



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2 - 18th September 2024



Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been wonderful to see how well our children have settled back in school after the Summer break. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of the children, parents and carers who have joined our school community this academic year.

Attached to this week's newsletter are all of the diary dates for 2024-25. We endeavour to stick to the dates given, however times and dates can change, due to circumstances beyond our control.

We held secondary transfer meetings yesterday for our Year 6 parents and carers. For those who were unable to attend, please do not worry, as all of the information will be sent to you shortly.

Finally, I would like to thank the whole school community for their support at this difficult time. Staff attended Mrs Ferguson's funeral last Thursday, which was also attended by previous staff members, other headteachers and colleagues from the local authority. As I have mentioned previously, we will hold a whole-school community event in memory of Mrs Ferguson at a later date and will be in touch shortly to gather ideas from all of our stakeholders and with her family, to decide how we will do this.

Kind regards,

Janice Owen-Amadasun (Acting-Headteacher)

General Information

We've got some exciting news to share with you. Parentkind – a charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. To support our school, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com.

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

The supermarket has joined forces with Joe Wicks to support the initiative – look out for the TV advert, radio ads and social media coverage!

It's as easy as 1,2,3

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools (make sure you have the latest version of the app installed)
2. Choose our Primary School – either searching by name or postcode
3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop.

Asda does the rest, all money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most.

Remember, anyone can sign up – so start spreading the news and raising funds for our school.

This initiative is on top of the existing Asda Rewards benefits you get as a shopper – so you won't lose out on any of your own earnings or Cashpot, so everyone's a winner!





OPEN HOUSE FESTIVAL 3

Charity No: 1141923

CODY DOCK
RIVER STAR LANE
BUS 323 & 276
TUBE CANNING TOWN

Lighting Up The Lea
Open Day
21 SEPT 2024
11AM-7PM

Celebrating the Lea

Featuring

LIVE FOLK MUSIC with FLOTSAM SESSIONS on the Main Stage
SEA SHANTIES with THE HOG EYE MEN
RIVER OF HOPE & STAR PRIMARY CHOIRS & Newham Music
CODY DOCK CRAFTING WORKSHOPS & GUIDED TOURS
THAMES IRONWORKS BOAT HERITAGE EXHIBITION
ROLLING BRIDGE DEMONSTRATIONS
YOUR RIVER LEA PHOTO COMPETITION
DJ BRIMA on the HOT TUB STAGE
'Fragile Ecosystems' Film Screening

Totally Thames 2024

Flotsam Sessions ORCHESTRA

Heritage Fund

CODY DOCK 11C SOUTH CRESCENT LONDON E16 4TL
WWW.CODYDOCK.ORG.UK

Last academic year, our Year 3s (currently year 4) took part in an art workshop with Rivers Of Hope, to create artwork inspired by the environment and to promote sustainability.

The amazing pieces of art they created will be going on display as bunting, at Cody Dock in West Ham.

Feel free to visit the free event and enjoy!

Miss Kahraman



Times tables serve as a building block for higher-level maths concepts. With a strong understanding of multiplication, children will succeed with topics such as division, fractions, algebraic equations, and more.

Please ensure your child uses their logins (which are the same as last year) to continue to improve their fluency skills. Children should be spending at least 15 minutes a week outside of school on TTRS.

If you would like to find out more about TTRS, please click the link below.

[▶ What is Times Tables Rock Stars? Parents and Carers Guide](#)

We look forward to handing our more certificates than ever this year. If you have any questions about Times Tables expectations or TTRS please let me know.

Mr Hanif

Celebration Assembly

House Winners (13th September 2024)



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!

**The House winners last week were:
Blue house - Michael Rosen!**

Stars of the Week

	Katherine Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard & Cared For
Lionfish	Anastasia	Michea	Andrea	Aleeza	Aron
Clownfish	Jemimah	Nathaniel	Alexandra	Diana	Sara
Jellyfish	Ihsaan	Safeeya	Bliss	Jimmy	Hayley
Starfish	Zoe	Keyaan	Adam	Tilly	Safa
Turtle	Freddy	Nyla	Dania	Aisha	Jervanni
Lobster	Samuel	Neyara	Khadija	Dennis	Michaela
Octopus	Ayden	Tessa	Mia	Spencer	Sofia
Seahorse	Khalid	Darius	Harry	Emilis	Sophia
Stingray	Mariana	Rokhaya	Emilijus	Zunairah	Daniel M
Dolphin	Ester	Ayden	Kai'Rone	Elizabeth	Ayesha
Shark	Simon	Philip	Saad	Maksym	Yasmin
Whale	Lakshana	Matteo	Jessica	Jahdel	Alena

Work of the Week (only 1 per year group)

Year Group	Child's Name	Context of work
1	Mayla	For a wonderful piece of original writing about her experiences.
2	Kaylaa	For her beautiful handwriting and presentation.

