



NEWINGTON GREEN

NEWSLETTER

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will read some sad news below about Abi, our Federation Exec Head, who is moving out of London and onto a new role. We are very sad to see Abi go after 15 years working at Newington Green. We wish her all the best in her new role and know she will be successful! Just to reassure you that there will be no changes to the day to day workings of the school, but if you do have any questions then do not hesitate to ask me.

On Wednesday, we had our second meeting of the Communications Working Group with Donna, our Chair of Governors. Although only a small number of parents attended, it was a helpful and informative session. We discussed what the school is doing well in terms of communications and what we need to do better. The key area of focus from this session was the need to ensure that key communications/letters being sent from school are translated into the majority languages of the school. The school website already has this function available on it. For further information on how to use this function, please click on the link [here](#) to watch the video.

Have a lovely weekend

EXECUTIVE HEAD'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers at Newington Green and Rotherfield,

It is with great sadness that I write to you all today. I am leaving Rotherfield and Newington Green after working here for 15 years. I am really proud to leave the schools in such good hands, with Nia and Mairead constantly looking to improve the educational offer for your children. They are both remarkable school leaders, and I have been deeply privileged to work with them.



As you all know, I visit many schools in my role as an Ofsted inspector and can assure you, as a community, that the Senior Leadership teams at both schools are among the most talented and morally driven leaders I have come across. You are in very safe hands as they continue to improve both schools.

The board has decided to appoint an interim Executive Head, with whom I will complete a handover period. The board will write to you in due course to explain the process in more detail.

I feel incredibly fortunate to have worked with such an amazing team of colleagues and the board of both schools. I want to say a special thank you to Donna Shah, our board chair, who has supported and challenged me to improve both schools during her time as a Governor.

My partner and I recently moved to Brighton, and I will be starting a new role in East Sussex and Kent as Director of Education for a small academy trust in June 2025.

I am so sad to leave the children and families of both schools, and you will all be forever in my heart.

Abi(Executive Head)

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DODGEBALL COMPETITION



Well done to all the boys and girls who represented our school at the Islington Dodgeball Competition on Wednesday! The children showed fantastic effort, determination, and resilience, never giving up and demonstrating great sportsmanship throughout. They had a brilliant time and did an excellent job of representing the school with both their performance and attitude. We are incredibly proud of them!

YEAR 2 HORNIMAN MUSEUM TRIP



Year 2 had an exciting trip to the Horniman Museum, where they explored the fascinating African exhibit. The children were captivated by the incredible artifacts, learning about different cultures and traditions. A surprise highlight of the day was spotting the llamas in the museum gardens, which brought lots of smiles and excitement. It was a fantastic trip filled with discovery and fun!

GIRLS ARSENAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



Well done to the Year 5 and 6 girls who represented the school at the Arsenal Football Tournament on Thursday! The team had an impressive run, going unbeaten in the group stage with three wins and one draw, without conceding a single goal. They put in a strong performance in the quarter-finals but were unfortunate to be knocked out at that stage. We are incredibly proud of their hard work, determination, and teamwork—well done, girls!

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YEAR 4 RAGGED MUSEUM TRIP



Year 4 had an immersive experience at the Ragged School Museum last Friday, where they stepped back in time to a Victorian classroom. The children experienced first-hand what school life was like in the 19th century, learning about the strict rules and routines of Victorian education. They also explored the challenging living conditions of Victorian children, gaining a deeper understanding of history through this interactive visit. It was a fascinating and eye-opening trip for all!

YEAR 1 FOREST SCHOOL



Year 1 enjoyed another great session at Forest School. The children came back muddy but happy!

NURSERY MILD MAY LIBRARY TRIP



On Tuesday, the children had a fantastic visit to Mildmay Library, where they did an excellent job walking there and back. The Apple Team are so proud of them!

During the visit, the children enjoyed listening to a story and had the opportunity to choose their own books to explore. It was a wonderful experience that encouraged a love of reading!

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TIAGO'S RECIPE OF THE WEEK



One-Pot Chicken & Veggie Rice for 4 people

A quick and easy one-pot recipe to help parents save time without sacrificing flavour or nutrition!

