



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 22 - 8th March 2023



Dear Parents & Carers,

It was lovely to see all our children celebrating World Book Day last week and you will find more information about this later in the newsletter. I particularly enjoyed the opportunity to read "The Tiger Who Came To Tea" to Guppy 1! It made my day!



Science Week

This week's learning tips are all about science as we are entering National Science week. Further information will be in next week's newsletter.

Ofsted Inspection

As you know we have our Ofsted Inspection today and tomorrow. A copy of the letter and parents guide that was sent out yesterday is attached again to this newsletter.

We would encourage all parents to please complete the survey

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk> as soon as possible please as this will close shortly. Thank you for your support.

Take care and stay safe.

Sue Ferguson

General Information

Mother's Day Gift Sale



We will be holding a Mother's Day gift sale at break times from Thursday 9th March. Children can purchase gifts during their morning break for between 50p and £5.00.

Please note this will be cash only.

Dates for your diary

9th March - Year 5 Fair Play House parents meeting

15 & 16th March - Possible strike action - attendance on site may be restricted.
Further details will be sent out on Monday 13th.

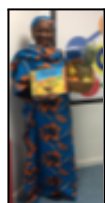
16th March - Stingray Sharing Assembly (may need to be moved - see above)

23rd March - Dolphin Sharing Assembly

3rd -16th April - Easter Holidays



Our Learning



World Book Day

On Friday 3rd March, we celebrated World Book Day as a school and the children and adults dressed up as their favourite book character/author. We spent the whole day focusing on books and reading. We swapped classes so we could read with children in other year groups, completed some reading activities and we even had different teachers and teaching

assistants read their favourite book to us. Our Reading Champions played a vital role in the organisation of the day and were extremely helpful supporting other classes and reading to the children. The Reading Champions also chose the winners from each class for the best costume. The names of the children are below. There were so many amazing costumes to choose from and this made the decisions very hard. Well done to everyone for participating in World Book Day!



Guppy 1	Guppy 2	Lionfish	Clownfish	Jellyfish	Starfish
Halle	Layla Mae	Zakariyya	James	Meta	Karolis

Lobster	Turtle	Seahorse	Octopus
Farwa	Muhammad	Hamzah	Simon
Dolphin	Stingray	Shark	Whale
Kotryna	Isra	Ali	Lauryn

*Miss Foster and Ms Khan,
The English Team.*

Poetry Week

This week, the whole school has taken part in Poetry Week. Classes have been exploring poems in their writing lessons and have then created their own poems based on the theme of resilience and strength.



During our reading lessons, the children have recited poems and practised performance poetry ready for a poetry recital in Friday's assembly. Every class from Reception to Year 6, performed a poem they had learnt to the rest of the school. The performances were fantastic and very impressive.

The children had learnt the poems by heart, spoke clearly with different voices and used actions to support the telling of their poems. Well done everyone for putting on such a brilliant poetry recital!



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Learning Tips



Investigation 1 - Germs

This fun, sparkly activity will help your children visualise how germs spread and the importance of hand-washing.

Explain that the glitter represents germs that we get from touching surfaces, coughing into our hands, touching our face etc. We are going to see how easily they transmit (travel) and the best way to stop them

What you'll need:

Glitter, Hand/ body cream, Wet wipes, Water, Soap

Method

1. Two people rub cream into your hands and sprinkle a thin layer of glitter on top. If you have different colours, you can each use a different colour.
2. Next, shake hands with each other.
3. Now, wash your hands. Between you, try different methods for cleaning the glitter off.

Experiment with wet wipes, just water, and water and soap.

**What is the best way to clean your hands of germs?
What do you notice about where the glitter has travelled to? Which one is the best for getting rid of the glitter?
Using your findings, what advice can you give people about how to stop germs transmitting?**

Investigation 2 - Self-inflating balloon

It's time for a little scientific investigation into chemical reactions. Here we'll use a base (baking powder) and an acid (vinegar).

What you'll need:

Balloons, a small plastic bottle, baking powder/bicarbonate of soda, water, vinegar, funnel

Method

1. First pour a small amount of water into the bottle, and add the same amount of vinegar.
2. Use a funnel to fill the balloon with a teaspoon of baking powder.
3. Fit the balloon over the bottleneck, taking care not to let any powder fall into the bottle.
4. Then lift the end of the balloon and let the powder fall in. Stand the bottle on a table and watch the balloon miraculously inflate itself!

What happens to the balloon? Why do you think it's happening? What happens when a base is mixed with an acid?



Investigation 3 – Melting chocolate

Chocolate tasting! In this investigation, you will be comparing the rate at which different chocolates melt. You can use a variety of different types of chocolate, ones with wrappers and others without, dark, milk and white chocolates, with fillings and without, and a range of sizes and textures.

What you will need

A variety of small chocolate sweets (Maltesers, Roses, Smarties etc.)

Method

1. Separate all the sweets into categories, for example by colour, shape or whether or not they have a filling.
2. Test which type of chocolate melts the fastest.
3. This can be by putting it on a plate out in the sun, holding it for 60 seconds in their hand or putting it in their mouth!

