



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 18 - 24th January 2024



Dear Parents & Carers,

We have come to that stage when we review and evaluate the curriculum offered to all of the children at our school.

We would like you to take part in this process by completing our parent/carer survey.

This will enable us to capture your ideas and opinions, which will then feed into the curriculum review.

You can access the survey via the link below. The link is also available on the school website under Spring updates.

<https://forms.gle/RfkUjcQYn7VBbfiz9>

The deadline for response is: 9am Wednesday 31st January.

REMINDER: School will be closed on Monday (5th February) for a staff training day

Sue Ferguson & Janice Owen-Amadasun

General Information

Curriculum and Standards Committee Meeting

At our January meeting we discussed progress with this year's development plan. Mrs Janice Owen-Amadasun and SLT presented a very thorough report which highlighted how all staff are working together to achieve the plan, particularly in continuing to improve standards in English and Music; supporting pupils' learning and well-being; and the Early Years curriculum.

The attendance report showed the impact of sickness absence last term, but figures were now improving once more. We also received a report showing how the school monitors and promotes good behaviour. Mental Health, Food & healthy Eating, PE & Healthy Lifestyles and Volunteer policies were reviewed and approved too.

Marie Christie (Chair of Governors)

Top Tips for... **MANAGING SCREEN TIME**

From using them for communication, work, shopping and entertainment, devices such as smartphones, laptops and the rest are now deeply ingrained into modern society. This sometimes means that young people – who've grown up surrounded by such gadgets – can sometimes struggle to put them down, switch them off or keep themselves occupied without them. While limiting our screen time may require a great deal of restraint, the effort can be rewarded with significant benefits to our physical and mental health. Read the #WakeUpWednesday guide for simple tips to help manage the amount of screen time in your household – encouraging the whole family to spend more quality time together and live in the moment.

Mrs Carneiro

January			
Date	Time	Location	Subject
Thursday 25th	2.45 pm	Hall	Year 3 Lobster Sharing Assembly
February			
Mon 5th	All day	N/A	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
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



House Winners and Stars of the Week - 19/01/2024



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: Malalah Yousafzai!

	Kathee Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
Guppy 1	Evelyne	Alexander	Eli	Mekai	Khalid
Guppy 2	Ayaan H	Aleeza	Aariah	Andrea	Amelia
Lionfish	Safeeya	Eric	Ruby	Jowain	Zara V
Clownfish	Aurora	Khushpreet	Safia	Otilia	Matondo
Jellyfish	Freddy	Musa	Elsie	Layla	Charisa
Starfish	Rose	Ryan	Noah	Zoya	Niamh
Turtle	Genesis	Robert	Tanya	Karolis	Chaslyn
Lobster	Brittany	Sophia	Harry	Thomas	Haris
Octopus	Joel	Milana	Elizabeth	Samarah	Armin

Seahorse	Abraham	Abeera	Jayden	Matas	Matas
Stingray	Jahdel	Lakshana	Tahmid	Henry	Victoria
Dolphin	Evie	Sneeha	Saad	Orion	Eidanas
Shark	Mattias	Diamond	Noah	Nuelf	Isra`
Whale	Meer	Henryk	Daria	Sofiia	Ryan

Work of the Week (only 1 per year group)

Year Group	Child's Name	Context of work
Guppy	Andrea	for a beautiful piece of work - both independent ideas and handwriting.
1	Adam	For a very creative and entertaining Terrible Soup recipe.
2	Alex C	For working hard to improve his presentation in all of his books.
3	Harry	For writing an amazing diary entry with paragraphs and fronted adverbials.
4	Raphael	For writing a very entertaining script in English
5	Olivia	For writing a thoughtful diary entry from the perspective of Percy Jackson
6	Boris	For writing an incredible description of a forest.

Certificate Mentions

Certificate	Class	Who?
TTRS Breakthrough Artist (Under 6 seconds)	Turtle	Genesis
TTRS Headliner (Under 4 seconds)	Lobster	Brittany
TTRS Rock Legends (Under 2 seconds)	Seahorse Dolphin	Kemi Philip
Lexia	Lobster Octopus Seahorse Dolphin Stingray Shark	Dawud - Level 7 Denista - Level 3, Samarah - Level 8 Emilijus - Level 11, Amira - Level 6 Yasmine - Level 15 Mikaela - Level 15 Oliver - Level 11
Pen Licence	Turtle	Rida, Alisha

Special Mentions (non certificate)

Year 1	You all travelled sensibly on the trains and represented EWPS so well at the Science museum. It was a great day despite the cold!
Turtle Class	For an excellent performance in your sharing assembly! You were superstars! Your teachers are so proud of you all! Well Done!

Community, Wellbeing and Support

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 >

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.



LGBT+ History Month February 2024



newhamlgbthistory.org

WE ARE NEWHAM.

Newham will launch their borough wide LGBT+ History Month 2024 programme from the start of February.

Highlights include an inclusive swimming session at the London Aquatics Centre, a talk with world-renowned artist Sunil Gupta, a queer heritage workshop with Dan Glass, and celebratory party produced by Social Convention, plus much more talks, film screenings and workshops.

This years' theme explores medicine and health in the LGBT+ community, will offer insights and education, as well as holistic workshops for connection and empowerment.

For further information and to book go here >



The Winter Mini Challenge is here – Children who read three books or more will receive rewards

The reading challenge, taking place across Newham libraries, invites children of all ages to read three books or more between 1 December and 19 February.

Following a very successful Summer Reading Challenge which saw over 6,000 children in Newham reading six books or more over the holidays, the Ready, Set, Read team are back for a new wintry adventure.

Taking part in the Winter Reading Challenge is simple. Call into any Newham library, and ask to join.

One of the library team will give your child a Winter Reading Challenge booklet. Children will receive rewards for their reading and a certificate when they have read three books or more.

Half term activities



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

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

Premier Camps Near You

Hallsville Primary School - Newham

Multi Activity Camp

12th - 16th February

9am - 3.30pm

30% discount till 2nd February!

PLEASE BRING

Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

Mix it up this half-term with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Everyday is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from roller skating to fencing, lacrosse to cheer.

[Book now for a half term full of fun!](#)



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