



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 22- 5th March 2025



Dear Parents & Carers,

Starfish Assembly

Starfish celebrated their class assembly on 'Healthy Living' with over thirty parents in attendance. It was refreshing to hear how confidently and passionately the children shared key facts on maintaining a balanced diet.

Lost property

Next Friday (14th March) after school, all of the children's lost property will be laid out on tables in the playground, after which we will be either disposing of or donating everything. We encourage you to take a look through the lost property bins in the coming week and when they are laid out on the tables, to ensure that you take home anything that belongs to your child.

Please also be reminded to label all of your children's clothing, particularly coats, jackets and jumpers. This makes it easier to identify the owner, when lost.


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

General Information



Tomorrow, Thursday 6th March, we shall be celebrating World Book Day, we have some fantastic activities planned to encourage a love of reading among our students!

Events for the Day

 **Dress as a Book Character** – children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We encourage creative and homemade costumes to make the day even more fun! **There is a class prize for the best dressed!**

 **"Read Your Way" Competition** – this year's theme for World Book Day is "Read Your Way", and we want to see how your child enjoys reading in their own unique style.

We invite you to take a photograph of your child reading in an unusual or creative way – whether it's upside down, outdoors, with a pet, or in a fun setting. The most unique idea will win a special prize! The winners (1 per year group) will be announced in Friday's assembly!

Please send in your photograph of your child by tomorrow the 6th of March to year3@ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk and include your child's name and class.

**READ
YOUR WAY**

We hope you and your child enjoy celebrating the magic of books with us.

Thank you for your support in making this a memorable event!



W.I.N.S. Parent Workshops

We would like to invite you to attend the following Parent Workshops, which will be delivered by Anna Larsen, a CBT Therapist attached to CAMHS, who has been working with children and families in our school. We are pleased to offer these workshops to our families, as they focus on different aspects of children's development and interactions. These are excellent opportunities to ask any questions you might have, learn about

different ways to support children's behaviours, possible anxiety, sleep routines and also to access updated information around online safety and social media.

- **Tuesday 11th of March:** Helping your child with online safety and social media (60 mins) - at 2:00 pm
- **Tuesday 18th of March:** Child anxiety (60 mins) - at 2:00 pm
- **Tuesday 25th of March:** Sleep routines (60 mins) - at 2:00 pm

[Click here](#) to express your interest in attending so that we are able to plan for the event. However, if you have not signed up and decide to attend on the day, you will be able to do so.

To attend any of these sessions, please report to the school office at 1:55 pm on the day of the session, after which you will be able to collect your child from their usual place



The 10th of March is the start of our week-long 'Eat them to defeat them' programme, where children will be encouraged to eat more vegetables. Children will be given a poster and stickers to support and encourage them to try and eat more vegetables. We encourage parents and carers to support their children to do the same at home.

Mrs Higgins



Piano Fun Club has been running successfully in our school since January 2025. If you wish for your child to sign up to musical instrument lessons, please see information below on how to do so.

We are offering your child the chance to learn the Piano, Violin and Guitar during school hours. Lessons are open to all children and would be arranged by PianoFunClub.

Piano, Violin and Guitar lessons would be taught by visiting professional tutors with all teaching material provided, and DBS required.

Each pupil would receive 10 lessons per term - lessons are booked in and paid for at the beginning of every new term and half term. The tutors collect children from their classroom for their lessons. Instruments for school lessons will be provided by PianoFunClub (you will have the opportunity to have an instrument to keep at home for a £50.00 deposit)

Stage 1 lessons: 1 x 20 minute paired lesson weekly £42.00 per half term
Stage 2 lessons: 1 x 20 minute individual lesson weekly £84.00 per half term
Stage 3 lessons: 1 x 30 minute individual lesson weekly £126.00 per half term

BOOKING PROCESS:

If you are keen, but the cost is prohibitive please leave a note.
Please fill in this form from their website to if this would be of potential interest:
<https://www.pianofunclub.co.uk/parent-page>

Pre-worn uniform

We have a stock of pre-worn uniform, mostly jumpers, which are available to parents on request **at no cost**.

It's often convenient to have a spare jumper in case one gets muddy or needs a wash. All the jumpers are washed and checked before sending them out.



Please email eco@ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk if you would like to have one sent home in your child's book bag, **giving their name and approximate size**.

If you have any questions, please speak to Mr O'Dowd.