Why do some chocolates melt faster than others?

Investigation 4 – Slime

What you will need

Cornflour, Water, Glass dish/tray, Food colouring (optional)

Method

1. Put four tbsp cornflour in the dish and slowly add water, a little at a time, until you have a thick liquid.
2. Add a drop or two of blue food colouring and then create a vivid electric blue slime!
3. When you touch the substance firmly with your finger it should be hard to the touch, but if you touch it gently your finger should sink into liquid.

Can you explain what chemical reaction has taken place? Have you created a solid, liquid or gas? How do you know?

Investigation 5 – Volcanoes

What you need

10 ml of dish soap, 100 ml of warm water, 400 ml of white vinegar, Food colouring, Baking soda slurry (fill a cup about ½ with baking soda, then fill the rest of the way with water), Empty 2 litre soda bottle

Method

(NOTE: This should be done outside due to the mess.)

1. Combine the vinegar, water, dish soap and 2 drops of food colouring into the empty soda bottle.
2. Use a spoon to mix the baking soda slurry until it is all a liquid.
3. Eruption time! ... Pour the baking soda slurry into the soda bottle quickly and step back!

Why do you think it's happening? Can you explain what chemical reaction has taken place?



Investigation 6 – Lava Lamp

What you need

A clean plastic bottle (try to use one with smooth sides), water, Vegetable Oil (or you could use Mineral or Baby Oil instead), Fizzing tablets (such as Alka Seltzer), Food Colouring

Method

1. Fill the bottle up about 1/4th (1 quarter) with water.
2. Pour the vegetable oil in the bottle until it is almost full. You may want to use a measuring cup with a spout or a funnel. You may have to wait a couple of minutes for the oil and water to separate.
3. Add a few drops of your favourite food colouring. Watch as the colour sinks through the oil.
4. Break your fizzy tablet in half and drop part of it into the bottle. Get ready ... here come the bubbly blobs!
5. You can even get a flashlight, turn off the lights and drop in another half tablet. This time shine the flashlight through the lava lamp while the blobs are bubbling!

Did your drops of colour mix with the water immediately or float in between for a few minutes? What have you observed and what scientific explanation is there for this?

Well-being



If you're worried about your child's self-esteem, you can support them. One approach is to explore the connection between self-esteem and social media.



<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/mental-health-wellbeing/self-esteem/activity-understand-how-social-media-affects-self-esteem/>

E- Safety

A free online safety guide on Not Gonna Lie (NGL).



NGL is another of those 'bolt-on' apps which is designed to work alongside a major social media network. In this instance, the 'host' platforms are Instagram and Twitter – with NGL (meaning, as you may have surmised, 'Not Gonna Lie') inviting a user's friends and followers to ask them questions anonymously. An intriguing novelty, perhaps – but also not without risk.

Human nature being what it is, some people take the smokescreen of online anonymity as an excuse to behave in ways that they certainly wouldn't if their identity were visible. The idea of exposing young social media users to anonymous messages is one which understandably concerns many parents: our #WakeUpWednesday guide brings you the facts about NGL. This free online safety guide looks at NGL – an anonymous messaging app.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-ngl>

Community, Wellbeing and Support

Ambition Aspire Achieve
Winter Clothing Sale
Saturday 11th March
10:30am to 12:00pm

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NEED ADVICE ON RENTING PRIVATELY?



Newham's Homelessness Prevention and Advice Service (HPAS) invite you to attend a workshop that will be delivered by the Tenancy Sustainment Team to empower and inform Newham residents who rent privately.

The workshop will provide information on:

- How to deal with common issues when renting privately.
- Rights and responsibilities of tenants and landlords in private accommodation.
- Disrepair
- Paying rent and updating benefit services.
- What to do when things go wrong.

FEBRUARY 16TH AND MARCH 9TH 2023

1:30PM-2:30PM

Tollgate Rd, London

E6 5UP

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We have lots of exciting activities planned throughout!
Please head to our website for a detailed breakdown!

Please Bring

A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

Mix it up during half term with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before – from dodgeball to fencing, lacrosse to cheer.

Book now for an Easter break full of fun!



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Do you have clothes that could have a new life with someone else?

We have partnered with second-hand fashion charity TR Aid, to offer residents a convenient way to donate clothing using TR Aid's free home collection service.

This service is open to all Newham households, including flats, and allows you to book a collection on a day that suits you.

You can donate clean and wearable clothes, shoes, accessories, sheets and household linen (excluding duvets and pillows). You can book a collection for a minimum of 1 large bag or 3 small bags of clothing.

[Find out more and book a collection from TR Aid >](#)

Would you like to organise an event to celebrate the Coronation?



Applications for a King's Coronation Community Grant of up to £500 are now open until Thursday 17 March.

Residents, schools and community groups are invited to organise celebratory events for the Coronation of His Majesty The King between Sunday 7 May to Wednesday 10 May.

Those receiving a grant will also receive a waiver of all non-statutory fees and charges such as road closures, hire of Council community venues, parks and libraries.

[Find out more and apply for a King's Coronation Community Grant >](#)

Congratulations



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

