



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 27 - 17th April 2024



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a relaxed spring break.

We have a busy half term coming up, beginning this Friday with our International Celebrations. The children in each year group are spending this week focusing on the culture and traditions of a country of their choice. We are looking forward to seeing you all this Friday afternoon for our community event. See below for more details.

Mid-year, internal pupil assessments will take place at the end of April and in May, the KS1 and 2 SATs. Please make sure you check the dates section of the newsletter regularly. Polling Day is on 2nd May, when school will be closed to all pupils (Nursery-Y6).

We hosted visiting international students from Radboud University in Nijmegen, in the Netherlands. They were concluding their project work which compared the UK's inclusive education practice to the Netherlands.

New Menus: The new 3 week menus began this week. This is on the website and can be found in the parents' zone/food at EWPS/latest school menu (about halfway down the page, blue button). If you require allergen advice please contact the main office who will be happy to send this through to you



Sue Ferguson & Janice Owen-Amadasun

General Information



We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our International Community Event on Friday!

When: Friday 19th April, from 3:30-4:30pm

Where: In the hall and playground.

What:

- At Friday's event there will be an opportunity to sample food from around the world - **free to all!**
- There will be stalls, where you can pay to take part in activities including:
 - Face-painting.
 - Flag decorating.
 - Coconut shy.
 - Henna.

So please do remember to bring some change if you would like to take part.
(Prices from 50p-£2)

On Friday, we are also inviting all pupils to come into school dressed in clothing that represents them and their background.

Examples may include: a football shirt, traditional clothing, or clothing in the colour scheme of your flag.

Reminders:

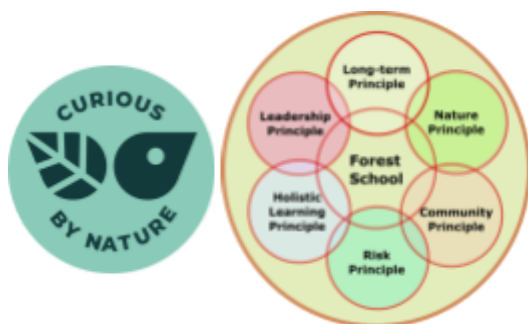
- We have invited parents and carers to bring in food for the event. **If you are bringing food, please bring this to the front office anytime on Friday, but no later than 2pm.** Any food must come with a clear list of all ingredients and must be nut-free!
- All home-learning projects should also be brought in by Friday at the latest and given to Miss Kahraman, so they can be showcased at the event.

We look forward to having you join us to celebrate our diversity!

After school clubs

A reminder that **Summer Term After School Clubs will run from Monday 22 April** until approximately the first week of July (10 weeks in most instances). To purchase a club for your child, log into Parentmail. There are limited places available and purchases are first come first served. If you need more information, please email the school office (info@ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk) or check the relevant page on the school website.

Curious by Nature



We are also excited to announce that we have a community organisation, Curious by Nature, who would like to offer Forest School outdoor learning sessions to our children at EWPS this Summer term!

The sessions will run on Tuesdays, from 3.30pm to 5.30pm for children in Y2-Y6. Please note, this is not being run by Ellen Wilkinson Primary School.

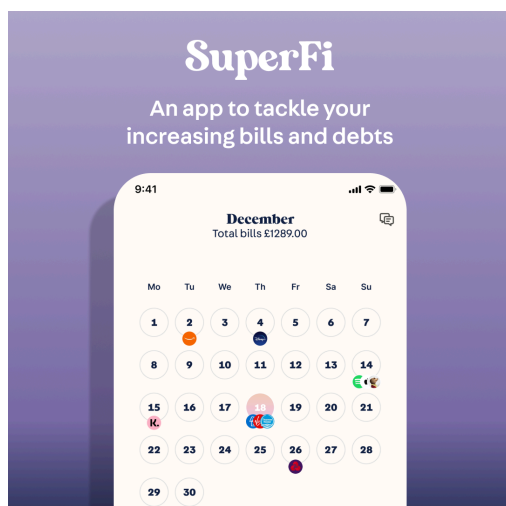
Please be mindful, this is a Forest School and children will be outdoors every week. Places are limited so please get in touch with Ms. Julie Baker, if you are interested.

