



## ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 21 - 1st March 2023



Dear Parents & Carers,



### Changes in the playground

As you may have seen when you have collected your child, our pond redevelopment is now taking place. This has been planned for the last two years and we are looking forward to being able to return to using it in the summer term to support children's learning.

Sadly, we have had to remove the large play equipment which has been out of use for a period of time. This decision was made as the costs to repair and maintain it are too large.

### Impact of national strike action

Please make sure you have checked your emails about arrangements for the planned industrial action that is due to take place this week on Thursday 2nd March 2023 as it is likely that we will be partially open. We will text classes by 8.40 that we can open and children have until 9.30 to come into school. School lunches will be provided for all children on site but please note the menu may be different to the usual. Please note there will be no breakfast or after school clubs on this day. Little Ellies childcare is unaffected and so will be fully open.

*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 27<sup>th</sup> February, will once again coincide with World Book Day 2023. Our theme will be Strength and Resilience. On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### Junior Duke Arrangements



Children in years 3 to 6 can now start bringing their Junior Duke books in to be signed off by the member of staff for that activity. **Children can bring their books in on Tuesdays to be signed.** They can either do this after each activity or wait until they have a couple to do. We are really looking forward to seeing how you are meeting your Junior Duke challenges!



### Dates for your diary



**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

### Poetry

This week all our year groups have been looking at different types of poetry and we thought you may like to read one created in year 5 by Nicoleta called “**Keep Going**”.

*If success is failure turned inside out,  
Then happiness is what life is all about.  
When you have a dream resting in your hands,  
Just keep your confidence like performing bands.  
Showing your kindness is very free,  
But remember, confidence is key.*

*It's ok to sometimes feel sorrow,  
Just remember, you can build your new life tomorrow.  
You shall have kindness in your heart,  
But remember to add hope to your shopping cart.  
It's very nice to smile,  
Just don't take your loss in denial.*

*You must forget your terrible past,  
It's the way to make your pain last.  
You're the best when you're kind,  
Just make sure to keep that in mind.  
You deserve the opportunity to believe,  
Happiness is what you shall receive.*

*When your life is at peace, it's when you can rely,  
Just make sure that your loved ones reply.  
Don't believe that your pain will last forever,  
Because no one will hate you, ever.  
Sure, life can sometimes be tough,  
But always remember, you're enough.*

*Don't be sad over a loss,  
Remember, that you are a boss.  
Don't rush, take your time,  
One mistake is not a crime.  
Don't worry, you'll always have a cake to frost,  
Be proud, even if you've lost.*

*You'll always have someone to inspire,  
But it's okay if something might backfire.*

*Even if your day is kind of grey,  
You'll always have something good to say.  
Confidence is like a wave,  
It's why you should be brave.*

**-Keep Going by Nicoleta.**

*"Don't rush, take your time, one mistake is not a crime."*

## Learning Tips

### Reading

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

Encourage your child to read. Reading helps your child's wellbeing. It also develops imagination and has educational benefits too. Just a few minutes a day can have a big impact on children of all ages.



### Maths

Taking place on 8 March 2023, World Maths Day is a global celebration of mathematics powered by [Mathletics](#) and loved by millions of students across the world!

On this day, students across the world compete in live 60-second mathematics challenges to determine a global grade/year level winner, while also participating in fun activities that highlight the wonder of numbers.

Get practising



### Well-being

#### **How do I talk to my child about upsetting news?**



Sometimes children and teenagers can feel worried or upset by stories they hear about in the news. Especially with rolling news and social media, bad news can become overwhelming and the topic may be unclear or frightening. As a parent or carer, you can help to reassure your child.

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/mental-health-wellbeing/anxious-feelings/talk-to-child-news/>

### E- Safety

Most parents frequently chat with their child about how things are going at school or what's happening in their friendship groups – but those discussions often doesn't extend to youngsters' online activities. In fact, National Online Safety conducted a recent survey which found that only slightly more than half (54%) of parents regularly talk to their children about staying safe online.



It can be an awkward topic to broach and, of course, it needs not to feel intrusive. However, just checking in with your child about their digital life can get them thinking about online safety and alert you to any issues they might be having. In support of Safer Internet Day 2023, our #WakeUpWednesday guide has some useful tips on potential ways to start those conversations.

