



Head Teacher's Message

Our children are really looking forward to the opportunity to share with you the song and pieces of music which they have been rehearsing recently. They have shown great perseverance in music lessons and singing practice ready for their big day! The assemblies will only be short as we have tried to balance catching up on missed learning and our usual festive activities, but we know that you will love seeing your child perform!

We are all very aware of the rising number of Coronavirus cases recently and are desperate to minimise the impact that it has on the children's learning. It's fantastic that staff have found the time to ensure that the usual end of autumn term activities can still happen, even with colleagues being absent over the last few weeks. A huge thank you to everyone in the Godwin team for pulling together throughout this term.

One Newham primary school had to close completely this week. **We want to keep Godwin open** as we know it is the best place for children to be, but **we need your help**.

Please can we ask you to help us in the following ways:

1. **Please** keep your child at home and get them to take a PCR test if they have any of the Covid-19 symptoms:
 - Persistent cough
 - High temperature
 - Loss of taste or smell

Until you get a negative PCR test result you cannot be sure that it is just a seasonal cold. **Sending your child to school if they have symptoms puts other children and staff at risk.**

If your child is told by the NHS to self-isolate, please do not send them to school until the 10 days have passed.

2. If your child displays symptoms whilst at school and we contact you to collect them, please do so straightaway. We do not have spare rooms where children can wait in isolation to be collected - on occasion children may have to wait outdoors for a short while. This is not ideal, but we cannot leave children with symptoms where they could potentially pass on Covid-19 to others.

3. From Monday, **please wear a face mask** when on-site collecting your child. Although Covid-19 is less transmissible outdoors, this small action keeps us all safer.

We all want the end of the school year to be on Tuesday 21st December (not sooner) and for you to be able to come in to share in your children's learning during the last days of the school term.

Helping us to ensure that our Risk Assessment is followed and keeps us all as safe as possible is crucial for this to happen.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping everyone in our school community as safe as possible.

Best wishes for the weekend

Attendance

Our average attendance since the beginning of the school year is: 94.9% which is the same as last week.

This is obviously some way below our target attendance of 97%. Please help us to improve on this percentage by ensuring that your child attends school regularly.



Lining Up Cup

This week's Lining Up Cup winners are:
3D and 5J.
Congratulations to all these classes!



Get Caught Reading Competition

This week's Get Caught Reading Competition winner is Tejas (5T) whose prize is a book of his choice!



UNCRC Article 29: Every Child has the right to an education which develops their talents.

Achievement Awards

- 3D – Sam for embracing mistakes during the Maths assessments.
- 3K – Alfie for persevering in every subject and always being a great role model.
- 3M – Umar for persevering during Assessment week.
- 3Q – Uzayer for persevering within Maths.
- 4I – Xyion for being a curious learner and always wanting to learn more.
- 4K – Mia for having a positive attitude towards her learning and persevering during Assessment week.
- 4M – Jace for trying his best to evaluate his reasoning in English and being an excellent learning partner.
- 4V – Jannatul for persevering with her Times Tables learning and all areas of the curriculum.
- 5J – Halimah for collaborating well with others during a variety of lessons.
- 5M – Safiyyah for being a curious learner in RE and asking some fantastic questions.
- 5T – Alin for his curious mind and dedication to school life including after school clubs.
- 5Y – Adela for persevering in all English lessons.
- 6B – Hamza for considering choices to improve learning.
- 6W – Mia for persevering with her learning in Taught Comprehension.



Congratulations!

Hot Chocolate Friday

There is one more Hot Chocolate Friday before the end of term!
Remember to bring in £1 on Fridays if you would like hot chocolate in the afternoon. Last week we made a fantastic profit of £108.70!
All money raised goes towards educational visits.



Bags of Joy

We would like to thank all who donated to the Pink Bin collection for the items towards the 'Bags of Joy' that are being distributed in the local community on the morning of Saturday 11th December.
This initiative is a collaboration between Godwin and St. Mark's Church and is the first of a series of joint projects, news of which we will bring to you very soon.
We very much hope that the bags will bring a smile to the face of those who receive at this special time of year.



Woodgrange Market

Saturday 11th December

11.00am

Bags of Joy distribution

1.00pm

Special musical performance from King Toad Fish

Plus, a wide range of stalls with food, gifts and much more!





Christmas at Godwin

Here are some important dates for the next two weeks, we hope you and your child will enjoy all we have planned!

Week Beginning 13th December – All classes will be watching an online pantomime performance of 'A Christmas Carol'

Friday 17th December – 'Godwin Star' Assemblies for pupils and staff

Parent/Carer Assemblies

We can only accommodate a maximum of 2 guests per pupil to each class performance and ask that attending adults take a Lateral Flow test the morning of the assembly and wear a mask when in school.

