

# NEWINGTON GREEN

## NEWSLETTER

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### HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, the children in Years 1, 3 and 5 have been very focused as they completed their spring term assessments. It has been wonderful to see how hard they have worked and how resilient they have been when faced with a challenge or difficult content. Next week, the other year groups will complete their assessments. We are already beginning to look through the outcomes, and it is encouraging to see the progress pupils are making across the curriculum. We look forward to sharing these updates with you during Parents' Evening, which will take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Bookings will be set up on Arbor before we break for the Easter holidays.

The Anti Bullying Co-Ordinator for Islington has been in school this week, talking to our pupils and parents about friendships and bullying. She ran workshops in both Year 6 classes and was impressed with children's participation and knowledge. On Thursday morning, she ran a parents workshops. Thank you to those parents who came along and shared your concerns and experiences. We will be continuing this work next term and getting our School Councillors and Rights Champions involved too.

We are also thinking about play at school and how we can make break and lunchtimes as engaging, fun and active as possible to support healthy lifestyles. We have ordered a range of new and exciting resources for the playgrounds and, once they arrive, our Play Leaders will be helping us to get these organised and out at playtimes. We will keep you updated with photos in the next few weeks.

As we move into the final two weeks of term, I want to remind families of the importance of good attendance. We have been doing so well this half term and we really want to keep this up right to the end. Thank you all for your efforts and engagement on this matter. Every day in school really matters, especially at this point in the year, and we appreciate your support in ensuring children are in class and ready to learn.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

### MOTHERING SUNDAY

This Sunday, we celebrate all the wonderful people who care for and support our children — mums, grandmothers, step-mums, foster and adoptive parents, and every mother figure who helps our pupils grow.

Thank you for all the love and encouragement you give.  
Wishing you a very happy Mother's Day!

# RIGHTS CHAMPIONS: BAKING FOR A CAUSE

Our Rights Champions have been busy this term, learning about children's rights and thinking carefully about how they can make a positive difference in our local community.

During their recent Rights Champions Assembly, the group shared information about Article 30 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which reminds us that every child has the right to practise their own culture, language and religion. They also explored the issue of homelessness, linking it to Article 27, which states that governments should ensure families have access to adequate housing, food and clothing, and Article 28, which protects every child's right to education.

The Rights Champions were particularly struck by the number of children affected by homelessness in London and wanted to take meaningful action.



On Tuesday 11th March, the group rolled up their sleeves and baked cakes for North London Action for the Homeless in Stoke Newington, a local charity that provides hot meals for people in need across Hackney and Islington. The children baked enough treats for around 90 people who would be attending the charity's weekly dinner service.

The baking session was full of teamwork, enthusiasm and care. The Rights Champions worked incredibly hard and were proud to know their efforts would help bring a small moment of comfort to others in our community.

We were also delighted to receive a lovely thank you email from the charity, expressing how much the cakes were appreciated and how meaningful it was for the children to show such kindness and awareness of local issues.

The Rights Champions are already thinking about their next steps. They are meeting with our school Governors next Friday and, next term, they hope to continue their work on homelessness by learning more about the charity Shelter and raising awareness of the issue within our school community.

A huge well done to our Rights Champions for living out the message that home is a human right.



# YEAR 5 GIRLS AT ARSENAL STADIUM

Our Year 5 girls had an unforgettable experience this week when they were invited to Arsenal for a special football training session. This event was in celebration of International Women's Day, which took place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The excitement began as soon as they arrived at the training grounds, ready to learn, play, and explore.

The girls took part in a fun and energetic coaching session led by Arsenal staff, where they practised new skills, improved their teamwork, and enjoyed being active together. One of the biggest highlights was the chance to sit in the official press room, giving them a glimpse into what life might be like for professional players speaking to the media.

The visit was not only enjoyable, but also a wonderful reminder that football is for everyone. We hope the experience encourages even more girls to get involved, stay confident, and enjoy the sport in their own way.

Well done to all the girls for representing the school so positively. It was a day to remember.



