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EWPS Newsletter 8 - 4th November 2026

Dear parents and carers,
Welcome back to all our families from a well deserved half term break. Children have settled back into school now and are excited about their learning.

Individual photos will be taking place on Tuesday 10th November, please make sure all children are dressed in their full school uniform. If they have a PE lesson, send them in with their PE kits to change into.

Swimming in Year 4: Seahorse class have started their 2 week block of swimming sessions at Newham Leisure Centre. The children are very excited about this and we are looking forward to having more children who will become confident in water, working towards gaining their 25 meter certification.

Fairplay house: 52 of our year 5 and year 6 children along with 5 members of staff are on a residential educational visit at Fairplay house in Whitham. The centre provides a mix of land and water-based adventure and team-building activities. Our children will be engaged in caving, rock climbing, high ropes, zipwire, canoeing amongst other activities. We look forward to listening to their recounts on their return this Friday.



Happy Diwali
Happy Diwali to all our families who will be celebrating Diwali on Sunday.This is the five-day Hindu festival of lights.

Mrs Owen-Amadasun
Headteacher

General Information

Talking about AI - a guide for families

Attached to this week's newsletter you will find a family guide from Internet Matters on how to talk to your child (in an age appropriate way) about AI - so they know how it works and so they can develop healthy digital habits.

For further information on how to keep your child safe online, please visit Internet Matters.



Autumn 2 is a particularly busy time of year. Please see key diary dates for the coming half term, below.

NOVEMBER			
Date	**Time(s)**	**Year Group(s)**	**Details**
10th	2.30-3.00pm in school face to face	EYFS	Face to face attendance meeting (targeted for EYFS)
10th	All day	All	Individual photos

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12th	2.45 pm	5D	Year 5 Dolphin Sharing Assembly
WB 16th	N/A	All	Anti-Bullying Week
17th	2.30 – 3.00 (in school, face to face) 4.30 – 5.00 (virtual) *(event repeated)*	6	Parents meeting – KS2 Sats **Join Zoom Meeting** https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87629238508?pwd=ZTIvbVA0cmdHYUN6cmJ3cGlzTW4xZz09
19th	2.45 pm	4O	Year 4 Seahorse Sharing Assembly
19th	2.45 pm	All	Meet the governors and find out more about the school – Drop in session
24th	2.15 – 2.45 (in school, face to face) 4.30 – 5.00 (virtual) *(repeated)*	4	Parent Meeting – Multiplication Screening. **Join Zoom Meeting:** https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87629238508?pwd=ZTIvbVA0cmdHYUN6cmJ3cGlzTW4xZz09
26th	2.45 pm	4S	Year 4 Octopus Sharing Assembly
30th	3.45 - 4.45	Reception	EYFS & Lower KS2 Discos
	5.00 - 6.00	3 & 4	
DECEMBER			
2nd	See details	Nursery	**Nativity performances** - 11:00 - 11:25am Nursery AM 2:45 - 3.10pm Nursery PM
3rd	10.45am (G1) & 2.30pm (G2)	Reception	**Nativity performances**
7th	3.45 - 5.00	1 & 2	KS1 and Upper KS2 Discos
	5.15 - 6.30	5 & 6	
8th	All day	R - 6	Class meet Santa - school uniform
9th	N/A	All	Wear a Christmas or winter jumper (£1 donation)
	12 p.m. TBC	R - 6	Christmas Dinner
10th	2:45pm	5S	Year 5 Stingray Sharing Assembly
16th	After school 3.15-4.45	All	Christmas Fair
17th		**Nursery**	**LAST DAY OF NURSERY (NORMAL FINISH TIME)**
18th		**R-6**	**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL. SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1 P.M.**

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Celebration Assembly

House Winners (23rd October 2026)

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: Katherine Johnson - Green House



Stars of the Week

	Katherine Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard & Cared For
1L	Kamaal- for trying really hard in Maths this week.	Arifeen- for showing excellent manners to all adults.	Aiden- for excellent Maths work.	Olivia Rae- for independently correcting mistakes in her work.	Maryam- for helping her peers who needed help.
1C	Leonardo - for his participation in maths lessons.	Tajus - for always saying please and thank you to his peers and adults.	Noah- for making progress in his learning in maths.	Emma- for always starving to complete the challenge in maths.	Fayha- for always being friendly towards her peers.
2J	Kristian- for working hard in class and listening to his adults.	Janaya- for showing great improvement in her handwriting.	Leyla- for working independently in Maths	Adita- for trying hard and showing great listening in all lessons.	Humna- for just being an amazing character and making everyone smile.
2S	Kamila- for going above and beyond this week. A true inspiration.	Yahya- for always following the rules and helping his friends to do the same.	Illinca- for her fantastic ability to answer all topic questions in science this week.	Danielius- for working so hard and writing a brilliant non fiction text	Ahmed- for settling into our class so well.

