



## Dear Parents and Carers,

As you can see we have had a busy week! I am really pleased to share in this newsletter details of the ongoing success of our pupils and richness of curriculum and experience they enjoy at EWPS. This would not be possible without the hard work of all staff and the ongoing support of our parent community so I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your commitment to achieving the very best for our children.

Sue Ferguson

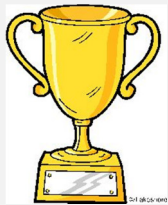


### International School Award

Last Monday Mrs Mustafa and Ms Feeney attended the International School Award ceremony hosted by the British Council. This is because once again EWPS has been reaccredited for outstanding development of the international dimension in the curriculum! Thank you to all staff for their continued hard work in this regard as we help ensure our children truly are global citizens.

### Concert Pianist Visit

We were honoured to host a visit from the world renowned Lithuanian concert pianist Professor Rokas Zubovas on Thursday last week. He came to speak to children in years 3 -6 about the music and art of his great-grandfather Mikalojus Konstantinas Čiurlionis – one of the most prominent figures in Lithuanian music and visual art. He explained to the children how Čiurlionis' art and music were interconnected and played some of his compositions for us. I am sure you join us in thanking the Lithuanian Embassy & The Baltic Music Society for providing us with this opportunity, and we look forward to further collaboration.



### Reading Challenge Winners

We are delighted to announce that on Friday two librarians from Beckton Globe attended our assembly as EWPS had the most children participating in the Summer Reading Challenge and the highest number who completed it within the community neighbourhood! They presented the school with a certificate which is now on display in the library and a cup which is in our trophy cabinet. Thank you to all those who took part and for all your support in helping our children become avid readers!



### Governing Body – Results & School Development & Safeguarding

The Governing Body had their final meeting of 2016 last week. At this they reviewed all the pupil outcomes for last academic year which you received a copy of last week. They were extremely pleased that children at Ellen Wilkinson met and/or exceeded all national outcomes at every level and in every subject and asked for their congratulations and thanks to be passed on to all involved. They also approved the development plan for 2016-17 on what we want to improve next, which can be found on the school development tab on our website.



### Governing Body –Safeguarding

At the same meeting Governors also approved the latest updates to our safeguarding policy. A copy of this is being sent home for your information and can also be found on our website. It reflects the changes that were brought in in September 2016 in 'Keeping Children Safe in Education', and includes the ongoing commitment to addressing



radicalisation, child sexual exploitation and female genital mutilation. If you would like to know more about how we work to safeguard the pupils in our care and/or you have any concerns about a child's welfare please make sure you speak to a member of staff as soon as possible. Working together we can make a difference!



### Table Tennis

Last week we sent out 12 pupils from years 5 and 6 to represent us in a Table Tennis competition. This was a particularly challenging competition since table tennis is not covered in our PE curriculum; however the pupils were able to apply their experience of playing at lunchtime and also in out of school hours. Well done to Alex, Mikael, Guinevere, Amanda, Adrain, Danny, Dorinda, Tatjana, Luka, Deniz, Luca and Ruby. You showed great determination and team work throughout. A particular well done to Alex, Mikael, Guinevere and Amanda for making it through to the semi-finals of the competition. A great achievement!

