



Dear Parents & Carers,



It is with great sadness that we begin our newsletter this week with the news of the demise of Mrs. Saidat Olaofe. Saidat died from a short illness on Wednesday 29th January 2025.

Saidat was an amazing member of our Little Ellies team, loved by staff and parents alike. Having worked at our setting for 18 years, she was a caring and nurturing individual who loved to see the children in the setting grow and thrive. Saidat has impacted on the learning and lives of so many young children and she will be terribly missed.

As of now, there is no date set for the funeral and once we are informed of a date, we shall ensure plans for any closure are communicated to parents as soon as possible.

Many parents have reached out to us and for this we are grateful. We understand her family has plans to set up a collection pot for those who wish to contribute. Once we have the details we shall share this with you.

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

General Information

We are pleased to announce that the book fair will be arriving in school today and will run from **Wednesday, 5th February until Thursday 13th February.**

Children will have the opportunity to purchase books after school, from **3:15pm - 3:30pm, in the school hall.** The fair will also be available during Parents' evening.

Please note that the school gains rewards from books sold, which can then be spent on books for pupils and classroom resources.



Be Bright, Be Seen

As part of the 'Be Safe Be Seen' campaign this Spring, we will be selling fluorescent keyrings this **Thursday and Friday for £1-** to brighten up school bags and make our children more visible to all road users.

They will be on sale during morning break time, in the school hall - cash only.

The keyrings are bright and fun and include stars and footballs, emojis and also snap-bands to go around little arms and and legs.



Money raised will go towards safer travel and environmental projects in school.

Miss Dains and Mr O'Dowd

Newham Council's free cycling courses for children - Feb half term



There will be a free cycle training event for children during February half term at Stratford School Academy, Upton Lane, Forest Gate, E7 9PR

To see further details and book click 'Newham Holiday form' – this course is expected to fill up very quickly and places are limited. The flyer attached to this week's newsletter also includes the link to booking.

Course Details

- **Learn to Ride (LTR):** this course is 2 hours for 2 consecutive days. It's for children that cannot ride a bike and would like to learn how to. For children from Reception and above – **parents/carers must stay for the session.**
- **Level 1:** this course is 2 hours for 2 consecutive days. It's for children that CAN ride a bike, but need more practice before cycling on the road, such as not being able to cycle with one hand (i.e. to signal left or right). For children from Year 1 and above – **parents/carers must stay for the session.**
- **Level 2:** this course is an introduction to cycling on quiet roads. The course lasts 4 consecutive days (2 hours per day) and the trainee *must attend the first session and then all days to achieve a Bikeability certificate and badge.* For children in **School Year 5 and above**, that are comfortable riding a bike with one hand. **Children must be dropped off and collected promptly.**

Children should bring their own bike if they have one and a helmet (if wearing one). For children who do not have a bike, there are a *limited* number of bikes to borrow.

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.

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 went live for booking on the 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	Be Bright, Be Seen & Brighten Your Bag
Thurs 6th	2.45 pm	2J	Year 2 Jellyfish Sharing Assembly
10th - 14th	All week	All	Cycle Reward Card Scheme
Tuesday 11th	All day	All	Safer Internet Day
Thurs 13th	3.30 – 7 p.m.	All	Parents Evening
17th – 21st	-	All	HALF TERM
Thurs 27th	2.45 pm	2S	Year 2 Starfish Sharing Assembly

Celebration Assembly

Stars of the Week

	Katherine Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard & Cared For
Guppy 1	James	Konstantin	Elias	Gabriel	Beatrice
Guppy 2	Kamila	Lavinia	Rapheal	Aaliyah	Dylan
Lionfish	Amelia V	Aron	Kevin	Eva	Aleeza
Clownfish	Diana	Alexandra	Nathaniel	Elise	Tomasz
Jellyfish	Ismail	Bliss	Emma	Ruby	Zahra M
Starfish	Omiya	Tilly	Ryan	Zara	Yousuf
Turtle	Arham	James	Isabella	Noah	Ariya
Lobster	Reuben	Adam	Samara	Neyara	Aariz
Octopus	Areeb	Tope	Ayden	Helen	Tanya
Seahorse	Aisha	Eliora	Sonny	Darius	Liliana
Stingray	Blake	Emilijus	Markas	Muhummad	Abeera
Dolphin	Majus	Lucia	Denitsa	Zain	Diana
Shark	Hussain	Abdul	Rares	Alena	Rhea
Whale	Tahmid	Eliana	Henry	Kartar	David I

House Winners (31st 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](#) - their third consecutive week!



