

NEWINGTON GREEN

NEWSLETTER

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has flown by following the bank holiday weekend, and it ended on a high with a fantastic Golden Assembly where we celebrated the achievements of so many of our children. Pupils were nominated for a variety of reasons, including marvellous manners, great progress in writing, regular reading at home, and excellent phonics work. In addition to our *Stars of the Week*, we awarded 15 celebratory certificates today. It is always wonderful to see the children making such strong progress not only in their learning, but also in their confidence and social skills.

Congratulations to Mulberry Class, who completed their two-week intensive swimming course today. The children have shown impressive resilience and determination as they developed their swimming skills. One pupil even shared that she bravely jumped into the pool in her pyjamas as part of a safety exercise—what a fantastic example of courage and commitment!

We are also delighted with the number of classes achieving 'green' for attendance over the past few weeks. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your children attend school regularly and on time. We have seen a steady improvement, and your efforts are truly appreciated as they make such a positive difference to the children's learning.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to another successful week ahead.

GOOD LUCK YEAR 6

We would like to wish all the pupils in Year 6 the best of luck next week for their KS2 SATs. We know how hard the teachers, support staff, children and families have worked to prepare and be ready to show their hard work.

Many children have made huge progress from their starting points and will continue to grow and develop in their learning. Year 6 SATs outcomes are a snapshot of English and Maths. They don't define a child's worth, potential, or future success.

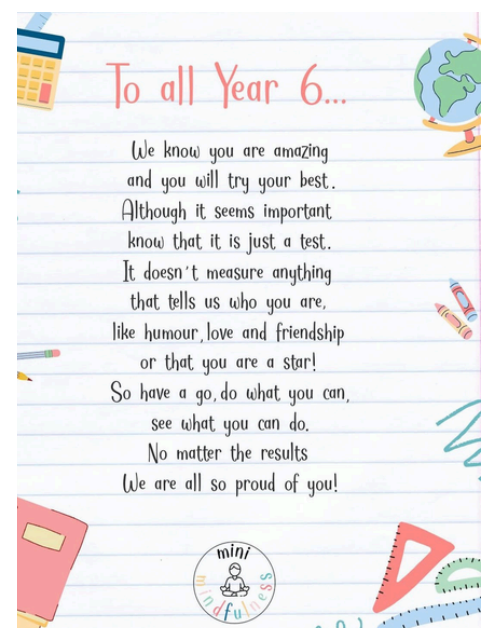
And remember these tests do not measure skills such as creativity, kindness, resilience, or emotional intelligence. All of which our children have in abundance.

Supporting Your Child – Setting them up for Success

You know your child best, and the support you have given so far has been hugely valuable. There are a few things that will especially help your child to feel positive and prepared next week:

- **Arriving on time by 8.15 at the latest** – lateness can cause increased anxiety
- **Getting plenty of sleep with screens away and a relaxing read before bed** – if your child is tired, they are unlikely to achieve their very best.
- **Eating a healthy breakfast** – if your child is hungry, this can impact on their energy and confidence. We will be providing this at school.
- **Hearing your positive words of encouragement** – they mean the most, so please take the time to remind your child that their best will always be enough and that their hard work is what we are celebrating.

It is really important that your child attends school every day next week, and is only absent in the case of an emergency. If this is the case, please inform us as soon as you are aware, so the appropriate arrangements can be made.



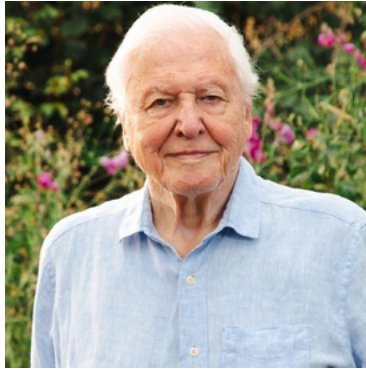
CELEBRATING SIR DAVID ATTENBOROUGH'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

Today, we are celebrating a very special milestone, Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday. Sir David has dedicated his life to helping people of all ages understand, appreciate and protect the natural world. Through his documentaries and advocacy, he has inspired generations to care for our planet and the living things that share it with us.

To mark this occasion, children across KS1 and KS2 took part in a special online assembly, "Sir David Attenborough at 100! LIVE", where they learned about his remarkable life, explored the wonders of the natural world and reflected on why protecting the environment is more important than ever. Pupils also considered how one person's voice can inspire positive change and how their own actions, even small ones, can make a difference.

