



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 26 - 28th March 2024



Dear Parents & Carers,

We have come to the end of an exciting term, during which the children have worked hard to make good progress towards their end of year targets. There have been very engaging class assemblies on Thursdays, to which the parent turnout has been very encouraging. Parents' Evening attendance was also very good. Our children continue to be good learners, having access to consistently good lessons, offered by our dedicated staff.

As we all embark on our Spring break, we would like to wish a Happy Easter and Eid Mubarak, for any of our families celebrating these religious festivals.

Please enjoy family time and keep safe.

Sue Ferguson & Janice Owen-Amadasun

General Information

Global learning

This academic year, we have been focusing on making international links, and helping our pupils learn about other parts of the world. Some of our year groups will soon be connecting with schools globally! Year 2 is connecting with a school in New Zealand; Year 3 will be connecting with a school in Ethiopia; Year 5, with a school in Palestine; and we are hoping to also connect with schools in Ghana and Jamaica! As part of our Global Schools work, we will also be welcoming exchange students and staff from China to our school, in July.



Friday 19th April 3:30pm-4:30pm

We invite you to bring along food from your own cultures, and volunteer your expertise through henna, hair braiding and more! Please add your name to the sign up list if you can help!

We look forward to celebrating diversity with you

Please note, we are only able to accept food with a full list of ingredients and no nuts included.



The week beginning April 15th 2024, we will be holding a very special International Week, to celebrate the diversity of our school and the community in which we live.

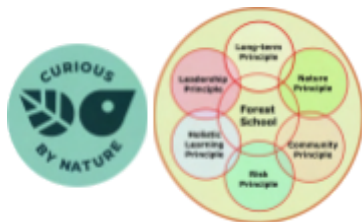
The week will end with an international community event and celebration.

We need as many of our parents and carers as possible to get involved.

If you have any questions about how you can get involved, please speak to Ms Osobu or Ms Kahraman.

After school clubs

A reminder that **Summer Term After School Clubs will run from Monday 22 April** until approximately the first week of July (10 weeks in most instances). To purchase a club for your child, log into Parentmail. There are limited places available and purchases are first come first served. If you need more information, please email the school office (info@ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk) or check the relevant page on the school website.



Curious by Nature

We are also excited to announce that we have a community organisation, Curious by Nature, who would like to offer Forest School outdoor learning sessions to our children at EWPS this Summer term!

The sessions will run on Tuesdays, from 3.30pm to 5.30pm for children in Y2-Y6. Please note, this is not being run by Ellen Wilkinson Primary School.

Please be mindful, this is a Forest School and children will be outdoors every week. Places are limited so please get in touch with Ms. Julie Baker, if you are interested.

For more information please see their website: <https://www.curiousbynaturelondon.co.uk/>

School uniform bank



You may have noticed our Big Green Bin, by the Mitchell Walk gate, which is for donated school uniforms.

Thank you so much for your donations- all of the donated items will now be washed and offered to parents at school events. Thank you also to Ms Laskar for her help!

We are still accepting donations of good quality used uniforms to help us all save some money and also the environment. Simply drop them into the bin at the beginning or end of the school day.

Mr O'Dowd

Eco-guardians update

On Tuesday morning, our Eco Guardians were delighted to join the Newham Parks Team, to plant butterfly-friendly plants. We all rolled our sleeves up and got down to some hard work, as you can see in the pictures below. This is the first part of the planned regeneration of Beckton Park. We hope to revisit in the Summer, to see how our plants are getting on, and do some butterfly spotting. A big thank you to the parents, for their support on this trip.



Mr O'Dowd

CURIOUS BY NATURE

April Holiday Sessions

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Forest School Holiday Club
Monday 8 April & Tuesday 9 April 10am- 2pm
Nature exploration, tool use, nature crafts and more! Drop off sessions for ages 6- 11 years.
Day 1: Meet at Ellen Wilkinson Primary School
Day 2: Meet at Will Thorne Pavilion Car Park

Foraging Walk & Forest Play
Thursday 11 April, 2pm- 4pm
Plant ID and foraging walk with a qualified Bushcraft leader. The walk will be followed by Forest Play, child-led free play in nature, and snacks at our base. All ages welcome. Meet at Will Thorne Pavilion Car Park

Family Forest Explorers
Friday 12 April, 10am- 1pm
Enjoy a day of woodland exploration, tools, crafts and rope balancing through a mixture of facilitated & child-led activities. Children ages 4-11 years attending with a parent or carer (older and younger siblings are welcome). Meet at Will Thorne Pavilion Car Park

Book via our website
www.curiousbynaturelondon.co.uk
Email for more info
info@curiousbynaturelondon.co.uk

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Nature exploration, tool use, nature crafts & more!