Ingredients

- 500g diced chicken breast
- 200g rice (long grain or basmati)
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 bell pepper, chopped
- 100g carrots, diced
- 100g frozen peas
- 500ml water
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp paprika
- Salt & pepper to taste
- Fresh parsley (optional)



Directions

1. Prepare the chicken: Heat the olive oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add the diced chicken breast and cook until browned and cooked through (about 7-8 minutes). Remove the chicken and set it aside.
2. Cook the veggies: In the same pot, add the chopped onion, garlic, bell pepper, and carrots. Cook for about 5 minutes until the vegetables soften.
3. Add rice and seasonings: Stir in the rice, paprika, oregano, salt, and pepper. Let the rice toast for 1-2 minutes.
4. Simmer everything together: Pour in the chicken broth (or water) and bring to a boil. Once boiling, lower the heat, cover, and simmer for 15 minutes.
5. Finish cooking: After 15 minutes, stir in the peas and return the chicken to the pot. Cover and cook for another 5 minutes until the rice is fully cooked, the vegetables are tender, and the chicken is heated through.
6. Garnish and serve: Fluff the rice with a fork, garnish with fresh parsley if desired, and serve hot!

ATTENDANCE QUESTIONNAIRE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are working with Islington Council to better understand pupils' views on school attendance and how they feel about coming to school. This feedback will help shape future strategies to improve attendance across the borough.

Please take a few minutes to complete this short survey with your child [here](#). Paper copies are also available if needed.

Your input is really valuable and will help make a difference. The deadline for responses is Friday 14th February 2025.

Thank you for your support!

FREE FAMILY SWIMMING LESSONS

Throughout the school holidays Islington Council and Better are offering free swimming lessons to Islington residents and children who go to school in the borough, including lessons for families. Each lesson is 30 minutes long and take place on five consecutive days (Monday-Friday). Sessions are run by fully qualified teachers who help your child learn to swim and improve their swim safety awareness. Applications for the easter holidays are now open - [Easter Family Swimming Lessons entry form](#)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Newington Green Primary School After School Club Plan for week beginning 25/09/2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Board and Card Games 	Board and Card Games 	Board and Card Games 	Board and Card Games 	Board and Card Games
Communication and construction 	Construction area - Expressive art and design - Gard Jenga 	Fine motor skills 	Construction area - Fine motor skills - Lego 	Construction area - Gross motor skills
Library & Mathematics Wordsearches, Crosswords & Maths puzzles 	Library & Mathematics Wordsearches, Crosswords & Maths puzzles 	Library & Mathematics Wordsearches, Crosswords & Maths puzzles 	Library & Mathematics Wordsearches, Crosswords & Maths puzzles 	Library & Mathematics Wordsearches, Crosswords & Maths puzzles
EP's physical development 	EP's Mosaic Tray 	Artistry 	Origami 	Ball games
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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**.

READING CHALLENGE WINNERS

These are koala-ty books!

Fidele (Y3): I am recommending **Dogman Unleashed** by **Dav Pilkey**. I'd give this book 5/5 stars because the story is super funny.

Abriel (Y6): I am recommending **Barry the Loser is NOT the Best at Football** by **Jim Smith**. I'd give this book 5/5 stars because there is a lot of humour and it is set during the World Cup, which is the best.

You will enjoy this book if you like books that are funny, include sports and have lots of action.

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

- **Elm into University trip** Monday 10th of February
- **Year 1 - Forest School (Final session)** Tuesday 11th of February
- **Beech - Mildmay Library visit** Tuesday 11th of February
- **Mulberry into University trip** Friday 14th of February
- **PTA Bake Sale (non-uniform)** Friday 14th of February
- **Holly - Mildmay Library visit** Friday 14th of February
- **Half-term** Monday 17th to Friday 21st of February
- **INSET day (School closed to pupils)** Monday 24th of February
- **Back to school** Tuesday 25th of February @8.55am
- **World Book day (dress up as your favourite book character)** Thursday 6th of March
- **Parent reading afternoon** Friday 7th of March @ 3-3.25pm

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 Dylan and Emilio

Year 2 Alessia and Delilah

Year 3 Tia and Zakariya

Year 4 Najah and Salome

Year 5 Kalisha and Ashley

Year 6 Scout and Kyla



ATTENDANCE STATS

Whole school attendance this year: 93.3%

Statutory school attendance: 94.2%

National average this year: 94.6%

Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks	Late R/C: Students
Cedar	97.8%	3
Mulberry	96.7%	4
Rowan	96.4%	2
Elm	95.5%	6
Willow	95.2%	9
Beech	94.3%	4
Maple	93.7%	3
Pine	93.5%	8
Sycamore	91.1%	2
Palm	89.3%	10
Ash	88.3%	2
Silver birch	86.5%	7
Apple	85.9%	7
Holly	85.6%	11
Oak	84%	10
Cherry	67.5%	1

Well done, **Cedar**, for achieving the highest attendance this week! They will be enjoying a popcorn party next Friday.

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.

HALF TERM CAMP



25% off of Always Be Creative Holiday Camp.
Use Code when booking online- XXM045

Circus, Aerial Silks, Gymnastics, Magic,
Experiments and more!

February Half Term Mon-Fri.

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