



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 31 - 21st May 2025



Dear Parents & Carers,

The weather was lovely for the last few days, hopefully this will continue as we welcome you all to our International Celebration Day on Friday 23rd May 2025 at 3.30pm.

Next half term will be the busiest term of the year, please keep checking the key dates detailed in our newsletter so that you can attend all the exciting events we have planned for your children to participate in.

Have an enjoyable half term and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday, 2nd June 2025.

Take care and stay safe.

Janice Owen-Amadasun
(Headteacher)



General Information

Governing Body

The governing body met earlier this month. The main agenda items were the Headteacher's termly report and the budget plan for the coming year.

The HT report gave a full and comprehensive record of activities and events in the School as well as details about the school curriculum and plans for the summer term.

The school budget had already been scrutinised in detail at the Finance Committee. The governors were pleased to see a positive balance at the end of the previous financial year and the planned budget for 2025-26 has been set to remain balanced. However, we will need to be vigilant to keep costs in check over the coming months due to rise in inflation.

Marie Christie, Chair of Governors

Would you like to be a school governor?

We currently have two vacancies for co-opted governors. These governors are selected from members of the local community who would like to support our school as members of our governing body. If you are interested in becoming a co-opted governor or know someone who might be interested, please contact the School office for further information.

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, class and approximate size.



This is also a reminder to label all your child's clothing to avoid losing it!

Mr O'Dowd



Thank you to all the parents who are currently using the *Studybugs* app to report their child's absence. However, we have noticed a decline in usage, with only 64% of parents actively using the app. As you can appreciate, the school office is particularly busy in the mornings, and staff may not always be available to answer telephone calls. Using the *Studybugs* app significantly reduces the volume of calls and messages we receive each day, helping us manage our time more efficiently.

We kindly encourage all parents to be more proactive in using the *Studybugs* app to report absences. Link to the App: <https://studybugs.com/about/parents> The link to the app, along with the registration option, is available on the school's website.

If you experience any issues or need assistance with setting up the app, please do not hesitate to contact the school office — we will do our best to help.

Thank you for your continued support - Ms Cahill (Office Manager)

Celebration Assembly

House Winners (16th May 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 winner last week was: Katherine Johnson (Green House)


Special Mentions

Who?	Reason
Guppy 1	For their fabulous performance during their assembly. You have all worked amazingly well to learn your lines! You are amazing children!
Jellyfish	Jellyfish visited the Tower of London on Monday and truly showed how EWPS can behave. A member of staff stopped me and said that Jellyfish were the best behaved children she has ever seen at the Tower. Well done Jellyfish, we are all so proud of you all!

Certificates

Certificate	Class	Who?
TTRS Wannabe (Over 10 seconds)	Turtle	Lincoln
TTRS Headliner (Under 4 seconds)	Octopus	Anderson
TTRS Rock Legends (Under 2 seconds)	Octopus Turtle	Jibrail Aisha
Lexia	Starfish Lobster	Fisola - Level 7 Zaki - Level 7
Pen Licence	Seahorse	Sophia

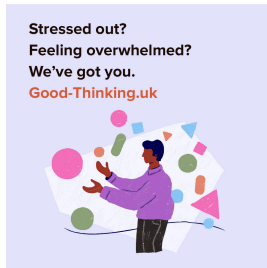
Stars of the Week

	Katherine Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard & Cared For
Guppy 1	James	Adita	Tamjeed	Kristian	Humna
Guppy 2	Jayden	Mark	Musa	Barjam	Dylan
Lionfish	Michea	Hanna	Alan	Aayat	Mayla
Clownfish	Cataleia	Jemimah	Lukas	Markas	Angel
Jellyfish	Zahra M	Lukas	Ilinca	Safeeya	Ziyarah
Starfish	Elia	Arianna	Omyia	Ahnaf	Kayla
Turtle	Rohaam	Yusuf	Kayden	Masheedat	Isabella
Lobster	Charisa	Lohith	Michaela	Paula	Feliks
Octopus	Oliver	Areeb	Aida	Nicolas	Ayden
Seahorse	Emilis	Iqra	Liliana	Sophia	Kevinas
Stingray	Markas	Karol	Mariana	David M	Blake
Dolphin	Diana	Kai'Rone	Elias	Milana	Albie

Work of the week

Year	Child	Context of work
Rec	Raysa	For working really hard using her phonics in writing - well done!
1	Alan	Working extremely hard in his phonics lessons and using his sounds to spell words.
2	Eric	For his amazing persuasive letter to King Charles II using present progressive tense.
3	Charisa	For writing a wonderful letter using present perfect and modal verbs.
4	Thomas	For excellent fraction skills in maths!
5	Raphael	For an excellent letter asking to send help using adjectives, metaphor and similes.
6	Y6	Completing SAT's.

Community, Wellbeing and Support



Lead with love and be mindful, this Stress Awareness Month

April marks Stress Awareness Month, an annual event championed by the Stress Management Society to raise awareness of the negative impact of stress on mental and physical health and encourage people to take steps to reduce it.

This year's theme is '**Lead with Love**', encouraging us to approach ourselves and others with kindness, compassion and acceptance, no matter the

challenges we face.

Good Thinking has a range of free resources available to Londoners to help combat stress, including advice on identifying the symptoms and types of stress.

You can find mental health and wellbeing support on the Well Newham website >

May half term is soon approaching and Curious By Nature will be holding two days of holiday club - filled with outdoor learning and fun!



MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

Two days of outdoor learning and fun inspired by Forest School with tool use, nature connection, crafts and more

TUES 27 MAY & WEDS 28 MAY 10AM- 2PM

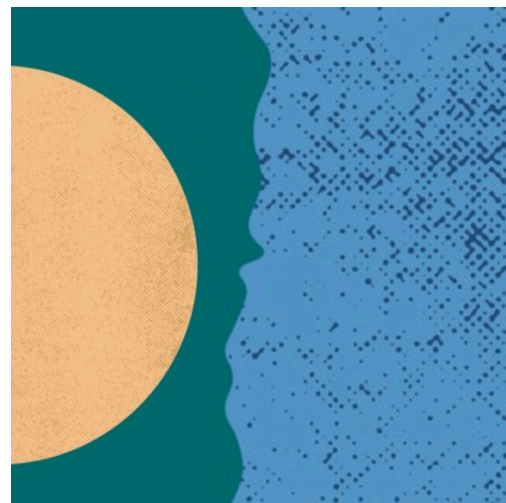
Beckton District Park South

Book via our website www.curiousbynaturelondon.co.uk
@curiousbynaturelondon

Drop-off sessions for 6-11 year olds
5:1 child to facilitator ratio
Snacks & materials included
Bring your own packed lunch

Interested? Book via the Curious by Nature website:

www.curiousbynaturelondon.co.uk



Help us shape mental health support in Newham

Help us shape Mental Health in Newham Newham are currently consulting on their new Mental Health Strategy, and want as many of you as possible to be involved.

The first phase of this consultation is a short survey, it only takes five minutes to complete using the link below.

If you'd like to stay involved in developing the strategy, you can leave your contact details at the end of the survey.

Help us shape Mental Health in Newham by completing the survey >

BECKTON COMMUNITY LITTER PICK !

SATURDAY 24th MAY 2025

10AM TO 1PM

Meet On Beckton Corridor at the
Junction of Frobisher and Triumph
Road, by the old East London Gym at
the back end of Asda Car Park

Free refreshments.
All equipment provided.

Join our mailing list to find out more about our
projects and how to get involved.

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www.becktonenvironmentalactionteam.com

