

# NEWINGTON GREEN NEWSLETTER

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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

October is already proving to be a positive month at Newington Green. We are pleased to share that we had our highest attendance of the year on Census Day, and overall attendance has continued to improve across the school. Thank you for your ongoing efforts to get children into school every day. It really does make a difference to their learning and wellbeing.

Next week, we will be marking World Mental Health Day on Friday 10th October. Children can come to school wearing something yellow and bring in £1 to donate to Young Minds, helping to raise awareness of the importance of mental health and wellbeing.

We are also looking forward to celebrating Black History Month, with this year's theme "Standing Firm in Power and in Pride." Pupils will take part in activities that celebrate the achievements, culture, and contributions of Black individuals and communities throughout October.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us make Newington Green a kind, inclusive, and thriving school community.



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH @ NG

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MONTH**

At Newington Green, we are proud to celebrate Black History Month. Throughout the month, we will be offering a range of engaging activities for our pupils and their families to participate in, both at school and at home. This is an opportunity to honour the achievements, cultures, and contributions of Black individuals and communities. We aim to celebrate their resilience, creativity, and success across all areas of life, and to recognise the invaluable impact they have made throughout history and continue to make today.

**“Standing Firm in Power and in Pride.”**

**IN CLASS PROJECTS**  
Each class will select an inspirational Black figure to focus on and will carry out their own research into that individual's life, achievements, and impact. Pupils will have the opportunity to present their learning in a variety of creative ways, including through art, writing, and drama.

**STORYTELLING**  
We will be exploring the stories and contributions of inspiring Black authors through engaging storytelling sessions. This will provide pupils with the opportunity to discover a diverse range of voices, celebrate different cultural perspectives, and deepen their appreciation for literature written by Black authors.

**WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH...**

- BLACK HEROES OF MATHS**  
We will be hosting a 50-minute online workshop celebrating Black heroes in mathematics featuring the inspiring work of Angela Tabor and Florio Santos. This session will highlight their contributions to the field and aim to inspire pupils through real-life role models in STEM.
- CELEBRATION OF CUISINE**  
Our kitchen team will be offering a special lunch to encourage learning, the sharing of stories, and the enjoyment of delicious food inspired by the rich history and culture of the Black community. We would love to hear about any family recipes - if you're willing, we may even include them in our celebrations!
- ASSEMBLIES**  
We will be launching BHM with an assembly, setting the stage for a month of learning and celebration. This will be followed by dedicated BHM Music Assembly, led by our music specialist, Matthew. He will explore a variety of musical genres that have roots in African-American culture, highlighting their historical significance and lasting influence.
- SHOWCASE EXHIBITION**  
To conclude our Black History Month celebrations, we will be creating a school-wide exhibition in the hall, showcasing the wonderful projects completed by our pupils throughout the month. Families will be invited to visit the exhibition and celebrate the learning and creativity of our school community.

This October, we are proud to celebrate Black History Month at Newington Green Primary School. Throughout the month, pupils will take part in a rich programme of events and learning opportunities that honour the achievements, cultures, and contributions of Black individuals and communities.

With storytelling, class projects, a showcase exhibition, and a special celebration of cuisine. The theme "Standing Firm in Power and in Pride" encourages pupils to explore history, creativity, and identity. We look forward to a month of joyful learning and reflection, and invite families to join us in marking this important occasion.

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## EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES 2025

Spanish lessons this week had an international flavour as we celebrated European Day of Languages 2025. All children in Years 2 -6 shared their Spanish knowledge and words they knew in other languages. Many children became language teachers and taught some words to their classmates from the interactive white board! We've made a film for each class and all those who became language teachers will get a certificate. All the children showed amazing confidence when teaching from the front of the room. I am so proud of all our fantastic linguists.



## YEAR 3 BAKE COOKIES FOR THEIR CLASS CAFÉ

Year 3 had a fantastic time this week baking delicious cookies with Tiago for their very own class café. The children worked together to measure, mix, and shape the dough, learning practical skills along the way. The classroom was filled with excitement (and the smell of freshly baked treats) as everyone took part in the process.

The cookies were a big hit at the café, and the pupils felt proud to share something they had made themselves. A big thank you to Tiago for guiding the session and helping make the experience both fun and memorable.



## DYSLEXIA AWARENESS WEEK 2025

As part of Dyslexia Awareness Week, we are highlighting the importance of understanding and supporting pupils with dyslexia or literacy difficulties.



