

Year 1 and 2 Visit to the Local Library to Get Children Reading

Children in Year 1 and Year 2 visited the local library just before the October holiday. Some children already had library cards whilst others signed up during their visit. They thoroughly enjoyed learning about books and telling the librarian all about fiction and non-fiction books. Many of the children were able to borrow books to read at home during the holiday. As always, the children did the school and their families proud. The librarians made a point of telling us that our children's conduct in the library was superb and that they're always pleased to host us. Thank you children of Essex Primary!



Books borrowed from the Manor Park Library can be borrowed for 3 weeks and need to be returned to the Newham library. Please remember that these books should not be returned to the school.

School Photographs—22nd November 2017

The school photographer will visit the school on 22 November 2017 when all children will have their individual school photographs. Please ensure children are in their full school uniform.

School Uniform and PE Kits

Parents please make sure your child/children's uniforms and PE kits are labelled clearly with your child/children's name. Also make sure your child brings their PE kit in to school at the beginning of the week.

School Website

Please remember to check the school website where you can find lots of information including school Admissions and Year Groups Newsletters.

www.essex.newham.sch.uk



Essex Primary School

Newsletter October 2017

Every Child Matters

Everyone valued, everyone challenged,

★★ *Holiday Dates* ★★

Autumn Term 2017

School term: Monday 30th October 2017 to Wednesday 20th December 2017

Christmas break: Thursday 21st December 2017
to Tuesday 2nd January 2018

Spring Term 2018

School term: Wednesday 3rd January 2018 to Friday 9th February 2018

Half term: Monday 12th February 2018 to Friday 16th February 2018

School term: Monday 19th February 2018 to Thursday 29th March 2018

Spring break: Friday 30th March 2018 to Friday 13th April 2018
Good Friday and Easter Monday fall within the spring break

Summer Term 2018

School term: Monday 16th April 2018 to Friday 25th May 2018

May Day: Monday 7th May 2018 (SCHOOL CLOSED)

Half term: Monday 28th May 2018 to Friday 1st June 2018

School term: Monday 4th June 2018 to Friday 20th July 2018

INSET: Monday 23rd to Wednesday 25th July 2018 (SCHOOL CLOSED)

Summer break: Thursday 26th July 2018 to Date to be confirmed

All school dates and events are on the school website: www.essex.newham.sch.uk

Fairplay House Visit — Year 5 & 6

From 16th to 18th October, 48 Year 5 pupils had the opportunity to take part in a residential visit to Fairplay house. On arrival, they explored the house and were allocated their rooms as well as assigned to breakfast, lunch and dinner duties.



The pupils were split into four groups for the activities and had the chance to work with pupils from the other year 5 classes. The pupils took part in four different activities: high ropes, caving, orienteering and canoeing.



They were faced with many challenges and learned to develop self-confidence as well as overcome their different fears. They demonstrated great teamwork by supporting and encouraging each other. Pupils also had an experience of participating in a night walk and listening to stories whilst sitting around a camp fire which they greatly enjoyed. All pupils have fond memories of the visit and it is an experience they will not forget in a hurry!

The Year 5 Team

Following an exhausting but rewarding 3 days away at Fairplay House, Year 6 staggered back to Essex Primary School! On reflection, it was exciting to hear how all of the children (and staff), challenged themselves to engage in activities that sent our confidence soaring (if you pardon the pun)!

We viewed the countryside of Essex from the heights of the big swing and then fell quicker than a torpedo! Whilst meandering along the River Chelmer, in a six-seated kayak, we developed our teambuilding and navigational skills; it is pleasing to report that no one took an early bath! The narrow and spooky caves, alerted our emotions of confined spaces and utter darkness. However, through encouragement, we all emerged stronger and triumphant! Lastly, the climbing and abseiling opportunity stirred our fears of heights. Stepping over the edge, with only a rope attaching you to the rock face, would send adrenalin through anyone's senses. This really allowed true personal growth.



Overall, we all thoroughly enjoyed this experience of being together, sharing a meal, telling jokes and having fun and laughter; we cannot wait for our

Poppy Appeal 2017

Straight after half term we will start selling poppies in remembrance of the men and women who were injured or died when serving as part of the Armed forces. The money raised will go to The Royal British Legion to support them and their families. Remembrance Sunday is 12th November.



Poppies will be sold within your child's class so send the money into school with your child. We will also be selling them at the main school reception after school. If you would like to make further donations please visit the main school reception to hand in your contribution. Let's raise as much money as possible for The Royal British Legion.

Parents Evening — Thank you

Thank you to all parents who attended parents evening on Wednesday 18th October. We look forward to seeing the rest of the parents at the second parents evening which will be held on 8th November 2017.

Book fair

Book fair will run after half term until 1 November. It is open after school from 3:15 pm to 3.45pm daily. Thank you for all your support so far with the book club. The book fair will have books and small items such as rubbers, pens etc. Please visit to browse through the books with your children, even if you do not intend to buy anything. Part of the proceeds will go to the school and the school uses this money to buy books for classrooms

Lost Property

Lost property will be on November 8th November in KS1 Hall. If you believe you have lost any valuables on the school site please come to the school's main office with a description of the item and we will check our lost property.