



Godwin Newsletter 25th June 2021

Head Teacher's Message

Our classes have really loved their visits to The Gate library this week (more due to go next week!) Please help your child to complete the Summer Reading Challenge by ensuring that they read at least six books over the holiday period. Discussing what they have read with you is a great way for them to share their enjoyment.

Our focus across the school has been poetry recently. Next week sees our children participate in our annual Poetry Slam competition. This fun event encourages them to memorise a poem of their choice and deliver it in an engaging way to an audience; focussing on how they use their voice and body language to create atmosphere and engage. The entries are always high quality as well as entertaining and this celebration of the spoken word supports children to develop their confidence.

We will also be expanding children's 'science capital' next week and broadening their understanding of who scientists are and their role in the modern world. Children will be creating presentations after learning about Super Hero-Scientists. We look forward to seeing how creative and informative these will be!

As you will know from the media, the number of Covid-cases locally and nationally is increasing rapidly. Please ensure that if anyone in your household has **any** of the symptoms:

- high temperature
- new, persistent cough
- loss of sense or taste

that you all self-isolate until that person takes a PCR test (the ones at a test centre). These are more accurate than the lateral flow tests you can do at home. **Please do not send children in to school if they or anyone in your household has symptoms.** This will help to keep us all as safe as possible.

Best wishes for the weekend.

Class Photographs

The photographer will be visiting school on Thursday 1st July to take the class group photographs.

Additionally, we have secured enough time so he can take individual photographs of all Year 6 pupils (sorry we will not be able to take family groups this year due to time constraints).

Sports Days

Tuesday 29th June AM – Year 3
PM – Year 6

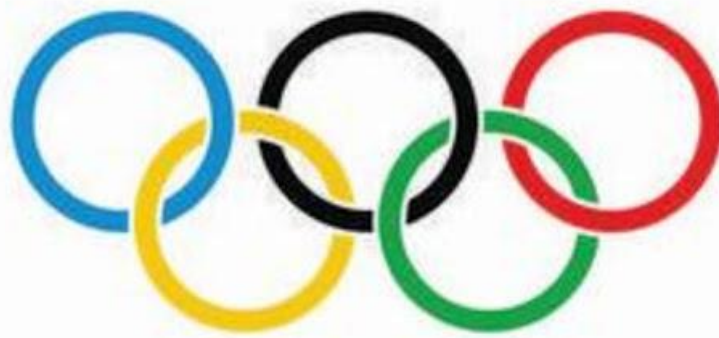
Wednesday 30th June AM – Year 5
PM – Year 4

Normally we would hold our Sports Day on Wanstead Flats but we have made the decision to have it in our playground this year.

Regrettably, this means we are not able to invite family and friends to spectate, but we know you will be supportive in preparing your child for this event in school.

The weather is unsettled at present so if any sessions need to be postponed due to rain we will let you know the new date as soon as possible.

Please see the letter emailed to you on Friday for details of team colours.



Sports Day

Ice Pop Tuesdays/Fridays

Hot Chocolate Fridays continue to be suspended but we continue having TWO Ice Pop days every week!!!!

Ice Pop Tuesdays AND Ice Pop Fridays

50p for 2 ice pops.

(All money raised will go towards the Year 6 end of year events)



Coats & Water Bottles

A significant number of children are coming to school without a suitable coat. Every child must bring a coat in case of rain showers. Please note: hoodies are not suitable for this purpose.

Also it is very important for every child to bring a water bottle to school to access during the day. Staying hydrated helps towards a more effective learning experience.



Covid-19 Vaccination

The Covid-19 vaccination programme continues and it is vital that as many people as possible receive the vaccination.

Newham is still lagging behind in the number of people vaccinated which puts extra strain on a community where the number of positive cases has increased significantly during the past week.

If you are not already vaccinated and are over 18 years old go to <https://www.newham.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-vaccination/4>

for information on how you can book an appointment for vaccination.



Achievement Awards

3Q – Kamarly for articulating his ideas and participating in all lessons.

3K – Aayat for persevering in English and writing an excellent poem.

3B – Suraya for showing great perseverance and collaboration.

3M – Taisa for persevering during phonics sessions.

4I – Luca for always working collaboratively with others.

4V – Tejas for persevering with and evaluating his work when writing his poem.

4T – David for an outstanding performance and effort during RE day.

4B – Nayla for working hard to improve her spellings and the structure of her sentences in English.

5K – Altin for persevering in all subjects.

5T – Andrzej for considering his choices to always make the right decision.

5S – The whole class for behaving well outside of the classroom.

5Y – Francisco for learning from his mistakes and producing a lovely poem in class.

6Z – Yusaf for articulate contributions in our Maths lessons.

6W – Usman for explaining his reasoning in Maths.

6J – Tauba for making choices that allow her to be the best she can be!

6B – Ikran for collaboration and contributing to whole class discussions.



ChessFest @ Trafalgar Square Sunday 18th July From 11am to 6pm

Trafalgar Square will be transformed into a chess player's paradise with something for everyone, young and old, professional or novice!

Lots of activities throughout the day, including:

- **Social Chess** - 100s of chess tables for chess fans of all abilities to play against each other
- **Chess Lessons** - Completely free chess lessons for children and adults from professional chess teachers and some of the UK's top players
- **GIANT Chess** - A test of speed, stamina and intellect! There will be 6 giant chess sets dotted around the square for people to play on.
- **A human chess game** - 32 actors will take the place of chess pieces and you can look forward to a re-enactment of the Immortal Game which was played 170 years ago at nearby Simpsons-in-the-Strand.
- **Challenge the Master** - Reckon you can give one of the UK's best a run for their money; or just eager to learn how many moves you can last against a Grandmaster?
- **Online Chess Challenge** - Two giant screens broadcasting all the day's activities along with challenge matches between players in Trafalgar Square and those at our sister event in Liverpool.



CHESSFEST
Check it out!



Newham WORD Festival

21 June - 4 July 2021

A vibrant celebration of the written and spoken word, Newham Word Festival returns for its third year in summer 2021 with events online and in person. Join poets, authors, artists, performers, musicians and more to be part of this inspiring tribute to all things word. There will be creative workshops and live art, debates and discussions, author talks and poetry breakfasts and much, much more.

Newham Word Festival proudly celebrates artists from near and far, those at the peak of their careers or those just starting out. This year some socially-distanced events will be held in venues across the borough, whilst others will be online.

Newham Word Festival is funded by Newham Council.

For more information and event bookings please visit www.newhamwordfestival.org



Donations Needed

Following a recent Relationships and Health Education meeting with parents and carers, it was suggested that we collect donations of sanitary towels.

These items would be available to any young girls in our community who may experience 'Period Poverty'.

If you are able to donate, there will be collection points at the school gates at the start and end of the school day every day next week.

Thank you in advance for your support.

