



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 14 - 18th December 2024



Dear Parents & Carers,

What an awesome turn out at our EWPS Winter Fair. It was so refreshing to see all our families fully engaged in the winter activities. Thank you so much and we will let you know in the new year just how much was raised.

Parent governor

We are still looking to appoint one parent to join our formidable Governing Body. Interested parents please email info@ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk to request a nomination form. Please send in your nominations before the end of term

Reminders:

- **Last day nursery - Thursday 19th (normal times)**
- **Last day R to year 6- Friday 20th (1pm finish)**
- Toys, including cards, such as football or Pokemon cards are not permitted in school.

School Christmas Dinner

Thanks to our school chef and all of the kitchen staff for a scrumptious christmas dinner last Wednesday and all the children who came dressed in their fabulous Christmas jumpers to raise money for Save the Children.

I would like to thank you for all your support and resilience during what we can only describe as a very challenging year, with the loss of Mrs Ferguson in September 2024.

Your messages of condolence and good wishes continue to come through and we are all much stronger for the good will in our school community.

On behalf of everyone at EWPS we wish you a wonderful Christmas break and a happy new year. I hope that you have a relaxing two week break and we look forward to welcoming you back in January.



Kind regards,
Janice Owen-Amadasun
(Acting-Headteacher)

General Information

January diary dates			
Date	Time	Year Group	Details
Mon 6th	8.45 a.m.	N-6	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
Thur 9th	2.30 p.m. (face to face)	1	Parents meeting – Year 1 Phonics Screening
Wed 15th	11:59am	Nursery	Reception Application deadline
Thurs 16th	2.45 pm	3T	Year 3 Turtle Sharing Assembly
Thurs 23rd	2.45 pm	3L	Year 3 Lobster Sharing Assembly
Mon 27th	All day	All	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS



Design & Technology Competition



Win a prize!

Design a STEM based toy for a child in Reception

Unleash your inner toymaker!



- Look around your home for forgotten fabrics, cardboard boxes and plastic containers. Remember to ask for permission first!
- Imagine and Design! Let your creativity flow! What will you create? A robot? A vehicle? Sketch your ideas.
- Plan and construct: Transform your recycled materials into toy parts.
- Cut, glue, tape and fasten your materials to build your toy.
- Test and play: Does your toy work? Make adjustments and perfect your design!

Get ready to showcase your skills! This exciting competition is open to Years 1 to 6. Bring your entries to Ms Sreedharan on or before **January 10th**.



Celebration Assembly

House Winners (6th December 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:
Katherine Johnson (Green House)

Stars of the Week

	Katherine Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard & Cared For
Guppy 1	Oleksandr	James	Bilal	Tamjeed	Dominic
Guppy 2	Yahya	Muneer	Musa	Taiyaba	Dylan
Lionfish	Reggie	Aleeza	Aairah	Damian	Kevin
Clownfish	Alexandra	Ema	Sara	Idris	Jemimah
Jellyfish	Bryson	Daniel	Jowain	Louisa	Safeeya
Starfish	Elise	Arianna	Layla	Zara	Anna
Turtle	Jervanni	Aisha	Elsie	Hadassah	Noah
Lobster	Khadija	Musa	Samara	Neyara	Ayana
Octopus	Areeb	Helen	Isabelle	Tope	Tanya
Seahorse	Nael	Adomas	Nicole	Haris	Sophia
Stingray	Rokhaya	Markas	Daniel M	David O	Daniel L
Dolphin	Cindy	Luca	Joel	Denitsa	Farwa
Shark	Elena	Issa	Emma	Sneeha	Tyler
Whale	Katelya	Henry	Nabeel	Aisha	Nojus

Special Mentions

Year 1

For great participation and enthusiasm in our Christmas Journey workshop.