Diary Dates - March

Date	Time	Year Groups	Details
Thurs 6th	N/A	All	World Book Day (Children Dress Up)
3rd – 7th	Break time	R-6	Mother's Day gifts on sale (fundraiser)
7th-16th	N/A	R-6	Science week
Thurs 13th	2.45 pm	Y1C	Year 1 Clownfish Sharing Assembly
Thurs 20th	2.45 pm	Y1L	Year 1 Lionfish Sharing Assembly

April

Fri 4th	N/A	ALL	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL. SCHOOL FINISHES AT NORMAL TIME
7th – 21st	N/A	ALL	EASTER HOLIDAYS
7th - 10th	8:25-12:00	ALL	Y6 EASTER BOOSTER
Tues 22nd N-6	8.45am	ALL	BACK TO SCHOOL - FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM

Celebration Assembly

House Winners (27th February 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:

Malala Yousafzai (Purple House)

Work of the Week

Year	Child	Context of work
Rec	Humna	For a fabulous poetry performance
1	Yehor	For making excellent progress in his writing and becoming very independent.
2	Ihsaan	For answering all the questions correctly in our reading lesson.
3	Dania	For independently editing her writing this week.
4	Genesis	For punctuating speech sentences correctly and altering the place of the reporting clause.
5	Eric	For writing informative subordinate clauses..
6	Victoria	For writing a report about the dangers polar bears face.

Special Mentions

Year 2 Starfish	Well done Starfish class for your sharing assembly! You should all be proud of yourself. We are all proud of you. Keep shining bright, you are all amazing!
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Stars of the Week

	Katherine Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard & Cared For
Guppy 1	Tamjeed	Adam	Adita	Valery	Aniela
Guppy 2	Daniel	Muneer	Sara	Danielius	Lawk (Lawuk)
Lionfish	Zaara	Reggie	Cristian	Ali	Christina
Clownfish	Yehor	Angel	Idris	Jemimah	Alexander
Jellyfish	Lucian	D'or	Ismail	Ilinca	Kayaan
Starfish	Adam	Keyaan	Matondo	Filippos	Tilly
Turtle	Ismaeel	Rohaam	Yusuf	Masheedat	Isabella
Lobster	Dennis	Hafsa	Rueben	Zoya M	Feliks
Octopus	Sakibur	Karolis	Robert	Isabelle	Avaya
Seahorse	Kevinas	Robert	Nefeli	Nicole	Sonny
Stingray	Amelia	David M	Jayden	Amira	Matvii
Dolphin	Max	Cindy	Kai'Rone	Diana	Hannah
Shark	Maksym	Yasmin	Diana	Isra	Abdul
Whale	Katelya	Alena	Mikaela	Tuba	Eliana

Certificate Mentions

Certificate	Class	Who?
TTRS Rock Stars (Under 3 seconds)	Octopus Turtle Lobster	Victoria Freddy Patrick
TTRS Rock Legends (Under 2 seconds)	Octopus	Rida
Lexia	Jellyfish Starfish Turtle Dolphin Stingray	Sophia - level 5 Daniel - level 6 & 7 Fisola - level 4 Freddy - level 7 Elias - level 15 Samarah - level 11 Liepa - level 10 Eric - level 10
Pen Licence	Seahorse Shark Whale	Darius Jason Amina

Community, Wellbeing and Support



International Women's Day Women in Tech

Saturday 8 March 2025, 4-7pm, The Gate Library

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WE ARE NEWHAM.

International Women's Day – Women in Tech

Join us for an inspiring International Women's Day event as we 'Accelerate Action' towards a more inclusive future in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), and Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Hosted by Patricia Regis, this discussion will explore the cultural shifts driven by AI, and the systemic barriers faced by women in these fields. They'll reflect on the role of heritage in leadership, the power of education in dismantling obstacles, and the steps needed to make STEM more accessible.

The event takes place on Saturday 8 March, 4-7pm at The Forest Gate Library.

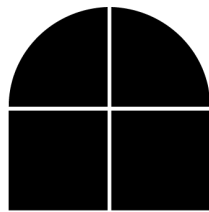
[Book you please to join the International Women's Day – Women in Tech event >](#)



Find out more about Well Newham

Please join us for a free resident-focused Well Newham and Directory of Service training session. It will cover all aspects of Well Newham, with the aim of supporting you with your health and wellbeing. The team will show you how to find and navigate the website alongside the directory of services, covering accessibility features like text-to-speech and translations. The 45-minute sessions will take place online on Tuesday 11 March at 10am and 6pm. There will also be a Q&A session.

- **[Register for the Well Newham and Directory of Service training session >](#)**
- **[If you have any questions, you can email the Well Newham team >](#)**
- **[Visit the Well Newham website >](#)**



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Our Newham: 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