



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 3 - 20th September 2023



Dear Parents & Carers,

This is the first full week for our Reception children in school and it is lovely to see them settling in so well. The older children are also making sure they look after them in the playground during break and lunchtimes as we expect our pupils to reflect the school values which include 'Heard and Cared For'.

All After school clubs have now started. If you still wish for your child to take part please access parent mail to see what spaces are still available. If you need any support with this please email the main office.

We welcome Ms Li, our new teacher who will be teaching Mandarin across all year groups from next week.

Look out next week for details of the new Reception 2024/25 open days starting Monday 25th September at 3.30pm.

2023/24 Diary Dates are available today. Please take your time to go through and add them to your diaries.

Take care and stay safe.

Sue Ferguson & Janice Owen-Amadasun

General Information

Governing Body Meeting

Our first meeting for this academic year was held on 14th September and we were delighted to welcome back Mrs Ferguson, who is currently beginning a phased return to work.

The first meeting always includes some organisational decisions; electing chair and vice chair, agreeing committee memberships and appointing link governors for the year. We reviewed school policies covering grievance, discipline, sickness absence and appraisal. We also had a briefing on the latest safeguarding guidelines in the government policy document Keeping Children Safe in Education.

Mrs Owen-Amadasun presented her report on the start of term and were pleased to hear that planned repairs and building work had been completed over the holiday period.

Most families completed our survey during the parents evening in July and we are grateful for all your feedback. The results showed a very high level of satisfaction with the School. We will of course be looking at ways to continue improving this based on your feedback. You will be able to see the planned action and the full survey results in the governor newsletter which will be sent out later this term.

We also completed the Audit of Governor Effectiveness, in which we look at how well we meet our obligations as governors. It includes all aspects of our responsibilities and asks us to reflect on how well we keep ourselves informed about educational developments nationally as well as keeping up to date with School developments and understanding key issues at Ellen Wilkinson.

Marie Christie

Chair of Governors

Cake sale

We will be holding a cake sale in school during break time and at the end of the school day on Monday and Tuesday to support the recent disaster in Morocco and Libya. The proceeds from this cake sale will go directly towards the British Red Cross disaster fund. Please send in your cakes to the main school office before or on Monday morning. All cakes will be sold between 20p - £1.



Harvest Festival

As part of our Harvest Festival celebrations we are collecting food for two local Food Banks which help people in crisis.

- All tinned, packet and dry goods are accepted.
- Please make sure items are in date and unopened.
- There will be a box in the playground each morning and each afternoon for our children and parents to put in donations.
- All items need to be sent in by 9am on 2nd October please in time for our harvest festival the following day.



Thank you for helping us to help others within our community.

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

September

27th - 29th (Year 5/6 at Fairplay House)

October

2nd - Harvest Festival

5th - Year 4 Seahorse Class assembly

12th October - Year 4 Octopus class assembly

Friday 18th October - Parents workshop - How to help your child with phonics

30th October - 8th November (Half term holiday)



Reminder - School Uniform

With the summer now coming to an end children need to bring a coat with them to school each day.

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 club



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>

Our Learning

Junior Duke:

If you have challenges you have completed over the summer, please bring your booklets back to school on Tuesday next week to be signed off. If you are in Year 3 and want to take part this year, please complete the form sent home to you and return it to school next week. Children who have completed their booklet last year can sign up for the next stage of the Junior Duke. If you would like your child to progress to the next stage, please ask them to speak to Miss Foster this week & next week.

Summer Reading Challenge:

There is only one week left to complete your Summer Reading Challenge with Newham libraries. Please complete this by taking your books back to the library and filling in your booklet. The school with the most entries completed will win a day with West Ham football club at their school for fun activities.

Miss Foster

English Lead

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.



Dear Parents/Carers,

This is a gentle reminder for all our parents to ensure their children are up – to date with their measles vaccinations (MMR vaccination: measles, mumps and rubella). If your child has not received the MMR vaccine we strongly advise you to contact your GP.

As you are probably aware there has been a recent increase of children contracting measles in London. Measles is a highly contagious viral infection that spreads through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It can cause severe complications in young children, pregnant women and individuals with weakened immune systems.

Please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/> to see which vaccinations are given when. If you think your child might be behind on their MMR, polio or any other vaccination you can check your child's health record (red book) or contact your GP to confirm.

If your child is not registered with a GP, you can register online at <https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-gp>. Anyone can register; you don't need ID or proof of address.



Please visit the school website for more information related to this.

Stars of the Week - (Week 3) 19/09/2023

	Kathee Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
Guppy 1					
Guppy 2					
Lionfish	Kayaan	Hayley	Jowain	Ishaan	Bliss
Clownfish	Filippos	Kayla	Hooriya	Bailey	Elia
Jellyfish	Sameel	Amelia	Layla	Freddy	Neyara
Starfish	Eva	James	Khadija	Toby	Aisha
Turtle	Anderson	Frankie	Mia	Spencer	Jibrail
Lobster	Shannon	Reece	Iqra	Emilis	Eliora
Octopus	Lakin	Luca	Cindy	Ayden	Elias
Seahorse	Muhammad	Kemi	Mariana	Eric	Matas
Stingray	Jahdel	Minahil	Olivia	Matteo	Kartar
Dolphin	Husain	Abdul Mueed	Isra	Philip	Saad
Shark	Rayan	Riad	Isra	Esther	Mattias
Whale	Yasin	Daria	Quniel	Alatz	Sofiia

Special Mentions (non certificate)

Work of the Week (only 1 per year group)

HC	Year Group	Childs Name	Context of work
KJ	Guppy		

	1	Matondo	For writing independently and using conjunctions and adjectives.
	2	Khadija	For her beautiful presentation in all her books.
	3	Brittany	For a wonderful picture of her family in PSHE
	4	David M	For writing a good description of how a clock might work.
	5	Saad	For creating a fun game using and applying his coding skills.
	6	Fisayo	For her beautiful presentation in her science book.