



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 25 - 26th March 2025



Dear Parents & Carers, Visitors from Holland

Today we welcomed a delegation of 4 leaders in education from Holland led by Dr. *Alfons Timmerhuis of the Nederlands Centrum Onderwijs en Jeugdzorg (NCOJ)*. They spent the morning with us, during which our Ambassadors took them on a tour of the whole school. In their words, 'the children were so confident as they celebrated all the learning across the school'. The visitors marvelled at how inclusive and welcoming our school is. They took away many examples of our practice across the school which they described as very child led

Parking

This is a polite notice to our parents who have to drive down Dove Approach Road to drop their children off. Please be mindful of all traffic signs and DO NOT block the entrances of homes on this street. Thank you for understanding the difficulty this can cause to our neighbours.

Mother's day gifts

A reminder that mother's day gifts will continue to be on sale to pupils for the rest of week, during break times. We will be accepting cash only.

After School clubs

An email will be sent out this Friday regarding After School clubs for the Summer term, including dates, times and prices. Please be advised that after school clubs will be available to purchase on Parentmail, on Tuesday 1st April at 8am. As always, if you have any questions, please call the school office.

Kind regards,
Janice Owen-Amadasun
(Headteacher)

General Information

Air Quality and Your Child



Last Thursday, we experienced a poor air quality episode, where local [levels of Nitrogen Dioxide](#) were over three times the legal limit. NO₂ is produced mostly from heavy diesel engines. It [inflames the lining of the lung](#) and reduces immunity to lung infections such as bronchitis. Studies also suggest that the health effects are more pronounced in people with asthma. Air pollution is being linked to a [host of other health effects](#).

This is important for children with asthma or other breathing difficulties. If you'd like to receive air quality alerts there's a London Air App from UCL, available here: [Apple](#) [Android](#)

The air quality node outside our school is off-line for the time being unfortunately, but we can still check local air quality by going to [Breathe London](#) and clicking the node in East Ham Central Park. If you've got any questions, you can get in contact by emailing: eco@ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk

Parent information session - Our History and Geography curriculum

We are excited to welcome our parents to a History and Geography information session on Thursday 3rd April at 2:30pm.

It will be an opportunity to share and celebrate the children's learning, as well as some of the curriculum refinement work we have been doing- as we have recently redeveloped some of our History and Geography units - to ensure prioritisation of the children's key knowledge and skills.

If you do wish to attend and find out more about History and Geography lessons at EWPS, access on the day will be via the front office.





Art Club

Six members of the EWPS Art Club participated in the "Our Stories" art project, collaborating with artist Aya Haider and the V&A East Museum to produce an embroidered artwork that represents their unique identities. Their work was crafted with great skill, and the completed piece will soon be showcased at the Art Matters Exhibition.

Miss Sreedharan

Diary Dates - 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 (14th 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:
Michael Rosen (Blue House)

Work of the Week

Year	Child	Context of work
Rec	Muneer	Becoming more active during lessons.
1	Kevin	For his hard work in phonics.
2	Ahnaf	For improving his presentation in all his books.
3	Patryk	For working exceptionally hard on his handwriting.
4	Nael	Creating a really intricate and carefully thought-out Mosaic in art, inspired by Ancient Rome.
5	Diana	Making a beautiful and informative poster about the layers of the rainforest.
6	Victoria	For writing a great newspaper article about April wood from the last bear.

Stars of the Week

	Katherine Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard & Cared For
Guppy 1	Kristian	Aniela	Beatrice	Sael	Cristi
Guppy 2	Yahya	Amara	Rapheal	Aaliyah	Manha
Lionfish	Aayat	Tajus	Mayla	Michea	Amelia V
Clownfish	Markas	Elise	James	Evelyne	Alexandra
Jellyfish	Daniel	Ilinca	Adam	Ihsaan	Bartholomew
Starfish	Elise	Omyia	Otilia	Ahmad	Tilly
Turtle	Freddy	Elsie	Hadassah	Zakariya	Noah
Lobster	Lohith	Zaki	Samuel	Rueben	Esther
Octopus	Tope	Aleksandra	Genesis	Chaslyn	Tanya
Seahorse	Haris	Shehzad	Evelina	Shannon	Emilis
Stingray	Jayden	Abeera	Ryan	Emilijus	David O
Dolphin	Kai'Rone	Ayden	Samarah	Elias	Ester
Shark	Evie	Jay	Issa	Tyler	Yasmin
Whale	Victoria	Tuba	Jessica	Henry	Sofia

Special Mentions

Year 4	For being well behaved and well mannered on our trip to the church.
Lionfish Class	For a fantastic assembly full of laughs, information and beautiful singing.