Work of the Week

Year	Child	Context of work
Rec	David	For his brilliant independent writing skills.
1	Markus	For his resilience and confidence when counting in 5s in our maths lesson
2	Zoe	For creating an amazing self-portrait using watercolour and oil pastels.
3	Dania	For beautifully presenting her work in Geography.
4	Karolis	For designing an inclusive community centre for our local neighbourhood in RE.
5	Kemi	For designing and creating a piece of artwork inspired by Banksy
6	Elena	For being the top scorer in her spelling test across Year 6.

Special Mentions

Jellyfish	For creating amazing self portraits in Art, using watercolours and soft pastels. Well done!
3 Tee Cricket children (Year 2)	For their amazing behaviour on the 3 Tee competition last week. They all did their best and we came away with 3rd place! They acted like true Sportsmen!

Certificate Mentions

Certificate	Class	Who?
TTRS Headliner (Under 4 seconds)	Turtle Lobster Seahorse	Ariya Charisa Iqra
TTRS Rock Stars (Under 3 seconds)	Lobster Seahorse	Adam Sonny
Lexia	Stingray	Zain - Level 8; Matvii - Level 10; Liepa - Level 9 & Amira - Level 7
Pen Licence	Seahorse Dolphin Stingray	Evelina & Nefeli Maya Matas & Daniel M

Community, Wellbeing and Support

Newham's Mental Health Strategy, have your say!



**MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGY
2025-35**

RESIDENT EXPERIENCE SURVEY

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Scan this QR with your phone to visit:
<https://newhamco-create.co.uk/en/projects/mental-health-strategy-consultation>

Newham wants you to help shape their mental health strategy. They have launched a consultation to ensure residents' lived experience and valuable insights are considered. The first phase is a short survey that will take just five minutes and will run until Friday 21 March.

If you would like to stay involved with the strategy development, please leave your contact details at the end of the survey. If you are looking to access mental health support now please visit www.wellnewham.org.uk/helathy-mind or, if in a crisis, phone 111 and select option 2 for mental health support.

[Complete the Mental Health Strategy survey now](#)

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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!



Scan here for more information

PLEASE BRING
Pack lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!



<https://www.premier-education.com/holiday-camps/>




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
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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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[Free tennis sessions in Newham](#)

Interested in tennis? Why not take up free, social sessions for all ages in Newham. They are delivered by qualified park tennis activators every weekend, thanks to Barclays Free Parks Tennis. The activators will help to facilitate play, run easy to follow activities and also provide all of the equipment. The sessions are run as large social groups, so be ready to mix in, meet new people and be part of your local tennis community.

Find more information about Free Tennis sessions in Newham >

Find lots of other ways to keep active in your local community on the Well Newham website >



Beckton

Ward Panel meeting

🕒 7:00PM - 9:00PM, Wed 12 February 2025

📍 St Marks Church, E6 5YA

The next Beckton Ward Panel meeting is on Wednesday 12th February, 7-9pm at St Mark's Community Centre, Tollgate Road, Beckton. Beckton residents and representatives of Beckton Voluntary Community and Faith organisations are welcome to attend.

These meetings are for people to learn about and share information about crime, safety and anti-social behaviour matters relating to Beckton and to set priorities for the Safer Neighbourhood Team. Information about these meetings are shared on the Met Website local pages, the Beckton Ward Panel Facebook group, other social media, via the Community Neighbourhood team e-communications and notice boards in some public places.