

NEWINGTON GREEN

NEWSLETTER

18/10/2024

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are fast approaching the end of the half term. We are all really enjoying the focus on Black History Month and look forward to sharing our learning with you next week, in our Black History exhibition. This will take place next Wednesday, 23rd October, from 3pm in the performance hall.

It was lovely to see so many parents attend parent meetings this week. The partnership between home and school is really important to ensure that your children thrive at school. Thank you to Chef Tiago for coming to talk to parents about healthy packed lunches, during Parents' Evening. After half term, we will be running a parent coffee morning, on Wednesday 6th November @ 9.00am, so Tiago can talk through the new policy in more detail. We will be launching the policy after the half term holiday.

We had our first Parent Reading Morning of the term today and it was really well attended. Studies show that reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's educational performance. Please ensure that you make time everyday to read with your child at home and continue to foster that love of reading.

Next week, Year 3 and Year 6 continue to take advantage of our enrichment programme. Year 6 Ash will be attending Into University all next week and Year 3 have a trip to the Science Museum on Tuesday 22nd October.

Don't forget to get your tickets for the Spooky Harvest Fair next Thursday 24th October. It looks set to be a great community event!

Happy Friday!

Mairead

NG @ LOCAL DEMOCRACY WEEK



As part of Local Democracy Week, three of our school councillors represented Newington Green at Islington Town Hall on Tuesday. They joined 30 other children in a Q and A session with the Leader of the Council (Kaya Comer-Schwartz), Equalities Champion Councillor Hannah McHugh and Executive Member for Children, Young People & Families, Councillor Michelline Safi-Ngongo to find out more on how their local community is run and to challenge the council with ideas for improvement.

Raiyaan, Isabella and Maryam questioned the panel on how they were going to improve the pavements around our school and the wider area. You'll be pleased to hear that the council are working towards making all pavements accessible and safe for everyone. They didn't stop there! Raiyaan pushed for an answer from the entire panel to describe their biggest desire on making Islington a better place. We welcomed their answers - improve the environment by reducing pollution, making our streets safer, create better housing for families that need them and to making Islington equal and fair to everyone.

The children will be invited back to be updated on their ideas over the course of the year with the new acting Leader of the Council Diarmaid Ward.

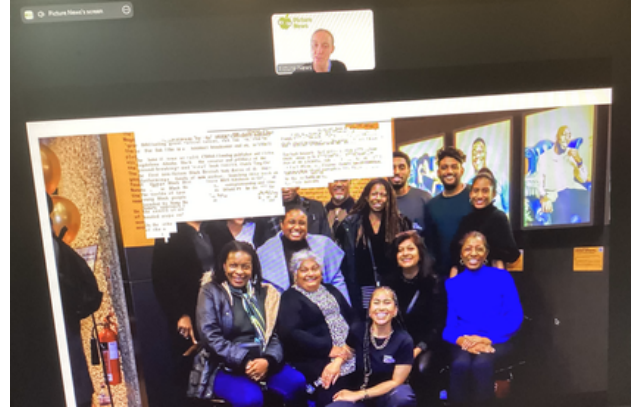
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This Wednesday, the entire school participated in a special online assembly to celebrate Black History Month, joining hundreds of primary students from across the country. The theme of 'Re-telling Narratives' was explored as we listened to Swarzy, host of the BBC Radio 1XTRA Weekend Breakfast Show, who shared her life story and journey to where she is today.

Next Wednesday afternoon, **23rd October** between 3.00pm - 3.45, parents and carers are invited to come into the school hall and see a display of all the learning we have been doing in school for Black History Month 2024 - Re-telling Narratives.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH SPECIAL MENU FOR CHILDREN

Celebrating **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Join us for a special lunch to celebrate Black History Month!

It's a time to learn, share stories and enjoy some delicious food inspired by the rich history and culture of the Black community.

Date: Tuesday 22nd

Time: From 11.45am

We can't wait to see you there!



MENU

Main Dish:

- Jerk Chicken (flavored with a sweet and savory blend of spices)
- Cannellini Beans Stew (vegetarian option)
- Rice and Peas (nothing matches better the chicken than this delicious Caribbean side)
- Cornbread (a traditional side, warm and soft!!)
- Collard Greens (seasoned and cooked to perfection)
- Roasted Sweet Potatoes (sweet, tender, and slightly caramelized)
- Mixed Green Salad (with fresh cucumber, cherry tomatoes, and a honey vinaigrette)

Dessert

- Peach Cobbler (a sweet end to a delicious meal)

These foods are not only tasty! They also celebrate important traditions and flavors in Black culture.

See you at lunch!



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YEAR 4 SCIENCE MUSEUM VISIT



On Wednesday, our Year 4 students visited the Science Museum and took part in an exciting workshop called It Takes Guts, where they explored how the digestive system works. They also had a fantastic time discovering the wonders of science in the Wonder Lab.

PARENT READING MORNING

We would like to extend our thanks to all the parents and carers who joined us for today's reading morning. It was another wonderful event, enjoyed by both children and adults. We are delighted to share some lovely moments from the day—take a look at the photos below!



HALLOWEEN EVENT



Happy Healthy Halloween

with immunisation clinic

Dress up and come along to our **SPOOKY** fun day for under-fives!

