

# NEWINGTON GREEN

## NEWSLETTER

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### HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was so lovely to see some sun this week and the positive impact this had. I have been out on the playground enjoying some games, and sunshine, with the children. Due to our back playground being hired out this week, all the children have been playing together in the front playground. Jen, Sandra and the support staff team have ensured that this has worked well, everyone was in the right place and the children had a range of fun activities to keep them entertained. One of the pupils asked me about the back playground and when I told them that a film crew had hired it, they asked if Hollywood was coming to Newington Green, which made me chuckle!

This week, some of our Year 6 pupils made us very proud at an event to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the publication of the book, Journey to Jo'burg. This event was hosted by the author, Beverley Naidoo, and local author, Michael Rosen. Congratulations Estavan, Imaani, Naema and Scout on your fantastic pieces of work. You have done the school and yourselves proud.

Happy Red Nose Day everyone. Have a lovely weekend.

### NG SUCCESS AT THE JOURNEY TO JO'BURG CELEBRATION



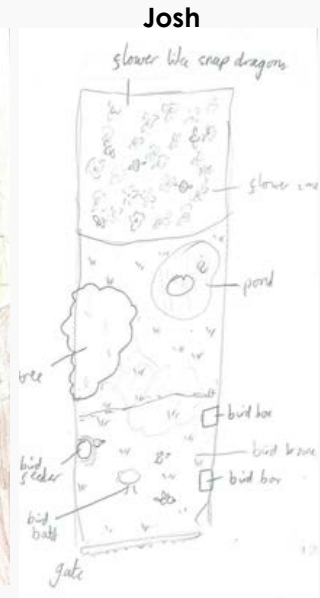
We are incredibly proud to share that four of our students — Naema, Estevan, Imaani, and Scout — were recently commended by acclaimed author Beverley Naidoo for their outstanding creative responses to Journey to Jo'burg. At a special event held on Thursday, 20th March, each student was awarded a personalised, signed copy of the book, presented by Beverley Naidoo herself. Their creative writing was read aloud by Beverley and fellow author Michael Rosen, and their work was displayed on screen with commentary from both authors. Our students had the opportunity to be photographed with the authors and their teachers. It was a wonderful celebration of their hard work and creativity, and we were thrilled that students from Newington Green were the only ones selected to share their work. Keep an eye out for coverage of this fantastic achievement in the local press. Well done to all four!

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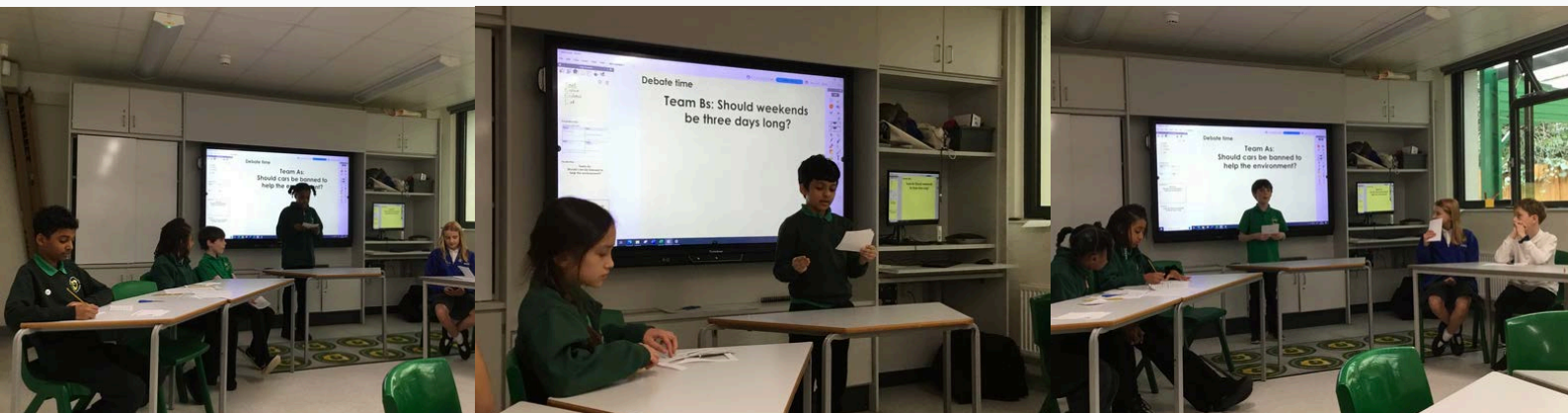
## ECO-SQUAD DESIGN A GARDEN COMPETITION WINNERS

