

NEWINGTON GREEN

NEWSLETTER

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we were delighted to welcome our Islington Professional Partner into school. Together, we focused on maths teaching across the school and he was impressed with the provision in place. Key strengths included - use of concrete resources, use of stem sentences to support children articulate their learning, pupil engagement in lessons and strong teacher questioning.

Next week is **Children's Mental Health Week**. We will be attending an online assembly on Wednesday 11th February with children's author and mental wellbeing advocate Katie Hopper to explore why feeling included matters. Our School Council, with support from the PTA, will be holding their Movie Night after school on the same day.

Safer Internet Day 2026 10th Feb

We will be celebrating Safer Internet Day this year by delving into Artificial Intelligence (AI). Later in the term we are happy to have 3Discovery join us to run an assembly and workshops to celebrate Safer Internet Day.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026>

With just one week to go until the end of term, please help us maintain strong attendance right to the finish line. Every day counts, and we want all children to make the most of the learning and celebrations ahead.

FEBRUARY RIGHT OF THE MONTH

This month, our Rights Respecting focus is **Article 17 – the right to access information**.

Article 17 states that every child has the right to access reliable information from the media. This information should be suitable for children and support their wellbeing, learning and development. It also highlights the responsibility of adults and governments to help protect children from information and materials that could be harmful.

This right links closely with Internet Safer Day on 10 February, as many children now access information through the internet, online platforms and digital media. In school, we will be talking with children about how to find trustworthy information, how to understand what they see online and what to do if they come across content that makes them feel unsure or unsafe.



We encourage parents and carers to continue these conversations at home. Guidance and support on safe and appropriate internet use can be found at the UK Safer Internet Centre website: saferinternet.org.uk

YEAR 5 GORSEFIELD POETRY RETREAT – MEET AND GREET

Year 5 pupils recently attended a meet and greet event in preparation for the upcoming Gorsefield Poetry Retreat. The session brought together children from Newington Green Primary School, Rotherfield Primary School and Parkwood Primary School.

Pupils took part in ice-breaker activities and creative discussions, giving them the opportunity to meet one another, build confidence and begin forming connections ahead of the residential. The event was a positive and exciting start to what promises to be a memorable and inspiring poetry experience.



GIRLS ARSENAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

A huge well done to the girls who took part in the Arsenal Football Tournament this week. The team played some fantastic football and were unlucky to miss out on qualifying for the plate final after being narrowly knocked out in a penalty shoot-out.

Most importantly, the girls represented the school impeccably, showing excellent teamwork, resilience and determination throughout the tournament. They had a brilliant time and even had the chance to meet Gunnersaurus. We are extremely proud of you all. Well done, girls!



SECOND HAND UNIFORM

Dear parents/carers

We have a wide selection of good-quality second-hand school uniforms available at discounted prices. Buying second-hand helps you save money and is kinder to the planet by reducing the need for new production.

Available items include green polo shirts, PE shirts, jumpers, dresses, trousers, skirts, and fleece jackets. We also have a limited number of free green jumpers without the school logo.

To purchase items or swap for a different size, please send a WhatsApp message to the PTA phone on +44 7776 295065. This is an ongoing sale throughout the school year. Messages will be answered during school operating hours.

With warm regards

Friends of Newington Green PTA

DO YOUR CHILDREN TALK ABOUT DISCORD?

Discord is a website where children can speak to strangers about a wide range of topics, but it's not designed for children. Adults use the platform to discuss games, politics and controversial topics that are not suitable for children at primary school. Apple has classified it with an age rating of 17+ years old. [Here](#) is a guide so you can find out more about Discord.



MESSAGE FROM CHEF TIAGO

At school, we aim to support children's health, energy and learning through balanced, nutritious meals. Plain options such as pasta or rice are available for children with genuine sensory needs, and we are committed to supporting them.

However, plain pasta does not provide the range of nutrients children need if chosen regularly. Meals that include protein, vegetables and variety help support healthy growth, sustained energy and concentration throughout the school day.

We kindly ask families to support this approach by speaking positively about school meals and encouraging children to try the main dish, even in small amounts. Plain options are there to support specific needs, not as an everyday choice.

