



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Once again we have had another fantastic week of learning. Pupil outcomes across the curriculum are very encouraging. Thank you to all parents who consistently engage with their children's home learning and take an active interest in their reading, with fluency and enjoyment.

Thank you for your responses to our survey on the review of the curriculum; these are helping to reshape the curriculum for 2024/25.

You may have noticed the new hedges planted along Dove Approach near Mitchell Walk, and outside the children's centre on Tollgate Rd. Volunteers from Balfour Beatty worked with Groundforce London to plant Western Red Cedar trees which will screen our playground from vehicle exhaust fumes and serve as a windbreak. This is part of our plan to make small changes to our playground to make it a healthier environment. Planters have recently been installed under drainpipes to provide more greenery and to reduce the amount of rainwater discharged from our site.

Well done to all our parents who bring their children into school every day and on time. This supports your child's settling into class and their positive well being each day.

Sue Ferguson & Janice Owen-Amadasun

General Information

World Book Day is taking place next week, 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

Diary dates - February

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: Red House - Ade Adepitan

	Kathee Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
Guppy 1	Diana	Mekai	Yehor	Alexander	Anastasia
Guppy 2	Marcu	Noah	Daniel	Crisitan	Amelia
Lionfish	Sofia M	Illinca	Lucian	Hayley	Kayaan
Clownfish	Safia	Avery	Jana	Filippos	Elise
Jellyfish	Paula	Lohith	Zakariyya	Amelia	Layla
Starfish	Darjaan	Rose	Esther	Ismaeel	James
Turtle	Deborah	Avaya	Jibrail	Chaslyn	Sakibur
Lobster	Eliora	Ridwan	Kevinas	Kevin	Natali
Octopus	Ayden	Ayesha	Majus	Luca	Susany
Seahorse	Raphael	Amelia	Abeera	Kemi	Emilijus
Stingray	Eliana	Milana	Tahmid	David M	Jessica
Dolphin	Simon	Vesta	Simon	Orion	Diana
Shark	Nuelf	Hannah	Maya	Kydon	Ardin
Whale	Fisayo	Khadija	Boris	Quinel	Miley

Work of the Week (only 1 per year group)

Year Group	Child's Name	Context of work
Guppy	Faith	For creating a beautiful minibeast collage.
1	Ahnaf	For applying sounds accurately and writing independently in Phonics.
2	Layla	For leading the class in singing and dancing to your song in Mandarin. Your Mandarin knowledge is amazing!
3	Karolis	For a descriptive 1st person diary entry.
4	Lakin	For writing in paragraphs and using a range of fronted adverbials in his story.
5	Henry	For writing the start of a brilliant story in English.
6	Boston	Thought provoking answers during Internet Safety Day.

Certificate Mentions

Certificate	Class	Who?
TTRS Garage Rocker (Under 10 seconds)	Turtle	Tessa
TTRS Breakthrough Artist (Under 6 seconds)	Turtle Lobster	Tope Adomas
TTRS Support Act (Under 5 seconds)	Turtle	Aleksandra
TTRS Headliner (Under 4 seconds)	Octopus	Lucia
TTRS Rock Stars (Under 3 seconds)	Lobster Seahorse	Reece, Kevin, Brittany David O
TTRS Rock Legends (Under 2 seconds)	Turtle Octopus Seahorse	Genesis Elizabeth Matvii
TTRS Rock Hero (Under 1 second)	Seahorse	Raphael
Pen Licence	Octopus Dolphin Shark	Diana Abdul Mueed Isra

Special Mentions (non certificate)

Year 2 Jellyfish Class	Well done for your fantastic sharing assembly. You spoke clearly, loudly and enthusiastically. Your song in Mandarin was amazing, especially your actions and facial expressions and the adults who came to watch you were so impressed with your historical knowledge on planes and pilots! Congratulations! You made myself (Miss Foster) and Miss Tiris proud!
Year 4 Seahorse Class	You braved the rain on Wednesday afternoon and did very well in your first swimming lesson!

Community, Wellbeing and Support



Are you prepared for winter?

Struggling to pay your energy bills?

 **Our Community Charged Energy Support Project is here to help.**

 Come and get advice from our Community Energy Champions and learn how to save money on your heating and electricity bills.

 Email us at heidi.henders@renewalprogramme.org.uk

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Breathe easy

Free lung checks are coming, look out for your invitation!

Free lung health checks

If you are aged between 55 and 74, and have ever smoked, you may soon receive an invite for a free lung health check. This will find out how well your lungs are working and aims to rule out any serious conditions. Often, early problems with the lungs do not cause any symptoms, so it is important to attend, even if you are fit and healthy.

The action is part of the national NHS Targeted Lung Health Check Programme.

Find out more here >



Mental health support

Good Thinking is a free, digital mental health and wellbeing service that gives Londoners 24/7 access to tailored advice and NHS-approved resources.

There is a range of support available for those struggling with **stress, anxiety, low mood, poor sleep** and other mental health concerns. The service provides anonymous self-assessments and quick quizzes for tailored guidance and recommended resources, as well as access to free NHS-approved apps, advice, workbooks, podcasts and videos.

For more information about the service, and to access free support and resources, visit [Good Thinking >](#)

For further advice, help and support to maintain a healthy mind, visit [Well Newham - Healthy Mind >](#)