



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 17 - 17th January 2024



Dear Parents & Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming back the Confucius Institute on Friday 19th January as they hold their Chinese New Year school performance. Children in years 1 to 6 will be treated to Martial Arts, Dance and Calligraphy workshops, as well as a whole school performance. Look out for highlights next week in 'Our Learning' section of the newsletter.

As it will continue to be cold this week, please ensure that your child is wearing appropriate clothing for the weather.

Sue Ferguson & Janice Owen-Amadasun

General Information

January			
Date	Time	Location	Subject
Thursday 18th	2.45 pm	Hall	Year 3 Turtle Sharing Assembly
Thursday 25th	2.45 pm	Hall	Year 3 Lobster Sharing Assembly
February			
Mon 5th	All day	N/A	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Weds 7th	All day	All	Safer Internet Day
Thurs 8th	3.30 – 7 p.m.	All	Parents evening
12th – 16th	HALF TERM		
Thurs 22nd	2.45 pm	Hall	Year 2 Jellyfish Sharing Assembly
Thurs 29th	2.45 pm	Hall	Year 2 Starfish Sharing Assembly



Learning Tips



February half term - FREE Bikeability Cycle Training for children aged 9 to 16 years

Training with Cycle Confident www.cycleconfident.com

FREE Children's 'On-Road' Bikeability cycle training for ages 9 years and over.

- Children do not need to own a bike but they *must* be able to ride a bike confidently.
- Places available on a first come first served basis.

Please ensure your child can attend the full 5-day course before booking - Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February 2024

Venue: Stratford School Academy, Upton Lane, London E7 9PR

Times:

- **Morning session 09:45 a.m. – 12:00 midday.** [Link for Morning session](#) for full details & joining instructions
- **Afternoon session 1:00 p.m to 3:15 p.m.** [Link for Afternoon session](#) for full details & joining instructions



The Winter Reading Challenge

If you are looking for ways to continue encouraging your child to read, the Winter Reading Challenge is still going on in all Newham libraries, until the 19th of February.

All children need to do is read three books. They can collect stickers and prizes as they read and return each book, and will receive a certificate when they have read three books!

If you have any questions, please speak to Miss Foster.



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 were: Ade Adepitan!

Stars of the Week - 12/01/2024

	Kathee Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
Guppy 1	Caua	Daniel	Nathaniel	Faith	Diana
Guppy 2	Ayaan	Tajus	Damian	Cristian	Aron
Lionfish	Matei	Lukas	Hayley	Ihsaan	Zahra Mohsin
Clownfish	Zoe	Jaskaran	Avery	Layla	Hooriya
Jellyfish	Jervanni	Mahdiya	Isabella	Yusuf	Alex C
Starfish	Ismaeel	Hamdan	Toby	Ibraheem	Zaki
Turtle	Frankie	Ayden	Oliver	Aleksandra	Avaya
Lobster	Khalid	Emily	Emilis	Shannon	Nefeli
Octopus	Luca	Ester	Ayden	Jonathan	Max

Seahorse	Zain	Ryan	Matvii	Amelia	Dragos
Stingray	Nabeel	Saarah	Olivia	Mikaela	Michael
Dolphin	Rhea	Maksum	Yasmine	Rares	Emma
Shark	Maya	Kydon	Precious	Steven	Rayan
Whale	Boris	Jake	Miley	Paulina	Quinel

Work of the Week (only 1 per year group)

Year Group	Childs Name	Context of work
Guppy	Christina	For making an amazing rocket with a nose cone and fins.
1	Ihsaan	For independently writing words in phonics.
2	Toby	For creating an amazing fact file about oceans.
3	Anderson	For independent and description writing in English.
4	Farwa	For writing a great persuasive letter in the role of a character.
5	Saad	For writing a soliloquy in the role of a character in Percy Jackson.
6	Oliver	For his beautifully made Benin bronze-style mask.