Sir David's work links closely with our Right of the Month, Article 24 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, which states that every child has the right to grow up healthy and to live in a clean and safe environment. His lifelong message helps children understand that caring for the planet supports not only wildlife, but also the health and wellbeing of people now and in the future.

We are proud to be celebrating this important birthday at Newington Green and to encourage pupils to reflect on their responsibility to look after the world around them.



MAY RIGHT OF THE MONTH: ARTICLE 24

This month, we are learning about Article 24 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, which states that every child has the right to the best possible health, safe drinking water, nutritious food and a clean environment.

At Newington Green, we believe that healthy children are happier, more confident and better able to learn. Article 24 reminds us that access to nutritious food and healthy lifestyles is not a privilege but a right for every child.

As part of this work, children across the school will be discussing what it means to make healthy choices and how food, exercise, sleep and wellbeing all help us to stay healthy. We are encouraging pupils to think about where food comes from, how it helps our bodies grow and why balanced diets are important.

We are proud that our school meals, prepared by Chef Tiago and the kitchen team, are freshly made from scratch each day using nutritious ingredients. Providing healthy, balanced meals at school is one of the ways we support children's rights under Article 24. Fresh fruit, vegetables and healthy options are available daily to help children develop positive eating habits from an early age.

We also ask families to support this important message through our packed lunch policy by providing nutritious lunches that help children stay focused and energised throughout the school day. Healthy eating is an important part of children's physical health, emotional wellbeing and ability to learn successfully.

By working together as a school community, we can help children understand that looking after their health and wellbeing is important and that every child has the right to grow up healthy, safe and supported.



Dog Man and Captain Underpants fans will be excited to hear that Dav Pilkey will be appearing at Waterstones Piccadilly on Sunday 10 May at 14:00.

Children attending the event will have the opportunity to meet Dav Pilkey in person, have their photo taken with him, meet the Dog Man costume character, and receive a pre-signed book included with their ticket. Each ticket also comes with a limited-edition Captain Underpants Hypno Ring.

Tickets must be booked in advance and include a pre-signed copy of either Captain Underpants: The First Epic Manga or Dog Man: Big Jim Believes. One accompanying adult may attend per child without a ticket.

This is always a hugely popular event and tickets are expected to sell quickly.

Further details and booking information can be found on the Waterstones website [here](#).

Year 4 pupils enjoyed a wonderful trip to the River Lea fields, where they had the opportunity to explore the local environment and learn more about the natural world around them. The visit supported their learning beyond the classroom and encouraged curiosity, teamwork and careful observation of wildlife and natural habitats.

The children were a credit to the school throughout the trip. They listened carefully, asked thoughtful questions and showed real enthusiasm for their surroundings. Experiences like this help bring learning to life and support pupils in developing a greater understanding of their local area and the importance of protecting the environment.



PTA NEED YOUR HELP

HAS YOUR CHILD LOST THEIR GLASSES?

CALLING ALL PARENTS & CARERS!

Friends of Newington Green PTA are looking for **volunteers** to help us with any event - little or big, your help will make a difference to our events.

Plan Organise Bake Promote Help on the day

No experience needed Any amount of time is appreciated Get involved, meet others, and make a difference

Interested in helping at an upcoming event? Please contact us at: Friendsofnewingtongreen@gmail.com

Together, we can make our events even better!

We have had a large number of glasses handed in that have not yet been collected. Please take a look at the photo below to see if your child's lost glasses are here.



IMPORTANT DATES

- **KS2 SATs Week** Monday 11th - Friday 15th May
- **Year 2 RSE Parent Meeting** Wednesday 13th May @ 2.45pm
- **Year 4 RSE Parent Meeting** Wednesday 14th May @ 2.45pm
- **Year 6 RSE Parent Meeting** Thursday 21st May @ 2.45pm
- **Half term** Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May
- **Children back at school** **Monday** 1st of June
- **Run Islington Run** Sunday 28th June

Educational Experiences in 2025-26

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Freightliner's City Farm London Bus Tour Florence Nightingale Museum V&A Childhood Museum King Henry's Walk Garden	Tate Modern The Monument Horniman Museum London Zoo Hampstead Heath Museum of Docklands	British Museum Science Museum Pantomime Westminster Walk London Aquarium Kew Gardens Mosque Visit	Science Museum Chocolate Museum Church Visit Kagged School Museum River Lea Highgate Wood
Year 5	Year 6		
Olympic Park Science Museum British Museum Synagogue Visit London Zoo Southbank	HMS Belliss Jewish Museum Ben Kinsella Workshop Theatre Trips National Portrait Gallery		

A voluntary donation of £24 via Arbor helps fund all the educational visits we offer over the year.

