



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 24 -13th March 2024



Dear Parents & Carers,

Once again, we have had another fantastic week of learning, and pupil outcomes across the curriculum continue to be very encouraging. It has been very busy in school with our World Book day celebration, trips and Governor visit day - please see the main body of the newsletter for more information.

We would like to wish Ramadan Mubarak to all of our families who are observing Ramadan. This is a sacred month for Muslims worldwide - a time for their spiritual devotion, community and prayer.

Sue Ferguson & Janice Owen-Amadasun

General Information

Governor visit

Governors spent the afternoon in school last week for our Self Review. This was on World Book Day and it was lovely to see so many children and staff dressed up in character costumes for the occasion. We had a very enjoyable lunch with pupils and observed lunch break activities and supervision in the playground. We met with Junior Governors to discuss their views about the curriculum, how the school keeps them safe and ensures everyone is cared for.

We then had tours with Year 6 Ambassadors; visiting classrooms and finding out more about all the opportunities for pupils to take on extra responsibilities and leadership roles. Later in the afternoon, Mrs Ferguson gave a presentation on curriculum development plans for the coming year.

We were all very impressed by everything we saw during our visit. Our particular thanks go to members of the JGB and Ambassadors who were such great advocates and clearly proud to represent their school. We also had a GB meeting the same evening. Mrs Ferguson presented her termly report and we received reports back from the Finance and Curriculum Standards committees. We also had reports on attendance and mobility and on possible developments with our Management Information Systems.

Marie Christie

International Week



During the week beginning April 15th 2024, we will be holding a very special International Week, to celebrate the diversity of our school and the community in which we live.

Please see our survey for further information on the countries of focus this academic year.

**We are reaching out for you to support us with this- through sharing your knowledge and expertise of different cultures and experiences.
Thank you for your ongoing support.**

<https://forms.gle/3bLQ2KjznUDNdHxt9>



If you have any further questions, suggestions or would like to get involved, please speak to Ms Osobu or Ms Kahraman.

Science Week

This week is Science Week and the theme for 2024 is 'time'.

This year is extra special because it is the 30th anniversary of British Science Week! Time is all around us, all of the time! From the ticking of a clock, to the movement of shadows and the changing of seasons. We can see the effects of time passing on our planet.



During this week, why not explore the life cycles of animals, look at the movement of the Earth by creating a sundial or investigate changes in state. You could even try out some of these activities at home:

- KS1 Home Learning link 5-7 year olds:
<https://collectionslibrary.crestawards.org/star-home-learning/63263936>
- KS2 Home Learning link 7-11 year olds:
<https://collectionslibrary.crestawards.org/superstar-home-learning/63241423>



You could even create a project based on time or take part in the science poster competition (due by 22/3/24).

Whatever you do, have fun doing it!

Miss Burchell (Science Lead)

World Book Day - Read your own way!



What a wonderful day we had celebrating World Book Day, on Thursday 7th March 2024.

The children (and adults!) put a lot of effort into their costumes to reflect book characters that they really like. We saw a whole family dressed as characters from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl (Charlie and his Umpa Lumpas!). It was really great to see so many homemade costumes. We even had one child dressed as the Evil Pea, made out of paper mache!

Our Reading Champions, from years 4 and 5, were on hand in every class to read books to children, listen to children read and support them with completing their World Book day activities.

The theme for this year's World Book day was 'read your own way' and this was seen all over the school, with children reading stories on their own, to another child, in groups and to adults. Some children read in their classroom libraries and also our school library.

We also had a group of children from Year 1 and Year 3 go to Stratford Library, for an author event, where they had the opportunity to listen to stories being read to them and take part in activities linked to the story.

We have all had such a fantastic day celebrating reading and being immersed in stories, and can't wait for our celebrations next year! Thank you to all of our parents and carers for your support and encouraging your child to get involved with the day.



Miss Foster and Ms Khan.



As mentioned above, last Thursday, some of our Year 3 cohort went on a visit to Stratford Library, to meet Laura Sampson, a new and upcoming children's author. They had a wonderful time! It was World Book Day, so we were all dressed as book characters - which made our visit to the library even more fun!

The children loved listening to her stories from around the world, and asking her questions about writing her book entitled 'Enchanted Tales'.

She signed our books and was happy to join our photograph. A great day was had by all.

Mrs Willis

Diary Dates

March

Thurs 14th	2.45 pm	Hall	Year 1 Clownfish Sharing Assembly
Thurs 21st	2.45 pm	Hall	Year 1 Lionfish Sharing Assembly
Thurs 28th			Last day of term - normal finish time of 3:15pm

April

Easter holidays 29th March - 12th April.

