

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

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

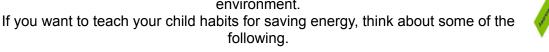
As this a focus for this term in years 1 to 6, please make sure your child completes and returns their handwriting homework.



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.





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

E- Safety

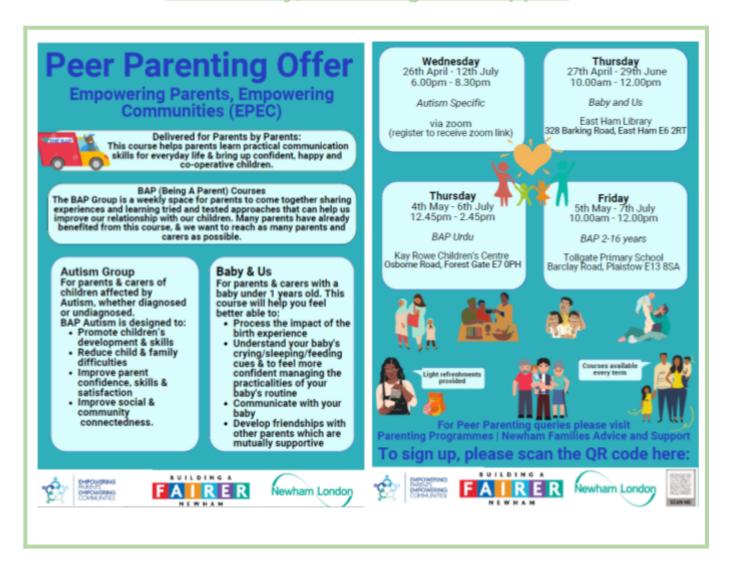
If you know any young gamers, you'll almost certainly be familiar with Fortnite. It's one of the most popular video games on the planet – up alongside other mega-hits like Minecraft, Roblox and Call of Duty in terms of its sheer number of fiercely dedicated players. Fortnite currently has more than 400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



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

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

Robert , Shannon, Ridwan and Harry

Milana



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	llinca	Bliss	Layla
Lionfish	Lionfish	Musa	Hafsa	Rohaan	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

