



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 20 - 22nd February 2023



Dear Parents & Carers,



I hope you had a good half term. It was lovely to start the week by holding the postponed discos for years 3, 4, 5 and 6. The children had a wonderful time and I'm sure you join me in thanking all the staff who gave up their own time to make sure it could take place.

Parents Evening

If you were not able to attend parents' evening and have not yet spoken to your child's teacher, please contact them as soon as possible. The partnership between school and home is very important and we need to work together so our children can reach their full potential.

Earthquake Relief Appeal

Thank you so much for your generosity with your donation items for the Earthquake relief effort. We were able to arrange for the majority of it to be sent the weekend before half term. We did have some additional donations that came after the closing time and so we will ensure these are distributed to local charities here in the UK as there is no longer the capacity to send additional items out.



Take care and stay safe.

Sue Ferguson

General Information



World Book Day

It's that time of year again! Our Poetry Week, which will be taking place on the week beginning Monday 27th February, will once again coincide with World Book Day 2023. Our theme will be Strength and Resilience. On Friday 3rd of March, WBD will be celebrating 26 years, which is a testament to how much we all love reading.

The children will have opportunities to Drop Everything And Read throughout the day, be read to, and will compete for the title of Best World Book Day costume. This year, we are giving the children the freedom to dress up as any author/character they find inspiring, from a book they love. We look forward to seeing the books your children are reading come to life.

Miss Khan and Miss Foster
English Leads

EWPS Spelling Bee

Exciting News! We are introducing Ellen Wilkinson Primary Spelling Bee 2023! More details will be sent home with your children, and via parentmail.

Meet your child with a smile - Not a Mobile

Please note that nursery staff will not dismiss children to parents/carers who are using their mobile phones. All mobile phones must be put away when dropping off and collecting children from nursery (no phones in hand).

This is to ensure children's safety.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Impact of national strike action

As you know there are currently 3 further planned days of national strike action by members of the NEU. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over the lack of school funding, teachers' pay, the current recruitment and retention crisis and the devastating impact this is having now and will continue to have in the future.

At this moment it appears likely that this industrial action will still take place on the following dates:

- Thursday 2nd March 2023
- Wednesday 15th March 2023
- Thursday 16th March 2023

We do not know definitely ahead of time which classes will be affected (last time it was every class). This becomes known when eligible staff do or do not present to work by 8.30 am on the affected day.

Therefore for Thursday 2nd March we will text the parents of any classes we can open by 8.40 am and you can bring children into school up until 9.30 am.

I am sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. If you have any further questions please contact the main office and ask for a member of the Senior Leadership Team to contact you.

Little Ellies childcare is unaffected and so will be open on these days.

Message from the Governors Finance Committee

The Governors Finance Committee met on 2nd February. At this meeting we discussed maintenance and repairs, including repairs to Little Ellie's playground and toilets which should be completed during holiday periods this year. We also reviewed a number of policies relating to finance, school lettings, first aid and safeguarding.



The main agenda item was looking at the budget. In common with other schools, we have seen our expenditure rise significantly recently. Although the School has always been very careful to keep spending within our means, we now need to consider where extra savings can be made in the new financial year. We will update parents as soon as possible with further details.

Marie Christie & Tom Gregory

Dates for your diary

23rd February - Seahorse Sharing Assembly

2nd March - Possible strike action - attendance on site may be restricted

3rd March - World Book Day

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

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

23rd March - Dolphin Sharing Assembly

3rd -16th April - Easter Holidays



Our Learning

London Eye Trip



Children in Year 1 visited the London Eye as part of our Big Question. Children were able to see most of London and even identified different London Landmarks. We had a lot of children who conquered their fears of getting on the London Eye!



Learning Fair

On Friday 10th February, we held our second learning fair of the year, to mark the end of Quarter 2. It was a great morning, during which children from Years 1 to 6 came together to share their learning. Each class had the opportunity to visit three different classes and get a taste of what other year groups have been learning about, across all of the foundation subjects. A group of children from each class stayed to host in their classroom and it was fantastic to see the confidence the children had when sharing and showcasing their learning.



Panathlon - Bowling Finals

On Wednesday 8th February EWPS took part in the Panathlon Bowling finals. We took a group of 6 children to Romford to compete.

They all behaved really well and tried their hardest. Big congratulations to Aleena & Deniz, both received a certificate for scoring over 100 points with Aleena being our highest scorer!



A great day was had by all! We look forward to the next event.

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



Guiding you during the Cost of Living crisis

As the Cost of Living crisis continues to impact so many in Newham we are here to help. Join us every Tuesday from 28

February until 28 March at our weekly Cost of Living Wellbeing One Stop Shop events.

Each week there will be free advice and support from Our Newham Money, Our Newham Work,

Connected for Warmth - Free Insulation Measures

If your home is in Council Tax band A-D, then you could be eligible for free insulation. [You can check your Council Tax band on the Government website.](#)



Make your home more comfortable by reducing the amount of heat escaping this winter. Connected for Warmth's new scheme offers free

Housing, Public Health, Energy Support, MIND and others.