Monday 20th December

9:15am - 3Q
9:45am - 3K
10:15am - 3D
10:45am - 3M
11:15am - 5Y
1:55pm - 5J
2:25pm - 5T
2:55pm - 5M

Tuesday 21st December – Parent/Carer Assemblies

9:15am - 6B
9:45am - 6C
10:15am - 6Z
10:45am - 6W
11:15am - 4V
1:55pm - 4I
2:25pm - 4M
2:55pm - 4K

Tuesday 21st December
Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Lunch

Book Wish List

We know how important reading is to children's development. Enhancing our selection of books and creating a library that our children can be proud of is a labour of love for us. Our aim is for all of our pupils to see themselves reflected and celebrated in the texts we choose, with stories and non-fiction to interest everyone.

However, school budgets often mean we are unable to buy all of the books we'd like.

If you are able to support the school's vision statements of Valuing Everyone and Instilling a Love of Learning, you can buy books from our wishlist here:

[https://www.anewchapterbooks.com/shop?Wishlists+\(All+Schools\)=Godwin+Junior+School](https://www.anewchapterbooks.com/shop?Wishlists+(All+Schools)=Godwin+Junior+School)

Acts of kindness such as this make a huge difference and enable us to provide our pupils with the resources and opportunities they deserve.



Mindfulness Corner

This week we feature:
SUPPORTLINE

<https://www.supportline.org.uk/>



"A negative mind will never give you a positive life."

Ziad K. Abdelnour

(Please Note: we are not endorsing any particular site nor are we ambassadors for it - but we are merely providing pointers towards sites that might be interesting/helpful).

Covid-19

As transmission of the virus remain high, it is imperative that we all follow government guidelines as a minimum.

Please see:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

for the latest information on what you need to do if some-one in your household has symptoms.

Part of the current guidance is below (this is subject to updates):

Even if you are vaccinated, you can still be infected with COVID-19 and pass it on to others. If you are identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 but you are not required to self-isolate, you can help protect others by following the [guidance on how to stay safe and help prevent the spread](#).

As well as getting a PCR test, you should:

- limit close contact with other people outside your household, especially in crowded or enclosed spaces – consider taking an LFD test beforehand if you do need to be in close contact with others
- wear a face covering in enclosed spaces and where you are unable to maintain social distancing
- limit contact with anyone who has an underlying health condition that puts them at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19 – consider taking an LFD test beforehand if you do need to meet with them

This advice applies while the person in your household with COVID-19 is self-isolating.

Taking an LFD test before meeting with others can help to identify whether you are infectious with COVID-19. If your LFD test result is negative, it is likely that you were not infectious at the time the test was taken. However, you should continue to follow the advice above as it is still possible that you are infected with COVID-19.





