



# ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER 18 - 29th January 2025



### **Dear Parents & Carers, Happy Chinese New Year**

We join in celebrating the Chinese New Year which ushers in endless opportunities, boundless success and great happiness. Children enjoyed a sumptuous Chinese themed lunch today and it was very well received.

### **Assessment week**

Children are completing their quarterly renaissance assessments this week, and we are anticipating good progress.

### **Sharing Assembly**

We had another encouraging turnout of 32 parents who attended Year 3 Lobster's class sharing assembly last Thursday. The children had an exciting time showcasing their learning based on their class text *The BFG* (The Big Friendly Giant) Well done!



### **Update from Marie Christie (Chair of governors)**

*The finance committee met last week. Our main agenda item was to discuss the budget as we approach the end of this financial year. The School has worked hard to keep a tight control on expenditure and this means we expect to keep our expenses within the planned budget this year.*

*The position for a permanent head teacher for Ellen Wilkinson School has now been advertised, with interviews later this term and, hopefully, an appointment from September.*

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

## **General Information**

### **Parents' Evening**

As you will already be aware, Parents Evening will be taking place on Thursday 13th February from 3:20 pm until 7:30 pm, for all classes from Reception to Year 6.

#### **Parents/carers of children in Clownfish class:**

Please note that for Clownfish class - parents evening will run on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th Feb - with appointments available from 3:20 pm-5:00 pm on both days. Please choose one day and only book one appointment.

#### **Nursery:**

Nursery appointments will be made via the sign-up sheets which will be displayed on the nursery entrance doors and will detail dates/times available.

**All appointments will go live for booking this Friday - 31st Jan at 8:00 am.**

#### **Please be advised:**

- Slots are first come first served and limited in amount.
- If you are unable to book an appointment, contact the class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient alternate time/date.
- Access will be via the Main School Office entrance, unless you have a 3:20 or 3:30pm appointment time, in which case you can wait at the classroom door.

**If you have any further questions, please speak to your child's class teacher or the school office.**

## Diary Dates

### February

3rd-7th	All week	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Be Bright, Be Seen</li><li>● Brighten Your Bag</li></ul>
Weds 5th	All day	All	Safer Internet Day
Thurs 6th	2.45 pm	2J	<b>Year 2 Jellyfish Sharing Assembly</b>
10th - 14th	All week	All	Cycle Reward Card Scheme
Thurs 13th	3.30 – 7 p.m.	All	Parents Evening
<b>17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup></b>	-	<b>All</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Thurs 27th	2.45 pm	2S	<b>Year 2 Starfish Sharing Assembly</b>

### Dodgeball tournament - Y5 & 6 vs local police

Last Wednesday, the Y5 and Y6 children of our school experienced an exhilarating day as they engaged in a thrilling game of dodgeball against local police officers. The laughter and cheers filled the air, creating an atmosphere of camaraderie and joyful competition. Students showcased their agility and teamwork while the officers demonstrated their impressive dodging skills.

This vibrant event not only provided great fun but also imparted vital lessons on road safety. The police took the opportunity to educate the children about the importance of using crossings safely and being alert when near roads, ensuring everyone can enjoy outdoor activities safely.



*Mr Hanif and Mrs Higgins*

## Celebration Assembly

### House Winners (24th January 2025)



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:

**Michael Rosen - Blue House!**

### Certificate Mentions

Certificate	Class	Who?
TTRS Breakthrough Artist (Under 6 seconds)	Lobster Octopus	Toby Anderson
TTRS Headliner (Under 4 seconds)	Lobster	Adam
TTRS Rock Legends (Under 2 seconds)	Turtle	Hadassah
TTRS Rock Hero (Under 1 second)	Seahorse	Sarah
Lexia	Jellyfish  Starfish  Lobster Dolphin  Stingray  Shark	Daniel - Level 3 Lukas - Level 6 Adam - Level 4 Fisola - Level 3 Jana - Level 3 Samuel - Level 9 Jonathan - Level 21 Jessica - Level 5 Emilijus - Level 15 David - Level 5 Maksym - Level 4

### Special Mentions

<b>Year 3 Lobster</b>	What an <i>amazing</i> school assembly you all put together! Your hard work and dedication truly shone through. Keep striving for excellence—this is just the beginning of many great achievements to come! Well done.
<b>Year 6 Shark - Orion</b>	Well done to all of Year 6 for their fantastic performances during the dodgeball competition. A special shoutout to Orion, who was the last man standing on his team and managed to beat THREE POLICE OFFICERS ON HIS OWN!