The Eco-Squad are pleased to announce the winners of the 'Design a Garden' competition: Josh, Kian and Melissa! Their creative and thoughtful designs stood out, and they were proudly presented with their certificates in today's assembly.

See the photo below of our talented winners!



## DEBATE TEAM NEWS



Our Debate Team has made fantastic progress this term and continues to go from strength to strength. In preparation for a major tournament next term, the team invited pupils from Ambler Primary School to take part in a friendly debate practice session. It was a brilliant opportunity for both schools to sharpen their skills, exchange ideas, and build confidence in a supportive environment. We are incredibly proud of the commitment and growth shown by our debaters — their teamwork, critical thinking, and eloquence were on full display. Well done to everyone involved!

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## ROBLOX PARENTAL CONTROLS:

Roblox is a popular game for young children where they can make their own games and play games that are created by others. There are problems with children speaking to strangers on Roblox which is why Common Sense Media ([Roblox Website Review](#) | [Common Sense Media](#)) has given it a 13+ age rating. There are issues with games made by other users which have inappropriate content. One of the best ways to keep your children safe online is to keep the devices in a room where you can see them. If your children are playing Roblox, the best advice is to set up parental controls, here is a guide on how to do this. [Roblox parental controls guide](#) | Internet Matters

## FREE SWIMMING LESSONS



**FREE SWIMMING LESSONS IN ISLINGTON**

Throughout the school holidays and in partnership with Islington Council, we are proud to be able to offer a variety of free swimming lessons for children and families. Lessons will run during Easter, May Half Term, Summer and October Half Term. Seasons exclude:

- Adult and child swimming lessons, 6-week course for under 3's \*Summer holiday only
- Swimming lessons for 4-13 year-olds, intensive lessons, Monday - Friday for 1 or 2 weeks
- Teen swimming lessons 13-16 year-olds, intensive lessons, Monday - Friday for 1 or 2 weeks
- Family swimming lessons, 6-week course for up to 2 adults and 2 children to learn to swim together and enjoy the pool together \*Summer holiday only

To apply please scan QR code or visit website at [better.org.uk/free-swimming-lessons](http://better.org.uk/free-swimming-lessons). You can email for more information at [summer.lessons@igfb.org](mailto:summer.lessons@igfb.org)



## NETBALL COMPETITION

Well done to our Year 6 girls and boys who represented Newington Green in the Islington Netball Competition on Wednesday. They played brilliantly and narrowly missed out on a medal, finishing in 4th place — just two points away!



## REMINDER: BOOKFAIR NEXT WEEK

The Travelling Book Fair is coming to Newington Green!

It will be open next week from Monday to Friday, after school from 3:30 PM. Come along to browse a fantastic selection of books and support our school — every purchase helps us earn free books for our classrooms and library!

