



Dear Parents & Carers,

As a school community we continue to remember Mrs Ferguson for all she stood for. Her 22 years of unblemished practice, serving the school and the wider community has produced many promising confident children who have grown up to be successful adults in their various fields of interest.

*Celebrating the life of
Sue Ferguson*



1st July 1971 - 10th August 2024



Please save the date
Saturday 14th June 2025

Location: Ellen Wilkinson Primary School
2pm

We will be holding a memorial in school to celebrate her life, please join us with the children. Save the date above in your calendars. More details will be sent out to you closer to the time.

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

General Information

World Book Day 2025 was celebrated with great enthusiasm this year at EWPS. The costumes were absolutely fantastic and it was lovely to see so many children dressed up as their favourite book characters during our World Book Day assembly.

Our Competition winners were:

Guppy 1 - Serai-Rosalee & Guppy

2 - Nailah

Lionfish - Andrea & Clownfish -

Noah

Jellyfish - Zara V & Starfish - Layla

Lobster - Paula & Turtle - Ariya

Octopus - Karolis & Seahorse -

Meta

Dolphin - Albie & Stingray - Matvii

Shark- Evie Rae & Whale - Sofia



We would like to say a huge thank you to all of our parents and carers for all the incredible effort made in helping our children celebrate the day and make it such a special occasion, as well as encouraging enthusiasm and a love of reading.

**READ
YOUR WAY**

We are thrilled to announce the winners of our *Read Your Way* competition in celebration of World Book Day! They are:

1st Place - Simon (Shark Class)

2nd place - Robert (Octopus)

3rd Place - Nicole (Seahorse)



We are also delighted to share the wonderful success of our **Poetry Week**, which also took place last week! It was a fantastic opportunity for students to engage with poetry in a creative and meaningful way. Throughout the week, students explored different styles of poetry, and demonstrated their writing skills. The highlight of the week was our **poetry recitals**, where pupils showcased their talents of performance poetry. It was truly inspiring to see their enthusiasm and confidence and we couldn't be prouder!

Mrs Willis and Ms Osobu



Newham Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

Easter Holiday: Fun, Food, and Friends for 4 to 16 year olds! (7 April to Sunday 20 April 2025).

Funded by the Department of Education, HAF clubs across Newham offer a wide range of fun and enriching activities, including sports, drama, cooking, music, arts, trips, and much more! These activities are a fantastic way for children and young people to stay active, build confidence, develop new skills, and enjoy a healthy meal each day.

Children and young people who live or attend school in Newham and are eligible for benefits-related free school meals are invited to join up to 8 days of exciting activities. You can choose any number of days and clubs to suit your schedule.

How to Book?

- Simply scan the QR Code or visit <https://eequ.org/newhamhaf> to explore all the exciting Clubs and activities during the Easter holidays
- Filter activities by age and location, but remember you can choose clubs anywhere in Newham and as many different Clubs as you like!

Special Educational Needs and Disability:

We believe every child and young person should have the opportunity to enjoy the HAF programme. That is why our activities are accessible for children with moderate special educational needs (SEND). We also offer **specialist SEND programmes** for children requiring extra support. Each club assesses individual needs to ensure the best experience for your child/young person.

How to register for benefits-related free school meals?

- Families can apply for benefits-related free school meals at any time:
<https://www.newham.gov.uk/school-meals-newham/free-school-meals/3>

For more information, **contact:** HAF@newham.gov.uk



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 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.

Lost property

A reminder that this 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.

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.

'Eat them to defeat them'

The 10th of March was the start of our week-long 'Eat them to defeat them' programme, where children have been encouraged to eat more vegetables. Children have been given posters 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



Making Online Viewing Safer for Children

There is so much amazing content online for children and young people, but as we all know, some of that content isn't suitable for younger eyes and ears.



Much of the most serious and concerning content is being viewed and consumed at home, often in the child's bedroom.

It is vital that as parents and carers you know there is plenty of help and support available to you, including from organisations such as Internet Matters who have a fantastic advice guide to make online viewing safer for children.

Within this guide there is advice on filters and parental controls, advice about watching and browsing together, screen time and more. **You can access the guide [HERE](#).**

Diary Dates - March

Date	Time	Year Groups	Details
Thurs 13th	2.45 pm	Y1C	Year 1 Clownfish Sharing Assembly
Thurs 20th	2.45 pm	Y1L	Year 1 Lionfish Sharing Assembly
Wb 24th	Break time	ALL	Mother's Day gifts on sale to pupils during break time.