Year 6 Easter revision sessions: 2nd- 5th April (Year 6 parents, please see letter for times & details)

Mon 15th	First day back after Easter break.
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House Winners and Stars of the Week - 08/03/2024

House Winners

Every child is in one of our five 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	Yehor	Daniel	Raima	Ayaah	Eli
Guppy 2	Kevin	Tajus	Damian	Michea	Aron
Lionfish	D'or	Matei	Eric	Sanjana	Adam
Clownfish	Hooriya	Halle	Omyia	Zoe	Arianna
Jellyfish	Elsie	Samuel	Sehajnad	Musa	Hafsa
Starfish	James	Esther	Ismaeel	Rose	Marnie
Turtle	Areeb	Chaslyn	Tessa	Sakibur	Tanya
Lobster	Khalid	Ridwan	Iqra	Nael	Sophia
Octopus	Milana	Max	Jessica	Hannah	Jonathan
Seahorse	David O	Eric	Abraham	Amira	Blessing
Stingray	Michael	Alena	Victoria	David M	Ruby
Dolphin	Abdul Mueed	Saad	Orion	Jason	Rhea
Shark	Nasharie	Rayan	Noah	Mattias	Maddison
Whale	Paulina	Kajus	Trey	Kesar	Deor

Work of the Week (only 1 per year group)

Year	Child	Context of work
Rec	Mekai	For fabulous writing in his phonics lessons.
1	Justina	For independently adding more sentences to her fact file about George Stephenson.
2	Elsie	For creating such a fantastic group poem with lots of suggestions for rhymes.
3	Deborah	For her imaginative ideas and input in poetry.
4	Abeera	For her fantastic poem about being fearless.
5	Maksym	For writing his first story in English.
6	Nuelf	For completing his Maths work with confidence.

Certificate Mentions

Certificate	Class	Who?
TTRS Garage Rocker (Under 10 seconds)	Seahorse	Abraham
TTRS Unsigned Act (Under 7 seconds)	Turtle	Sofia
TTRS Headliner (Under 4 seconds)	Turtle	Helen
TTRS Rock Stars (Under 3 seconds)	Turtle Octopus Seahorse	Aleksandra Lucia, Samarah Liepa
TTRS Rock Legends (Under 2 seconds)	Lobster	Reece
TTRS Rock Hero (Under 1 second)	Lobster Raphael Octopus	Robert Raphael Ester
Lexia	Starfish Octopus Seahorse Whale	Zaki Level 5 Lucia Level 11 Samarah Level 9 Emilijus Level 12 Ashaz Level 16
Pen Licence	Octopus Whale Shark	Fionel & Joel Meer Rayan

Special Mentions (non certificate)

The whole school.	For making such a wonderful effort for World Book Day and getting so involved with all of the activities! Well Done! Miss Foster and Ms Khan.
The Year 3 children who went on the library trip yesterday.	For showing how wonderful you all are. Your behaviour was exemplary yesterday, and you all looked amazing! Well done.
The Year 1 children who went on the library trip yesterday.	For a very enthusiastic attitude towards reading and engaging with the author.

Community, Wellbeing and Support



Book your free Green and garden waste collection

Your free green and garden waste collections are here again and will be **available until September 2024**. Green and garden waste can be recycled into compost. No garden waste should be put in the rubbish bins. Before you apply please make sure:

- It is a type of green waste that we can collect – which includes leaves, pruned branches, wood shavings and more.
- Prepare your green waste for collection in black bags so you know how many bags you want us to collect.

We aim to collect within five working days of your request.

[Find out more about how to bag it and what we can collect >](#)



Easter Half Term holiday activities for children and young people

Explore exciting activities for children and young people (4-16 years old, up to 18 for those with special educational needs) in Newham during the Easter school holidays. Activities range from multi-sports to arts and crafts, drama, and cookery, catering to diverse ages, abilities, and interests. All holiday clubs are inclusive for children with low levels of SEN and/or disability, fostering participation in universal settings. Specialised programs are available for those needing additional support, with clubs assessing suitability on a case-by-case basis.

To secure a spot, view the list of HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) clubs, follow registration instructions, and contact providers directly for programme details.

Spaces are limited, allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

For non-booking enquiries, email **HAF@newham.gov.uk**.

[View the Easter Programme and register >](#)



Beckton
Environmental
Action
Team

COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

SATURDAY 23rd MARCH 2024

10AM TO 1PM

MEET ON THE GRASS OPPOSITE
100 EVELYN DENNINGTON ROAD
E6 5YJ

All equipment and refreshments
provided



Changes at Newham's leisure centres

Greenwich Leisure Ltd(GLL) will be taking over the management of our leisure centres from Monday 1 April 2024. The non-profit organisation will be operating under the Better brand. To allow time for the changeover, Atherton Leisure Centre, East Ham Leisure Centre and Newham Leisure Centre will be closed from Thursday 28 March until Sunday 31 March, reopening on Monday 1 April. This closure period will allow for the centres to be rebranded, new uniforms to be distributed, staff training, equipment replacement and the changing of ICT and phone systems.

More information >