as compulsive playing, audio chat with other gamers and in-game spending.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/fortnite-chaper-4>

## Community, Wellbeing and Support

### Peer Parenting Offer

#### Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities (EPEC)

**Delivered for Parents by Parents:**  
This course helps parents learn practical communication skills for everyday life & bring up confident, happy and co-operative children.

**BAP (Being A Parent) Courses**  
The BAP Group is a weekly space for parents to come together sharing experiences and learning tried and tested approaches that can help us improve our relationship with our children. Many parents have already benefited from this course, & we want to reach as many parents and carers as possible.

#### Autism Group

For parents & carers of children affected by Autism, whether diagnosed or undiagnosed. BAP Autism is designed to:

- Promote children's development & skills
- Reduce child & family difficulties
- Improve parent confidence, skills & satisfaction
- Improve social & community connectedness.

#### Baby & Us

For parents & carers with a baby under 1 years old. This course will help you feel better able to:

- Process the impact of the birth experience
- Understand your baby's crying/sleeping/feeding cues & to feel more confident managing the practicalities of your baby's routine
- Communicate with your baby
- Develop friendships with other parents which are mutually supportive

#### Wednesday

26th April - 12th July  
6.00pm - 8.30pm  
*Autism Specific*  
via zoom  
(register to receive zoom link)

#### Thursday

27th April - 29th June  
10.00am - 12.00pm  
*Baby and Us*  
East Ham Library  
328 Barking Road, East Ham E6 2RT

#### Thursday

4th May - 6th July  
12.45pm - 2.45pm  
*BAP Urdu*  
Kay Rowe Children's Centre  
Osborne Road, Forest Gate E7 0PH

#### Friday

5th May - 7th July  
10.00am - 12.00pm  
*BAP 2-16 years*  
Tollgate Primary School  
Barclay Road, Plaistow E13 8SA

Light refreshments provided

Courses available every term

For Peer Parenting queries please visit  
Parenting Programmes | Newham Families Advice and Support  
To sign up, please scan the QR code here:

## 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
Guppy	Zara	For her fantastic independent writing and spelling during every lesson.

Year 1	Nyla	For her great fact file about different bird eggs.
Year 2	Rida	For beautifully joining her handwriting in all her books.
	Emilis	For fantastic efforts in his phonics sessions and writing tricky words with the correct sounds in.
Year 3	Hannah	For writing brilliant sentences independently in English
Year 4	Jessica	Using modal verbs to investigate a mystery Year 4 became involved in yesterday.
Year 5		
Year 6	Morgana	For producing lovely reading reflections.

### 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 24/03/2023



**Congratulations to the following people who achieved a certificate this week**

Certificate	Name & Class	Level
Lexia	Merlia Level 4 Liam Level 11 Tahmid Level 13	4 11 13
Times Table Rockstars <i>(New speed record!)</i>	Waraka (O4) Mikaela, Minahil, Kartar, Tahmid (S4)	
Mathletics Silver	Emma Milana	
Mathletics Bronze	Katelya, Victoria, and Olivia  Alex A  Evie, Diana, Rares, Glory and Emma.  Sumaiya and Natalie	



	<b>Robert , Shannon, Ridwan and Harry</b>	
	<b>Milana</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.



**24/03/2023**

House Name	Creola Katherine Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
Value	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard & Cared For
Guppy 1	Guppy 1	Keyaan	Elise	Lucian	Hooriya
Guppy 2	Guppy 2	Antoan	Ilinca	Bliss	Layla
Lionfish	Lionfish	Musa	Hafsa	Rohaam	Elsie
Clownfish	Clownfish	Izabella	James	Dhaveed	Patryk
Jellyfish	Jellyfish	Thomas	Sonny	Robert	Kevinas
Starfish	Starfish	Karolis	Mia	Helen	Alisha
Turtle	Turtle	Lakin	Nikita	Cindy	Joel
Lobster	Lobster	Dragos	Rexhep	Abeera	Natalie
Octopus	Octopus	Rhea	Emma	Evie	Orion
Seahorse	Seahorse	Jessica	Jahdel	Alena	David I
Stingray	Stingray	Fairplay House			
Dolphin	Dolphin	Fairplay House			
Shark	Shark	Jannah	Wasay	Ahmed	Larissa
Whale	Whale	Ermal	Aleeza	Aronas	Arijus



Due to World Book Day last Friday we were not able to announce our Stars of the Week and our congratulations section. Keep an eye out for double in next week's newsletter



