



Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will see from this newsletter, we would like to make you aware of a couple of opportunities within the local community during half term, Custom House Spring Half Term Activities and Holiday Lunch Clubs. We hope you find it helpful. Don't forget to read about Cultural Day, which is this Friday 26th May. A lot of our children have been quite successful this week when they attended the Newham Mini Games at Newham Leisure Centre. All that's left is for me to wish you all a pleasant half term and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 5th June.

Mrs Owen-Amadasun – SLT.

Cultural Day

Please remember Friday 26th May sees the second and final Cultural Day Event for this academic year. This day will revolve around the topic 'The World at our Doorstep'. Each class will be looking at a specific continent. We ask for your help in supporting some of our activities. **There is still time to bring in any bright fabric, clothes, sarees, scarfs, shiny sequins, laces, ribbons and haberdashery that you can kindly donate to help our wonderful children create carnival costumes.** If there are any parents who are great seamstresses with or without sewing machines, we would love for your services. If you can volunteer for the day and help put together some fantastic costumes ready for our carnival dance at the summer fete.

The following classes will be looking at these specific continents and they can **dress up on Friday 26th May in the traditional dress for this continent.**

- Nursery: Europe
- Reception: Africa
- Year 1: Asia
- Year 2: Australasia
- Year 3: South America
- Year 4: North America
- Year 5: Antarctica
- Year 6: Russia



Year 5

Well done to the year 5 for the positive start to the Booster classes this week. This is a unique opportunity for pupils and will help with their learning in year 6

Sports Activities

Tennis

On Monday 8 pupils from year 5 attended a Tennis competition at Cumberland Secondary School. They had trained hard for the event but unfortunately they were unable to make it through to the knock out stages of the competition. Well done to our A team Tyrese, George, Amanda and Selasie and our B team Mayowa, Dave, Luka and Darcie.

Mini Games

On Tuesday 42 pupils across year 3, 4, 5 and 6 walked down to Newham Leisure Centre to compete in various sports in one of the biggest school competitions of the year. We entered all sports and approached the mini games with confidence and a positive attitude. All pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed the experience! See below for full details of how we did in the different sports on the day.

Basketball

Our basketball team consisted of a mix of year 5 and 6 pupils. This was an extremely tough 3v3 competition with many talented players arising from various school. Out of a total of 16 schools competing we were extremely happy to finish the competition in third place, therefore bringing home bronze medals. Congratulations to Aaisha, Chantelle, Adrian, Lukas G, Gustas and Armantas for your hard work and determination!





Handball

Another challenging competition against 16 other schools. Our pupils went out on the field with confidence and a superb ability of working as a team. They fought hard to make it through to the semi-finals but unfortunately that's where their success ended. Well done to Bryan, Dorinda, Viktoria, Dave, Mikeal, Ugne, Alex, Luca, Selasie and Tatjana. You all played extremely well.

Slyding

This was a sport we could not prepare for. For all pupils competing, this was a completely new experience. As individuals and as a team the pupils had to slide along a high resistant floor using a mat and their legs to pull them along. This was a fun experience for all that took part, even the teachers. Well done to Michelle, Ebenezer, Zahra, Sukhman, Callum and Tayibah for representing our school. A special congratulations goes to Callum for receiving a bronze medal in the boys race.

Swimming

A team of 9 pupils took to the pool to compete in various individual races and relays. We had great success in the water, winning 5 silver medals and 1 bronze. Our swimming team included Feyi, Youssef, Austeja, Simran, Jamie, Danny, Carter, Domas and Elbetel. A special mention goes to Youssef who achieved silver in the boys 25m freestyle and the boys 50m freestyle, Austeja for achieving silver in the girls 25m backstroke, Domas for achieving silver in the boys 25m breaststroke, Danny for achieving silver in his race and Carter for achieving bronze in his race.

In the relays both teams swam well with the boys team just missing out on third position by the skin of their teeth. All competitors swam well and were happy with their attempts. They were even more delighted to find out that as a team they came in second place out of all 12 schools competing and therefore were all awarded a silver medal.

A warm thank you goes to Danny for stepping up to the last minute challenge of competing in the boys relay race and also Domas for competing in the boys 25m backstroke and breaststroke last minute.

Gymnastics

For this sport we were able to enter two teams, a year 3/4 team and a year 5/6 team. Both teams tried their best to carry out the routines provided. Unfortunately, neither of the teams finished in the top 3 of the competition. Well done to a year 3/4 team, Hsu, Lazlo, Sourjyesh, Mariam, Kenry and Bethan and our year 5/6 team Amanda, Tyrese, Bhekhi, Adria and Andrei.

Date Changes

School photographs

Due to the General Election taking place on the 8th June, the date for school photographs has changed to 21st June .