In the guide you'll find a number of useful tips such as being as honest as possible, discussing how misleading the online world can be and creating a 'family agreement'.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/open-discussions-about-digital-lives>

## Community, Wellbeing and Support



### **Newham City Farm Volunteering Opportunities**

Parents, carers and the wider community may be interested to know that Volunteering Opportunities are available at Newham City Farm. The Council are appealing for people to help maintain the farm to ensure the facilities there can be used if the farm opens again with animals. The volunteering sessions are on Fridays from 10am to 1 and please register in advance as places are limited. Details are available @:

<https://newhamco-create.co.uk/en/projects/becktonparksmasterplan>

### **Beckton Parks**



Beckton Parks are being upgraded and designed for the future. The planning process moves on to a new phase next Saturday 11th March, at the Beckton Globe Library Rotunda. The East Architecture design team will be present to discuss designs, answer questions and collect further feedback for the Beckton Parks Masterplan.

The design team will be there between 10.30 - 13.00 and 14.00 - 16.30. If you would like to join for the introductory talks, we recommend you arrive ahead of one of the two scheduled talks:

- 11.00 - 11.15: Morning introduction and updates from East Architecture Design team
- 14.30 - 14.45: Afternoon introduction and updates from East Architecture Design team

If you are unable to attend on Saturday, the boards featuring the Masterplan drawings and designs will be presented in the Rotunda space upstairs for another week.

# WE ARE SUPPORTIVE.

# WE ARE NEWHAM.

## COST OF LIVING WELLBEING ONE STOP SHOP



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WELLBEING



ENERGY  
BILLS

Free advice and support with the cost of living

### WE CAN SUPPORT YOU!

Get free advice and support from Our Newham Money, Our Newham Work, Housing, Public Health, Energy Support, MIND and others.



Email: [costoflivingresponse@newham.gov.uk](mailto:costoflivingresponse@newham.gov.uk)  
www.newham.gov.uk/council/cost-of-living-response

### COME TO OUR WEEKLY COST OF LIVING WELLBEING ONE STOP SHOP

Every Tuesday  
28 February-28 March  
10am-2pm  
East Ham Library, 328 Barking Road, E6 2RT



Spring 2023

## SCERTS Training Course for Parents/Carers \*face-to-face!

### Training for parents/carers of children who:

- Are in Reception to Year 11 who have social communication needs or a diagnosis of Autism.
- Parents/carers must be Newham residents or children must attend a Newham school YR-Y11.

Social  
Communication  
Emotional  
Regulation  
Transactional  
Supports

Learn about autism, social communication and strategies to support your child's communication and ability to stay focused, calm and engaged.

### Please attend ALL 4 sessions:



Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	9.30-12.30
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	9.30-12.30
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2023	9.30-12.30
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	9.30-12.30



Course delivered in person at Tunmarsh Centre, Tunmarsh Lane, E13 9NB  
\*Parking is NOT available



Click here to book a place:

<https://forms.office.com/e/HqFmpuUges>

Language, Communication & Interaction Service



Language, Communication & Interaction Service  
LCIS@newham.gov.uk  
020 3373 3764 or 020 3373 7161



## LCIS: Family Training & Support for Autism/Social Communication Spring term 2023

In addition to our school service offer, LCIS provides a range of courses for families of primary and secondary aged children and young people in Newham who have a diagnosis of autism or social communication difficulties. Our training is divided into Early Years: for parents/carers of children in nursery & School Aged: for parents/carers of children in Reception-Year 11.

### Early Years training for parents/carers of children in Nursery/Pre-school



- Session 1: Developing Communication  
Session 2: How children with social communication needs think & learn; Emotional Regulation  
Session 3: Understanding sensory needs and supporting emotional regulation  
Session 4: Problem solving: Further support in the community

Session 1	Online	Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1-2	Online	Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 1-2
Session 2	Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1-2		Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar 1-2	
Session 3	Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1-2		Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar 1-2	
Session 4	Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb 1-2		Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar 1-2	



### Overcoming challenges with eating

Date: To be confirmed  
Contact Karl Askey for further info  
Location: Tunmarsh Centre, Tunmarsh Lane, E13 9NB

For more information about LCIS Early Years courses and to [book a place](#) please email: [Karl.Askey@newham.gov.uk](mailto:Karl.Askey@newham.gov.uk)

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## SCHOOL-AGED Training for parents/carers of children in Reception-Year 11



### SCERTS® Parent/Carer Training

This is a four-part training course run over four weeks during term time for parents/carers of children with social communication difficulties from Reception to Year 11. The course gives an opportunity for parents/carers to learn more about autism/social communication through SCERTS®, an educational framework used to identify the highest priority needs for support for autistic individuals to provide the best quality of life outcomes. It is a great opportunity to share experiences and advice with other parents and carers on a similar journey.  
Course dates: Fridays 9.30-12.30 on 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March  
Venue: Tunmarsh Centre, Tunmarsh Lane E13 9NB  
Click here to book a place: <https://forms.office.com/e/HqFmpuUges>

### Parent/CarerWorkshops

### Intensive Interaction:

For parents/carers to learn more about the Intensive Interaction approach. This is an intervention commonly used in schools to build their child's fundamental communication and interaction skills.