Thursday 31st October, 10:30am-1pm

Family Hub Central at New River Green

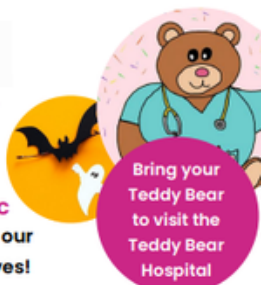
Children's Centre, 23 Ramsey Walk, N1 2SX

Join craft and Forest School activities, live music, story time, free lunch/fruit and spooky animal encounters with Zoolab!

Talk to your local **NHS** health team about your child's health:

- Toileting, behaviour challenges, sleep routines or minor illness
- Immunisations
- Healthy Teeth
- Fussy eating and a healthy diet
- Speech and language
- Physical development

brightstartcentral@islington.gov.uk
0207 527 8465



Bring your Teddy Bear to visit the Teddy Bear Hospital



GOOD LUCK BOYS!



A huge congratulations to the Year 3/4 Boys' football team for their outstanding performance at the Islington Primary Schools Football Tournament on Tuesday. The team finished top of their group, going undefeated in all of their games, and have now qualified for the finals on Friday. The boys played brilliantly and represented the school with pride. We are incredibly proud of them!

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

- Ash Into University (Hackney Downs centre) **21st to the 25th of October**
- Y3 Science Museum trip **Tuesday 22nd of October**
- Year 1, Oak - Forest School **Tuesday 22nd of October**
- Black History Month 2024 viewing **Wednesday 23rd of October @ 3 to 3.45pm**
- Spooky Harvest Festival **Thursday 24th October**
- **Half Term Monday 28th of October to Friday 1st of November**
- **End of term Friday 20th of December Children finish at 1:30pm - No ASC**

STARS OF THE WEEK

Year 1 Paisley and Yusuf

Year 2 Bradley and Idrees

Year 3 Anna and Jude

Year 4 Chloe and Damla

Year 5 Alina

Year 6 Alethea and the whole of Ash



ATTENDANCE STATS

Whole school attendance this year: **94.4%**

National average this year: **95.4%**

Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks	Late R/C: Students
Ash	98%	2
Cedar	97.9%	8
Oak	97.2%	9
Mulberry	97.1%	6
Palm	96.3%	10
Willow	95.7%	7
Sycamore	95.2%	5
Rowan	95.1%	6
Elm	94.2%	5
Pine	92.4%	6
Silver birch	91.9%	4
Maple	91.1%	3
Holly	90.8%	7
Beech	89.6%	3
Cherry	85%	
Apple	84%	5

SPOOKY HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL



JOB VACANCIES

Newington Green Primary School – Class Teacher:

At Newington Green Primary School, we are looking for a Class Teacher. The role of Class Teacher will have a major impact on the children's lives through delivering high quality teaching and learning. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in this role, please click the link to learn more and apply - [Class Teacher in Islington, London - Islington Council](#)

POPCORN PARTY WINNER

Well done Ash for winning highest attendance! Next week will be your turn for a popcorn Party!



DON'T FORGET. BE IN, TO WIN



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TERM TIME LEAVE REMINDER

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Family Holidays and Special Leave During Term Time

I am writing to remind you of Newington Green School's policy regarding holidays or special leave during term time.

The law requires parents to ensure their child attends school regularly. We generally do not expect you to take your child out of school for holidays or term time leave. Please note, there is no automatic right to a holiday during term time. Head teachers can grant leave in exceptional circumstances, but holidays are never considered exceptional.

Before requesting leave, please consider the following:

- A two-week absence means your child will miss 10 literacy lessons and 10 numeracy lessons.
- Research shows that children often struggle to catch up on missed work, which could affect their learning and progress.
- Your child's absence may impact other students, as teachers will need to spend extra time helping your child catch up.
- There are 175 non-school days each year for holidays, cultural experiences, and family time.

If, after careful consideration, you feel it is unavoidable to take your child out of school during term time, you must apply in advance. Application forms are available at the school office, and we request you submit them before booking any travel, ideally at least 4 weeks before the proposed leave.

Both the local education authority and national government strongly discourage schools from allowing holidays during term time. While each request will be reviewed individually, we will only grant leave in exceptional circumstances.

If leave is granted, it is important your child returns to school on the agreed date. Failure to do so may result in your child being removed from the school roll or legal action for unauthorised absence. To support your request, we may ask for return flight tickets and other documentation to confirm the reason for the leave.

If you withdraw your child from school for this leave it may be recorded as unauthorised absence. You may be served with a Penalty Notice by Access and Engagement Team (a fine of £80–£160 per parent per child) or a summons to court for your child's unauthorised absence. Parents have a duty to ensure their child's regular attendance at school and failure to do so is an offence under Section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996.

We want to ensure every pupil gets the most from their education, and we hope we can count on your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mairead McDonnell

CHILDCARE/CLUBS POLICY

Anyone who uses breakfast or afterschool club are reminded to please read the policy carefully and pay particular attention to the fact that Breakfast club is booked for the whole week and is non-refundable. Any afterschool bookings must be made before 2pm. Click here for a [link](#) to the childcare/clubs policy.