



Newsletter

Week ending 30th June 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,



We have had a very exciting couple of weeks with sports week, the fete and this week ending in our "Send my Friend to school" event. I have been very impressed with the children as they have conducted themselves so well during each of these events. However, I would like to say a big thank you to all the year six team – children and adults. Throughout this busy fortnight they have all worked hard to help others and ensure the younger children are all involved. It was great to see so many parents getting involved with setting up the fete – thank you to you all and to Mrs Pain for organising the whole event.

We have decided to change the dates of our half term to be in line with all the other schools in Newham and surrounding boroughs. Half term in October will be :

Monday 23 October 2023 to Friday 27 October 2023.

Over the next few weeks there are some closures that have been unexpected. The school will close for some children on 5th and 7th July. This is because the NEU teachers' union is continuing their strike action. Parentmails have been sent to inform you about which classes this refers to.

The school will close to all pupils for one day on Thursday 13th July as the school is being used as a polling station. Our Oliver production will still go ahead on that day as it is being performed at Elmhurst School Theatre. Those children involved in that have separate instructions about what to do.

Please remember that your children must be in school for all the other days right until the end of term. We finish on Friday 21st July at 1.30pm.

Fiona Cullen

Head teacher

Attendance This Week

Year N	69%
Year R	73%
Year 1	76%
Year 2	76%
Year 3	75%
Year 4	80%
Year 5	77%
Year 6	74%
Average	76%

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR
ATTENDANCE
FIGURES
ACTUALLY MEAN?


Year 2 Scientists

Year 2 have been learning all about habitats. This week they carried out an investigation to see which habitats woodlice prefer to live in. They selected a variety of materials to create 4 different habitats. They then added the woodlice in and observed to see where they went. The results show that they preferred leaves, possibly to hide from predators and damp soil was their second favourite spot. After some careful observation and drawing of conclusions, they released them back into the wild.



Results

Material	Number of Woodlice
Leaves	(17)
Wet soil	(5)
Wet bark	I (6)
Stones	(3)
Empty	(0)


dry soil


wet soil


dry/wet bark


empty


leaves


stones


paper


felt

Blue Peter Badges

Well done to Avaani in year 3 who has earned two Blue Peter badges. She has received the lovely music badge and a very special silver badge for kindness. Well done, Avaani.



Eid Mubarak!

Many families in our community celebrated Eid this week. Thank you to year 5 who put on a wonderful Eid assembly this week with such a positive message about embracing diversity, promoting unity and making the world a better place. Thanks to the teachers for working so hard behind the scenes and to the parents for coming to watch.



Oliver!

Tickets for our production of Oliver are now on sale via the parentmail shop.

Buy soon to avoid disappointment!




We need your help!

We are currently developing our playground provision and looking for donations for resources.

If you have any of the following then we need:

- Small world toys, dolls, action figures etc
- Fabric – duvet cases, sheets, curtains, old saris (silk is one of the more weather proof materials), netting and gauzy materials
- Water play basics – lots of watering cans, jugs, syringes, rubber ducks, corks, guttering pipes
- Soft loose parts – materials, tarpaulins, soft nets, fabric, cushions, soft suitcases
- Brushes and Washing up liquid
- Bubble play basics (bubble machine)
- Dressing up clothes
- pots, pans and utensils
- Plastic boxes with lids
- Teddys and soft toys
- Chalk
- Brushes, rollers and foam
- Art and craft resources



Thanks to all those
that have already
donated – we really
appreciate it.

A donation trolley will be outside the front reception for you to drop off any donations for this project.

Important dates:

Sports' Week – 19th – 23rd June (note change of date)

Last day of Summer term – Friday 21st July

School Terms	Pupils Holidays
Autumn Monday 5th September – Friday 21st October 2022	Staff INSET Thursday 1st September and Friday 2nd September 2022 Half Term Monday 24th October to Friday 28 th October 2022
Autumn Term 2 Monday 31st October to Friday 16th December 2022	Christmas Break Monday 19th December 2022 to Monday 2nd January 2023
Spring Term 1 Wednesday 4th January 2023 to Friday 10th February 2023	Staff INSET Tuesday 3rd January 2023 Half Term Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February 2023
Spring Term 2 Tuesday 21st February 2023 to Friday 31st March 2023	Staff INSET Monday 20th February 2023 Spring Break Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April 2023 Staff INSET Monday 17th April 2023
Summer Term 1 Tuesday 18th April 2023 to Friday 26th May 2023	Half Term Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023 May Day Monday 1st May 2023 Coronation Day Monday 8 th May 2023
Summer Term 2 Monday 5th June 2023 to Friday 21st July 2023	Summer Break Monday 24th July – Monday 4 th September 2023

School will not be closed for any of the religious festivals:

In-service training days: This calendar includes 5 days which has been allocated for in-service training, however this may be subject to change.

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