### Work of the Week

Year	Child	Context of work
<b>Rec</b>	<b>Rapheal</b>	Great improvement in his learning overall
<b>1</b>	<b>Iannis</b>	For knowing the names of London landmarks and matching them independently.
<b>2</b>	<b>Ruby</b>	For trying really hard with her presentation in her Writing Portfolio.
<b>3</b>	<b>Layla</b>	For her outstanding drawing and description of the Shabbat in R.E.
<b>4</b>	<b>Iqra</b>	Working extra hard to use her times table knowledge to practice the grid method in maths
<b>5</b>	<b>Majus</b>	For showing excellent sportsmanship in our dodgeball game with the police.
<b>6</b>	<b>Issa</b>	For his brilliant understanding of grammar.

## Stars of the Week

	Katherine Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard & Cared For
Guppy 1	Elizabeth	Kristian	Valery	Janaya	Matteo
Guppy 2	Daniel	Nuh	Musa	Taiyaba	Gaia
Lionfish	Hanna	Emilija Z	Christina	Andrea	Aayat
Clownfish	Ayaah	Lukas	Yehor	James	Idris
Jellyfish	Jokubas	Hayley	Justina	Bartholomew	Zara V
Starfish	Elia	Elise	Tilly	Rada	Otilia
Turtle	Mahdiya	Freddy	Dania	Hadassah	Elsie
Lobster	Zoya A	Ayana	Feliks	Esther Elizabeth	Amina
Octopus	Frankie	Aleksandra	Austeja	Anderson	Genesis
Seahorse	Adomas	Liliana	Shehzad	Iqra	Sarah
Stingray	Daniel M	Kemi	Matas	Blake	Zain
Dolphin	Maya	Zain	Jessica	Farwa	Aroush
Shark	Orion	Waraka	Saad	Simon	Isra
Whale	Ruby	Nabeel	Katelya	Saarah	Victoria

## Community, Wellbeing and Support

If you are interested in a free online webinar for parents and carers of neurodivergent children and young people who enjoy gaming online, sign up via the link below:


<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/game-on-supporting-neurodivergent-children-in-the-online-world-tickets-1109313168549>




### Game on: Supporting neurodivergent children in the online world

Free webinar for parents  
**29<sup>th</sup> January 2025**  
7.30 – 8.30pm

Presented by: **ROBLOX**


**Ambitious about Autism**


**Internet matters.org**

**FEBRUARY HALF-TERM**

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February Half Term Multi Activity Camps

17th - 21st February 2025

Manor Junior School - Barking 9am - 3pm

Hallsville Primary School - Newham 9am - 3.30pm

Sacred Heart of Marys School - Upminster 9am - 4pm

● Rose Lane Primary School - Romford 9am - 3pm

Mix it up this half-term with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Everyday is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from gymnastics to fencing, lacrosse to archery.

**Book now for a half term full of fun!**



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- Pack lunch
- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing
- Loads of energy!



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**CURIOS BY NATURE**

## WINTER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

Two days of outdoor learning and fun with tool use, nature connection, crafts and more

**MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY & TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY**  
**10AM- 2PM**

**Beckton District Park South**

Book via our website  
[www.curiousbynaturelondon.co.uk](http://www.curiousbynaturelondon.co.uk)

Drop-off sessions for 6-11 year olds  
5:1 child to facilitator ratio  
Snacks & materials included  
Bring your own packed lunch

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**LGBT+ History Month**  
1-28 February 2025



Activism and Social Change  
[newhamgbthistory.org](http://newhamgbthistory.org)

WE ARE NEWHAM.

## Newham launches its LGBT+ History Month 2025 programme

In 2025, Schools OUT celebrates its 50th anniversary alongside 20 years of LGBT+ History Month in the UK. Newham's LGBT+ History Month programme is now live, embracing the national theme of 'Activism and Social Change'.

Highlights include 'Queer Walks and Plaques' workshops by Artizine and jdwoof, Newham Music's Queer Choir Fest with Errata, F\*Choir, the London Trans Choir, and a fantastic youth showcase led by Come as You are (CAYA) LGBTQIA+ Youth Project. Enjoy author events, talks, films and workshops.

**[Find more details and book on LGBT+ History Month events >](#)**

**Parent Mental Health Day (30 January) encourages parents and carers to reflect on their wellbeing. When you're grieving, it can be hard to prioritise your own well being yet looking after yourself, even in small ways, can help you cope better with difficult feelings.**

- Keep to routines: Small regular habits can help give you a sense of stability, including aiming for regular sleep times or going for a walk.
- Connect with others: Support from friends and family can be helpful and make you feel less alone in your grief.
- Talk about your special person: It can be supportive to talk about the person who has died with others and to share memories.
- Write a journal: Writing a journal or diary can be a good way to express and release feelings and to record memories.
- Prioritise health: Grieving can be exhausting. Things like trying to eat well and spending time outdoors can help you have more energy to cope with your grief.



Seek support: To speak to someone outside of your family and friends or find out about bereavement support, call Child Bereavement UK's Helpline on 0800 02 888 40.