

NEWINGTON GREEN

NEWSLETTER

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week's newsletter is brimming with exciting trip news. We are very proud of the 'out and about' programme at our school, which focuses on ensuring our children get a rich and diverse learning experience inside and out of the classroom. We believe learning comes alive when you get to see it in context, so we do everything we can to get children out of the building and into the real world.

Last week, I met with members of the PTA and we planned out some dates for events for the rest of the year. We are really keen to hear more parents views on what events you would like and how we can get more parents involved and supporting the PTA. All money raised goes back into the school and supports all our pupils. We are holding a Parent Coffee Morning on Wednesday 29th January @ 9.00am and would love for you to come along and share your ideas with us.


In assembly on Monday, I talked to the children about the importance of reading and asked children about their favourite books to read and why. Just below are some great recommendations from children about books they enjoyed. When your child is reading at home, please take the time to talk to them about what they are reading and what they like or dislike about the book.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

READING @ NG

At Newington Green, we love celebrating the joy of reading! This week, we are thrilled to recognise **Haytham** (Reception Sycamore) for his enthusiasm and focus in phonics, **Aaron** (Year 2 Maple) for his dedicated effort with home reading, and **Renato** (Year 4 Rowan) for his excitement about the library books chosen by his class.

A huge congratulations also to our Reading Challenge winners, **Marios, Mia K** and **Jaden** (all Year 4), who have given us fantastic book recommendations. Keep up the amazing work, everyone!



These are koala-ty books!

Marios (Y4): I am recommending **Daisy and the Trouble with Piggy Banks** by **Kes Gray**. I'd give this book 5/5 stars because the story is very funny.

If you like reading about naughty characters, doing funny things and getting into mischief, you will enjoy this book.

Jaden (Y4): I am recommending **The Enormous Crocodile** by **Roald Dahl**. I'd give this book 4.5/5 stars because there are lots of funny parts. My favourite funny bit is when the elephant tried to catapult the crocodile at the sun.

Amelia (Y4): I am recommending **The Universe, Black Holes and the Big Bang** by **Clive Gifford**. I'd give this book 5/5 stars because there are so many interesting facts in the books. I learnt a lot about the Big Bang.

Mia(Y4): I am recommending **George's Marvellous Medicine** by **Roald Dahl**. I'd give this book 4/5 stars. My favourite part was when Grandma's head burst through the ceiling because it was really funny.

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SCHOOL TRIPS @NG

This week has been an exciting one at Newington Green, with lots of trips taking place across the school! From exploring the aquarium to discovering nature, our students have enjoyed a range of fantastic learning experiences. You can find some wonderful photos from the trips in this week's newsletter.

We would like to remind parents and carers that these trips are made possible thanks to your generous contributions. A voluntary donation of £24 via Arbor helps fund these invaluable educational opportunities throughout the year. Your support ensures we can continue to provide enriching activities for all our children. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office. Thank you for making these experiences possible!

Educational Experiences in 2024-25

| 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 Panlome Westminster Walk London Aquarium Kew Gardens Mosque Visit | Science Museum Chocolate Museum Church Visit Ragged School Museum River Lea Highgate Wood |
| Year 5 | Year 6 | | |
| Olympic Park Science Museum British Museum Synagogue Visit London Zoo Southbank | 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!

YEAR 1 TRIP TO OAK FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE MUSEUM



The children had a fantastic trip to the Florence Nightingale Museum last Friday, where they met Florence, explored interactive exhibits, learned about her journey to becoming a nurse, dressed up, and brought their classroom learning to life! They also spotted Big Ben and the London Eye from the bus and made a special detour to see Paddington on the way back to school.

YEAR 1 FOREST SCHOOL



Our first visit to Forest School for Spring term was great fun! We enjoyed lots of mud painting, digging for worms, relaxing on the hammock, identifying and finding different trees and leaves, making ornaments, singing and dancing and even trying some special warm apple juice!

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YEAR 3 TRIP TO THE LONDON AQUARIUM



Year 3 had a fantastic time on their trip to the London Aquarium, where they explored the wonders of marine life. The children were captivated by the mesmerising jellyfish, majestic sharks, and playful penguins. It was a memorable experience that sparked curiosity and excitement about the ocean and its incredible creatures!

AFTERSCHOOL CLUB FINE MOTOR SKILLS



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What are fine motor skills?

