

Attendance, Attention and Achievement

Weekly Newsletter

Date: 12th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of another remarkable half term. Pupils have worked extremely hard and have produced amazing pieces of work. Everyone deserves a well earned break from Monday 15th February 2021 to 19th February 2021. Pupils should return to their Google Classrooms for virtual school on Monday 22nd February 2021. **Please notify the school immediately if your child tests positive for Covid-19 during the half term break using our email address: info@essex.newham.sch.uk. This inbox will be checked daily. I will be able to provide you with further guidance on the reopening of school to all pupils after the 22nd February 2021.**

Essex Primary hosts International Mother Tongue Day Celebrations

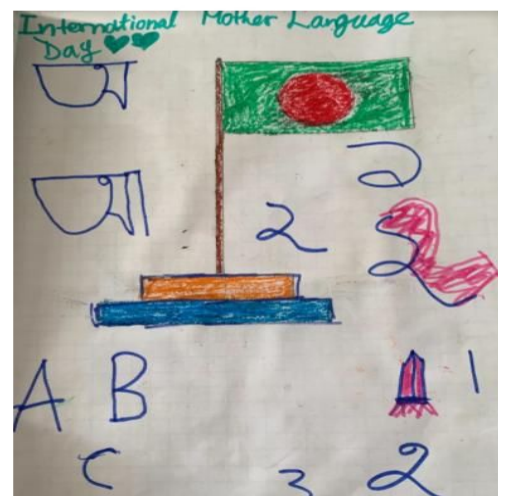


At Essex Primary School, we are privileged to be amongst children and staff from all walks of life. Mother Tongue Day is an annual event that holds great importance for us all at Essex. As a school, we welcome and celebrate our differences, encouraging our children to be proud and hold on to their mother tongue.

Through our inclusive assemblies, throughout the day, we were able to celebrate all of our beautiful languages. Mother Tongue Day reminds us how language connects us, empowers us and helps us communicate our feelings.

Holding our assemblies remotely did not stop our children from embracing the importance of their mother tongue and sharing their beautiful work with teachers and peers. Mother Tongue Day was celebrated by children taking part in fun activities at home with their families.

We are very proud of the success of our Mother Tongue Assemblies which saw children across the school perform and share their creative work with us. Joining our assembly were our partners in the ERASMUS project who shared their Mother Tongue work with our school. We loved seeing everyone in their cultural clothes and are proud to see our children champion their countries and cultures.



World Book Day - 4th March 2021

We are very excited about this year's World Book Day on **Thursday 4th March**. World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children.

To help your child with their reading journey, you will receive a **virtual £1 World Book Day, Book Token** via Ping that can either be scanned for one of TWELVE special £1 World Book Day books or you can use your book token to get £1 off any full price book. You can find out more about the books at <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>.



The book token is valid from Thursday 18 February – Sunday 28 March 2021. Participating booksellers will honour the tokens beyond 28 March while stocks last. World Book Day's £1 books can be found in major supermarkets as well as bookshop chains and hundreds of independent booksellers. A full list is available here:

<https://booksellers.org.uk/wbd>

Bookshops will have different measures in place to make the £1 books available. Contact your local bookseller for information about their opening times and ways to redeem the token before you visit.

Enjoy browsing and choosing your favourite 2021 WBD Book!

Manor Park Library Half Term Activities

Manor Park library is inviting local residents to come and join the library to collect books of your interest and to use computers for free. They have also programmed half term holiday activities for children.

Newham Libraries: Online Half-Term Events

Join online for stories, crafts and science experiments this February half-term. Their online programme is fun for all of the family and all available from home!

Full details available on their website www.newham.gov.uk/libraries

Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February

10am: Story time - Stories told by wonderful library staff

2pm: Make and Discover - Fun crafts and science experiments for you to try at home

Free Goody bags - Library members borrowing six books between Feb 15th till Feb 20th can claim their free goody bag with craft materials to make their own valentine craft and Bird Nest Box.

Competition time - Don't miss out on valentine day creative writing competition to write a poem to someone special and bring your entries to Manor Park library by February 27th. Winners will be notified by 5th March.

Shakespeare Competition



The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust is holding a creative competition for Shakespeare Week (15 - 21 March 2021). Children can take part in the exciting competition to explore their identities and make a creative response to the famous Shakespeare quote from *Hamlet* - **"This above all, to thine own self be true..."**.

This can be through creating a poem, a piece of writing, a poster, picture, piece of art or even a short video.

This will be set as homework over the February half term. There will be prizes available for each key stage.

Children must ask for parental permission and help from parents to submit their entries. Children can share their work through Google Classroom and can submit entries via email to shakespeareweek@shakespeare.org.uk. The deadline for entries is **31st March 2021**



Vaccine Poster Competition

Newham are holding a competition this half term to help increase Newham's COVID-19 vaccine take up.

The Task

To design a poster outlining the importance of taking the COVID-19 vaccination

How to enter

Email: racha.fayad@newham.gov.uk. *Posters must be portrait or vertical

To find out more and to enter, visit: www.newham.gov.uk/ActivitiesForYoungPeople

Closing date: 25 February 2021

There are prizes to be won and winning posters will also feature on the council's social media channels, website, intranet and hoardings as well as in the Newham Recorder.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 9th February 2021, we celebrated Safer Internet Day at Essex Primary. We held a whole school assembly in which the theme was 'An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world'.

During the assembly, we celebrated the amazing things we can do online. We reminded pupils how to stay safe online and how to find reliable websites. The assembly included an exciting and competitive quiz that everyone could take part in. The quiz challenged pupils' understanding of online reliability and trust. During the day, pupils engaged in a variety of safer internet activities. It was a fabulous day enjoyed by all!

Work produced across the school.



Year 6 Anas Labadi



Year 4 Hawa Kapadia



Year 2 Ayaan Khan

Lockdown Rules

We would like to encourage all families to continue to follow all the lockdown rules and public health guidance to help maintain the safety and wellbeing of our school community.

Remember:

- Don't meet indoors with anybody outside your household or support bubble
- Keep your distance and wear a face covering when out in public
- Wash hands regularly
- Reduce the number of journeys you take, to work from home where possible
- Self-isolate and seek a test if you experience any Covid-19 symptoms



We wish you a safe and enjoyable weekend. Remember to: “ Wash Hands, Cover Face, Make Space!”

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Mr Rick Probett
Chair of Governors

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