

NEWINGTON GREEN

NEWSLETTER

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Happy Friday everyone!

It has been a very busy week at school with some fantastic learning and exciting Christmas events taking place. As I am writing the newsletter, I can hear our Early Years doing their final rehearsal for their Nativity performance on Monday and the sound of The Twelve Days of Christmas being sung upstairs. I can tell you all now that you are in for a treat. Just a final reminder of the times for performances, which are taking place on Monday 16th December:

Early Years Nativity 9.30 -10.30am

Years 1-3 performance 11.00-12.00pm

Years 4-6 performance 2.30-3.30pm.

We look forward to seeing you there!

On Wednesday, Year 3 attended the pantomime at Hackney Empire and had a fantastic time. Yesterday, the staff and pupils were treated to an amazing festive lunch by Tiago and his team. The dining hall was all decked out and everyone was dressed in their Christmas jumpers. After school, our fantastic PTA put on a great Winter Fair. Thank you to everyone who attended and a special thank you to the PTA members who worked so hard putting the event together.

Please read the message from Donna, our Chair of Governors, about school communications after our meeting this morning. Our next meeting will be a virtual meeting on Microsoft Teams, on Wednesday 5th February @10am. An invite will be sent closer to the time.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mairead

PARENT/CARER COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

Earlier this morning a group of 8 parents and carers of Newington Green pupils met with several staff and myself, as the Chair of Governors. The intention of this group is to explore how communication can be improved and enhanced with parents and carers, and the wider school community.

At this first stage, we reviewed the numerous ways in which we communicate including face-to-face, via newsletter and also the school website. In small groups, parents and staff identified what is currently working well such as the information shared in the newsletters before discussing what areas could be improved or developed. This included providing access to information in other languages and the consistent sharing of behaviour cards whether gold or red.

Some areas we can address immediately and action right now. For example, did you know that the school website can be accessed in multiple languages? [How to translate the school website](#)

The collaborative discussion was productive, and we are committed to improving our communications with the school community. Work will continue throughout the year with the goal being to launch a 'Communications Charter' for the next academic year.

Donna



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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD (HAF) WINTER PROGRAMME 2024.

We are excited to announce the Winter HAF programme, running from 21 December to 3 January 2025. This fantastic initiative offers a wide range of activities, such as ice skating, canal boat rides, theatre camps, and football, along with healthy meals for children during the holidays. The programme is free for Islington residents aged 4-16 years (up to 18 for those with special educational needs and disabilities) who are enrolled in school and either qualify for benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM) or are referred by a social worker, family support worker, or another professional.

Even if your child does not meet these criteria, some activities are free for all, and anyone attending will receive a free lunch. To book, please register your child on the booking system [here](#). For questions about eligibility or support for children with SEND, email Lunch.Bunch@islington.gov.uk. Let us spread the word so every child can enjoy these opportunities!



READING NEWS

These are koala-ty books!

Abigail (Y3): I recommend **The Bolds** by **Julian Clary**. I'd give this book 5 stars because the story is very funny and the characters tell lots of jokes.

If you like funny, adventure stories, you will enjoy this book.

Zaynah (Y1): I recommend **Supertato** by **Paul Linnet and Sue Hendra**. I really liked it because it was funny.

Dylan (Y1): **Fix that Bell** by **Becca Heddle**. I like it because the bell was ringing out of control and lots of funny things happened.

FREE CHILDCARE

If you are an eligible working parent, you can apply for up to 15 hours' free childcare per week during term time for your child if they're aged between 2 and 3 years.

If they're between 3 and 4 years old, eligible parents can get up to 30 hours' free childcare per week. You have to get your code by 31 December to start claiming the free hours from January 1, so apply in good time!

See the Government's Childcare Choices web page [here](#).

ENRICHMENT CLUBS NEXT TERM

Newington Green Primary - After School Clubs



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Club 7:30 - 8:55	Breakfast Club 7:30 - 8:55	Breakfast Club 7:30 - 8:55	Breakfast Club 7:30 - 8:55	Breakfast Club 7:30 - 8:55
Multisports Y1&2 (S.Hall)	Gymnastics Y3-6 (S.Hall)	Girls Football Y2-Y6 (S.Hall)	Dodgeball Y3-Y4 (P.Hall)	Gymnastics REC-Y2 (S.Hall)
Boxing Training KS2 (P.Hall)	Turkish Club Y1-6 (Y6 Group Room)	Dodgeball/Benchball Y5-Y6 (P.Hall)	S.T.E.M Club Y3-Y6 (MUR)	
	Arts and Crafts Rec-Y2 (MUR)	Mindfulness Y2-Y6	Dance Club REC-Y6 (S.Hall)	
After School Club 3:30 - 4:30 4:30 - 6:30 3:30 - 6:30	After School Club 3:30 - 4:30 4:30 - 6:30 3:30 - 6:30	After School Club 3:30 - 4:30 4:30 - 6:30 3:30 - 6:30	After School Club 3:30 - 4:30 4:30 - 6:30 3:30 - 6:30	After School Club 3:30 - 4:30 4:30 - 6:30 3:30 - 6:30

Enrichment club bookings for Spring Term 1 will open from 7pm on Friday 13th December. Please book on Arbor.

In case of an emergency after 4 PM concerning your child at the after-school club (such as late collection), please call this number for assistance **07342567061**.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Newington Green Primary School Breakfast Club Plan for week beginning 16.12.2024

Staff who we know will be working at Breakfast Club: **Lead: Lisa B** **Playworkers: Shpetime, Sannah and Asmie**

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 Christmas Decorations all Week	Maths Activities 2D Shape Christmas Themed Cut & Stick	Literacy activities Unjumble the Christmas CVC Words Sentences	EFYS Focus Christmas Tree Odd and Even	Free Choice artistry area, colouring, sticking, crafting, etc.
Legal Board games Giant Jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Craft	Legal Board games Giant Jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Crafts	Legal Board games Giant Jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Crafts	Legal Board games Giant Jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Crafts	Legal Board games Giant Jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Crafts

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 eggs, beans on toast and toast/crumpets with jam & English muffins



ISLINGTON HEALTHY SCHOOL ADVISOR

Please click [here](#) to see community food services available within Islington

Community Food Services - Islington Food Partnership



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IMPORTANT DATES

- **Christmas performance** Monday 16th of December @ 9.30am EYFS Nativity
11.00am Years 1 – 3 Xmas performances and 2.30 pm Years 4 – 6
- **End of term** Friday 20th of December Children **finish at 1:30pm** - No ASC
- **Return to school** Tuesday 7th of January

To access the school calendar click [here](#).

For a full list of term dates for the academic year please click [here](#).

STARS OF THE WEEK

Year 1 The whole of Year one

Year 2 Aria and Mariam

Year 3 Amaya and Esther

Year 4 Teagan and Yohan

Year 5 Alisa, Ayub and Robin

Year 6 Akaiya and Naema



DOODLE MATHS CHAMPION

This weeks Doodle Maths champions are **Rowan**.

This weeks Doodle Maths time tables champions are **Elm**.

Congratulations, Musa is proud. Please remember to doodle everyday.

ATTENDANCE STATS

Whole school attendance this year: **94%**

National average this year: **94.7%**

DON'T FORGET. BE IN, TO WIN

The £50 voucher winners will be announced in assembly next week. Well done to everyone who achieved more than 97% attendance this term, and good luck!