April

Thurs 3rd	2:30pm	ALL	Parent information session - History and Geography curriculum.
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 (7th March 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 and 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)

Stars of the Week

	Katherine Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard & Cared For
Guppy 1	Liyana	Faris	Amira	Janaya	Matteo
Guppy 2	Lucas	Mark	Musa	Taiyaba	Dylan
Lionfish	Anastasia	Marcu	Emilija Z	Liepa	Airah
Clownfish	Iannis	Cataleia	Noah	Raima	Ayaah
Jellyfish	Emma	Zahra M	Bryson	Ruby	Louisa
Starfish	Elia	Elise	Anastasia	Zara	Layla
Turtle	Ryan	Kayden	Dania	Jervanni	Lincoln
Lobster	Michaela	Zaki	Rose	Musa	Toby
Octopus	Nicolas	Musa	Aida	Safeerah	Alisha
Seahorse	Reece	Emily	Dawud	Thomas	Shannon
Stingray	Natalie	Ryan	Sumaiya	Rexhep	Mariana
Dolphin	Zain	Jonathan	Fionel	Lakin	Susany
Shark	Hussain	Rhea	Vesta	Abdul	Emma
Whale	Jessica	David I	Minahil	Henry	Sofia

Work of the Week

Year	Child	Context of work
Rec	Lucas	Making good progress in his writing
1	Noah	For learning to say his line and our poem by heart, both in 1 day.
2	Fisola	For improving her presentation in all her books.
3	Paula	For consistently trying hard with her handwriting.
4	Meta	For writing a historically accurate and interesting letter written as a Roman soldier.
5	Elias	For writing his own story in his own time, and coming to world book day dressed as one of the characters.
6	Vesta	For her continued hard work and progress in maths.

Certificate Mentions

Certificate	Class	Who?
TTRS Support Act (Under 5 seconds)	Turtle Lobster	Kayden Zoya
TTRS Headliner (Under 4 seconds)	Turtle	Yousuf
TTRS Rock Stars (Under 3 seconds)	Lobster	Ibraheem
TTRS Rock Legends (Under 2 seconds)	Octopus	Musa
Lexia	Jellyfish Starfish Dolphin Stingray Shark	Daniel - level 8&9 Fisola - level 5 Majus - level 1, Denista - level 8, Jessica - level 7 & Kemi - level 13 Maksym - level 6 Yasmine - level 20
Pen Licence	Lobster Seahorse Shark	Paula Eliora, Merlia & Harry Diana

Community, Wellbeing and Support



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

Volunteers Needed for Newham's First Junior Parkrun

Junior Parkrun is coming to Central Park in May 2025, and we are looking for volunteers who are keen to support the event when it launches.

This free, fun, weekly 2km event is for children aged 4-14 and takes place every Sunday at 9 am. Volunteers are needed from 8:30-10 am for roles like marshalling, timing, and welcoming participants. You don't need to commit every week, but regular volunteers are essential.

Find out more and sign up here:

Central Park Junior Parkrun
Run Director (Volunteer Role) - Central Park Junior Parkrun



Don't miss out! Funded childcare for working parents

If you are an eligible working parent you can **apply for a code online on GOV.UK** for:

- up to 15 hours childcare per week, over 38 weeks of the year, for your child between nine months until they turn three years old.
- Up to 30 hours childcare per week, over 38 weeks of the year, for your three or four year old

The deadline to apply for and get a code is Monday 31 March, to use from Tuesday 1 April. You will then need to reconfirm your code every three months. Please ensure you apply as early as possible.

[Find more about the applying for funded childcare for working parents >](#)



Gain skills and save money at our Repair Cafes

This Repair Week, learn new skills, save money, and give your broken items a second life. The Repair Week campaign is led by **London Recycles**, which aims to motivate Londoners to repair more, waste less, and recycle right. Join us at our Repair Cafe at **Furniture Reuse** shop in Stratford on Saturday 15 March.

Get free expert repairs for small electrical items, bicycles and clothing. Please bring one item. You can also watch a furniture reupholstering demo and swap clothes for free for a fresh wardrobe.

Can't repair it? Drop small electrical items in the pink recycling bins.

[Find more details about Repair Cafes >](#)