

# **ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 20 - 7th February 2024**



#### Dear Parents & Carers,

We were delighted to receive a letter from the MInister for Schools, regarding the school's achievements in the 2023 Multiplication Tables Check (please see below). We would like to extend a massive thank you to all of the staff, pupils and parents/carers for their continued dedication to Maths learning and in particular, times table knowledge and fluency.



Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP Minister for Schools

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Du Ma Feynon.

I am writing to congratulate you on your school's achievements in the 2023 multiplication tables check.

Your average pupil score of 24.2 out of 25 makes Ellen Wilkinson Primary School one of the top 200 performing schools in England for the multiplication tables check. The excellent achievement of your pupils is something the Government hopes to see replicated in schools across the country.

Knowing times tables is vital for school and day-to-day life. Recalling multiplication and division facts up to 12x12 is important for progression in maths. That is why we introduced these checks, as a helpful tool for teachers to identify those pupils who need extra support.

I would like both to congratulate your staff and pupils for their hard work and to thank you for your leadership in continuing to promote the important subject of mathematics.

Yours sincerely.

Damian Hinds Minister for Schools

Finally, we would like to wish you a wonderful and safe half term holiday!

Sue Ferguson & Janice Owen-Amadasun

#### **General Information**



#### Parents' evening

Parents' Evening will be taking place tomorrow - Thursday 8th February, 3:30-7:00 pm.

If you haven't already made a slot on Parentmail, please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange a time.

## 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.



#### Our free family nature club offers a Spring adventure during half term in the East Ham Nature Reserve.

Come and explore this amazing space and create nature inspired crafts to takeaway.

#### Spring Adventure Monday 12 February 2pm - 4pm

Wednesday 14 February 2pm - 4pm

East Ham Nature Reserve, 1 Norman Road, E6 6HN

For further information please contact: parksbookings@newham.gov.uk

# This half term, why not get outside and enjoy nature just as it's beginning to wake up from winter!

This half term there are three fun activities to enjoy, as well as many other adventures you can have exploring the East Ham nature reserve!

**Monday 12th Feb 2pm – 4pm:** Making Bird Feeders and a Craft Mobile

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 10.30 am – 12 noon: Plant Identification Walk led by 'Curious by Nature'

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2pm – 4pm: Flower Crafts

East Ham Nature Reserve is located at 65 Hameway, London E6 6HP (at the bottom of High Street South, near the A13 interchange).

We are pleased to announce that the book fair will be arriving in school today, **Wednesday**, **7th February**.

Children will have the opportunity to purchase books after school, from **3:15pm - 3:30pm**, in the school hall. The fair will run from **Wednesday through to Friday** and will also be available during Parents' evening.



Please note that the school gains rewards from books sold, which can then be spent on books for pupils and classroom resources.

<u>Diary dates - February</u>			
Thurs 8th	3.30 – 7 p.m.	All	Parents evening
12 <sup>th</sup> – 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

#### **Our Learning**

Last Thursday, Lobster Class had an amazing opportunity to visit Cody Docks, as part of their Geography and Art learning. They looked at the river and its wildlife and recognised how pollution affects its inhabitants. They also learnt some new facts about the history of Newham and why the River Lea was vital to its community.

Our pupils were so impressed that they suggested we add the Cody Dock website link to this week's newsletter. The dock has free activities all year round for Newham residents. They also have volunteer days, where they ask people to participate in projects to help restore the area and collect litter to clean up the river and protect Newham's waterways.

Click for more information: Cody Dock







Mrs Willis

#### House Winners and Stars of the Week - 26/01/2024



#### **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: Red House - Ade Adepitan!

	Kathee Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
Guppy 1	Markas	Khalid	Jemimah	Daniel	Nathaniel
Guppy 2	Holly	Eva	Anastasia	Reggie	Liepa
Lionfish	Justina	Marnie	Bartholomew	Emma	Louisa
Clownfish	Yousuf	Uche	Kayla	Fisola	Ahnaf
Jellyfish	Adam	Sehajnad	Lincoln	Arham	Alex A
Starfish	Amina	Ryan	Aisha	Toby	Ibraheem
Turtle	Austeja	Karolis	Robert	Yanis	Rida
Lobster	Meta	Kevin	Thomas	Brittany	Emilis
Octopus	Aroush	Diana	Elias	Albie	Hasan
Seahorse	Amira	David O	Ibrahim	Liepa	Raphael
Stingray	Saarah	Minahil	Tahmid	Jessica	Milana
Dolphin	Tyler	Issa	Yasmine	Rhea	Rares
Shark	Isra	Oliver	Daisie	Aishah	Esther
Whale	Nicoleta	Trey	Ashaz	llyas	Kajus