The events take place at East Ham Library, 328 Barking Road, E6 2RT between 10am-2pm

For information email
OurNewhamBandE@newham.gov.uk using
 E-Business in the subject line >

loft and cavity wall insulation, heating controls, smaller energy efficiency measures and energy advice.

These measures can help make your home more comfortable by reducing the amount of heat escaping during the colder months of the year.

[Find out more and apply online at Connected for Warmth >](#)

Beckton & Royal Docks Children's Centre Timetable



20th February-5th March 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Messy Monday's Under 5's 10:00 – 11:00 Dove Approach entrance Booking Required Music and Movement 10:00 – 11:00 Royal Wharf Community Dock Square Term Time Only	Stay and Play Baby Sensory Under 1's 10:00-11:00 Dove Approach entrance Booking Required	SEND Stay and Play Special educational needs and disabilities, speech & language delay Under 5's 10:30 – 11:30 Dove Approach entrance Sing-Along 10:00-11:00 Britannia Village Hall Term Time Only	Sing-Along & Stories Under 5's 10:00 – 10:45 Tollgate Road entrance Booking Required Baby Sing-Along and Stories 11:00-11:45 Under 1's Tollgate Road entrance Booking Required	Stay & Play AM Under 5's 10:00-11:00 Tollgate Road entrance
Nature Play Under 5's 30 th Jan-6 th March 1.30-2.30 Dove Approach entrance Booking Required This session runs for 6 weeks. All sessions need to be attended and includes outdoor activities.	Stay & Play Under 5's 1.30-2.30 Tollgate Road entrance	Stay and Play Babies Under 1's 1.30 – 2.30 Dove Approach entrance Booking Required Sing-Along 1.30 – 2.30 North Woolwich Library Term Time Only	World Book Day Under 5's 1.00 – 2.30 2 nd March Tollgate Road entrance Booking Required Limited spaces Enjoy storytelling, book gifting and story themed activities.	Stay & Play PM Under 5's 1.30 – 2.30 Tollgate Road entrance



6th-31st March 2023

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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	Matei	For fantastic participation during class discussions in all areas. Well done Matei!
Year 1	Ayana	For always presenting her work beautifully
Year 2	Tessa	For creating an amazing fact file about Amelia Earhart.
Year 3	Zain	For his great still life sketch of fruit in our art lesson.
Year 4	Jahdel	Using all his writing skills in his work.
Year 5	Nicoleta	For an amazing soliloquy.
Year 6	Bella	For writing imaginative sentences using figurative language.

Assembly Special Mentions

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



Seahorse Class - Producing an incredible piece of writing on Wednesday showing off all the skills we are learning in English.

Panathlon Children - Well done for competing in the Panathlon Bowling Final! You all were amazing!

Aleena (O4), Denis (S5) - For both getting over 100 points in the Panathlon Competition!

Aleena (O4) - For scoring the highest score from EWPS.

Certificate Mentions 10/02/2023

Congratulations to the following people who achieved a certificate this week



Certificate	Name & Class	Level
Lexia	Kemi (L3) Kartar (S4) Oliver (D5) Tahmid (S4)	3 4 10 11
Times Table Rockstars <i>(New speed record!)</i>	Mariana, Amelia, Emilijus (L3) Aroush (T3) Isra, Vinicius, Phone (O4) Amina, Sofia, Matteo, Lakshana (S4) Naglis (D5)	
Mathletics Gold	Emily (J2) Mikaela (S4)	
Mathletics Silver	Ibraheem (C1) Emily (J2) Elena (O4)	

Mathletics Bronze	Ryan, Ibraheem, Feliks (C1) Michaela (L1) Emily, Darius, Ridwan, Gaia (J2) Sumaiya, David, Eric (L3) Simon, Elena, Rares (O4) David M, Jahdel x2, Lakshana, Olivia, David I , Jessica (S4)	
Pen Licence	Victoria (S4) Aishah, Kydon (D5)	



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.



10/02/2023

House Name	Creola Katherine Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
Value	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard & Cared For
Guppy 1	Lucian	Emma	Hooriya	Ruby	Elise
Guppy 2	Tilly	Ilinca	Kayaan	Zara Miron	Justina
Lionfish	Hafsa	Amirah	Matei	Elsie	Layla
Clownfish	James	Niamh	Malkia	Hadassah	Noah
Jellyfish	Emily	Dawud	Iqra	Nicole	Sonny
Starfish	Frankie	Spencer	Sofia	Oliver	Areeb
Turtle	Fionel	Ayden	Jonathon	Armin	Inaaya
Lobster	Ryan	Jayden	David	Dragos	Eric
Octopus	Tyler	Isra	Saad	Simon	Taijsha
Seahorse	Amina	Nabeel	Lakshana	Alena	Minahil
Stingray	Armani	Kesar	Ryan	Khadija	Kajus
Dolphin	Maya	Steven	Naglis	Nasharie	Christopher
Shark	Zeynep	Jahleeka	Bella	Cristina	Saami
Whale	Vanessa	Nuraz A	Maria	Zain	Olivia