

# NEWINGTON GREEN

## NEWSLETTER

20/10/25

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### HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are already aware, this year we are putting a big focus on attendance and celebrating improvement at every opportunity. Being in school every day gives children the best chance of academic success. Please see the section below for some super positive news about our attendance recently.

This week, we are inviting parents to come along after school on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October to our celebration of Black History Month. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to share their learning from the month with you.

Thursday after school, is the PTA Spooky Disco and children are welcome to come to school dressed up in their costumes that day. No masks or scary face paints please as we do not want to scare our youngest pupils. Please note, if you are on a school trip that day then you must wear school uniform.

This morning, PC Steve, our link school police officer, was on gate duty with me. I just wanted to reassure everyone that he was just here to say hello to pupils and parents. He will be back again on Wednesday. Please feel free to come and say hello. After half term, he will be visiting to do some workshops with Year 5 and 6 pupils.

### ATTEND LIKE A CHAMPION: KEEP AIMING HIGH!

We are so proud to share that our whole school achieved an average attendance of 96.2% last week! This fantastic result means that Tiago will be keeping his promise to the School Council, who came up with the brilliant idea of celebrating with ice cream and cookies next Friday as a special treat.

Your commitment to coming to school every day is really paying off. Our overall school attendance now stands at 94.5%, and statutory attendance has risen to 94.8%, up from 93.9% the week before, bringing us even closer to the national average of 95.5%.

In today's assembly, we shared this wonderful news with the children, who were absolutely thrilled. We also announced our "Attend Like a Champion" winners, pupils who have maintained excellent attendance over the past two weeks. They will be enjoying a special trip to Arsenal Stadium this Thursday to celebrate their achievement.

Every day in school makes a real difference to your child's learning and confidence. Keep it up, Newington Green! We will be sharing more exciting attendance news very soon.

Check the back page to see which classes are in the green this week!



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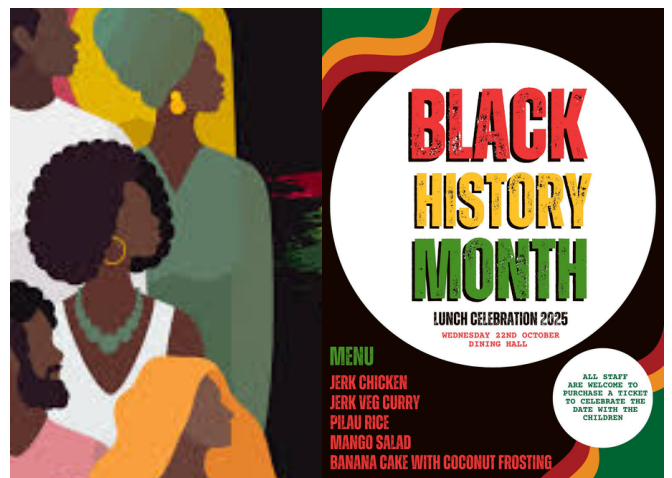
## BLACK HISTORY MONTH @NG

As part of our Black History Month celebrations, Cherry Class learned about Mae Jemison, the first African American woman to travel into space. They read the story "Look Up!" and talked about what they could see when they look up at the night sky. The children then created their own beautiful night skies using paint, cotton for clouds, and glitter for stars. They also explored different professions and shared what they would like to be when they grow up.

To continue celebrating Black History Month, the whole school will enjoy a special themed lunch on Wednesday 22nd October. The menu will include delicious dishes such as jerk chicken, jerk vegetable curry, pilau rice, mango salad, and banana cake with coconut frosting.



In Year 5, Yusuf and Renato from Mulberry Class proudly wore traditional dress. Yusuf shared how his family moved from Yemen to Somalia and brought in traditional Somali clothing for us to see and try on. He explained the history behind the garments and showed us how they are worn.



## ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE: REAL TIME DEVICE MONITORING

I am pleased to announce that the computers at our school are set up with the most advanced filtering and monitoring technology to keep children safe. The filtering technology means that all web traffic is scanned to make sure it is suitable for school. Monitoring has been introduced this year which will help keep children safer when using devices at school. The monitoring system is called SENSO and it actively monitors what children type. The app then sends alerts automatically to members of staff when it senses certain language or phrases being typed.

