



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 1 - 7th September 2022



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year!

It has been lovely to welcome the children back this week and see how quickly they have settled into their new classes.



A special hello to all our new families who are joining us for the first time either as their child enters nursery or reception or is maybe new to the school in other year groups. We know it can be a little daunting starting a new school but please remember we are here to help, so if you have any questions just ask!

Our newsletter is sent out by email every Wednesday and usually has quite a lot of information in it. This is divided into sections

- ★ **General Information** *(this is generally events, dates and information about the school)*
- ★ **Our Learning** *(examples of children's learning including visits, sports participation etc)*
- ★ **Learning Tips** *(ways you can support your child's learning at home)*
- ★ **Community Wellbeing & Support** *(details of community events, support and information including the Children's Centre which is located on site)*
- ★ **Congratulations** *(this is a chance to celebrate our stars of the week and various ways children have excelled. These are shared in the whole school assembly the previous Friday)*

Please take time to look through each week as it is our main way of keeping you informed. Diary dates for this academic year will be sent out next week. As always if you have any questions please speak to your child's class teacher or any staff member at the gates.

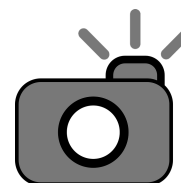
Take care and stay safe.

Janice Owen - Amadasun

General Information

School Photos

Children's individual photos are taking place on **Monday 11th September**. They need to be in school uniform (not PE kit) for this day. If your child is due to have PE on this day please send their kit in a carrier bag and they will change just for this day. Thank you.



Reception starters

- Please make sure your child brings in a PE kit into school every Monday. Please ensure every item of clothing has your child's name and class on clearly so that belongings do not get lost.
- Book bags and PE bags will be available to purchase from next week.



Key Dates

September

- Monday 11th - School individual photographs & family (Whole school)
- Tuesday 12th - Parent Secondary School meeting (Year 6)
- Wednesday - Friday - Fairplay House (Year 5 & 6)

Please note our October half term dates are from 30th October - 3rd November.



Year 6 Parents - Applying for Secondary School

Your child will be coming home tomorrow with a copy of the booklet "We are going to secondary school". This explains the process of applying for a secondary school place and when school open evenings are taking place.. You can also find this information on our website in the parents tab/admissions or by using the link below.

<https://www.ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk/page/?title=Moving+from+Primary+to+Secondary&pid=207>

We are holding two online meetings to explain the process and answer any questions you may have. These are taking place on **Tuesday 12th September at 2.15 – 2.45 pm and repeated again from 4.30 – 5.00 pm.** Please join using the link below.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87629238508?pwd=ZTlVbVA0cmdHYUN6cmJ3cGlzTW4xZz09>

Uniform & PE Days

Children in years 1 to 6 need to come to school in their PE kits on their PE days (unless it's school photos!). The days your child has PE are below, please note that children do get two sessions but some of them happen on the same day.

- ★ MONDAY - Year 1, Year 5 & Year 3
- ★ TUESDAY - Reception, Year 2 and Year 4
- ★ WEDNESDAY - Year 6
- ★ THURSDAY - Year 1, Year 5 & 4
- ★ FRIDAY - Year 2, Nursery AM & PM and Year 3



Year 4 classes have swimming for 6 months and walk to and from the swimming baths. Therefore, for the 6 months they are doing this they do not have additional PE times.

- ★ Year 4 Octopus - Swimming until February half term and so do not need to come in their PE kits for this period.
- ★ Year 4 Seahorse - PE on Wednesday and Thursday until February half term

Children in Reception should bring their PE kit in on these days as they will change in school. This is part of their development in self care skills.

Breakfast & After School Clubs



Breakfast club is available every school morning for years 1 to 6. Reception children can join from after the first half term. Children enter through Mitchell Walk gate between 7.30 and 7.45 am. To apply for a place please use the link below.

<https://forms.gle/SPVNYSWorvNhff7U9>

Details of how to apply for after school clubs will be sent out separately and clubs will start the **week beginning Monday 18th September.**

Our Learning

British Values & Equity in Diversity

This week children in years 1 to 6 are spending time exploring the 5 British Values which include:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect
- Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs.

As part of this learning they will be writing their own manifestos and taking part in a whole school election on Friday to represent their class on our Junior Governing Body.

Children are also spending time learning more about significant people in different fields including mathematicians, authors, sports, creative arts, scientists and activists.

Towards the end of the week each year group will be focussing on a specific theme in relation to our Equity on Diversity work which we will be sharing with you in more detail later this term. These themes are:

Year 1: What is fair and not fair, how can we make decisions? Why should everyone be heard?

Year 2: Royal Family. Line of succession.

Year 3: What is racism?

Year 4: Unconscious bias / Stereotypes

Year 5: Windrush generation

Year 6: Universal suffrage and the right to vote



Community, Wellbeing and Support

Parking - Dove Approach

We understand that the school pick up can be a rush for parents and parking close to the school can be difficult at times but we do ask that you be mindful of our school neighbours and avoid parking on the yellow lines on Dove Approach. There is parking further up Dove Approach and the joining roads.



Our 'Congratulations' section will start next week.