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

| Newington Green Primary School After School Club Plan for week beginning 17.03.2025 |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 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  | Giant Floor Puzzles   | Construction area - Giant Jenga   | Construction Lego   | Construction area - Doll houses   |
| 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                |
| Self Expression Paper Roll Cat  | Cross Stitch with Sannah Fine Motor Skills                                    | Paper Quilling with Surjeet Fine Motor Skills                                 | Fine Motor Skills Painting with Asmia   | Paint Four Own Bookmark with Surjeet Fine Motor Skills                        |
| Free choice artsy area, including colouring, sticking, crafting, collage etc.       | Free choice artsy area, including colouring, sticking, crafting, collage etc. | Free choice artsy area, including colouring, sticking, crafting, collage etc. | Free choice artsy area, including colouring, sticking, crafting, collage etc. | Free choice artsy area, including colouring, sticking, crafting, collage etc. |

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 17.03.2025  |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Staff who we know will be working at Breakfast Club: Lead: Lisa B Playworkers: Shpelime, Syrus and Asmie  |   |   |   |   |
| Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  |
| Reading corner<br>Homework support, please bring in the work you would like support with!   | Reading corner<br>Homework support, please bring in the work you would like support with! | Reading corner<br>Homework support, please bring in the work you would like support with! | Reading corner<br>Homework support, please bring in the work you would like support with! | Reading corner<br>Homework support, please bring in the work you would like support with! |
| Arts and Craft<br>St Patrick's Day Craft  | Maths Activities<br>How Many Pairs?   | Literacy activities<br>Months of the Year   | EYFS Focus<br>CVC Words, Read and Colour Activity   | Free Choice artsy area, colouring, sticking, crafting, etc.                               |
| Legal Board games<br>Giant jigsaw Puzzles<br>Knitting & Cross stitch<br>Arts & Crafts   | Legal Board games<br>Giant jigsaw Puzzles<br>Knitting & Cross stitch<br>Arts & Crafts     | Legal Board games<br>Giant jigsaw Puzzles<br>Knitting & Cross stitch<br>Arts & Crafts     | Legal Board games<br>Giant jigsaw Puzzles<br>Knitting & Cross stitch<br>Arts & Crafts     | Legal Board games<br>Giant jigsaw Puzzles<br>Knitting & Cross stitch<br>Arts & Crafts     |
| Adaptations<br>Small groups of children will participate in activities with adult supervision to gain access and support where needed   |   |   |   |   |
| Menu<br>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

- **Travelling Book fair** Monday 24th to Friday 28th of March @3.30pm
- **Reception, Sycamore class - Forest School** Tuesday 25th of March
- **Year 3 - Walking tour of the Southbank** Friday 28th of March
- **Last day of term** Friday 4th of April
- **Return to school** Tuesday 22nd of April

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 Sky and Casey
- Year 2 Jacob and Evie-leigh
- Year 3 Imran
- Year 4 Sahro and Amelia G
- Year 5 Rimmas and Ayoub
- Year 6 Iqmot and Jennifer



## EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP

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# EASTER MULTI-SPORTS CAMP

📅 7TH - 17TH  
🕒 8AM - 6PM  
👥 REC - YR6

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## ATTENDANCE STATS

Whole school attendance this year: **93.0%**

Statutory school attendance: **93.8%**

National average this year: **94.6%**

## ATTENDANCE STATS

| Registration Form | Present R/C: Marks (%) | Late R/C Student: Students |
|-------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Elm               | 97.6%                  | 7                          |
| Ash               | 96.7%                  | 3                          |
| Silver birch      | 96.6%                  | 4                          |
| Maple             | 94.3%                  | 5                          |
| Rowan             | 94%                    | 3                          |
| Mulberry          | 93.6%                  | 5                          |
| Holly             | 93.3%                  | 3                          |
| Sycamore          | 92.1%                  | 7                          |
| Pine              | 92%                    | 5                          |
| Beech             | 91.3%                  | 8                          |
| Cedar             | 90.4%                  | 8                          |
| Palm              | 90%                    | 10                         |
| Oak               | 88.5%                  | 11                         |
| Willow            | 85.9%                  | 4                          |
| Apple             | 81%                    | 5                          |
| Cherry            | 78.7%                  | 1                          |

Well done to Elm Class for achieving the highest attendance this week! However, punctuality has been a concern, so late gates will be introduced from Monday, 24th. Please make every effort to arrive on time.

## 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.