Thank you for working with us to help children build healthy and confident eating habits.

ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION



We were delighted to achieve 96% attendance last week, meeting our whole-school attendance target. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the commitment of pupils, families and staff working together.

To celebrate, pupils enjoyed an ice cream with chocolate sauce treat, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Attendance really is everyone's responsibility, and we thank families for their continued support in helping children attend school regularly.



SHORT STORY COMPETITION

THIS WEEK'S BOOK RECOMMENDATION



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 ES@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



Books Worth Sharing

This week Cassie, Oak Tree's class teacher, is giving us her book recommendation.

Title: Percy Jackson



Recommended for children aged: 7 - 9 years old or 10 years+

Cassie thinks everyone should read this book because....

It's an adventure from start to finish. My daughter Isabella was hooked from the very first page and is now completely obsessed with Greek mythology! The story follows a boy named Percy who believes he's living a normal life, until he discovers he's the son of a Greek god, and his adventures truly begin. There's also a Netflix series and film adaptations available, which really brought the world of the books to life and only deepened our love for the series.

You will enjoy this book if you are ...

a confident reader who enjoys action and adventure stories and fantasy stories set in imaginary worlds.

This book is best... for independent reading.



IMPORTANT DATES

- **Y1 Holly @ Forest School** Tuesday 10th February
- **Movie Night** Wednesday 11th February @ 4pm
- **School closed for Half term** Monday 16th of February
- **Back to school** Tuesday 24th of February

Educational Experiences in 2025-26

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Freightliner's City Farm London Bus Tour Florence Nightingale Museum V&A Childhood Museum King Henry's Walk Garden	Tate Modern The Monument Horniman Museum London Zoo Hampstead Heath Museum of Docklands	British Museum Science Museum Pantomime Westminster Walk London Aquarium Kew Gardens Mosque Visit	Science Museum Chocolate Museum Church Visit Ragged School Museum River Lea Highgate Wood
		Year 5	Year 6
		Olympic Park Science Museum British Museum Synagogue Visit London Zoo Southbank	HMS Belfast Jewish Museum Ben Kinsella Workshop Theatre Trips National Portrait Gallery

A voluntary donation of £24 via Arbor helps fund all the educational visits we offer over the year

Your generous donations help make trips like these possible, and mean we can offer a range of fantastic learning opportunities!

For more details, or if you have any questions, please speak to us in the office!

STARS OF THE WEEK

- Year 1** - Elena and Rayhan
- Year 2** - Caysey and Michele
- Year 3** - Haimi and Angelica
- Year 4** - Mohamed N and Eleni
- Year 5** - Cienna and Zeynep
- Year 6** - Khalila and Ted

ATTENDANCE STATS

Whole school attendance this year: 95.5%
Statutory school attendance: 94.8%
This week's average: 94.3%
National average this year: 94.6%

Mulberry	97.20%
Ash	97.00%
Maple	96.70%
Cedar	96.10%
Rowan	95.30%
Silver birch	94.50%
Holly	94.30%
Elm	93.10%
Palm	91.30%
Oak	90.70%
Pine	90.30%
Willow	90.20%

GOOD ATTENDANCE

MEANS BEING IN SCHOOL AT LEAST 94% OF THE TIME... OR HAVING NO MORE THAN 8 DAYS OFF!

0-8 DAYS ABSENCE
100% ATTENDANCE
MORE TIME IN SCHOOL MEANS MORE TIME TO LEARN, DEVELOP & GROW!

19-29 DAYS ABSENCE
90% ATTENDANCE
LESS TIME IN SCHOOL MEANS LESS TIME TO BECOME THE VERY BEST YOU!

38-47 DAYS ABSENCE
80% ATTENDANCE
POOR ATTENDANCE MEANS DRastically REDUCED LIFE CHANCES!

DON'T BOOK APPOINTMENTS DURING SCHOOL TIME!

EDUCATION + ATTENDANCE + EFFORT = ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES!

Well done to **Mulberry** for highest attendance! You will have a Popcorn Party next week.