



# NEWINGTON GREEN

## NEWSLETTER

08/12/25

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### HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Friday, we had our first big event of the festive season - the Friends of Newington Green Winter Fair, which was a fantastic celebration of community spirit! Families, friends, and staff came together to enjoy festive fun, delicious treats, and creative stalls. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a warm and joyful event! I want to give a special mention to the Friends of NG volunteers who spent all day Friday preparing for the event. We are so lucky to have you! Thank you for your time and efforts, it is much appreciated.

Earlier in Autumn term, we sent you information about our Healthy Packed Lunch Policy. Chef Tiago and the team have been working hard on implementing this since October. Many children have been making healthy choices and swapping out sugary snacks from their packed lunch. Tiago has also started including top tips on healthy options in the school newsletter. However, there are still some children who continue to bring sugary snacks to school. We are particularly concerned about nuts in packed lunches, including chocolate spread, as we have several pupils with nut allergies.

From this week, the team will be adding a reminder into packed lunches, which are not in line with our policy. The children will be offered healthy alternatives from school lunch as a replacement for any unhealthy item.

Chef Tiago is offering a parent workshop on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January to talk further to parents about any concerns or questions you have. Please put the date in your diary!

I have noticed that several parents have made an effort to hang up their phone calls before entering the school playground/building over the last week, following my piece in the newsletter last week. Thank you to those parents who have been supporting mobile free collections.

Just a reminder that the last day of term is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December and we break up at 1.30pm. There is no ASC that day.

### DECEMBER'S RIGHT OF THE MONTH

Did you know that Article 42 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child states that every child—and the adults who care for them—have the right to know about the rights set out in the Convention?

Governments are responsible for making sure these rights are shared and explained clearly, but schools, families, and communities also play an important role. By learning about their rights, children feel more confident and empowered.

This month, we'll be exploring Article 42 in our Rights Assemblies, helping children understand why knowing their rights matters and how it affects them.

We encourage you to talk to your child about this at home—ask them what they think and why it's important!



# SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS COMPETITION

A huge congratulations to our amazing Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who represented the school at the Islington Sports Hall Athletics Competition on Tuesday!

The children took part in a variety of exciting track and field events and showed incredible teamwork, resilience, and determination throughout the day. They really did the school proud! A special mention to Emmanuel in Year 6, who shared:

"I felt like a real sports star as everyone was asking me who I was. I did so well!"  
Well done to all of our fantastic athletes—you were brilliant!



## SEASONAL ILLNESS: KEY GUIDANCE FOR FAMILIES

As we move further into the winter term, many families will be aware that this is the time of year when seasonal illnesses become more common. To help keep our pupils, families, and staff well, we want to highlight several important resources that support the management of winter illnesses and help maintain good attendance.

### Useful Guidance and Resources

- [Education Hub Blog](#) – Reducing the spread of illness this winter: Seven steps to healthier schools and higher attendance. A helpful blog for both parents, offering practical steps to reduce the spread of infection.
- [NHS Guidance for Parents](#) – Is my child too ill for school? A clear and reliable resource to help parents decide when their child should stay at home and when they are well enough to attend school.
- [Preventing and Controlling Infections Guidance](#). This document includes up-to-date advice on vaccinations, ventilation, handwashing, and good respiratory hygiene.

By following and sharing these resources, we can work together to reduce the spread of illness, promote healthier school environments, and support pupils to attend school as much as possible throughout the winter months.

## INCREDIBLE YEARS @NG



**Incredible Years Parenting Group**  
For parents of primary school children aged 6-10 years

Thursdays 9.30am - 12.15pm (7.45am start)  
January 22nd - May 14th 2024  
(14 weeks with breaks for school holidays)  
Newington Green Primary School  
Matthias Rd, Mayville Estate, London N16 8NP

Zeny Melissouraki, Clinical Psychologist, Islington CAMHS  
Tashi-Ann Page, Educational Support Practitioner, Bright Futures, Islington

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## KEEP CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

It's Christmas Time – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

**It's Christmas Time!**

**A Parent's Guide to Social Media**

**A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures**

**A Parent's Guide to Gaming**

**It's always best to be prepared**

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period. Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Scan the QR code to find out more.