FINE MOTOR SKILLS INVOLVE THE USE OF THE SMALLER MUSCLE OF THE HANDS, COMMONLY IN ACTIVITIES LIKE USING PENCILS, SCISSORS, DOING UP BUTTONS AND OPENING LUNCH BOXES.



FINE MOTOR SKILL EFFICIENCY SIGNIFICANTLY INFLUENCES THE QUALITY OF A TASK OUTCOME AS WELL AS THE SPEED OF TASK PERFORMANCE.



Why are fine motor skills important?

FINE MOTOR SKILLS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR PERFORMING EVERYDAY SKILLS. WITHOUT THE ABILITY TO COMPLETE THESE EVERY DAY TASKS, A CHILD'S SELF ESTEEM CAN SUFFER, THEIR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE IS COMPROMISED AND THEIR PLAY OPTIONS ARE VERY LIMITED.



THEY ARE ALSO UNABLE TO DEVELOP APPROPRIATE INDEPENDENCE IN 'LIFE' SKILLS (SUCH AS GETTING DRESSED AND FEEDING THEMSELVES) WHICH HAS SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS WITHIN THE FAMILY AND PEER RELATIONSHIPS.

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Plenty of nimble fingers in ASC this week as the children created patterns in cross stitch.

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TIAGO'S TOP TIPS (PART 1)

This week Tiago is sharing 6 Smart Tips for Storing Food Longer and Maximising Freshness! Keeping food fresh not only reduces waste but also saves money. Here are some simple yet effective tips to help you store food properly, preserve its quality, and extend its shelf life.



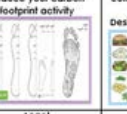


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| <h3>1 SMART TIPS FOR STORING FOOD LONGER AND MAXIMISING FRESHNESS!</h3> <p>Know Your Refrigeration Zones</p> <p>Different sections of your fridge are suited to different types of food. Here is how to make the most of your fridge:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top shelves: Perfect for ready-to-eat foods like leftovers, dairy products, and drinks. • Middle shelves: Ideal for raw meats and fish. Be sure to store them in sealed containers to avoid contamination. • Bottom shelves: This is the coldest part of the fridge, making it ideal for fruits and vegetables (except ethylene-sensitive ones like berries or lettuce). • Crisper drawers: Use one drawer for fruits and the other for vegetables to keep produce fresher for longer. | <h3>2 SMART TIPS FOR STORING FOOD LONGER AND MAXIMISING FRESHNESS!</h3> <p>Proper Storage of Fruits and Vegetables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fruits: Store apples, bananas, and tomatoes at room temperature and away from direct sunlight. Once ripe, you can transfer them to the fridge. • Vegetables: Leafy greens, carrots, and broccoli last longer when stored in the fridge's crisper drawers. Remove excess moisture before storing. • Tip: Avoid mixing fruits and vegetables in storage, as some fruits release ethylene gas, which can cause nearby vegetables to ripen and spoil more quickly. | <h3>3 SMART TIPS FOR STORING FOOD LONGER AND MAXIMISING FRESHNESS!</h3> <p>Seal It Tight</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air exposure accelerates spoilage. To keep food fresh, use airtight containers, resealable bags, or vacuum sealers. • When storing leftovers, allow them to cool to room temperature before sealing to prevent bacteria growth.  |
| <h3>4 SMART TIPS FOR STORING FOOD LONGER AND MAXIMISING FRESHNESS!</h3> <p>Freeze for Longer Storage</p> <p>Freezing is an excellent way to extend the shelf life of many items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meats: Freeze in portions for easy defrosting and wrap lightly in freezer-safe packaging. • Vegetables: Blanch before freezing to retain texture and nutrients. • Breads and pastries: Freeze slices or whole loaves to avoid waste. Toast directly from the freezer for a fresh taste. | <h3>5 SMART TIPS FOR STORING FOOD LONGER AND MAXIMISING FRESHNESS!</h3> <p>Avoid Overpacking Your Pantry</p> <p>Air circulation is essential for pantry items such as grains, spices, and canned goods. Avoid overcrowding shelves and store dry goods in airtight containers to protect them from moisture and pests.</p>  | <h3>6 SMART TIPS FOR STORING FOOD LONGER AND MAXIMISING FRESHNESS!</h3> <p>Use Produce and Dairy Wisely</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dairy: Store milk, cheese, and yogurt in their original containers and keep them at the back of the fridge, where it is coldest. • Cucumbers, tomatoes, and potatoes: Keep these out of the fridge and store them in a cool, dry place to prevent spoilage.  |