Join us for two days of Forest School holiday club sessions, taking place in the Ellen Wilkinson Primary School grounds and Beckton District Park South - 8th & 9th April, from 10am to 2pm.

Suitable for children aged 6-11 years old. The sessions will be led by a qualified level 3 Forest School leader, and supported by a level 3 Forest School leader and an assistant.

Sign up via the website (link below). Free bursary places are available upon request, email: info@curiousbynaturelondon.co.uk

<https://www.curiousbynaturelondon.co.uk/book-now/p/april-drop-off>

Turtle Class Cody Docks visit

Turtle Class had an amazing experience last week at Cody Docks. Linked to our upcoming Rivers unit, in Geography, we explored the River Lee's wildlife and learnt all about how tides change. Like many of our trips, they would not be possible without the help of our parent volunteers - thank you for all of your help and support on the day!



Miss Adams



House Winners

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. 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!

Last week's House winners were: Malalah Yousafzai!
This week's House winners were: Creola Katherine Johnson!

Stars of the Week - 28/03/24

	Katherine Johnson	Malala Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
Guppy 1	Jokubas Mara	Evelyne James	Raima Idris	Sara D Diana	Alexia Jemimah
Guppy 2	Emma Hanna	Aleeza Eva	Anastasia Aairah	Ali Reggie	Liepa Nikol
Lionfish	Louisa Hayley	Sophia B Emma	Ihsaan Jokubas	Ruby Kayaan	Ziyarah Justina
Clownfish	Ahmad Safa	Omyia Tilly	Uche Yousuf	Ahnaf Elia	Adam Avery
Jellyfish	Michaela Rohaan	Ayanna Jervanni	Alex A Lohith	Isabella Rueben	Musa Adam
Starfish	Toby Zaki	Jake Dania	Darjaan Aariz	Esther Samara	Yousuf Rose
Turtle	Tanya Tessa	Chaslyn Ola	Frankie Karolis	Sakibur Deborah	Alisha Areeb
Lobster	Meta Brittany	Reece Khalid	Haris Sophia	Natali Eliora	Emily Sonny
Octopus	Kai'Rone Albie	Zain Aroush	Cindy Farwa	Diana Elias	Joel Deborah
Seahorse	Daniel L Jayden	Muhummad Kenny	Amira Matas	Abeera Sumaiya	David M Markas
Stingray	Matteo Tuba	Amina Jessica	Nojus Saraah	Lakshana Nabeel	Eliana David I
Dolphin	Rhea Yasmine	Eidanas Saad	Waraka Issa	Rares Vesta	Evie Jason
Shark	Isra Esther	Riad Precious	Aishah Nicholas	Rayan Diamond	Noah Arile
Whale	Artjom Khadija	Ilyas Yasin	Ryan Liam	Henryk Ashaz	Armani Alex

Work of the Week (only 1 per year group)		
Year Group	Child's Name	Context of work
Reception	Joniah	For her fabulous writing.
1	Hayley	For her excellent similes
2	Rose	For presenting her work neatly in every lesson.
3	Ayden	For consistently showing resilience in his homework
4	Eric	Wonderful description of the Easter festival for Christians
5	Aleena (Dolphin)	For creating a diagram about the planets in space.

Certificate Mentions		
Certificate	Class	Who?
TTRS Wannabe (Over 10 seconds)	Lobster	Kevinas
TTRS Support Act (Under 5 seconds)	Lobster	Adomas
TTRS Headliner (Under 4 seconds)	Lobster	Khalid, Gaia
TTRS Rock Stars (Under 3 seconds)	Lobster Seahorse	Dawud Muhummad
TTRS Rock Legends (Under 2 seconds)	Seahorse Octopus	David O Lucia
TTRS Rock Hero (Under 1 second)	Lobster Octopus	Ridwan Ester
Lexia	Dolphin Stingray Jellyfish	Sneeha - Level 12 Tahmid - Level 17 Samuel - Level 5
Pen Licence	Turtle Stingray	Safeerah Sofia

Special Mentions (non certificate)	
Gymnastics Competition Children	For behaving impeccably on the trip and truly showing how well EWPS can behave! Not only did they compete to the best of their ability, they also came away with 1st place in their category. Their sportsmanship towards the other schools was also admirable. Ms Azis and Miss Dains are very proud of you all!
3 Tee Cricket Children	For their great team work during the competition which resulted in them winning 1st place! They were very patient with the rescheduling and made all of the adults proud!
Eco Guardians	Well done on excellent behaviour on the way to, and walking back from, Beckton Park DLR on Tuesday -and working really hard planting butterfly-friendly plants.

