



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 21 - 21st February 2024



Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope you had a good half term. It is wonderful to see how the children have settled back into their learning with such ease. We have already had the pleasure of having many children visit the leadership office to share their success in their writing, as well as home learning projects carried out over the half term holiday.

Save The Children (Gaza) Appeal

Thank you to all parents and staff for your donations and generosity during our Cake Sale. We were all able to raise £1003. This sum has been donated to the 'Save The Children Gaza Appeal Fund'.

Parents' Evening

If you were not able to attend parents' evening and have not yet spoken to your child's teacher, please contact them as soon as possible. The partnership between school and home is very important and we need to work together so our children can reach their full potential.

Sue Ferguson & Janice Owen-Amadasun

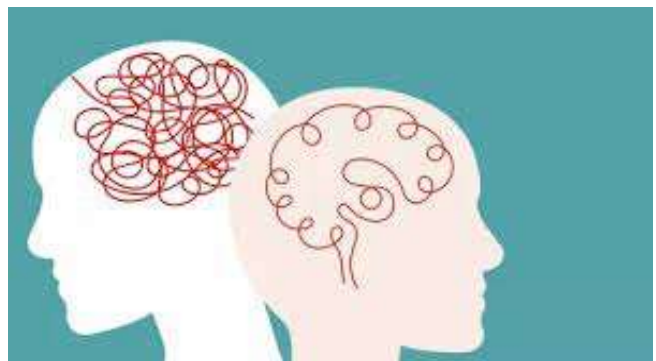
General Information

Introduction to the Wellbeing in Newham Schools Service and Mental Health Awareness workshop for parents - Tuesday 27th February

This session will involve understanding the Wellbeing In Newham School (WINS) Service and the support provided for primary schools, including ours, and what this looks like.

An overview of what mental health is and the stigma around mental health, will also be covered.

There will be an opportunity to also discuss what symptoms and signs children might display and how to recognise these.

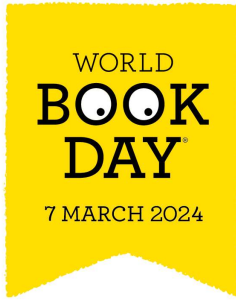


The workshop will take place at the school and be led by Anna, who is assigned to our school as part of the WINS service as a Mental Health support worker and is a trained cognitive behavioural therapist.

Date: 27th February 2024

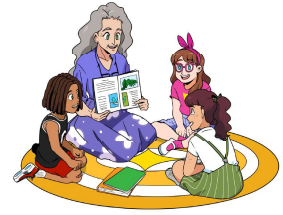
Time: 2:45-3:15 pm

Location: Ellen Wilkinson Primary School - school hall. Access via Mitchell walk gate.

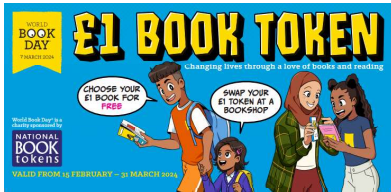


World Book Day is taking place on
Thursday 7th March 2024.

This is an annual celebration of authors, illustrators, books and the joy of reading, which provide adventure, mystery and laughter to all children.



The theme for World Book day this year is '**Read your Way**'.



Every reader is different, and there's no right or wrong way to enjoy reading. We want to encourage children to think about what reading looks like for them and they will have the opportunity to use their book token to buy one of 15 fantastic World Book Day books.

To celebrate World Book Day at Ellen Wilkinson, we will be encouraging children to dress up as their favourite character from a book they have read and to bring that book into school with them to share with others.

On the day, we will be swapping classes to read with other children and adults from across our school will also be popping into classes to read their favourite childhood books with the children.

We are looking forward to seeing your fabulous costumes and hearing you share your favourite books with others.

Miss Foster and Ms Khan

Our Learning

The **Eco-Guardians** (including our newest members, Kevin and Eliora, from Lobster Class) took part in an art-and-design session on Tuesday with local artist Matt Ponting.




The children learned about butterflies from Ele, who works with Butterfly Conservation Trust, and produced butterfly and plant art. Matt will use these artworks in his designs for information boards at the new Wildflower Meadow in Beckton Park. The Eco Guardians will hopefully go to see how their work has been used in May, when it has been installed.