Certificate Mentions

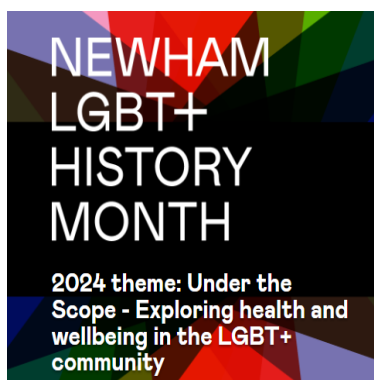
Certificate	Class	Who?
TTRS Breakthrough Artist (Under 6 seconds)	Turtle	Helen
TTRS Support Act (Under 5 seconds)	Octopus	Susany
TTRS Headliner (Under 4 seconds)	Lobster	Brittany
TTRS Rock Legends (Under 2 seconds)	Seahorse Dolphin Jellyfish Octopus	Zunairah Philip Sameel Luca, Ayesha
Lexia	Jellyfish Turtle Octopus Stingray Dolphin Shark Whale	Amelia - Level 6 Spencer - Level 5 Denista - Level 2 Mikaela - Level 14 Amina - Level 16 Sneeha - Level 10 Nicholas - Level 13 Isra - Level 8 Ashaz - Level 14

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Community, Wellbeing and Support

Attached to this week's newsletter, you will find:

- The activity timetable for the Beckton and Royal Docks Children's centre (January - March 2024).
- Well Newham 2024 flyer.
- A flyer with details of the **The EPs Parent Advice sessions**, which are offered to any Newham parent or carer who would like to discuss concerns about their child with an educational psychologist (examples may include: your child's emotional well-being, challenging behaviours, learning progress, your relationship with your child or some of your own worries).



Looking ahead, Newham will be launching their programme of borough-wide events for **LGBT+ History Month**, kicking off on the 1st February 2024 with a flag raising event at East Ham Town Hall. The programme of activities will range from film screenings to talks, to workshops and performances, and will explore the theme of medicine and health in the LGBT+ community, as well as providing holistic workshops which offer connection and empowerment. The month will culminate in a celebratory party, produced by Social Convention. **You can find out more about the full programme here!**



Make a difference to a child's life through fostering

Newham are currently recruiting foster carers for children aged between 0-18 years.

Benefits include:

- A weekly allowance, comparable to other local authorities.
- A grant of £750 to set up your home.
- 24 / 7 support
- Exemption from Council Tax
- Extensive range of training courses

A spare room is required, if fostering a child over age of three.

Visit the Newham website fostering pages >

Our Newham Support

Newham are working hard to support those most in need. Our Newham services have seen significant increases in requests for help, particularly from families requesting help with energy bills and basic food.



The rising cost of living is affecting us all, whatever your circumstances, Our Newham Money is here to help and support with your financial wellbeing. If you need help or advice, it's available from **Our Newham Money** (financial wellbeing support and advice), **Our Newham Work** (finding work, apprenticeships and training) or **Employment Rights Hub**. You can also find out more about food support from the **Newham Food Alliance**, including how to refer yourself or someone in need.

Help and support to keep you warm



All Newham libraries have extended opening hours to become Warm Havens providing safe, non-judgemental, warm spaces until 31 March 2024.

Pop into your local library for a warm welcome and hot drink.

They have also created a [booklet](#) on support available to help keep you warm. It includes energy saving tips, help applying for grants and much more.

Find out more about the support available to keep you warm >

Save this January with free clothes swap



As part of [#BuyNothingNewMonth](#), Newham are hosting FREE Community Clothes Swap events at Newham Libraries, to help you swap, not shop:

From **22- 26 January, 3.30- 5.30 pm**, clothes swap events will take place at Canning Town, East Ham, Green Street and The Gate Libraries.

You will be able to swap gently used clothing donations including any clothing, accessories and bags in a rolling drop and swap.

Along with free refreshments, choose up to 5 'new to you' items, upcycle your items with experts [Fabrications](#) and [Sew London](#) and gain tips on extending your clothes life cycle!

Let's swap, not shop >