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

| Newington Green Primary School After School Club Plan for week beginning 27.01.2025 | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Board and/or card games | Board and/or card games | Board and/or card games | Board and/or card games | Board and/or card games |
| Communication and construction | Construction area - Giant Jenga | Giant Floor Puzzles | Construction Lego | Construction area - Dot markers |
| literacy & mathematics wordsearches, Crosswords & Maths puzzles | literacy & mathematics wordsearches, Crosswords & Maths puzzles | literacy & mathematics wordsearches, Crosswords & Maths puzzles | literacy & mathematics wordsearches, Crosswords & Maths puzzles | literacy & mathematics wordsearches, Crosswords & Maths puzzles |
| Self Expression Draw a 3D Line Head | Weaving Fine Motor Skills | Fine Motor Skills Flower Making | Fine Motor Skills Cutting Skills Practice | Sensory Play Fine Motor Skills |
| Free choice art/ craft area, including colouring, sticking, crafting, collage etc. | Free choice art/ craft area, including colouring, sticking, crafting, collage etc. | Free choice art/ craft area, including colouring, sticking, crafting, collage etc. | Free choice art/ craft area, including colouring, sticking, crafting, collage etc. | Free choice art/ craft area, including colouring, sticking, crafting, collage etc. |

In the event 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 27.01.2025 | | | | |
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| Staff who we know will be working at Breakfast Club: Lead: Lisa B Playworkers: Shpelfme, Syrus and Asmie | | | | |
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Reading corner | Reading corner | Reading corner | Reading corner | Reading corner |
| Homework support, please bring in the work you would like support with! | Homework support, please bring in the work you would like support with! | Homework support, please bring in the work you would like support with! | Homework support, please bring in the work you would like support with! | Homework support, please bring in the work you would like support with! |
| Cut and Stick Activity How Can we Build a Healthy Pack Lunch Box | Malta's activities Earth Day Addition | Literacy activities Reduce your carbon footprint activity | Free choice art/ craft area, colouring, sticking, crafting, etc. | EYFS Focus Play Dough all Week |
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| Lego/ board games Giant Jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Crafts | Lego/ board games Giant Jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Crafts | Lego/ board games Giant Jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Crafts | Lego/ board games Giant Jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Crafts | Lego/ board games Giant Jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Crafts |
| <p>Adaptations</p> <p>Small groups of children will participate in activities with adult supervision to gain access and support where needed</p> <p>Menu</p> <p>Weetabix, Rice Krispies and Cornflakes. Hot food will be one of the following: Pancakes with syrup, bagel with scrambled eggs, beans on toast or toast/ English muffins with butter & jam.</p> | | | | |

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

- **Individual photos** Tuesday 28th of January
- **PTA Coffee morning** Wednesday 29th of January @ 9 to 10am
- **Y4 The Ragged School Museum** Friday 31st of January
- **Year 2 Trip to The Horniman Museum** Friday 31st of January
- **Y1-6 Computing Workshop Online Safety 3Discovery** Thursday 6th of February
- **Elm into University trip** Monday 10th of February
- **Mulberry into University trip** Friday 14th of February

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 Ibtihaj and Muhammad

Year 2 Maya and Doda

Year 3 Harper and Ikram

Year 4 Mehmet and Yusuf

Year 5 Rimas and Abdi

Year 6 On a trip



ATTENDANCE STATS

Whole school attendance this year: 93.9%

National average this year: 94.6%

DON'T FORGET. BE IN, TO WIN

New term, new chance to win a £50 voucher! Remember, maintain 97% attendance with no more than 3 late arrivals throughout the entire term to qualify.

| Registration Form | Present R/C: Marks | Late R/C: Students |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Ash | 98% | 3 |
| Willow | 93.9% | 5 |
| Elm | 92.4% | 4 |
| Rowan | 92.1% | |
| Palm | 92% | 6 |
| Mulberry | 91.3% | 11 |
| Cedar | 91% | 4 |
| Silver birch | 90.7% | 6 |
| Holly | 88.9% | 10 |
| Beech | 88.7% | 5 |
| Maple | 87.7% | 6 |
| Oak | 86.9% | 9 |
| Pine | 85.6% | 4 |
| Cherry | 83.8% | 1 |
| Sycamore | 82.7% | 5 |
| Apple | 80.3% | 1 |

Well done, **Ash**, for achieving the highest attendance for the second consecutive week with an impressive 98%! You will be enjoying a popcorn party next Friday.

HALF TERM CAMP

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Holiday Camps

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8AM - 6PM
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