

NEWINGTON GREEN NEWSLETTER

10/07/26

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another hot week in school but despite this, we had a very successful Sports Day at Clissold Park this morning. Our shortened timetable worked really well and everyone had a fantastic morning. Thank you to Sam, Alfie and all the staff who supported in making it a great day, despite the heat.

Later on in the newsletter, you will read about the PTA Summer Fair which was a fabulous day and raised over £2,500. An amazing achievement! I wanted to thank the PTA members who were here **ALL** day on Saturday to set up and tidy up, as well as run the event too. A big thanks to staff who supported at the event too.

I wanted to take this opportunity to say goodbye and thank you to Kellie (Year 6), Annie (Year 3) and Eimear (Year 1) who will be leaving us at the end of the next week. I want to thank them for all their hard work and commitment to the children throughout the year. We wish them all the best in their next role. Flora, who has been on maternity leave, is returning next week. Rickella Griffiths, will be covering Carmel's maternity leave, starting from September but will be in on Tuesday 14th July so please do say hello.

Next week, as well as sending out the end of year reports for your children, we will also let you know who your child's teacher will be in September.

The final day of this academic year is next Friday 17th July. School finishes at 1.30pm and there is no after school club on that day.

Enjoy the sunny weekend and see you next week for the last week of term!

NG IS NOW A SILVER RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

We are delighted to announce that Newington Green has achieved the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award: Rights Aware.

This award recognises our commitment to placing children's rights at the heart of school life and ensuring that all pupils feel respected, valued and heard.

We would like to thank our pupils, staff, families and governors for their dedication, hard work and support throughout this journey. A special thanks to Ana, our Rights Respecting Lead, for her work on this all year. This achievement reflects the collective effort of our whole school community, and we are incredibly proud of what we have accomplished together.

We look forward to continuing our Rights Respecting journey and building on this success in the years ahead.



NG TAKES PART IN DANCE FOR RIGHTS

Pupils had a fantastic time taking part in Dance for Rights, a national event led by the Royal Ballet and Opera celebrating children's rights through dance and creativity.

The children learnt choreography inspired by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and joined pupils across the country in a shared live dance experience. They showed great enthusiasm, confidence and teamwork throughout, and we are incredibly proud of their participation.



NG TRANSFORMS TO A SPANISH AIRPORT

Year 4 transformed the performance hall into an airport terminal on Tuesday afternoon and hosted a language teaching event for Years 1-3. Every child got a passport and a stamp for each new language they tried. Our language teachers from Rowan and Willow and their assistants did a fabulous job! The event was attended by a secondary Spanish teacher from Waterside Academy. She was impressed by Newington Green children's language skills!



YEAR 3 TRIP TO THE SOUTHBANK



Last week, Year 3 enjoyed an exciting trip to the Southbank, where they explored the sights and sounds of one of London's most vibrant riverside areas.

The children loved visiting the famous graffiti tunnel, where they were inspired by the colourful street art. They also spent time on the banks of the Thames creating beautiful observational drawings and taking in the views of the city. One of the highlights of the day was watching a talented street performer entertain the crowds.

It was a fantastic day of creativity, discovery and fun, and Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We hope you enjoy looking at some of the photographs from our trip.

ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE: PARENTAL CONTROLS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

There has been an increase recently in children accessing social media apps at home like TikTok, where they are exposed to upsetting and inappropriate content. Many of the videos they are watching are generated by Artificial Intelligence (AI) but many children, especially in the lower year groups have trouble deciding if a video is real or fake.

Social Media Ban for Children Under the Age of 16:

We already warn families of the risk of Social media platforms and current age restrictions (many 13+). Further info can be found from the BBC Under-16s social media ban: What parents need to know [here](#) and Internet Matters [here](#).

Top tip: If your child has access to a smart phone or iPad, the advice is that they should be kept in a room where you can monitor how they are being used at all times.

Parental Controls: We have included some step-by-step guides on how to set up parental controls on the most popular devices and apps. These controls put you in charge of what your children access on the devices. If you would like help with this, please email Michael to arrange a meeting where he will help set up your device mkelly@newingtongreen.co.uk.

How to set up parental controls on iPad: [Apple iPad and iPhone parental controls | Internet Matters](#)

How to set parental controls on TikTok: [TikTok parental controls guide | Internet Matters](#)

We have guides for most apps and devices on our websites: [Newington Green Primary School - Online Safety](#)



SUMMER EVENTS

Lunch Bunch
Integrates healthy activities and food programme

FREE!

Holiday Activities
with Lunch
during the spring, summer and winter school holidays

Join in or try something new - there is something for everyone!
Islington Council's free school holidays programme with lunch has so much to offer. Join in with a range of activities, from multi-play and sport to arts and more.

What's on and how to book
To find out what's on, to check your eligibility, to register and book activities, simply scan the QR code or visit islington.gov.uk/lunchbunch

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THE Peel STREET PARTY
Sponsored by Winkworth Clerkenwell and City

**Friday 24th July
12-4pm**

**Northampton Road
EC1R 0HU**

Face painting, photo booth, magician, storyteller, giant bubbles, line dancing, tombola, London Museum playbikes, 360 camera & more!

Free food & refreshments!
(first come first served)

FREE ENTRY!

Awesome Adventure Playground is not open to the public during this event

Winkworth
Clerkenwell & City

COST OF LIVING DAY

OPEN

**Thursday 23 July
1-3.30pm**
Caxton House Community Centre
129 St John's Way, London N19 3RQ

Drop-in to speak to us about money worries & other support

- 0 Money & debt
- 0 Hardship support
- 0 Support for families
- 0 Information & guidance
- 0 Health checks

Or **call Help on Your Doorstep**: 020 39316080

Free Give-aways!!