Certificate	Class	Who?
TTRS Breakthrough Artist (Under 6 seconds)	Starfish	Muhammad & Adam
TTRS Support Act (Under 5 seconds)	Octopus	Anderson
TTRS Rock Stars (Under 3 seconds)	Seahorse	Evelina
TTRS Rock Legends (Under 2 seconds)	Octopus	Victoria
Lexia	Jellyfish Starfish Octopus Dolphin	Daniel N - Level 10 Fisola - Level 6 Spencer - Level 7 Majus - Level 2

	Stingray Shark Whale	Jessica - Level 8 Susany - Level 13 Sumaiya - Level 12 Blake - Level 12 Rexhep - Level 2 Amelia - Level 7 Maksym - Level 7 Aisha - Level 4
Pen Licence	Dania Esther	Year 3 Year 5

Community, Wellbeing and Support



Keep Newham tidy with the Great British Spring Clean

Residents are being encouraged to join Keep Britain Tidy's 10th Great British Spring Clean, running from 21 March - 6 April. Simply pledge to collect at least one bag of litter; a small act that makes a big impact on our community and local wildlife.

Last year, 97% of volunteers felt they made a difference, and 84% felt more pride in their area. Let's do even better this year! Join your friends, family or neighbours, and let's show our love for Newham.

[Join a local litter pick or set up your own >](#)

[Pledge your support for the Great British Spring Clean >](#)

Support our young people by becoming a Parkrun volunteer

Junior Parkrun is a free, fun and friendly weekly community event organised by volunteers of all ages for children aged 4-14 years. It encourages children to walk, jog or run 2km. The support from volunteers is so important to ensure the runs go smoothly - help and guidance is also available. We are looking for volunteers from approximately 8.30 -10am (weekly), with the runs taking place every Sunday morning at 9am.

The volunteer roles available vary from welcoming participants, to marshalling, timing and result recording. Volunteers do not need to commit every week, but regular volunteers are welcome.

[Find out more about volunteer roles with Parkrun >](#)

[Find out more about the Junior Parkrun Run Director role >](#)

Celebrate Eid al-Fitr Safely in Newham

Residents will soon be preparing for Eid al-Fitr on Sunday 30 or Monday, 31 March; a time of joy, reflection and community. To help everyone celebrate safely and smoothly, visit the Council's dedicated **Eid webpage** for essential information on parking, travel and safety.

The Council will relax parking restrictions in clearly marked bays near places of worship. However, parking outside of these areas, including yellow lines and pavements, remains prohibited.

Plan ahead, avoid congestion, and use public transport whenever possible. Wishing you a joyful and peaceful Eid al-Fitr.

[Find maps, travel details and safety tips to help you celebrate a safe Eid al-Fitr >](#)





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



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7th - 17th April 2025

- Hallsville Primary School Newham 9am - 3.30pm
- Hartley Primary School Newham 9am - 3pm
- Sacred Heart of Mary's Upminster 9am - 4pm
- Manor Junior School Barking 9am - 3pm
- Roding Primary School Dagenham 9am - 3pm
- Rose Lane Primary School Romford 9am - 3pm

14th - 17th April 2025

- Marsh Green Primary School Dagenham 9am - 3pm
- Hunters Hall Primary School Dagenham 9am - 3pm

Our 5* Holiday Camps are the perfect place to keep your kids entertained over the Easter holidays.

Our camps are a fantastic place for children to meet new friends, have lots of fun, and create wonderful memories!

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from nerf wars to dodgeball, Easter Crafts to Easter Egg hunts!

Book now for an Easter full of fun!



Scan here for more information

PLEASE BRING

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

30% off until 14th March!



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