Class Sharing Assemblies

Please note all future class assembly dates may have to change due to the General Election being held on 8th June. **Please keep a close eye on Diary Dates in upcoming newsletters for any changes.**

Summer Fete

Please note that we have had to move the date of our summer fete so that we could still have the inflatables. Therefore this will now take place on **FRIDAY 23rd JUNE.**



School will be closed on the **8th of June** as it will be used as a polling station for the **General election** which has been called for by the Prime Minister - Theresa May.

Holiday Lunch Clubs in Newham

Holiday lunch clubs are an exciting new school holiday programme **free** for parents/carers and children. Families will get the chance to:

- learn more about cooking tasty meals on a budget
- spend time doing fun activities together.

Kids will get a chance to:

- take part in supervised games and activities
- try new foods and have fun with their friends.

Limited spaces available. Children aged 5–16 are welcome and must be accompanied by a parent/carer. Each family will get the chance to attend eight days between April and October. Meals will be provided each day and parents/ carers are invited to help with cooking.

Where: Food Academy, East Ham Leisure Centre

When: 30 May, 31 May, 1 June 2017

Time: 10-12.30pm, 1-3.30pm

To book: 02081276557, sandeep@foodacademy.co.uk





House Winners

Congratulations to everyone in **J K Rowling** House for having the most house points this week.



Attendance and Punctuality Winners

Attendance winners for the 8th – 12th May are: **Shark 100% attendance**

Punctuality winners for the 8th – 12th May are: **Whale, Shark, Stingray, Octopus, Seahorse, Lionfish and Guppy 1 with 0 lates.**



Stars of the Week

Class	Name	Value(s)
6 Shark	Bianca	Inspire (For inspiring and supporting her classmates with their writing this week)
6 Whale	Frankie	Successful (For a big improvement in his writing this week – using a range of clause structures)
5 Dolphin	Olamma	Successful (For writing an excellent story opening)
5 Stingray	Renato	Inspire (For an inspiring performance during our first Mock week)
4 Octopus	Katherine	Heard and Cared For (For helping others with their learning)
4 Seahorse	Alexandra	Heard and Cared For (For helping others to complete a tricky piece of work when she had managed to complete her own. She was very helpful)
3 Lobster	Jamal	Heard and Cared For (For sharing a kind and caring attitude. Well done!)
3 Turtle	Tanjir	Heard and Cared For (For his kindness, friendship and patience with others)
2 Jellyfish	Raigardas	Successful (For great focus during SATs week)
2 Starfish	Robert	Heard and Cared For (For showing very good listening skills this week)
1 Clownfish	Merlin	Inspire (For excellent behaviour and huge progress in his work)
1 Lionfish	Kavya	Successful (For enthusiastic and thoughtful answers during reading workshop)
Guppy 1	Maria	Inspire (For her brilliant sharing and always thinking of others)
Guppy 2	Vanessa	Inspire (For inspiring others to have a love for writing like her)
Special Mention	Turtle Class	For their fantastic assembly on the Egyptians
Special Mention	Year 6	Resilience, hard work and perseverance during SATs. Well done!

Our stars are awarded in Friday assemblies to children who have shown particular commitment to our school values during the week. To say thank you we ask them to come to the front in our assembly and they can choose a friend to sit with them at a special table at lunchtime that day.

DIARY DATES

June				
Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?
5-7th	N/A	All	Environment Week	N
9th	TBC	All	Make a Difference Day	Y
12th	TBC	5	Royal Observatory	N
12th-16th		1	Phonics Test	N
14th	11.15 – 12.15	6	Drugs Education	N
14th – 16th	10.30 – 10.45	R-6	Father's Day gifts on sale (charity fundraiser)	N
15th	9.30 – 10.30 (T3)	3	Freshwater Theatre Company, Rivers and Water Session	N
	10.30 – 11.45 (L3)			
	9.00 – 10.15 a.m.			
	8.45 – 10.00 a.m.	N (a.m.)		



	12.45 – 2.00 p.m.	N (p.m.)		
16th	TBC	3	Rivers and Water Workshop	N
16th	N/A	All	Non-Uniform Day (£1 donation)	
22nd	2.30 p.m.	R	Transition to Year 1 Parents meeting	Y
27th	9.30-11.30 a.m.	1 – 3	Sports Day (weather dependent)	Y
	1.15 – 3.00 p.m.	4 - 6		
28th	9.30 – 11.15 a.m.	G1 & N		Y
	1.15 – 2.45 p.m.	G1 & N		
29th	All Day	6	Newham Secondary Schools Transition Day	N
30th	3.30 – 5.00 p.m.	All	Summer Fete (inflatables are weather dependent)	Y