

# NEWSLETTER

## March 2017



### Reading Festival Celebration Assembly

Thank you to all our parents for all your support during the Reading Festival.

Sadly, the Festival is now over, but we are so pleased that our children are now even more excited about reading.

Many congratulations to all our winners, especially to Usman in Year 6 and Joslyn in Year 5 for winning the bookmark competition and the anthology cover competition.

We enjoyed a very special whole school Celebration assembly on our World Book Day, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, to mark the last day of the Festival. Our Chair of Governors Reverend Peppiatt and published author Kris Humphrey joined us and shared with us their love of reading as well as handing out prizes to winners of the different competitions that took place throughout the festival.

Well done to all the children for collecting their bronze, silver and gold badges. Keep reading and writing! Remember to look on My BookBlog and remember to visit our wonderful school library.

### Spring Music Concert



On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March we held a Spring Music Concert. Children from Years 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 performed a selection of different songs. They sang in harmony and in lots of different languages. We also had some of our ECAM pupils playing solos on their instruments. During the concert a visitor from the council awarded the choir a framed photo for their work with local elderly people at Christmas time. The children had worked hard and we would like to congratulate them on their wonderful performance.

### Parents Coffee Mornings

As Head Teacher it is difficult to always be in the playground at the start and end of the school day as this is the time when I meet with individual parents to share any concerns they may have. To provide an opportunity to have more in-depth conversations with parents I would like to start holding regular coffee mornings. The first one will be on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 9:00am. I hope you will be able to attend.

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To raise money for Red Nose Day this year, there will be a wear your pyjamas to school day for a contribution of 50p. Children can also bring in a teddy bear! Kindly ensure that children wear sensible footwear. Please send KS1 children with their money in an envelope with their name and class written clearly.

We will also be holding a cake and biscuit sale at break time. If you would like to contribute anything towards this, so that we have appropriate allergy information, please ensure food is packaged and shop bought.

### Attendance Matters

A polite reminder that Newham's Attendance Management Service require medical evidence if children are absent from school immediately before or after a termly break. Medical evidence is also required for absences in excess of three days and where attendance slips below 95% in any half term period.

You can be fined up to £60 by Newham Council for taking term-time holidays, for poor school attendance from your child or for a range of other school non-attendance reasons.

As a parent/carer it is YOUR legal duty to ensure your child attends school every day on time.

### Dates for your Diary



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Red Nose Day - Wear your Pyjamas to School

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Last day of term 4

Teacher Training Day - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April

School reopens to children - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April - term 5

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May - May Bank Holiday

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Last day of term 5

Half Term - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Teacher Training Day - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June

School reopens to children - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June - term 6

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Last day of term 6

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