**Ms Curtis**

### Stars of the Week



Class	Name	Value(s)
6 Shark	Callum	<b>Resilience</b> (For inspiring his peers with his knowledge of boats during DT week)
6 Whale	Viktorija	<b>Inspire</b> (Inspiring pupils learning through her use of questioning)
5 Dolphin	Kasper	<b>Inspire</b> (He has begun to articulate his answers using different language techniques. This has motivated other children to do the same)
5 Stingray	Asia	<b>Heard and Cared For</b> (For helping younger children in the playground)
4 Octopus	Zayan	<b>Successful</b> (For rising to the challenges in Maths. Well done)
4 Seahorse	Youssef	<b>Respect</b> (For working hard on improving his attitude towards learning and his peers. Therefore, respecting himself, his teacher and others. Keep it up)
3 Lobster	Kainas	<b>Successful</b> (For helping the class be successful. Well done)
3 Turtle	Laszlo	<b>Respect</b> (For opening the doors for a fellow pupil – showing excellent manners)
2 Jellyfish	Macie	<b>Successful</b> (For excellent effort in her performance during our class assembly)
2 Starfish	Luca	<b>Inspire</b> (For working really hard and showing a positive change in his behaviour)
1 Clownfish	Maria	<b>Successful</b> (Well done Maria for ensuring that your communication book is used effectively)
1 Lionfish	Theo	<b>Respect</b> (For consistently showing good manners to adults and his peers)
Guppy 1	Zain	<b>Successful</b> (For his brilliant progress in phonics this week)
Guppy 2	Olivia	<b>Inspire</b> (For always pushing herself in all areas)

Our stars are awarded in Friday assemblies to children who have shown particular commitment to our school values during the week. To say thank you we ask them to come to the front in our assembly and they can choose a friend to sit with them at a special table at lunchtime that day.



### Special Mention – Shark

For all of Year 6 for successfully completing their DT projects to the given design brief and doing so independently, with enthusiasm and considering safety.



### House Winners

Congratulations to everyone in **J K Rowling** House for having the house points this week.



### Attendance and Punctuality Winners

Attendance winners for the 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> November are: **Stingray 100% attendance**

Punctuality winners for the week are: **Shark, Whale, Stingray, Seahorse, Lionfish and Clownfish 0 lates**



## Christmas Arrangements

Date	Details
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Children can start bringing in Christmas Cards and post them in the school post box in the corridor by the hall.
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Disco</b> £1 entry, tickets available in the playground from 1 <sup>st</sup> December. <b>Snacks &amp; drinks for sale during event (please bring change if possible)</b> <b>Times</b> Rec, 1, 2 & 3      3.45 – 5.00pm Yrs 4, 5 & 6      5.15 – 6.30pm Access is from the hall doors in the playground. Please note older children must go home and return for their event.
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Nativity</b> – Yrs 1 and 2 <b>Time</b> 2pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Nativity</b> – Nursery and Reception <b>Times</b> Reception and AM Nursery 10.30am Reception and PM Nursery 2.30pm
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Dinner (with crackers)</b> <b>Wear a jolly jumper day</b> (all children can wear a festive jumper rather than school colours) <b>LAST DAY FOR NURSERY CHILDREN</b>
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM – CHILDREN FINISH AT 1PM</b> Children can bring in toys, but still need to wear school uniform. Please note we are not responsible for the safekeeping of toys bought in from home.

## Diary Dates

DECEMBER				
Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?
1st	2.45 p.m.	5S	Stingray class assembly	YES
5 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup>	TBC	All	Christmas gifts on sale (charity fundraiser)	NO
8 <sup>th</sup>	2.45 p.m.	5D	Dolphin class assembly	YES
	4.00 – 5.15 p.m.	R - 3	Christmas Disco	YES
	5.30 – 6.45 p.m.	4 -6	Christmas Disco	NO
13th	Afternoon	R	Theatre trip	NO
	2.30 p.m.	1 & 2	Nativity performance	YES
14th	11.00 a.m.	N & R	Nativity performances	YES
	2.45 p.m.			
15th		All	Wear a Christmas or winter jumper (£1 donation)	NO
	12 p.m.	R - 6	Christmas Dinner	NO
		<b>N</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF NURSERY (NORMAL FINISH TIME)</b>	
16th		<b>R-6</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL. SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1 P.M.</b>	
JANUARY				
Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?
3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.55 a.m.	N-6	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	
5 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 p.m.	1	Parents workshop - How to help your child with phonics	YES
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	All	Science Week	NO
17 <sup>th</sup>	TBC	O4	Cookery workshop	NO
19 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 p.m.	6	Year 6 Fairplay House parents meeting	YES
13 <sup>th</sup>	TBC	1 -6	Science Learning Fair	NO

**FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL – TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2017**