## BOOK RECOMMENDATION

### Books Worth Sharing

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

**Title:** The Wonky Donkey by Craig Smith



**Recommended for children aged:** 3 - 5 year olds & 5 - 7 year olds

**Agnes thinks everyone should read this book because....**

the Wonky Donkey is a hilarious and engaging book, that is nice and easy to read. It features playful rhymes and fun and vibrant illustrations.

**You will enjoy this book if you are ...**

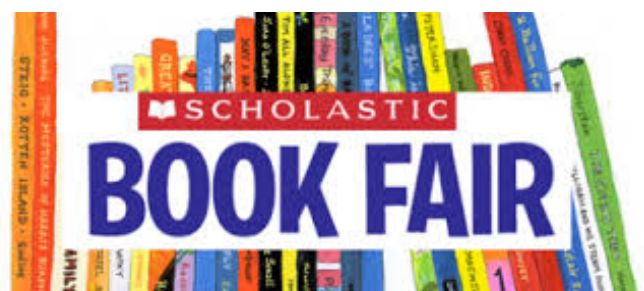
a reader who enjoys humour and funny stories, enjoys books with repetition and rhyme and books with bright, colourful and engaging illustrations.

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



## BOOK FAIR

Next week, the Scholastic Book Fair will be in school, every afternoon from 3.30 - 4.45pm, Monday to Friday. Payment by QR code only so please bring your phone and your bank card!



# IMPORTANT DATES

- **REC Beech - Forest School** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March
- **Travelling Book Fair** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> of March
- **Last day of term** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of March
- **Easter holidays** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April
- **Children return to school** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> of April
- **Parents' Evening** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April & Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April
- **KS2 SATs Week** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May

## 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** - Sebastian and Sagal
- Year 2** - Aithana and Anas
- Year 3** - Amira and Silverbirch Class
- Year 4** - Ezel, Israel and Giorgia
- Year 5** - Jayden and Noah
- Year 6** - Lujain and Makai

# ATTENDANCE STATS

Whole school attendance this year: **95.6%**

Statutory school attendance: **95%**

This week's average: **94.1%**

National average this year: **94.6%**

Elm	99.30%
Palm	98.00%
Mulberry	97.60%
Rowan	96.70%
Oak	96.40%
Holly	96.00%
Pine	95.90%
Sycamore	95.20%
Maple	93.80%
Cedar	93.60%
Willow	92.80%
Silver birch	92.40%
Beech	90.70%
Ash	90.00%
Apple	87.80%
Cherry	83.30%

Congrats to Elm for highest attendance! Popcorn party next Friday.

Newington Green Primary School Breakfast Club Plan for week beginning 14.03.2024  
Staff who we know will be working at Breakfast Club: **Lead: Lisa B** **Playworkers: Amie & Syns**

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!
Maths Activities How Many Fairs?	Arts and Craft St Patrick's Day Craft	Literacy activities Months of the Year	ETFS Focus CVC Words, Read and Colour Activity	Free Choice activity area, colouring, sticking, crafting, etc.
Legal Board games Giant jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Crafts	Legal Board games Giant jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Crafts	Legal Board games Giant jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Crafts	Legal Board games Giant jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Crafts	Legal Board games Giant jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Crafts

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 crumbs with jam & English muffins.

## GOOD ATTENDANCE

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

0 DAYS ABSENCE 100% ATTENDANCE	8 DAYS ABSENCE 90% ATTENDANCE	19 DAYS ABSENCE 80% ATTENDANCE	29 DAYS ABSENCE 69% ATTENDANCE
<p>MORE TIME IN SCHOOL MEANS MORE TIME TO LEARN, DEVELOP &amp; GROW!</p>		<p>LESS TIME IN SCHOOL MEANS LESS TIME TO BECOME THE VERY BEST YOU!</p>	
<p>ONLY YOUR APPROPRIATELY MISSING SCHOOL TIME</p>		<p>POOR ATTENDANCE MEANS DRAMATICALLY REDUCED LIFE CHANCES!</p>	
<p>EDUCATION + ATTENDANCE + EFFORT = ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES!</p>		<p>38 DAYS ABSENCE 60% ATTENDANCE</p> <p>47 DAYS ABSENCE 50% ATTENDANCE</p>	