

Newham Holocaust Memorial Day – Year 6 presentation

Year Six Pupils from Essex Primary School participated in an event to remember the victims of the Nazi Persecution and more recent genocides across the globe.

Newham's annual Holocaust Memorial Day, held at Stratford's Old Town Hall, brought together speakers, film, poetry and music in a poignant ceremony. This year's theme, 'How Can Life Go On?', saw each presentation connect the lessons of the past with the need for a safer and better future.

The guest of honour was Mr Harry Olmer, who had survived the Nazi Holocaust to come to the UK as a teenager. As he shared his harrowing testimony of imprisonment and loss, the assembled Newham school representatives, dignitaries and residents listened in awe.

To complement his words, there were musical performances by Newham's Every Child a Musician Orchestra and readings from school groups. Two pupils from Essex Primary School (Ittehad Noor and Far Sirithorn) read a poem written collaboratively with a group of other young poets from the school.

With Ittehad and Far, Essex pupils Mubasshirah Khan, Maliha Raj and Nawal Hawad wanted their work to reference genocides past and present in a call for world peace. Their powerful poem, entitled 'The Question', echoed some Mr Olmer's experiences in its reflection upon the horrors of genocide.

Essex Primary School children did us proud once again.



World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day with parents and grandparents reading stories and poems to each class in home languages and English. The children enjoyed stories in a wide range of languages from Albanian to Urdu. The children really appreciated hearing stories in so many different languages and enjoying stories from all over the world.

A big thank you to all the parents and grandparents who took part. Let's all keep reading!



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Every Child Matters

**Everyone valued, everyone challenged,
everyone achieving**

★ ★ **Holiday Dates** ★ ★

Last day of Spring Term—Friday 31st March 2017
SCHOOL WILL CLOSE at 1.30 PM

Summer Term 2017

School term: Tuesday 18th April 2017 to Friday 26th May 2017

May Day: Monday 1st May 2017 (**SCHOOL CLOSED**)

Half term: Monday 29th May 2017 to Friday 2nd June 2017

School term: Monday 5th June 2017 to Friday 21st July 2017

INSET: Monday 24th to Wednesday 26th July 2017 (**SCHOOL CLOSED**)

Summer break: - Thursday 27th July to Friday 1st September 2017

AUTUMN TERM START DATE

INSET: Monday 4th September 2017 (**SCHOOL CLOSED for CHILDREN**)
SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR CHILDREN: Tuesday 5th September 2017 at 8:45 am

Red Nose Day — £1,334.74 raised so far

'Red Nose Day' was a great success! On Friday 24th March 2017 the children and staff dressed up as their Hero for the day to raise money for this charity event. Prior to this on 10th March 2017 (AR Day) we had an Easter Egg Tombola and a cake sale where the money raised also went to Red Nose Charity.

We would like to wish everyone celebrating Easter a Happy Easter and everyone else a Safe and Happy Spring break.



Essex Primary School - Brilliant Club

The Brilliant Club is a charitable organisation that exists to widen access to top universities for outstanding pupils from backgrounds that traditionally have not sent many students to university. PhD Doctorate students come into schools where they deliver university style tutorials to pupils in small groups in non-selective state schools in London.

This year's Essex Primary School Brilliant club had 11 children who are all listed as G & T in Literacy, these children were selected for the club back in Autumn 2016 and their task was to write a 1,000 word essay called **Into the Deep, Dark Woods: A Journey Through Literature**. The children would discuss this topic with the university researcher in their 5 tutorial sessions delivered at school during October and November.

Once the essays were completed they were marked by a tutor to a secondary school standard and the children were invited for a graduation ceremony at the University of Cambridge on Thursday 9th February 2017.

The pupils first took a fantastic tour of Homerton College in Cambridge and had a talk from a senior lecturer of English at the university. The children then had their graduation ceremony where they each received their certificates. It was an amazing and a wonderful experience for the pupils. As they received their certificates, in front of a great audience, they received a tremendous round of applause the whole way through it.



The day concluded with the children having lunch in the one of the great dining halls and they had their photos taken on the picturesque grounds of the university.

Before and After School Club News

Before School Club, Booster Club (Year 6) and Cadets will resume the week beginning Tuesday 18th April 2017.

All other morning and afternoon clubs including ECAM will resume week beginning Monday 24th March 2017

A Big Thank you to Parents

Thank you so much for all your support during the book fair. We sold over £1,224.29 worth of books! This gave the school a commission of £734.57 to purchase books from the book fair for the school.

Mother Tongue Day Concert

“We Are All Stories”: Essex Primary School’s Music Project

On Friday 3rd of March, KS1 pupils worked studiously with an ensemble of professional musicians and performance artists to bring to life a series of traditional stories, deriving from a variety of countries, in tune with Mother Tongue Day and World Day. The purpose of this anticipated event was to emphasise the bonding power that stories enable, the timeless sentiments that they carry, and the places it returns or introduces us to, which the pupils of Essex Primary remitted in effortless fashion.

Their task was two-fold: to recite, seamlessly, by heart, a selected vignette from their story in a different language; and learn an original performance, jointly conceived, led and choreographed through the collaborative effort of Gwyneth Herbert, Clare Bissell and class teachers, utilising such techniques as freeze frames and thought trails, that gave the audience the opportunity to reimagine for themselves the experiences contained within the essence of the narratives. The band, too, in collaboration with our Essex steel band led by Daniel Louis, pooled in their expertise to recreate the experience from a range of dynamic percussions, musical styles and approaches that heightened the inclusive, personal and palpable atmosphere that the singing and acting established.

The project, and everything that it entailed, was a genuine embodiment of, and a gesture of appreciation for the cultural diversity that appropriates the future of the borough. Stories unify our identities. “We are all stories”, to allude to Gwyneth: our lives are music if we take it upon ourselves to listen to each other. The stories that we exchange make what our communities sound like. They reinforce a greater sense of ourselves because stories are our music, or own solos that we sing to each other. They are told by us for others.

The success of the project reflects the ethos that endures throughout Essex Primary: unconditional inclusivity, the coming together as one. This was the triumph of the outcome for our desired pupils, the enduring result of what love for education can provide us, through the spirit of sharing.



New Menu

There will be a new school menu starting from the 18th April 2017. A copy of the menu will be sent to parents when we return.

Lost Property

Lost Property will be available on Friday 31st March after school in the KS1 playground from 1:30—1:45pm. Anything not claimed will be given to charity.