



Dear Parents & Carers,

Year 2 Jellyfish Assembly

It was very exciting to join 35 parents of Jellyfish class to watch their children show all areas of their learning during the Thursday shared assembly. Children were passionate about what they had learned and recalled key facts through song and dance. Well done Jellyfish!

Q2 Learning Fair & Celebration Assembly

We have come to the end of our second quarter of the year during which the children have celebrated and shared their learning with all their schoolmates with a particularly successful Quarter 2 Learning Fair. It was really heart warming listening and watching, as children shared not only some of their learning outcomes but also the skills needed to make these successful outcomes. There was no celebration assembly last Friday, due to the Learning Fair.

Parents' Evening Thursday 13th February 2025

We look forward to welcoming you all to our second parents evening of the academic year. Teachers are keen to share the progress your children have made. Pupil Progress Meetings have taken place this week between the class teachers and the Senior Leadership Team. We are pleased to note the children's progress from their starting points. We look forward to sharing even more steps to make them more successful.

Wishing you all a good and restful half term.

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

General Information



BRIGHTEN YOUR BAG! It's time to get creative!

Following on from the 'Be Bright Be Seen' campaign, we're offering children the opportunity to win a mini reflective light by using their imagination to brighten up their bags.

To help with this, we'll be giving away 15cm strips of reflective material at breaktime on Friday, so parents can help sew onto their bags to make them more visible.



Limited stocks available. **Bring in your Brightened Bag the first week after the half term and the brightest and most imaginative wins the prize!**

Mr O'Dowd & Miss Dains



Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online

Safer Internet Day 2025 took place this week, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'.

It is important that as parents and carers, you continue to have conversations with your children about how to keep themselves safe online. If you're not sure where to start, please see the conversation starters below.

There is also a wealth of information on keeping your child safe online available on various websites, including the UK safer internet centre:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

■ Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.

What games do you and your friends like to play online? Can you show me the websites you visit the most? Shall we play your favourite game online together?

▲ Ask them about how they stay safe online.

What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?

● Ask them if they know where to go for help.

Where can they go to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use?

◆ Think about how you each use the internet.

What more could you do to use the internet together? Are there activities that you could enjoy as a family?

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

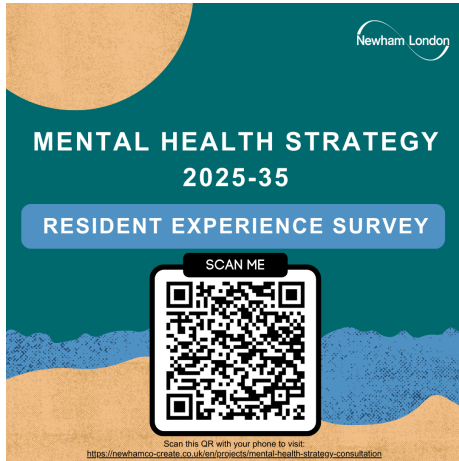
- **Learn to Ride (LTR):** this course is 2 hours for 2 consecutive days. It's for children that cannot ride a bike and would like to learn how to. For children from Reception and above – **parents/carers must stay for the session.**
- **Level 1:** this course is 2 hours for 2 consecutive days. It's 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.**

Diary Dates - February

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

Community, Wellbeing and Support

[Newham's Mental Health Strategy, have your say!](#)



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 >](#)

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

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Premier Camps Near You

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

Book via: www.curiousbynaturelondon.co.uk



CURIOUS ABOUT FORAGING?

Foraging and plant identification walk in Beckton District Park South. Learn about local plants— their folklore, medicinal properties and other uses!

Wednesday
19 February
10:30am- 12pm

Meet at Will Thorne Pavilion Car Park

Booking essential.
Families and individuals welcome.
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Join Bushcraft and Forest School leader, Kat, for a nature walk in Beckton District Park South. Learn to identify plants and what is edible in our local woodland with some fun nature facts and folklore shared along the way. Booking essential:
<https://www.curiousbynaturelondon.co.uk/book-now/p/curious-about-foraging>



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 >



Let's help young minds thrive

We are supporting Children's Mental Health Week, running until Sunday 9 February, a campaign led by the charity Place2Be. This year's theme is 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself,' encouraging self-discovery. We want Newham's children, young people and adults to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them. This will help them to develop resilience to cope with what life throws at them.

We work with our partners to help support parents and carers to have healthy conversations about mental health. If you work with children or parents/carers that may benefit from free resources, please do share the links below.

Free resources for schools and families can be found on the Well Newham website >

Find further support to help young minds thrive >