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PTA SUMMER FARE

Our PTA Summer Fair was a fantastic success and a wonderful celebration of our school community. Thanks to the incredible support of families, staff and friends of the school, we raised an amazing £2,501.29.

There was something for everyone to enjoy, from games and activities to delicious refreshments. The zorb balls were a huge hit with children and adults alike, and our first-ever barbecue proved extremely popular. We were also delighted to welcome the local police, who visited with their police car, as well as a much-loved ice cream van, which was a firm favourite on the sunny day.

A huge thank you to our PTA, volunteers, staff and families for all their hard work in organising and supporting the event. Your generosity and enthusiasm helped make the Summer Fair such a memorable occasion for everyone.



IMPORTANT DATES

- **Y6 swimming** Monday 13th to Friday 17th July
- **Last day of term** Friday 17th of July, school closes at 1.30pm. No
- After School Club.
- **INSET Day School closed** Wednesday 2nd September
- **First day of Autumn term** Thursday 3rd September



Educational Experiences in 2025-26

Year 1

- Freightliner's City Farm
- London Bus Tour
- Roseville
- Highgate Museum
- V&A Childhood Museum
- King Henry's Walk Garden

Year 2

- Tate Modern
- The Monument
- Hamman Museum
- London Zoo
- Hampstead Heath
- Museum of Docklands

Year 3

- British Museum
- Science Museum
- Parliament
- Westminster Walk
- London Aquarium
- Kew Gardens
- Mosque Visit

Year 4

- Science Museum
- Chocolate Museum
- Church Visit
- Ragged School Museum
- River Lea
- Highgate Wood

Year 5

- Olympic Park
- Science Museum
- British Museum
- Synagogue Visit
- London Zoo
- Southbank

Year 6

- HMS Belfast
- 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

This week, our Stars of the Week are everyone who took part in Sports Day! From the children who gave their all in every event, to the staff and parents who supported and encouraged throughout the day, everyone showed determination, teamwork and resilience in the hot weather.

Thank you all for persevering in the heat and helping to make Sports Day such a fantastic success. You are all stars!

ATTENDANCE NEWS

Whole school attendance this year: **95.2%**
Statutory school attendance: **95.1%**
This week's average: **92.7%**
National average this year: **93.3%**

TERM TIME LEAVE

Newington Green Primary School

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Executive Headteacher: Paul Thomas
Head of School: Mairead McDonnell



Important Notice for Parents and Carers

RE: TERM TIME LEAVE, UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE AND MEDICAL ABSENCE

Dear Parent/Carer,

Along with all Islington schools, Newington Green Primary has a legal duty to ensure that pupils' attendance is as good as possible, and to investigate all absence so that the reasons are fully understood. Regular attendance is essential in ensuring that every child receives the education and care they are entitled to.

We are pleased to see that attendance at Newington Green Primary has been improving, and we are grateful to the many parents and carers who consistently support the school by ensuring their children are present and punctual every day.

However, one of the most frequent causes of absence continues to be unauthorised holidays and leave during term time, including travel abroad. These absences most commonly occur at the beginning or end of each term, and they significantly disrupt children's learning.

Please be reminded that it is against the law for parents or carers to take children out of school for holidays or other unauthorised leave during term time. Leave can only be granted in exceptional circumstances, in line with Islington guidance. Please note that exceptional circumstances do not typically include travelling abroad to visit sick relatives. Any requests for leave must be made in advance and will be considered on an individual basis.

We strongly advise parents not to book holidays, travel, or flights during term time under any circumstances. The school will closely review all absence requests, and where applicable, consider any evidence submitted regarding exceptional circumstances. Parents who choose to take unauthorised leave, including overseas travel, may be issued with a warning and a penalty notice by the Local Authority of £80 (rising to £160 if unpaid on time) per parent per student.

In addition, please be aware of our strengthened procedures regarding illness. The school will not authorise illness-related absences lasting more than three days unless medical evidence is provided by a healthcare professional.

Acceptable forms of evidence include:

- A medical certificate or sick note (if issued), or
- A printout from the clinic or GP reception confirming the date of your child's appointment or visit.

If you are unable to secure a medical appointment or leave your property, please inform the school. In these cases, we can arrange a home visit from our safeguarding team to support you and verify your child's wellbeing.

Our aim is to avoid any parent or carer being placed in a position where penalty notices or attendance actions become necessary. This letter is to ensure that all families are fully aware of the rules and expectations around attendance, term-time leave, and illness evidence requirements.

If you have any questions, or if you would like to discuss any part of this letter with a member of staff, please contact the school office or email the school and a member of staff will contact you back at a mutually agreeable time.

Yours sincerely,

Safeguarding Team
Newington Green Primary School

BREAKFAST CLUB TIMETABLE

Newington Green Primary School Breakfast Club Plan for week beginning 06.07.2024				
Staff who we know will be working at Breakfast Club: Lead: Lisa B Playworkers: Asmie, Ethan/ Tracey				
Monday Reading corner Homework support, please bring in the work you would like support with!	Tuesday Reading corner Homework support, please bring in the work you would like support with!	Wednesday Reading corner Homework support, please bring in the work you would like support with!	Thursday Reading corner Homework support, please bring in the work you would like support with!	Friday Reading corner Homework support, please bring in the work you would like support with!
Arts and Craft Paper Loop Flower Making	Maths Activities Numbers 11 to 20 Matching Words and Digits	Literacy activities Compound Words Matching Activity	EYF5 Focus Phase 4 Say it, join it, write it Activity	Free Choice artistry, colouring, sticking, crafting, etc.
				
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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 eggs, beans on toast and toast/crumbs with jam & English muffins.				

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](https://www.islington.gov.uk/free-school-meals)

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](#)