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3T	Jemimah- for demonstrating great basketball skills in PE.	Tomasz- for always following the school rules and trying his best.	Noah- for correctly naming 3D shapes.	Cristian- for trying hard to join his handwriting.	Aron- for listening well when working in small groups.
3L	Collin- for being an excellent helper to others in all lessons.	Mario- for always making sure he is listening and following expectations.	James- for successfully focusing on producing the best work he can in class.	Raima- for correcting her work when she has made a mistake.	Diana- for being a supportive and helpful friend to others in the classroom.
4O	Emma- for asking insightful questions during Up and Out week.	Ruby- for always being helpful to her peers and adults.	Fillipos- for having a great understanding of equivalent fractions.	Arianna- for tackling tricky problems in maths.	Jowain- for remembering to ask for help when he needs it.
4S	Hayley- for sharing great ideas in reading and making good predictions.	Jokubas- for always being kind and polite to others.	Jaskaran- for completing your explanation text and publishing with beautiful handwriting.	Bartholomew- for persisting with multiplication methods.	Aida- for asking for help in your learning when you need it.
5S	Hafsa- for working on division calculations involving 10, 100 and 1000.	Kulsumah- for always being helpful and kind to her peers.	Layla- for an excellent first two paragraphs in her science fiction narrative.	Samara- for demonstrating determination on her maths problems.	Princess- for being respectful to staff and her peers.
5D	Aisha- for working hard in English writing.	Darius- for always being polite and helpful.	Ismaeel- for doing well in his spelling test.	Dominic- for showing resilience and determination in maths.	Nyla- for helping others when they need it.
6S	Iqra- for using expanded noun phrases and figurative language to make her writing more engaging.	Emilis- for always being respectful within the classroom.	Adomas- for demonstrating an excellent understanding of how to order fractions.	Evelina M- for showing determination when learning her lines for sharing assesmbly.	Evelina G- for always helping other people around her.
6W	Anderson- for his great historical knowledge that	Alisha- for always supporting and working with her	Victoria- for listening to advice from her teachers	Helen- after struggling with fractions, working	Tanya- for listening to the advice in parents

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	surprised his peers.	table partners in a respectful way.	to improve her writing in English.	hard to ensure she understood and made the corrections she needed.	evening and proactively working towards her goals.

Work of the week

Year	Child	Context of work
1	**Idris**	For excellent and independent Maths work this week.
2	**Janaya**	For writing an outstanding non fiction text about wolves with beautifully joined handwriting!
3	**Angel**	For correctly including speech punctuation in a short conversation between two characters.
4	**Otilia**	For great presentation and working exceptionally hard in Maths.
5	**Alicia**	For great writing in the first two paragraphs of her science fiction story.
6	**Sofia**	For a great introduction to her story in English about The Promise.

Special Mentions

Who	Reason
Year 1	For excellent manners and behaviour on their trip to the London Transport Museum.

Certificates

Certificate	Class	Who?
TTRS Gigger (Under 8 seconds)	**Lobster**	**Eva**
TTRS Support Act (Under 5 seconds)	**Jellyfish Turtle Lobster**	**Faris Christiana Michea &Victoria**
TTRS Headliner (Under 4 seconds)	**Jellyfish**	**Matteo**
TTRS Rock Stars (Under 3 seconds)	**Jellyfish Lobster**	**Elizabeth Zaara & Riccardo**
TTRS Rock Legends (Under 2 seconds)	**Lobster**	**Holly & Damian**
Lexia	**Jellyfish**	**Adam- Level 1**

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	Lobster	**Alexander- Level 2**
		James- Level 5
	Turtle	**Bailey- Level 5**
		Markas- Level 4
		Aron- Level 5
	Seahorse	**Bliss- Level 7**
	Dolphin	**Lincoln- Level 6**
		Elsie- Level 10
	Stingray	**Adam- Level 11**
		Zaki- Level 10
		Ibraheem- Level 6
	Shark	**Emilis- Level 19**
	Whale	**Yanis- Level 4**
		Anderson- Level 4

Community, Wellbeing and Support



Problem-solving with children

Problem solving is a skill that children will need to learn and practice. Read advice from Place2Be on how you can support them through the process.

Read more: Parenting Smart: Problem solving with children



Newham Council is inviting parents and carers of children aged 0-5 years to take part in a series of local focus groups to share their experiences, ideas and feedback about Family Hubs and Children's Centres.
Your views will help shape future support and ensure services meet the needs of Newham residents. Focus groups will take place across Newham during November at a variety of community locations, with an online option also available.

Focus Group Locations
Sessions are planned in:

- Canning Town & Custom House, Plaistow, Kay Rowe, Manor Park, Beckton & Royal Docks, East Ham, Stratford & West Ham and Green Street.

Register your interest
To take part in a Family Hubs focus group, please complete our expression of interest form by clicking the link below:
https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4Wk2NRiX-Eab7ZWvyHdsilLtMysF32JFn7kh-GnBo3RUMFlNRVMzV0IxRUpQWTkwM1dHTjA0T0Y2Qi4u

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