

NEWSLETTER

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Relationships, sex and health education

We wanted to update you on what we are doing around getting ready for the new statutory Relationships sex and health education framework. Schools across Newham along with the Local Authority are working together to get ready for these changes and have formed the RSHE (relationships, sex & health education) partnership to help us in this process which we want to share with you.

Newham has long been a place where diversity is valued and inclusion promoted. The different communities that call Newham home make it a very special place to live, work and study.

Newham Schools and Newham Council are committed to and support the teaching of high-quality, relationships, sex and health education (RSHE) and welcomes the government's new direction on statutory RSHE.

RSHE should enable our children and young people to learn about themselves and the world they live in, giving them the skills, understanding and information they need for life, helping them to stay safer and to flourish not just in childhood and adolescence but into adulthood. This is why RSHE is a vital part of the curriculum.

The aim of the newly formed Newham RSHE partnership is to support, inform and train teachers, subject leads and senior management teams in schools, and other education providers, to deliver the statutory RSHE. This will be high quality, age appropriate and is respectful of, and sensitive to, the diverse needs and backgrounds of pupils in Newham.

It is important to acknowledge that there may be differences of opinion concerning the content, methods and materials used in RSHE. The partnership will, as far as is possible, under British equalities law and with respect for all groups, acknowledge and seek to engage with the differences and find inclusive ways to deliver RSHE in Newham.

This term all schools are receiving training around the new legislation. The partnership is seeking to consult with community stakeholders as widely as possible across Newham to then write a template policy framework for schools to use as a basis in our thinking about what we provide for children and young people around RSHE.

In the Spring term we will use the model policy as a basis to consult with and develop our own policy. Then in the summer term we will share this with parents and seek governor approval ready to start teaching as the law requires from September 2020.

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PE Update

Well done to our Year 3 and 4 mixed football team who took part in the Langdon football tournament recently. Congratulations to the children who have been chosen to be PE monitors.

Health and Safety Update



Happy Birthday

If your child is celebrating a birthday, we would like to remind you that for health and safety reasons please do not send in family size birthday cakes to be shared out amongst the whole class. We have a number of children who have allergies to various things such as nuts and wheat, therefore we must take all precautions to keep children safe in school.

Newham Immunisation Team- Reception to Year 6



It's that time of year again when the Newham immunisation team have been back to offer children (From Reception to Year 6) the nasal flu vaccine.

Flu is an illness caused by the influenza virus, which is common during the winter months. The vaccination programme is designed to protect your child against flu.

The Immunisation team will be coming in on **Wednesday 16th October 2019**, helping to protect the children from the flu virus in time for the winter, and helping to protect other family members through not spreading the influenza virus infection.

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Fundraising and Charity Events

We are very proud of all the work we do at the school in raising children's awareness of issues which they may or may not have any experience of. As well as awareness raising, we are very active in our charitable work. This term we have received donations from staff and parents for our Harvest collection. Our thanks go to everyone for their kind donations.

As well as some of the national fundraising events that the school will be taking part in this year, our school council have decided on a number of charities that they would like to specifically raise money for. They are:

- Bonny Downs Community Association which is a local charity
- Shelter, a national charity that campaigns to end homelessness and poor housing conditions in England and Scotland
- WE Village, which supports community development around the world in areas where there is a high incidence of child labour and child exploitation



On Friday 1st November, we will be holding a non-uniform day to raise funds for a mobile screening clinic for the Beani Bazar Cancer and General Hospital (BBCGH) charity based in Bangladesh. Ms Sabia Khatun, the project development co-ordinator for the charity, attended a Years 5 and 6 assembly earlier this term to speak about the work carried out by the charity. Our pupils were very interested and keen to do some fundraising. We are asking for a donation of 50p on that day.

Poppy Appeal



We will be selling poppies on behalf of the Royal British Legion. If you would like one, please make a donation of 20p. They will be brought around to the classrooms from next week.

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Dates for your Diary



Friday 18th October - Last day of Term 1

Monday 22nd - Friday 26th October - Half Term

Monday 28th October - Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 29th October - Back to school for all pupils - Term 2

Friday 1st November - Non-Uniform Day

Monday 4th November / Tuesday 5th November - Parents Evenings

Friday 20th December - Last day of Term 2



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