The British Dyslexia Association (BDA) is hosting a free Virtual Get-together for Families on Thursday 9th October 2025, from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM. This online session offers a safe and supportive space for parents, carers, grandparents, and family members to share experiences, ask questions, and learn from others.

Whether you are just starting to explore a diagnosis or have years of experience, this relaxed and friendly group is a great opportunity to connect with other families. To join the session or find out more please click [here](#).

## HALF TERM CAMP

An advertisement for "ON THE BALL Holiday Camps" featuring a collage of children playing sports and crafts. The text includes "£32.50 PER DAY", "HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMP", "SPORTS", "ARTS &amp; CRAFTS", "CREATIVE PLAY", "NEWINGTON GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL - ISLINGTON", "27th - 31st OCTOBER", "8AM - 6PM", "REC - YEAR 6", and "WWW.ONTHEBALLSPORTS.NET". The Ofsted logo is also present.

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## YEAR 4 SCIENCE MUSEUM TRIP

Year 4 had an unforgettable trip to the Science Museum, packed with curiosity, excitement, and discovery. Pupils took part in hands-on experiments all about the human digestive system, helping them understand how our bodies break down food.

One of the highlights was a live science show, complete with real explosions that wowed the crowd and brought the science to life in dramatic fashion. The children also explored interactive exhibits and had the chance to investigate how endoscopes work by navigating cameras through a model of the human body.

It was a brilliant day of learning and fun, and everyone returned inspired by the wonders of science.



## STUDENT COUNCILS NEW SUGGESTION BOX

Our Student Council has introduced a brand new Suggestion Box, now located in the school office area (see photo). This is a great way for pupils to share their ideas for making school even better.

If you have a fun idea or a suggestion for something you would like to see change, just write it down, make sure it is kind and sensible, and pop it into the box.

The Student Council will check the box regularly and discuss the ideas during their meetings. Your voice matters, and we cannot wait to hear your suggestions.



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## IMPORTANT DATES

- **Black History Month** - check with Deb for dates
- **Year 6 Cedar Into University** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> of October
- **Year 5 trip to Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of October
- **Year 6 Cedar trip to the RAF Museum** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of October
- **Phonics workshop for parents** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October
- **Non Uniform Day for World Mental Health Day** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October
- **PTA Spooky disco** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of October @ 3.30 to 5.15pm
- **Last day of term** Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October.



## STARS OF THE WEEK

- Year 1** - Ali and Zumra
- Year 2** - Micah and Faris
- Year 3** - Merich and Teya
- Year 4** - Maryam
- Year 5** - Rowan and Enes
- Year 6** - Marvin and Robin



## BREAKFAST CLUB

Newington Green Primary School Breakfast Club Plan for week beginning 04.10.2025				
Staff who we know will be working at Breakfast Club: Lead: Lisa B Playworkers: Azmie & Syrus				
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!
Arts and Craft Awesome Autumn Collage Poster	Maths Activities Colour by Minibeasts Addition	Literacy activities Autumn Initial Sounds	EYFS Focus Autumn - Themed Number Recognition To 10	Free Choice artsy area, colouring, sticking, crafting, etc.
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<b>Adaptations</b>				
Small groups of children will participate in activities with adult supervision to gain access and support where needed.				
<b>Menu</b>				
Weetabix, Rice Krispies, and Comflakes. 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.				



### FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Do you qualify for free school meals (FSM) status. Anyone who hasn't applied or whose circumstances may have changed please apply on Islington's Citizens portal to see if you are eligible.  
[Free school meals | Islington Council](#)

### SUPPORT WITH CHILDCARE

If you are a working parent and require help with Childcare please use the links to see what help is available.

[Eligibility checker: I Best Start in Life](#)

[Tax-Free Childcare - GOV.UK](#)

[Free Childcare for Working Parents: Overview - GOV.UK](#)

## ATTENDANCE STATS

Whole school attendance this year: **93.8%**

Statutory school attendance: **94.2%**

National average this year: **95.5%**

Holly	100.00%
Mulberry	97.70%
Palm	97.00%
Cedar	96.90%
Pine	95.50%
Apple	95.50%
Silver birch	95.30%
Rowan	95.20%
Sycamore	95.00%
Elm	94.30%
Maple	94.20%
Oak	92.80%
Willow	91.70%
Ash	91.00%
Beech	89.30%
Cherry	82.50%

**Well done Holly who will be receiving a Popcorn Party!**