Your generous donations help makes trips like these possible, and mean we can offer a range of fantastic learning opportunities!

For more details, or if you have any questions, please speak to us in the office!

STARS OF THE WEEK

- Year 1** - Isabella and Diako
- Year 2** - Rozalee and Hekmatullah
- Year 3** - Ayaan and Whole class of Pine
- Year 4** - Yusuf and Arthur
- Year 5** - Seyed
- Year 6** - Giovanna and Adam



ATTENDANCE NEWS

Whole school attendance this year: **95.3%**

Statutory school attendance: **95.1%**

This week's average: **95%**

National average this year: **94.7%**

BREAKFAST AND AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

Newington Green Primary School Breakfast Club Plan for week beginning 11.05.2024

Staff who we know will be working at Breakfast Club: Lead: Lisa B Playworkers: Amie, Ethan/ Tracey

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reading corner Homework support, please bring in the work you would like support with!	Reading corner Homework support, please bring in the work you would like support with!	Reading corner Homework support, please bring in the work you would like support with!	Reading corner Homework support, please bring in the work you would like support with!	Reading corner Homework support, please bring in the work you would like support with!
Arts and Craft Handprint Sun Art	Maths Activities Animals Face Value Mosaic	Literacy activities Colour by Words	EYFS Focus Butterfly Life Cycle	Reading Day Please bring in your take home reading book
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Adaptations
Small groups of children will participate in activities with adult supervision to gain access and support where needed

Menu
Weetabix, Rice Krispies, and Cornflakes. Hot food will be one of the following: Pancakes with syrup, bagel with scrambled egg, beans on toast and toastie crumpet with jam & English muffins.

Newington Green Primary School After School Club Plan for week beginning 04.05.24

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bank Holiday	Board games and card games	Board and/or card games	Board games and card games	Board games and card games
Bank Holiday	Construction area- Giant jenga	Giant Jenga Puzzles	Construction area- Giant jenga	Construction area- Giant jenga
Bank Holiday	Literacy & Mathematics Wordsearches, Crosswords & Maths puzzles	Literacy & Mathematics Wordsearches, Crosswords & Maths puzzles	Literacy & Mathematics Wordsearches, Crosswords & Maths puzzles	Literacy & Mathematics Wordsearches, Crosswords & Maths puzzles
Bank Holiday	Needlecraft with Sissors Fine Motor Skills	Crafting with Sissors Fine Motor Skills	Fine Motor Skills	Paper Craft with Sissors Fine Motor Skills
Bank Holiday	Free choice activity area, including colouring, sticking, crafting, collage etc.	Free choice activity area, including colouring, sticking, crafting, collage etc.	Free choice activity area, including colouring, sticking, crafting, collage etc.	Free choice activity area, including colouring, sticking, crafting, collage etc.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Do you qualify for free school meals (FSM) status. Anyone who hasn't applied or whose circumstances may have changed please apply on Islington's Citizen portal to see if you are eligible.
[Free school meals | Islington Council](#)

SUPPORT WITH CHILDCARE

If you are a working parent and require help with Childcare please use the links to see what help is available.

[Eligibility checker | Best Start in Life](#)

[Tax-Free Childcare - GOV.UK](#)

[Free Childcare for Working Parents: Overview - GOV.UK](#)

Silver birch	99.10%
Mulberry	99.10%
Elm	96.60%
Apple	96.50%
Maple	96.10%
Holly	95.80%
Palm	95.80%
Pine	95.70%
Ash	95.70%
Cedar	94.60%
Oak	94.20%
Rowan	94.00%
Willow	93.10%
Sycamore	91.30%
Beech	90.50%
Cherry	81.30%

Congratulations to Silver Birch and Mulberry Class for achieving the highest attendance this week. A well-deserved popcorn party is coming your way!