Course date: Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 10-11:30am Venue: online  
Click here to book a place: <https://forms.office.com/e/WekWuRM8>

### Core Vocabulary Boards:

For parents/carers to learn how to use this communication system, which aims to support their child's understanding and use of words to communicate. Course runs termly.

Course date: Thurs 09<sup>th</sup> March 2023 10-11:30am Venue: online  
Click here to book a place: <https://forms.office.com/e/WekWuRM8>

Session dates and booking information are also circulated to schools and uploaded to the Newham Local Offer on a termly basis.



Language, Communication & Interaction Service





Newham London

## Online Training for Parents/Carers: Core Vocabulary Boards (CVB)

### About this Course:

You will learn what a Core Vocabulary Board is and why and how to use them at home with your child. There will be opportunities to ask questions about topics covered with the Speech and Language Therapist.

**Core Vocabulary Board:** CVB is a form of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC). It is made up of colour-coded core words. Core words are chosen based on the earliest developing words in young children's language and the most frequently used words by adults i.e. the words children hear the most frequently.

This training is appropriate for parents/carers of children and young people where a Core Vocabulary Board (CVB) is being used in school or has been recommended by a professional.

- For parents of children with social communication needs or a diagnosis of Autism in Reception to Year 11
- Parents/carers must be Newham residents or child must attend a Newham school
- 1 parent/carer to register per child (but more than 1 parent/carer can attend on the same link)

Click here to book a place:

<https://forms.office.com/e/sq9pymp0Cp>

You will be sent an email with the meeting link nearer the date.

**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

10 am Registration

10.15-11.30 Course (online via Zoom)

Language,  
Communication  
& Interaction Service (LCIS)



THURSDAY 16 MARCH 10AM - 12PM

Meet at 10am  
Neatscourt Road, E6 5ST

# BECKTON FOREST PICK & PLAY

Equipment provided,  
including litter pickers for  
every child!

- Everyone welcome!
- Go at your own pace
- Snacks & chat 11:45am



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## BECKTON WARD PANEL EVENTS MARCH 2023

### Neighbourhood Watch Community Walkabout

Dates: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 5pm to 6.30pm

Venue: Meet Beckton Globe

Put on your walking shoes, meet your neighbours and join our team for a walk around Beckton designed to spot and report areas of antisocial behaviour, community safety concern, flytipping, littering, broken street lamps, pot holes, overhanging bushes etc. This will be immediately followed by the Beckton Ward Panel Meeting, at which refreshments will be provided for those attending the walk.



### Beckton Ward Panel March Meeting

Date: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 7pm to 9pm

Venue: St Marks Church and Centre.

Meet your neighbours, your Beckton Safer Neighbourhood Team and Council Officers and Cllrs to discuss issues of crime and community safety in Beckton.



### Beckton Ward Panel Litter Pick

Date: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023 10am to 1pm

Meet: Matalan Car Park

Come along and join in. This litter pick is registered as part of the Great British Spring Clean

We look forward to meeting you ☺

Beckton Ward Panel Community Engagement Project are proud to be a Community Assembly Project voted for by Beckton Residents and funded by the London Borough of Newham

Contact: [becktonwardpanel@gmail.com](mailto:becktonwardpanel@gmail.com)

<https://www.becktonwardpanel.com>



## BECKTON WARD PANEL EVENTS 2023

### Beckton Community Litter Picks

Join our monthly Beckton litter picks and help to keep Beckton clean and tidy. All equipment will be provided. There will be time at the end to socialise and meet your neighbours and the team whilst enjoying some refreshments.