For more information please see their website: <https://www.curiousbynaturelondon.co.uk/>

Diary Dates - May

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| Thurs 2nd | All day | N/A | Polling day - school closed to all pupils (Nursery-Y6). |
| Mon 6th | All day | N/A | May Bank Holiday - school closed |
| Wb 13th | Mon-Thurs | AM | KS2 SATs week |
| Thurs 16th | 2:45pm | Hall | Guppy 1 Sharing assembly |
| Mon 20th | 9-10:00 | Studio | Music unlocked showcase & coffee morning (please note this is invite only) |
| Thurs 23rd | 2:45pm | Hall | Guppy 2 Sharing assembly |
| Fri 24th | Last day of term - normal finish time (Half term holiday 27th-31st) | | |

Community, Wellbeing and Support



Free app to manage bills and benefits

Newham have teamed up with SuperFi to provide residents with access to their easy-to-use mobile app which can help people to better manage their bills and debts, especially those wanting to manage their finances in a high cost of living environment. From receiving reminders on your monthly bills (such as Council Tax or utilities), accessing discounts from your favourite retailers, easily viewing and/or cancelling your subscriptions to even checking if you're receiving all of the government benefits you're entitled to.

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Free childcare for working parents

As part of the Government's expansion of the 30-hour entitlement, working parents may now be eligible to access 15 hours of free childcare for their two-year-olds from April. You may be eligible for Up to 15 hours of early education over 38 weeks of the year for 2 year olds or up to 30 hours of early education over 38 weeks of the year for 3-4 year olds.

The offer can be used flexibly with one or more childcare providers whilst some providers will allow you to 'stretch' the hours over 52 weeks, using fewer hours per week.

Apply now for an April start >



BetterPoints Newham
Inspiring healthier journeys

Newham Council has partnered with BetterPoints to deliver the **BetterPoints Newham Challenge**, an app-based programme aimed at encouraging users to walk, wheel, cycle or run, in order to improve their health and wellbeing. Once users start moving, activity is automatically recorded. Users will then start to receive **BetterPoints, which can be exchanged for shopping vouchers at local businesses, or alternatively, a charity donation.**

It is easy to sign up and take part. Simply download the app, it's completely free! If you are a resident, register with your postcode, or if you work in the borough, enter the code: newhamflyer. For more information see the attached flyer or, visit www.newham.gov.uk/betterpointslaunch



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Join us in celebrating World Autism Month

To mark World Autism Month, we are holding a number of free events and activities, in partnership with the NHS and local organisations.

This includes a celebration of the launch of our first All-age Autism Strategy on Thursday 18 April, an opportunity to find out what we are doing to support autistic people in Newham. You will also be able to hear from a range of experts, while meeting like minded people from our borough.

Come along to the Highway Vineyard Church in Stratford from 10am-4pm on Thursday 18 April.

Register for the All-age Autism Strategy Launch event here >

Find more information about our Autism Celebrations 2024 >

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- Hartley Primary School Newham 9am - 3pm
- Hallsville Primary School Newham 9am - 3.30pm
- St Mary's Primary School Hornchurch 9am - 3pm
- Sacred Heart of Mary's Upminster 9am - 4pm
- Manor Junior School Barking 9am - 3pm
- Roding Primary School Dagenham 9am - 3pm
- Rose Lane Primary School Romford 9am - 3pm

PLEASE BRING
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

Our 5* Holiday Camps are the perfect place to keep your kids entertained over the half term holidays.

Our camps are a fantastic place for children to meet new friends, have lots of fun, and create wonderful memories!

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from **nerf wars** to **dodgeball**, **clay modelling** to **mask making**!

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