Work of the Week

Year Group	Child	Context of work
Reception	Amara	Lovely piece of independent writing
1	Aron	For his independent work with fractions in maths.
2	Safa	For beautiful presentation in her Maths book
3	Layla	For writing an incredible description of a giant.
4	Reece	Creating an informative leaflet about his own civilisation
5	Lucia	For using different techniques to improve her work in English
6	Katelya	For writing the beginning of a well balanced argument in English

Certificate Mentions

Certificate	Class	Who?
TTRS Breakthrough Artist (Under 6 seconds)	Lobster	Charisa
TTRS Support Act (Under 5 seconds)	Lobster	Ibraheem
TTRS Headliner (Under 4 seconds)	Lobster	Feliks
TTRS Rock Stars (Under 3 seconds)	Lobster Octopus	Hafsa Jibrail
TTRS Rock Legends (Under 2 seconds)	Seahorse Octopus	Aisha Sakibur, Tanya
TTRS Rock Hero (Under 1 second)	Octopus	Austeja
Pen Licence	Seahorse	Sarah

Community, Wellbeing and Support



Empowering residents and businesses with confidential advice and support

Our Newham is the council's service exclusively for Newham residents supporting you across five programmes: Money, Work, Business & Enterprise, Learning & Skills and Youth.

From helping residents maximise their income and kickstarting career journeys to supporting local businesses and start-ups, find out how Our Newham can help give you the boost you need at: www.newham.gov.uk/ournewham or come and visit us at 112-118 The Grove, E15 1NS

Extra support available at Newham's community pharmacies

A new self-care service is now available from community pharmacies in Newham and the rest of North East London. Under the new service, pharmacists will be able to support you with common minor illnesses, offer health and wellbeing advice and refer you to other services. For some eligible patients, pharmacists can also provide some free medication, with a GP referral. You can ask your local pharmacy for more details about the self-care service and the eligibility criteria for additional services.

[Find your nearest pharmacy >](#)



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WINTER Camp

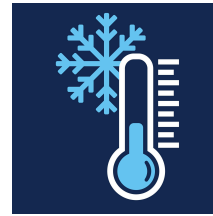
Saturday 21st December: Arts and Crafts at Eastlea Community School 11am-3pm
 Sunday 22nd December: Flip Out Trip E6 3pm-7pm
 Friday 27th December: Bowling Trip at Hollywood Bowl Dagenham meeting at 1pm
 Monday 30th December: New Years Eve Party at Powerleague Newham 12pm-4pm

Free HAF Places

5-15 yr old
 Book: <https://eequ.org/newhamhaf>
www.dramaacademy.org



Newham London   



Looking after yourself, and others, this winter

As colder weather sets in, avoiding cold, flu and other sickness can become more challenging. However, there is lots you can do to stay healthy and improve your wellbeing, while also supporting your loved ones. That includes getting vaccinated, staying warm and being prepared. You can find more information on the Well Newham winter wellness page here. You will also be able to find our winter wellness booklet, produced in partnership with the NHS. It contains lots of helpful information about the local support services available, from Warm Havens to Food Banks to mental health support.

[Download a copy of the Winter Wellness guide >](#)



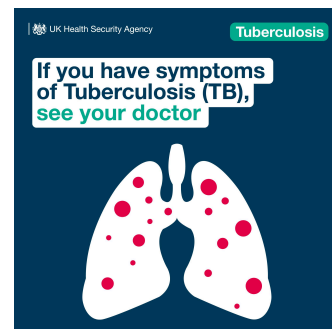
Recycle right this Christmas

The festive season brings joy, celebrations and... extra household waste! Much of this waste can be recycled, and we're committed to helping Newham reduce waste while boosting recycling.

Are you recycling correctly this Christmas? Simple changes can make a big difference - there are plenty of ways to reduce waste over the holidays.

Take a look at what can and can't be recycled by visiting our website. You can also make note of revised waste and recycling collection dates for Christmas and New Year 2024/25.

[Find out more on our Waste and Recycling at Christmas webpage >](#)



Tuberculosis cases in Newham

Newham has a high number of Tuberculosis (TB) cases. TB is an infection that mainly affects the lungs, but can affect any part of the body. It can cause serious symptoms and consequences but it can be cured. TB services are free and confidential.

It is important to get treatment if you have any of the symptoms, because it can be easily spread to other people by coughs and sneezes. The most common symptoms are: a cough for three weeks or more, coughing up blood, loss of appetite, extreme tiredness, and swollen glands. If you're worried, you should contact your GP.

[Find out more about TB on the Well Newham website >](#)