

NEWINGTON GREEN

NEWSLETTER

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to continue our Reading Road Map journey this term, supporting children in discovering new authors, genres and stories they might not usually choose. The road map books have pride of place in our school library. With the **National Year of Reading** now underway, schools across the country are being encouraged to help children rediscover the joy of reading for pleasure. Our Reading Road Map is a wonderful way to inspire enthusiasm, build confidence, and celebrate the brilliant reading our pupils are already doing.

This week, Tiago welcomed Chefs in School to join us during lunchtime on Tuesday, as part of 'Try Something New Day'. The children were encouraged to try some exotic fruits, including Persimmon. The children really impressed us with their sense of adventure and trying the fruits, more so than some of the adults!

On Monday, Year 6 attended the Islington Junior Citizenship Scheme. The event teaches the children crucial life skills to handle emergencies, avoid crime and stay safe. This was a useful reminder about the importance of online safety, which is a topical conversation at the moment, especially in the week we heard that the government are considering a ban on social media for Under 16s. As parents, it is important to regularly talk to your children about online safety and ensure that any online activity is supervised.

I wanted to give a special shout out to Mulberry Class for 100% attendance this week! The first class this year to achieve 100%.

Have a lovely weekend.

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BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Books Worth Sharing

This week **Aynur**, Cherry Tree's class teacher, is giving us her book recommendation.

Title: Goldilocks and the Three Bears



Recommended for children aged: 3 - 5 years old

Aynur thinks everyone should read this book because...

We are currently looking and reading fairytales in 2-year olds and it has been great seeing how much the children are enjoying this book. They love the family of the three bears and comparing their different sizes of beds and food etc. They also love that it is about a little girl who gets up to some mischief, which they find funny.

You will enjoy this book if you are ...

a reader who enjoys humour and funny stories and a enjoys books with repetition and rhyme.

This book is best... for shared or independent reading.



Each week in our school newsletter, we will be sharing a book recommendation from a member of staff. These recommendations are a way of celebrating reading for pleasure and helping families discover new and well-loved books to enjoy at home. The books shared will reflect a wide range of ages, interests and genres across the school.

We hope this weekly feature inspires children and families to talk about books and enjoy reading together.

YEAR 3 LONDON AQUARIUM TRIP

Year 3 had a fantastic trip to the aquarium this week, where they explored a wide range of marine life and deepened their learning about ocean habitats. The children were excited to see sharks, rays and colourful tropical fish up close, and asked thoughtful questions throughout the day. It was a memorable experience that brought their classroom learning to life.



LONDON ART FAIR

Some children from Years 4, 5 and 6 attended the London Art Fair this week at the Business Design Centre with Tyrella. The children explored a wide range of contemporary artwork and were inspired by different styles, materials and ideas. It was a valuable opportunity for them to experience art in a real-world setting and to deepen their appreciation of creativity beyond the classroom.



SHORT STORY COMPETITION

LIBRARY REOPENING



The Islington
Reading Road Map



Short Story Competition

- Write your own original short story for a chance to win!
- Your story can contain characters from a book you have read before, or characters from your imagination.
- We will judge the stories on— Creativity, originality, use of language and imagination

Winners of the short story competition will have their story printed in a book.

That book will appear on next year's Islington Reading Road Map!



- Submit your story to ELS@islington.gov.uk OR your teacher can request to have them picked up by us at the Education Library Service.
- No more than 500 words.
- Competition ends Friday 24th of April.
- Winners announced in June.
- Open to Years 3,4,5 and 6.
- You can include drawings



MildmayLibrary
ReadLearnConnect



Pop along for a day of fun and see the improvements we have made to the library!

- Facepainting 11.30am-3.30pm
- Family crafts 11.30am-4.30pm
- Under fives storytime 2pm
- Meet the Mayor 12-1pm
- Adult chair yoga taster session 12pm
- Adult line dance taster session 2pm



Saturday 24 January, 11am-5pm

Mildmay Library
21-23 Mildmay Park, N1 4NA
020 7527 7880



TIAGO'S RECIPE

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK



This Week's Recipe: Simple Chicken & Vegetable Soup

A Note from the Head Chef: This week's recipe is designed to engage children in the cooking process, helping them feel curious and relaxed around food. When children are involved in planning and preparation, they slowly build interest and confidence — tasting often comes naturally later, without pressure.

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 2 carrots, peeled and diced
- 1 celery stick, diced
- 1 potato, peeled and diced
- 2 chicken thighs or breasts, skinless
- 1 litre chicken stock
- A small handful of pasta or rice (optional)
- Salt and pepper (to taste, added at the end)



Directions

1. Heat the olive oil in a large pan and gently cook the onion until soft.
2. Add the carrots, celery, and potato and cook for a few minutes, stirring.
3. Add the chicken and pour over the stock.
4. Simmer for 20–25 minutes until the chicken is cooked through and vegetables are soft.
5. Remove the chicken, shred it with two forks, and return it to the soup.
6. Add pasta or rice if using, and cook for a further 8–10 minutes.
7. Season lightly and serve warm.

Note: A comforting, affordable meal that's perfect for busy families.

Why it works for children:

- They can help wash vegetables, count ingredients, stir, or choose shapes
- You can talk about colours, smells, and textures while cooking
- No pressure to eat — just involvement and familiarity

Why it works for parents:

- Uses simple, low-cost ingredients
- One pot, minimal prep
- Freezes beautifully for another day
- Great for batch cooking and busy weeks

Estimated cost: Around £8 for a family of four.

Prices may vary, but this is a flexible recipe that can be adapted with whatever vegetables you already have at home.

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CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK

9-15
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MOVIE NIGHT



WEDNESDAY 11TH FEB

START: 4PM
DOORS OPEN
3.45PM

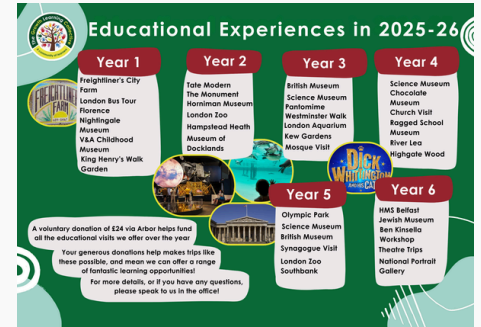
Performance Hall

Children £2 Adults £1



IMPORTANT DATES

- **Y5 trip to New North London Synagogue** Monday 26th January
- **Year 5 Dodgeball at Beacon High School** Tuesday 27th January
- **Y1 Holly @ Forest School** Tuesday 27th January
- **Y4 Rowan trip to Ragged School Museum** Wednesday 28th January
- **Y4 Willow trip to Ragged School Museum** Thursday 29th January
- **Y2 trip to The Horniman Museum** Thursday 29th January



STARS OF THE WEEK

- Year 1** - Kingsley
- Year 2** - Zeyneb and Micah
- Year 3** - Ramzi
- Year 4** - Amaya
- Year 5** - Amelia and Noah
- Year 6** - Whole class of Cedar and Muhammad Ali

ATTENDANCE STATS

Whole school attendance this year: 95.3%
Statutory school attendance: 94.5%
This week's average: 93.4%
National average this year: 94.5%

Mulberry	100.00%
Ash	97.80%
Rowan	97.70%
Palm	96.90%
Cedar	96.10%
Holly	95.30%
Maple	93.30%
Pine	93.20%
Silver birch	92.30%
Willow	89.00%
Elm	88.70%
Oak	87.20%



Well done to Mulberry for not only having the highest attendance this week but also being the first class this year to achieve 100 percent weekly attendance.