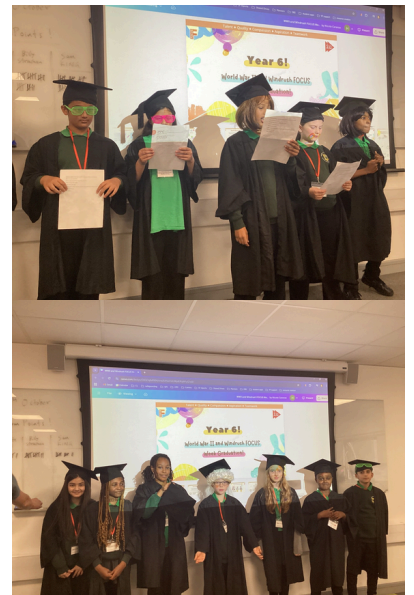


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## YEAR 6 CEDAR INTO UNIVERSITY GRADUATION

Last week, Year 6 Cedar took part in an inspiring Into University experience, exploring the story of the Windrush Generation and their contributions during World War II. Over the week, pupils reflected on themes of resilience, ambition, and belonging, connecting these ideas to their own lives and hopes for the future.

The week concluded with a wonderful graduation ceremony, where the children proudly celebrated their achievements and shared what they had learned. The photos capture their excitement and sense of accomplishment as they look ahead to secondary school.



## FROM CLASSROOM TO KITCHEN

After learning how to make Italian gnocchi in cooking class with Tiago, Oscar was so inspired that he made them again at home. In the photo, he proudly shows off his delicious homemade dish.



## FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS



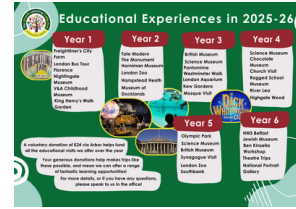
Over the past few weeks, our football teams have taken part in the Islington Borough Football Tournaments, proudly representing our school. The children showed fantastic teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship, making us all incredibly proud.

They played with real passion and secured several impressive wins, narrowly missing out on qualification for the finals. A huge well done to all the boys and girls who took part. You were brilliant ambassadors for our school!

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## IMPORTANT DATES

- **Year 3 & 4 - Bikeability** sessions Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of October
- **Year 6 Ash Into University** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of October
- **PTA Spooky disco** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of October @ 3.30 to 5.15pm
- **Arsenal Attendance Trip** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of October
- **Year 5 trip to The Royal Opera House** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of October
- **Last day of term** Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October.
- **Inset Day (School closed)** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of November
- **Return to School** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> of November.



## STARS OF THE WEEK

**Year 1** - Olivia and Maxim

**Year 2** - Amelia and Ayah

**Year 3** - Aria and Jayce

**Year 4** - Noelle

**Year 5** - Rory and Ruqqayah

**Year 6** - Rimas



## ATTENDANCE STATS

**Whole school attendance this year: 94.5%** ↑

**Statutory school attendance: 94.8%**

**National average this year: 95.5%**

Elm	99.30%
Mulberry	98.70%
Palm	98.30%
Beech	98.20%
Holly	98.00%
Maple	97.10%
Sycamore	96.70%
Willow	96.70%
Pine	96.20%
Cedar	95.00%
Oak	94.80%
Ash	94.70%
Silver birch	94.30%
Rowan	93.70%
Apple	92.00%
Cherry	90.00%

## BREAKFAST CLUB

**Newington Green Primary School Breakfast Club Plan for week beginning 20.10.2025**  
 Staff who we know will be working at Breakfast Club: Lead: Lisa B Playworkers: Aasmie & Syra

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reading corner Homework support, please bring in the work you would like support with!	Reading corner Homework support, please bring in the work you would like support with!	Reading corner Homework support, please bring in the work you would like support with!	Reading corner Homework support, please bring in the work you would like support with!	Reading corner Homework support, please bring in the work you would like support with!
Arts and Craft Witch Handprint Halloween Craft	Maths Activities Halloween Face Value Code Breaking	Literacy activities The History of Halloween Crossword	EYF5 focus Planets Sort and Order Activity	Free choice art/arty area, colouring, sticking, crafting, etc.
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**Additional info:**  
 Small groups of children will participate in activities with adult supervision to gain access and support where needed.  
 Menu: Weetabix, Rice Krispies, and Cornflakes. Hot food will be one of the following: Pancakes with syrup, toast with scrambled eggs, beans on toast and toast with jam.

## AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

**Newington Green Primary School After School Club Plan for week beginning 20.10.2025**

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 collaboration	Construction area - Giant Jenga	Giant Floor Puzzles	Construction, Lego	Construction area - Doll houses
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
Halloween Art with Marie Fine Motor Skills	Fairytale with Sarah Art & Design	Pom Pom with Sujat Fine Motor Skills	Colour by Numbers with Aasmie Crosswords	Halloween Card Making Self Expression
Free choice art/arty area, including colouring, sticking, crafting, collage etc.	Free choice art/arty area, including colouring, sticking, collage etc.	Free choice art/arty area, including colouring, sticking, collage etc.	Free choice art/arty area, including colouring, sticking, collage etc.	Free choice art/arty area, including colouring, sticking, collage etc.

### 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 Citizen 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](#)

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