



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 4 - 27th September 2023



Dear Parents & Carers,

54 of our year 5 & 6 children are at Fairplay House this week on their 3 day residential which includes activities such as big swing, high ropes, canoeing and caving. Mrs Ferguson and two other members of SLT will be fortunate enough to join them on different days during the week. The weather is looking good and we are looking forward to hearing from all the children and staff on their return

Book bags

Please send your child into school with a book bag which can store their water bottle and books. No other personal items should be brought into school. This does not apply to Year 4 on Wednesday during their swimming sessions.

Thank you

Take care and stay safe.

Sue Ferguson & Janice Owen-Amadasun

General Information

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.

Cake sale to support Libya and Morocco disaster

Thank you to all our parents for your donations for our cake sale. We have been overwhelmed with your generosity.

A huge thanks to the children who bought cakes during the cake sale. We were able to raise £510.43 and all proceedings will now be sent directly to the British Red Cross disaster funds!

Any plates bags or cake stands brought in by parents can be collected at our reception

Key date information / changes



September

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

Friday 29th - Curriculum newsletter for Q1 will be sent to parents

October

2nd - Harvest Festival

5th - Year 4 Seahorse Class assembly

12th October - Year 4 Octopus class assembly

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

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

Learning Tips



Reading : Read for fun.

Reading is at its most enjoyable when the flow is uninterrupted, when you get absorbed in a good story or an interesting article, when time flies by. It's no different when you read in another language. If a text is too difficult, if there are too many words or phrases you don't understand, then reading becomes difficult, it stops being fun. Where possible, don't just read for study purposes, read things that interest you too.

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

Year 4 Visit to the Temple

In Year 4 this week, both Seahorse and Octopus Classes enjoyed their trips to the 'Sri Mahalakshmi' Hindu Mandir on East Ham High Street. We were shown around the temple and the children immediately recognised some of the things we have been learning about in Religious Education lessons. Educational trips bring the learning alive for our children and thank you to the parents who came with us, your help was greatly appreciated.

Year 4 staff



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.



Newham Parent Childcare Survey 2023

The London Borough of Newham would like to hear from parents and carers about their childcare needs. Your views are really important in helping us decide how to shape services that will be useful for you. This is particularly important at this time when there are new Government plans to extend funded early education to children from 9 months plus.

The questionnaire will take around 10 minutes to complete. The closing date for completion is Sunday 3rd of December 2023. Any parent completing the survey can opt in to be entered into a free prize draw for £100 of shopping vouchers.

- At the end of the questionnaire there is an opportunity for you to: register your interest in the the new expansion of the funded early education scheme,
- or request further information on plans to develop wraparound care for Primary School children
- or request information on other funded early education, help with childcare costs or information on Newham's childcare providers.

<https://newhamco-create.co.uk/en/projects/newham-parent-childcare-survey-2023>

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



Michael Rosen

Stars of the Week - (Week 4) 22/09/2023

	Kathee Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
Guppy 1					
Guppy 2					
Lionfish	Emma	Lukas	Marnie	Jokubas	Safeeya
Clownfish	Keyaan	Elise	Adam	Avery	Otilia
Jellyfish	Reuben	Isabella	Hafsa	Paula	Arham

Starfish	Zaki	Yousuf	Samara	Rose	Gabriel
Turtle	Areeb	Karolis	Tessa	Alisha	Isabelle
Lobster	Shehzad	Haris	Meta	Ridwan	Harry
Octopus	Kai'Rone	Deborah	Albie	Ayesha	Milana
Seahorse	Zunairah	Sumaiya	Ryan	Rexhep	Liepa
Stingray	Nabeel	Lakshana	Jessica	Saarah	David I
Dolphin	Phone	Diana	Orion	Sneeha	Hussain
Shark	Aishah	Noah	Naglis	Maddison	Alan
Whale	Petra	Meer	Ilyas	Fisayo	Paulina

Special Mentions (non certificate)

Work of the Week (only 1 per year group)

HC	Year Group	Childs Name	Context of work
KJ	Guppy		
	1	Hayley	For her fantastic writing about animals and using the word extinct independently!
	2	Nyla	For her beautiful presentation in all of her books.
	3	Spencer	For challenging himself everyday in Maths
	4	Joel	For writing a great formative explanation of how a ship stays afloat.
	5		
	6	Aishah	For her detailed informative work in Science.

Certificate Mentions

HC	Certificate	Class	Who?
AA	TTRS New rock speed (other)		
	TTRS Wannabe (Over 10 seconds)	Turtle	Genesis
	TTRS Garage Rocker (Under 10 seconds)	Seahorse	Muhummad
	TTRS Busker (Under 9 seconds)		
	TTRS Gigger (Under 8 seconds)		
	TTRS Unsigned Act (Under 7 seconds)		
	TTRS Breakthrough Artist (Under 6 seconds)		
	TTRS Support Act (Under 5 seconds)	Octopus	Farwa
	TTRS Headliner (Under 4 seconds)		
	TTRS Rock Stars (Under 3 seconds)	Octopus	Jessica
	TTRS Rock Legends (Under 2 seconds)	Octopus	Majus
	TTRS Rock Hero (Under 1 second)	Octopus	Kai'Rone
MY	Lexia		
Eng. Team	Pen Licence		