



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 1 - 13th September 2023



Dear Parents & Carers,

I am delighted to have seen some of you this week (including in the secondary transfer meeting) as I begin a phased return. However, so that we do not disturb the smooth running of the school whilst this takes place, Mrs Owen will remain as Acting Headteacher with the responsibility of the day to day running of the school for the present time.

We will of course keep you updated. Thank you for your ongoing care and support

Kind Regards

Sue Ferguson & Janice Owen Amadasun

Take care and stay safe.

General Information

Message from the Chair of Governors - Marie Christie



The last Governor's meeting for this academic year was held on 13th July. The main focus for this meeting were the two headteacher's reports presented by Mrs. Owen Amadasun and the rest of the Senior Leadership Team. The first report covered all areas of the school over this term including attendance, safeguarding, planned building works, curriculum and school events. The second report focused on progress with the School Development plan. It always amazes me to see just how many new and innovative ideas are being developed in the school for the benefit of all our pupils and their families.

We were delighted with attainment reports in all classes in the school and the outstanding SATs results. We send our congratulations to all pupils who have made such good progress and to the staff who have worked so hard to support them.

We also spent some time looking at the school budget. The cuts in spending we have agreed on now, means that the school is likely to remain solvent but it is very tight and we will need to carefully monitor this for the rest of the year.

Marie Christie

Chair of Governors

Parent Questionnaire Survey winner

Thank you to all our parents who completed the summer parent questionnaire. All entries were placed into a draw to win a school uniform voucher. The winner is **Patryk Wisnia** in Year 2. Congratulations!

Free school meals in primary schools



Every primary school aged child attending school in Newham still has the opportunity to have a free school lunch even if their parents/carers are not in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits for free school meals.

Reasons to apply - discounted after school clubs and discounted trips

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals after school clubs and any residential trips are offered at a discounted rate.

Extra funding for your child's school too!

Whether your child is at primary school and receiving a free meal, has packed lunch or you are currently working, we request that the parents/carers of all primary and secondary aged children in Newham should still register for free school meals, even if you don't think you are currently eligible. Once we have the application, if at any time a family is in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits for free school meals we will automatically update our records and their school will receive additional funding known as Ever6 Pupil Premium. This is up to £1,320 depending on the child's age!

Applying for Free School Meals

To apply for free school meals please go to:

https://newham-self.achieveservice.com/service/Application_for_Free_School_Meals

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Y6 Easter Booster

During the Easter break ALL Y6 children will be expected to attend Maths and English booster sessions as part of their preparation for SATs and secondary school.

In the past, these sessions have had a positive impact on children's learning, therefore we strongly recommend your child attends. If you have any questions please speak to your child's class teacher.

Details:

Date: Tuesday 2nd April – Friday 5th April

Times: 8:30-12:00.

Key date information / changes

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



Year 6 Parents - Applying for Secondary School

Your child has collected 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>

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. Please also note PE Bags & Book Bags have still not gone live on the app as soon as they do you will be able to purchase on Parentmail.

Breakfast & After School Clubs



Breakfast club is available every school morning for Reception - Year 6. Children enter through the main school office between 7.30 and 8. To apply for a place please use the link below. We will be in contact via email to confirm your child's space.

<https://forms.gle/SPVNYSWorvNhff7U9>

After school clubs have now gone live and will be available to purchase on the parentmail app. Clubs will start the **week beginning Monday 18th September**. If you have any further questions please email the school at info@ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk, for the attention of Miss Baker or Mr Ferguson

Our Learning

Year 6 visit to the Houses of Parliament

Year 6 had a fascinating trip to the Houses of Parliament to understand how democracy works in the UK.



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.



Stars of the Week - (Week 1) 08/09/2023

	Katherine Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
Guppy 1					
Guppy 2					
Lionfish	Zara V	Illinca	Matei	Eric	Lucian
Clownfish	Jana	Rada	Antoan	Safa	Khushpreet
Jellyfish	Ayana	Nyla	Jervanni	Mahdiya	Samuel
Starfish	Felix	Esther	Ryan	Aariz	Amber
Turtle	Austeja	Oliver	Ayden	Genesis	Robert
Lobster	Gaia	Nicole	Dawud	Brittany	Kevin
Octopus	Lakin	Max	Fionel	Denitsa	Lucia
Seahorse	Kenny	Matvii	Natalie	Daniel L	Rokhaya
Stingray	Jahdel	Minahil	Olivia	Matteo	Kartar
Dolphin	Evie	Tyler	Aleena	Jason	Glory
Shark	Keiaana	Noah	Ilynas	Esther	Kydon
Whale	Miley	Ashaz	Khadija	Ryan	Jake

Special Mentions (non certificate)

Work of the Week (only 1 per year group)

HC	Year Group	Childs Name	Context of work
KJ	Guppy		
	1	Marnie	For her excellent speech to her class explaining why she wants to be the junior governor representative.
	2	Layla	For writing fantastic sentences on the value of Heard and

			Cared for linked to our amazing authors in our area.
	3	Isabella	For writing a brilliant and detailed manifesto
	4	Jessica	For creating a neat and informative poster on British values.
	5	Jessica	For a beautifully written story inspired by a creative writing visual.
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