	You were a credit to the school.
Turtle Class	For their fantastic behaviour on our trip to the Cody Docks. They showed excellent manners, as usual, and all the staff/helpers commented on how polite you all were. Well Done!

Diary dates - April			
Easter holidays 29th March - 12th April. Year 6 Easter revision sessions: 2nd- 5th April (Y6 parents, please see letter for times & details)			
Mon 15th	First day back after Easter break.		
May			
Thurs 2nd	All day	N/A	Polling day - school closed to all pupils (Nursery-Y6).
Mon 6th	All day	N/A	May Bank Holiday - school closed
Wb 13th	Mon-Thurs	AM	KS2 SATs week
Thurs 16th	2:45pm	Hall	Guppy 1 Sharing assembly
Mon 20th	9-10:00	Studio	Music unlocked showcase & coffee morning (please note this is invite only)
Thurs 23rd	2:45pm	Hall	Guppy 2 Sharing assembly
Fri 24th	Last day of term - normal finish time (Half term holiday 27th-31st)		

Community, Wellbeing and Support

Free author event

Autism Acceptance Week 2024

Elle McNicoll
Multi-award-winning, bestselling children's author of *A Kind of Spark*, now on CBBC



2nd April
East Ham Library
2.00pm
Free event
Ages 8+

Book your free ticket



This school holiday, join us at East Ham Library as neurodivergent author Elle McNicoll introduces her highly-anticipated prequel to *A Kind of Spark*, which tells the story of Addie's autistic older sister, Keedie.

EAST HAM NATURE RESERVE 

Family Nature Club

FREE Spring adventure



Our free family nature club offers a Spring adventure during half term in the East Ham Nature Reserve.

Come and explore this amazing space and create nature inspired crafts to takeaway.

Spring Adventure
Monday 8 April
2pm - 4pm

Wednesday 10 April
2pm - 4pm

East Ham Nature Reserve,
1 Norman Road, E6 6HN

For further information please contact:
parksbookings@newham.gov.uk

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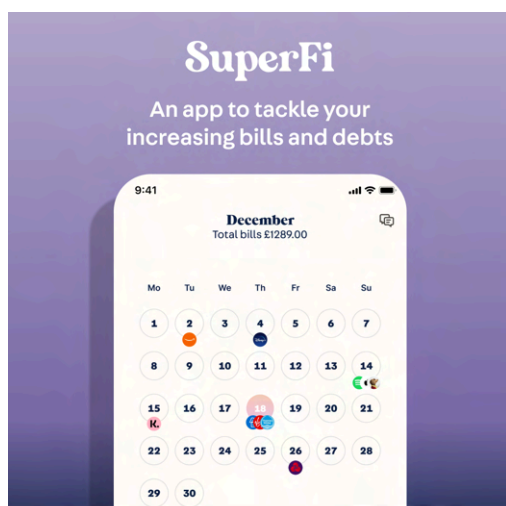
Newham Council has partnered with BetterPoints to deliver the **BetterPoints Newham Challenge**, an app-based programme aimed at encouraging users to walk, wheel, cycle or run, in order to improve their health and wellbeing.

Once users start moving, activity is automatically recorded. Users will then start to receive **BetterPoints, which can be exchanged for shopping vouchers at local businesses, or alternatively, a charity donation.**

It is easy to sign up and take part. Simply download the app, it's completely free!



If you are a resident, register with your postcode, or if you work in the borough, enter the code: newhamflyer. For more information see the attached flyer or, visit www.newham.gov.uk/betterpointslaunch



Free app to manage bills and benefits

Newham have teamed up with SuperFi to provide residents with access to their easy-to-use mobile app which can help people to better manage their bills and debts, especially those wanting to manage their finances in a high cost of living environment. From receiving reminders on your monthly bills (such as Council Tax or utilities), accessing discounts from your favourite retailers, easily viewing and/or cancelling your subscriptions to even checking if you're receiving all of the government benefits you're entitled to.

Sign up to SuperFi >



Easter Half Term Holiday Activities

Discover fun activities for children and young people (four to 16 years of age), including those with special educational needs (SEND, up to 18) happening in Newham, over the Easter school holidays. Funded by the Department of Education for families in receipt of Pupil Premium (means tested free school meals), a range of local clubs across Newham are providing opportunities for your child/young person to meet new friends, learn something new, stay active and eat a nutritious meal during the Easter school holiday.

Activities include multi sports, arts and crafts, drama, cookery and much more, to suit different ages, abilities and interests.

Register for the Easter Programme >