#### Work of the Week (only 1 per year group)

Year Group	Child's Name	Context of work
Guppy	Hanna	For lovely independent writing applying her phonics

1	Hooriya	For independently writing sentences in Phonics.
2	Neyara	For creating a lovely portrait of Amelia Earhart.
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	Daria	Thought provoking answer during RE

### **Certificate Mentions**

Certificate	Class	Who?
TTRS Support Act (Under 5 seconds)	Seahorse	David O
TTRS Headliner (Under 4 seconds)	Turtle Lobster	Genesis Dawud
TTRS Rock Stars (Under 3 seconds)	Turtle Lobster	Rida Shezhad
TTRS Rock Legends (Under 2 seconds)	Turtle Lobster Seahorse	Austeja Sophia, Nefeli Ibrahim
Lexia	Seahorse Dolphin Stingray Shark Whale	Kemi Level 7 Yasmine Level 16 Eidanas Level 10 Mikaela Level 16 Tahmid Level 16 Isra Level 9 Ashaz Level 15

## Special Mentions (non certificate)

Lobster Class	For your excellent behaviour and fantastic manners and on our trip to Cody Docks yesterday. Mrs Willis and Miss Cojocariu are extremely proud of you - well done!
The group of Year 5 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 2	You were all so well behaved on our trip to the Science Museum. You were very respectful to others and listened very well as we moved around the museum. Well done! Miss Foster and Mr Islam.
Stingray: Jessica, Olivia, Nabeel & Milana.  Dolphin: Evie, Elena, Hussan, Glory and Orion	For all helping Miss Burchell break up loads of empty cardboard boxes from the science cupboard.
Octopus: Elizabeth, Jessica, Ayesha, Kai'Rone, Fionel, Deborah and Luca	For also helping Miss Burchell sort out all of the electricity equipment (and there were loads of it!!!). Miss Burchell is extremely grateful for your help!

Victoria and Milana in **Stingray** class

For eagerly taking on the important role as the **science cupboard monitors**.I know these girls will take this role very seriously. Thank you!

Miss Burchell

#### Community, Wellbeing and Support



# Extra support available during Children's Mental Health Week

Newham are supporting Children's Mental Health Week by helping to coordinate a number of dedicated workshops aimed at improving wellbeing.

Parents, carers and professionals are being invited to sessions, aimed at equipping them with the knowledge, skills and confidence to support their loved ones.

The activity supports the national campaign, raising awareness around the importance of good mental health in children.

Visit the Well Newham website for more information about Children's Mental Health Week >



## Check live pollution levels with Air Aware

You can now check live air pollution levels by using a new online tool developed by Newham, Hackney and Tower Hamlets councils.

The tool, called Air Aware, shows live particulate matter and nitrogen dioxide levels, helping people to make informed choices about their exposure to air quality.

It uses a chatbot that can provide the latest advice in direct response to questions that users ask, which can help people to better protect themselves from the impact of air pollution.

Read about Air Aware, here >



National Apprenticeship Week (5-8 February) is here...this year the theme for National Apprenticeship Week 2024 is "Skills for Life".

The aim is to encourage everyone to consider how apprenticeships can help individuals to develop the skills and knowledge required for a rewarding career, and employers to develop a workforce with future ready skills.

Come and join our biggest free annual National Apprenticeship Fair next Thursday 8 February at Stratford TownHall where many big businesses, including TfL, Barclay, Met Police, KPMG and more, will share their apprenticeship opportunities.

Last chance to book your free tickets>





## 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.

(Please click on any of the sections above, in red, for more information.)