Mr O'Dowd

Diary dates - February			
Thurs 22nd	2.45 pm	Hall	Year 2 Jellyfish Sharing Assembly
Thurs 29th	2.45 pm	Hall	Year 2 Starfish Sharing Assembly
March			
Thurs 7th	All day	N/A	World Book day
Thurs 14th	2.45 pm	Hall	Year 1 Clownfish Sharing Assembly
Thurs 21st	2.45 pm	Hall	Year 1 Lionfish Sharing Assembly

House Winners and Stars of the Week - 09/02/2024




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: Yellow house - Marcus Rashford



	Kathee Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
Guppy 1	Tomasz	Lucas	Mara	Faith	Jokubas
Guppy 2	Ayaan Ali	Christina	Ayaan Hussain	Mayla	Jacklin
Lionfish	Bliss	Ruby	Jimmy	Joao	Jokubas
Clownfish	Layla	Elia	Rada	Arianna	Zara
Jellyfish	Charisa	Dennis	Nyla	Alex C	Ayanna
Starfish	James	Amina	Rose	Izabella	Samara
Turtle	Austeja	Alisha	Spencer	Oliver	Ola
Lobster	Emily	Aisha	Kevin	Sonny	Nefeli
Octopus	Nikita	Kai'Rone	Lakin	Lucia	Farwa
Seahorse	David M	Dragos	Eric	Daniel M	Emilijus
Stingray	Aleena	Nojus	Amina	Katar	Ruby

Dolphin	Glory	Rares	Philip	Phone	Isra
Shark	Arile	Steven	Riad	Noah	Aiden
Whale	Kotryna	Alex	Deor	Liam	Kesar

Work of the Week (only 1 per year group)

Year Group	Child's Name	Context of work
Guppy	Idris	For fantastic model making skills.
1	Bartholomew	For his excellent work in PE while practising throwing and catching.
2	Khadija	For creating a lovely detailed portrait of herself using water colours.
3	Brittany	For beautiful handwriting in her opening to her BFG narrative.
4	Jayden	For writing some funny and well thought-out flying instructions in English.
5	Aleena	For working concentration and focus to complete division questions.
6	Boston	Thought provoking answers during Internet Safety Day.

Certificate Mentions

Certificate	Class	Who?
TTRS Headliner (Under 4 seconds)	Turtle Lobster Seahorse Octopus	Genesis Dawud David O Lucia
TTRS Rock Stars (Under 3 seconds)	Turtle Lobster	Rida Shezhad
TTRS Rock Legends (Under 2 seconds)	Turtle Lobster Seahorse Octopus	Austeja Sophia, Nefeli Matvii Jonathan
TTRS Rock Hero (Under 1 second)	Octopus	Majus
Lexia	Jellyfish Shark	Amelia - Level 7 Mattias - Level 9
Pen Licence	Turtle Octopus Stingray	Tope Milana Katelya

Special Mentions (non certificate)

Y5 children who went to Stratford library	We received so many compliments about what a wonderful and well behaved bunch you were. You really did the school proud. Miss Dualeh and Miss Davison are very proud of you!
Year 3	For behaving very well and showing good manners during our trip to East Ham library on Tuesday.
Year 4	For their excellent behaviour on their trip to East Ham Library. You listened well, enjoyed our storytelling activity and used public transport very considerately. Well done!

Community, Wellbeing and Support



Our Parks

With temperatures starting to increase (we hope!), we would like to remind everyone living and working in Newham about the fantastic FREE fitness sessions provided by Our Parks to help everyone get active!

Our Parks is a great initiative that brings fun and inclusive outdoor exercise sessions to select parks across Newham. These sessions are led by qualified fitness coaches, ensuring a safe and effective workout experience for everyone.

All residents have to do is sign up and book sessions online for FREE.

Click on the link: [Our Parks](#) to view our full programme of sessions in Newham.

Free water safety courses for adults

Black Swimming Association
Funded by London Marathon Foundation

10 Jan - 7 Feb 2024

21 Feb - 20 March

27 March - 24 April

Every Wednesday 3 - 4 pm

Atherton Leisure Centre
189 Romford Rd, London E15 4JF

To apply: 07517 850 403

tinyurl.com/yyx78wcb

code: NEWHAM2024

Water Safety courses

There is a fantastic opportunity for all adults (18+) who live, work or study in Newham that would like to increase their confidence in water!

In collaboration with the Black Swimming Association (BSA), the leisure team is offering FREE 5-week Water Safety Courses designed to empower individuals who may be nervous around water or have had negative experiences in the past.

Course dates include:

- Every Wednesday, 21st February until 20th March 2024.
- Every Wednesday, 27th March until 24th April 2024.

Location: Atherton Leisure Centre, 189 Romford Rd, London E15 4JF

To apply: Residents can call 07517 850403 or apply directly online BSA Pre-Course Assessment ([google.com](https://www.google.com)) using the course code: **NEWHAM2024**



[Free ballet lessons for Newham children](#)

Come and enjoy free ballet lessons for Newham children aged 9-12 at English National Ballet ballet studio in Canning Town.

Ballet Club is offering Newham youngsters the chance to dance and create new moves with professional artists, while meeting dancers and creatives at English

National Ballet.

Children will discover more about life as a professional dancer, gain behind-the-scenes insights and create choreography to perform to family and friends on the final day. It's an exclusive offer for Newham children.

The Ballet Club runs from Friday 23 February. Booking is essential.

[More information about Ballet Club here >](#)