**A Parent's Guide to Online Gaming**

**A Parent's Guide to Law Streaming**

**A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers**

**A Parent's Guide to Fake News**

**A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings**

**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office PREVENT, The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.  
Skips Educational. Email: [info@skipsed.com](mailto:info@skipsed.com). Tel: +44 121 227 1941

**Skips** [www.skipsafetynet.org](http://www.skipsafetynet.org)



We are delighted to share that this year's Christmas Fair was a wonderful success, full of festive spirit and community joy. From our magical Santa's Grotto to the creative craft stalls and delicious food on offer, the event brought families together and created a truly special afternoon for our pupils.

A heartfelt thank you goes to our incredible PTA and our dedicated parent volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes. Your time, energy, and enthusiasm helped transform the fair into a memorable experience for all.

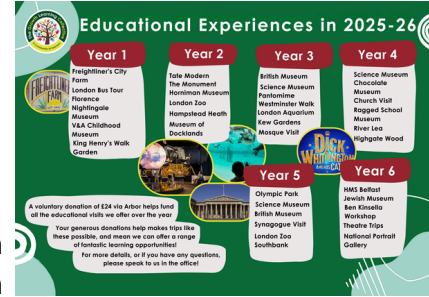
Thanks to your generosity and support, the event raised £655 for the school, which will go directly towards enriching opportunities for our children.

Thank you once again to everyone who helped make the Christmas Fair such a joyful and successful event. We could not have done it without you.



# IMPORTANT DATES

- **Year 6 @ National Portrait Gallery** Tuesday 9th December
- **Year 3 Cinderella @ Hackney Empire** Wednesday 10th December
- **Christmas Jumper Day** Thursday 11th December
- **Christmas lunch** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December
- **EYFS Nativity** Wednesday 17th December @ 9.30am
- **Years 1 – 3 Christmas performances** Wednesday 17th December @ 11.00am
- **Years 4 – 6 Christmas performances** Wednesday 17th December @ 2.30 pm
- **Last day of school EARLY FINISH** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December @ **1.30PM**. No ASC on that day.



## STARS OF THE WEEK

- Year 1** - Iyana and Jasiah
- Year 2** - Zaynab and Deniz
- Year 3** - Amayah and Giosuè
- Year 4** - Izabella and Jeremiah
- Year 5** - Dion and Damla
- Year 6** - Adil and Ibrahim



## ATTENDANCE STATS

Whole school attendance this year: **95.7%**

Statutory school attendance: **95%**

This week's average: **93.7%**

National average this year: **94.1%**

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Newington Green Primary School Breakfast Club Plan for week beginning 01.12.2025				
Staff who we know will be working at Breakfast Club: Lead: Liza B Playworkers: Asmie & Syrus				
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 Christmas Characters Paper Chain	Maths Activities 2D Shape Christmas Themed CVT & Stick	Literacy activities Unjumble the Christmas CVC Words Sentences	EYFS Focus Christmas Tree Odd and Even	Free Choice artsy area, colouring, sticking, crafting, etc.
Legal Board games Giant Jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Craft	Legal Board games Giant Jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Craft	Legal Board games Giant Jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Craft	Legal Board games Giant Jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Craft	Legal Board games Giant Jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Craft
Adaptations 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, bagel with scrambled eggs, beans on toast and toast/ crumpets with jam & English muffins				

## AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

Newington Green Primary School After School Club Plan for week beginning 08.12.2025				
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	Construction area - Sago Jenga	Card/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
Crafting with Mosaic Fine Motor Skills	Christmas Decorations with Sassah Art & Design	Rainbow Tall Jars with Sagee Fine Motor Skills	Card Making with Asmie	Art & Design with Tuzjet
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.

### 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](#)

Mulberry	98.70%
Maple	98.00%
Willow	96.30%
Holly	96.00%
Rowan	96.00%
Palm	95.30%
Pine	93.80%
Elm	91.70%
Oak	91.30%
Cedar	90.70%
Mulberry	89.81%
Maple	88.90%

Well done Mulberry! Popcorn Party this Friday!