3	Layla	Wonderful sentence writing in English
4	Austeja	For creating a creative poster in her spare time.
5	Matas	For his excellent investigation skills during science.
6	Ruby	For her knowledge of numbers.

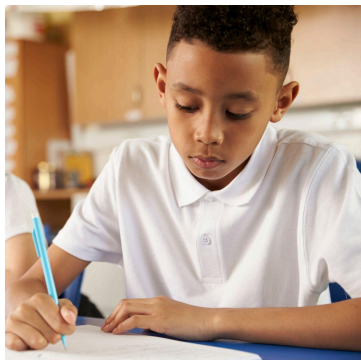
Special Mentions

Year 6	For impeccable behaviour on their trip to the House of Commons. Your questions to our local MP, James Asser, were both insightful and brilliant. You were all fantastic representatives of our school. (Mr Hanif, Miss Dualeh, Mrs Anderson and Ms Johnson.)
Saad-Shark class	Whilst on our trip, we were directed to two paintings, the Battle of Waterloo and the battle of Trafalgar. Saad was able to explain with so much detail that a Lord praised him and said he had 'Never heard such an articulate description'. These are not topics we teach in school either! Well Done Saad for spreading so much wonderful knowledge.

Certificate Mentions

Certificate	Class	Who?
TTRS Breakthrough Artist (Under 6 seconds)	Seahorse	Sonny

Community, Wellbeing and Support



Newham Year 6 pupils ranked fourth nationally for reading, writing and maths

According to provisional statistics released this week by the Department of Education, Newham is currently ranked fourth in England for the percentage of pupils in Year 6 achieving the expected standard or better in reading, writing, and maths. These statistics cover attainment in assessments taken by pupils at the end of year 6 when most are age 11. The borough is also ninth for the percentage achieving the higher standard in these subjects.

Impressively, Newham is in the top 13 local authorities in England for all the provisional



Black History Month 2024 programme launched!

Newham are thrilled to announce the launch of their Black History Month 2024 programme, themed 'Reclaiming Narratives'. Highlights include:

- **Opening Event (4 October):** Authors Aamna Mohdin and Kimberly McIntosh will engage in a captivating conversation about Mohdin's new book, 'Scattered: The Making and Unmaking of a Refugee'.
- **Black Pound Markets (12 and 19 October):** Celebrate Black businesses and

measures published. It is also important to note these pupils experienced disruption to their learning during the pandemic, particularly at the end of year 2 and in year 3.

Read more about Newham Year 6 pupils national ranking for reading, writing and maths >

entrepreneurs at Woodgrange Market and Rathbone Market.

- **Tribute to Benjamin Zephaniah (25 October and 1 November):** Experience *'The Power of Words'*, a tribute to the renowned poet through spoken word, music, dance, and art.
- **Grand Finale (26 October):** An electrifying night of grime music, showcasing new young talent, produced by Ruff Squad Arts Foundation.

See the full Black History Month 2024 programme >



Science comes to Newham with free events, talks and workshops

The British Science Festival, Europe's longest-running science event, launched this week and concludes on Sunday. Hosted by the British Science Association and the University of East London (UEL), the festival aims to connect the public with scientists, engineers, technologists and social scientists. With loads of free talks, workshops and interactive events, it offers plenty of opportunities to get involved in a broad variety of scientific topics.

Find out more and sign up for British Science Festival events >



Discover how the Good Thinking website can support your mental health

Good Thinking is a free online service supporting the mental health and wellbeing of everyone in London, in a way that works for them. They provide a range of safe, proactive and early intervention tools to users, including faith-based resources. We are passionate about showcasing free services available to Newham residents which is why, in partnership with Good Thinking, we have created a video to explain how to use the website. You may be able to spot several sites and faces you're familiar with as all of the content was filmed in and with people from the borough.

You can watch the videos [here](#). Please do share with anyone you feel may benefit. For more information, visit the Good Thinking website [here](#).

Find further mental health support via the Well Newham website >