Date	Time	Place
Sat 14th Jan	10 to 1	Will Thorne Pavilion
Sun 12th Feb	1 to 4	Tolgate Road directly opposite Asda
Sat 18th Mar	10 to 1	Woolwich Manor Way (meet Matalan Car Park)
Sat 8th April	10 to 1	Ellen Wilkinson School
Wed 31st May	2 - 5	ItchyCoo Park
Sat 10th June	10 to 1	Gallions Community Centre
Sat 8th July	10 to 1	Beckton Park Station (Park opposite)
Thurs 10th Aug	2 to 5	Ambassador Gardens (Square)
Sat 9th Sept	10 to 1	Savage Gardens (Park Play Ground)
Sat 14th Oct	10 - 1	Remington Road
Sat 18th Nov	10 - 1	Beckton Globe

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### Neighbourhood Watch Street Audit Community Walkabout

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Date	Time	Place
29th Jan	3 to 4.30	Meeting outside Beckton Globe
Sat 25th Feb	10 to 11.30	Meeting outside Beckton Globe
Tues 7th March	5 to 6.30	Meeting outside Beckton Globe
Sun 30th April	2 to 3.30	Meeting outside Beckton Globe
Sun 28th May	10 to 11.30	Meeting outside Beckton Globe
Sun 25th June	2 to 5	Summer Picnic - Field Opposite Beckton Park Station
July 8th	5 to 6.30	Meeting outside Beckton Globe
Thurs 24th Aug	10 to 11.30	Meeting outside Beckton Globe
Sun 24th Sept	3 to 4.30	Meeting outside Beckton Globe
Oct 8th	5 to 6.30	Meeting outside Beckton Globe
Sun 26th Nov	3 to 4.30	Meeting outside Beckton Globe



## 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
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<b>Reception</b>	<b>Matei</b>	For fantastic participation during class discussions in all areas. Well done Matei!
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Zaki</b>	For applying the advice adults have been giving to him and writing successful sentences in Phonics. Well done for listening!
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Sonny</b>	For creating a fantastic plan in DT for making a fruit salad and then evaluating it.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Max</b>	For working really hard in Maths to develop his problem solving skills.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Glory</b>	For creating a thoughtful presentation in her spare time about the countries we all come from.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Naglis</b>	Working hard to improve and up-level his writing
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Maria</b>	For writing and drawing an excellent explanation on birds.

### **Assembly Special Mentions**

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

**Seahorse Class** - For working hard to make your sharing assembly a success.

**Reception** - For another successful trip to the Discover Center. Your behaviour and engagement with the session was fantastic, well done all!



### **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 25/02/2023**

Congratulations to the following people who achieved a certificate this week

<b>Certificate</b>	<b>Name &amp; Class</b>	<b>Level</b>
<b>Lexia</b>	<b>Maddison (D5) Daisie (D5) Saami (S6)</b>	<b>4 8 11</b>





	Nicholas (D5) Alexandr (S5) Melissa (S6) Adeturayo (S6)	12 14 15
<b>Times Table Rockstars</b> <i>(New speed record!)</i>	Blessing (L3) Kartar, Michael, Alena, Milana, Matteo, Sofia, David M (S4)	
<b>Mathletics Gold</b>	Daniel. M (L3) David I (S4)	
<b>Mathletics Silver</b>	Kevin (J2) Jessica, Daniel. M, Sumaiya, (L3) Milana (T3) Michael, Victoria (S4)	
<b>Mathletics Bronze</b>	Aisha, Laurynas, Toby, Jake (C1) Shannon, Kevin, Darius, Ridwan (J2) Daniel. M (L3) Cindy, Milana, Jessica (T3) Sajda x2, Tahmid, Mikaela (S4)	
<b>Pen Licence</b>	Ruby Jo (S4) Hannah (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.



**25/02/2023**

House Name	Creola Katherine Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
Value	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard & Cared For
Guppy 1	Jana	Zara	Lukas	Safa	Daniel
Guppy 2	Bailey	Khushpreet	Sophia	Sanjana	Hayley
Lionfish	Jervanni	Amelia	Dennis	Arham	Mahdiya
Clownfish	Laurynas	Ryan	Masheedat	Aisha	Eva
Jellyfish	Meta	Adomas	Haris	Kevin	Nefeli
Starfish	Spencer	Topi	Chaslyn	Anderson	Safeerah
Turtle	Ayden	Jonathon	Hannah	Milana	Albie
Lobster	Kemi	Sumaiya	Rexhep	Zain	Abeera

Octopus	Rhea	Phillip	Orion	Eidanas	Tyler
Seahorse	Matteo	Hamzah	Henry	Milana	Sajda
Stingray	Fisayo	Khadija	Meer	Daria	Liam
Dolphin	Aishah	Dijana	Boston	Maddison	Noah
Shark	Niah	Liliana	Enrikas	Azaan	Tornadas
Whale	Peter	Casandra	Nuraz A	Lauryn	Kiya