TUESDAY FOOTBALL SESSIONS

4:30PM-
5:30PM

BOYS & GIRLS:
5-12YRS

MEMORIAL PARK
3G ASTRO: E15 3BP

£7.50
P/SESSION
OR
£20
P/MONTH



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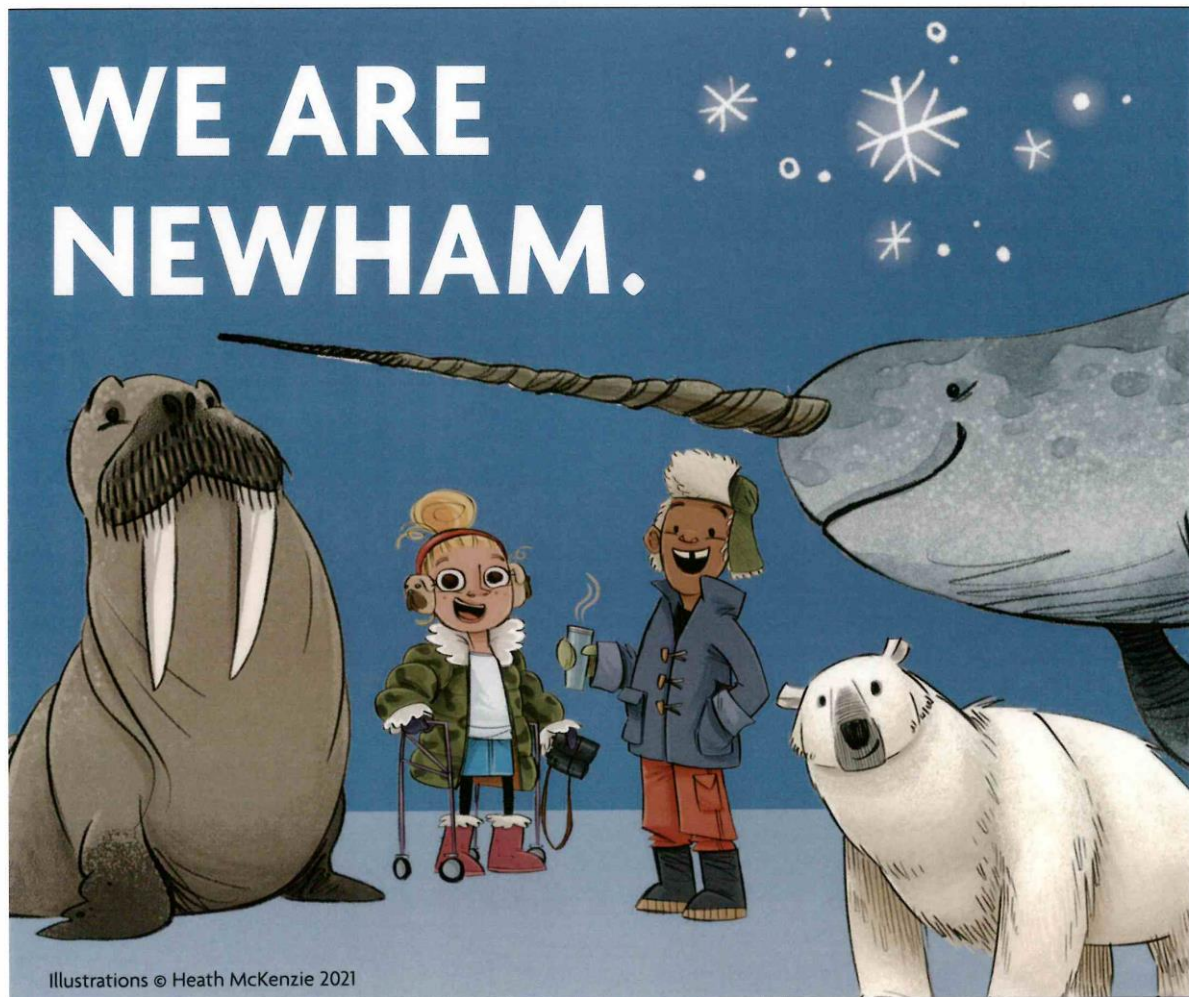
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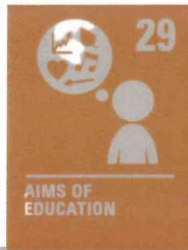


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Join the Wild World Heroes for the Winter Reading Challenge

6 December 2021 - 30 January 2022

People at the Heart
of Everything We Do



HAPPY HUMAN RIGHTS DAY!

CREATE A POSTER, SONG, POEM, VIDEO OR ARTWORK TO MARK THIS DAY. GET CREATIVE!

BRING YOUR WORK INTO SCHOOL
BY FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2021.

PLEASE GIVE IT TO YOUR TEACHER TO SHARE WITH
MS VALLE.

Vaccine BIG Weekend

11th & 12th December

9.00am – 7.00pm

Newham Hospital

Friends and family of Barts Health staff and staff working in education can get a Covid-19 vaccine booster this weekend. This is an opportunity for colleagues and their loved ones to get protected ahead of the busy Christmas and winter period.

Booking is not required. All attendees must be aged 16 and over and staff should attend with their family and friends and bring their staff ID with them.

Christmas Holiday Club

Newham Council is offering free places at holiday clubs during the Christmas holiday primarily for children aged 4 – 16 who are eligible for or in receipt of free school meals.

Go to www.newham.gov.uk/haf to access up to date information about the programme.

The Eco-Warrior Handbook

This is a new project launched by Newham Council for young people aged 9 – 25.

15 lucky youngsters will be chosen to join the team of designers who are passionate about climate change and would like to make Newham a greener place to live.

Applications can be made at
<https://forms.gle/7cD24gZAGtfmgBZt7>





Saturday 11th December, 9:30am-11:30am

Run Begins at 10am

Venue: Newham Leisure Centre, Prince Regent Lane, E13 8SD

All ages and abilities welcome

Walk, jog, or run up to 5k around the track and have fun with family and friends

All Runners Receive a Medal

PRIZE FOR THE BEST FESTIVE COSTUME

CONTACT/ BOOKING INFORMATION

Sports@activeNewham.org.uk

07741 292 893

Adults £4 (age 16+) Children run FREE

To Book - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/festive-family-fun-run-tickets-209212118077>

