

## Attendance, Attention and Achievement

### Weekly Newsletter

**Date: 12th November 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the 11th hour, on the 11th day of the 11th month, the buzz of the classrooms and playground chatter fell silent, as pupils stopped to remember Armistice Day and show respect to the service men and women who have laid down their lives in battle. In a special assembly, pupils learnt about every child's right to protection and freedom from war, also that children under 15 cannot be forced to go into the army or take part in war. Pupils heard how the poppies that grew on the World War 1 battlefields became a symbol of hope to the soldiers. They also reflected on how conflicts often begin with misunderstanding and disagreement which is why the British Values of respect, tolerance and individual liberty are so important to uphold.



### Newham Remembers

Eight children (from years 5 & 6) attended a Remembrance Service in Central Park with schools from across the borough of Newham around the Cenotaph; for many pupils, it was a brand new experience. They took part in a 2 minute silence and had the opportunity to see former British Legion members, learning about local people who were involved in the war, while also remembering all those people who lost their lives. The pupils gained a vital new experience from this visit and, as usual, set a perfect example of how to behave on visits!

### Tour of Parliament

On Monday 8th November, our School Council were originally due to visit the Houses of Parliament. Unfortunately, this visit was cancelled due to Covid restrictions at Parliament. However, they offered us a virtual tour where our School Council were able to view the beautiful rooms of the Palace of Westminster on a large screen with a tour guide explaining and showing us particular points of interest. They also learnt how laws are made, especially some facts relating back to the times of Henry VIII when he lived there. The stained glass windows in the Central Lobby were explained with particular significant statues being pointed out. The pupils were excited to see the House of Lords with the incredible decorative golden throne where the Queen sits when she officially opens Parliament. They also saw the House of Commons, working out which seat the Prime Minister would sit on. It was clear that the pupils were amazed at the history and stories behind the building itself. They began to understand that their role, as a member of the School Council, was similar to that of an MP. Maybe we have future MPs at Essex.

"I thought it was really fun. It was interesting how it was a long time ago when life was unfair without democracy." Sahej 6l

### **Anti-Bullying Week**

At Essex, we recognise that pupil wellbeing is of paramount importance to their enjoyment and achievement at school. This is why we are a Rights Respecting School and learn about issues like bullying, even though there are very few incidences here.



Next week is National Anti-Bullying Week and this year's theme is 'One Kind Word'. There are 3 articles from the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Children that link to this issue.

To highlight our commitment to anti-bullying we are asking all pupils and our wider community to wear odd socks for the day. **We look forward to seeing pupils with odd socks on Monday 15th November.**



### **Important Information**

- Saturday School for Year 6 and Year 2 pupils has begun. If your child has received a letter please make sure that they attend.
- School is closed on **Friday 19th November 2021** for Guru Nanak's birthday.

### **School Uniform**

It has come to our attention that many pupils are wearing inappropriate footwear to school. Please be reminded that pupils must wear suitable footwear for daily wear and that only trainers which are black are acceptable; pupils must change into sports footwear for PE sessions and clubs. Inappropriate footwear could result in poor foot posture, spreading and flat feet. We also request that school shoes do not display logos, pupils need to learn the life lesson to dress for a range of different contexts and levels of formality. PE kits should be brought to school on Monday and taken home on Friday.

### **Please do not send your child into school if they have the following symptoms:**



- High temperature - A high temperature is usually considered to be 38C or above.
- New, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- Loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal
- Diarrhoea

**Children do not need to self isolate if a family member tests positive for covid-19. However, they are encouraged to have lateral flow tests taken daily. If your child shows any of the above symptoms, please take your child for a PCR covid test and inform the school immediately.**

### Star of the week (KS1)



KS1 are extremely proud of the children's achievements.

Ayaan Mohammad 2K	Asifah Ahamed 2M	Safa Bint-Munem 2N	Aaliyah 2A
Umarah 1A	Maida 1K	Olivia 1J	Abdullah Mohammed 1B

### Celebrating Success (KS2)



Well done to the children who have been awarded green leaves this week.

Ishak 3M	Varun 3J	Alex 3A	Aasim 3H
Husaynur 4P	Demari 4A	Eesa 4I	Everyone in 4H
Raqia 5H	Iniyaa 5R	Esa 5P	Salahuddeen 5M
Guarav 6I	Anum 6B	Nanthana 6H	Laura 6Q

### Walk to School

Classes with highest percentage walking:		Classes that have been the most active:	
1st	4I (99%)	1st	5H, 5R,6B (100%)
2nd	5M	2nd	4A, 4I, 4P (99%)
3rd	4P, 5R	3rd	NT am (98%)



### **Attendance Matters!**

#### **Every Student, Every School, Every day**

Here is our attendance chart. Thank you to all the parents who have sent their children to school during this time. Sending your child to school plays a vital role in your child's development.

Class	%	Class	%	Class	%	Class	%
<b>NNam</b>	94.3	<b>1A</b>	96.6	<b>3A</b>	97.3	<b>5M</b>	93.8
<b>NNpm</b>	95.4	<b>1J</b>	93.2	<b>3H</b>	96.4	<b>5P</b>	96.1
<b>NTam</b>	79.4	<b>1K</b>	94.1	<b>3M</b>	96.3	<b>5R</b>	95.0
<b>NTpm</b>	82.0	<b>1B</b>	96.2	<b>3J</b>	96.4	<b>5H</b>	97.9
<b>RM</b>	93.4	<b>2K</b>	92.3	<b>4A</b>	98.9	<b>6I</b>	93.1
<b>RD</b>	97.3	<b>2A</b>	85.4	<b>4I</b>	90.8	<b>6Q</b>	94.3

RF	94.4	2N	91.4	4P	91.8	6H	98.9
RT	94.9	2M	96.6	4H	97.0	6B	98.5
Whole School			94.5%				

### School Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b><u>Before School Club</u></b>  <b>8:00-8:45</b>            Year 1: Athletics            Year 5: Handball</p> <p><b><u>After School Club</u></b>  <b>3:30-4:30</b>            Year 2: Athletics            Year 5: Football</p>	<p><b><u>Before School Club</u></b>  <b>8:00-8:45</b>            Year 6: Handball</p> <p><b><u>After School Club</u></b>  <b>3:30-4:30</b>            Year 1: Gymnastics            Year 6: Football</p>	<p><b><u>Before School Club</u></b>  <b>8:00-8:45</b>            Year 2: Gymnastics            Year 3: Handball</p> <p><b><u>After School Club</u></b>  <b>3:30-4:30</b>            Year 2: Football            Year 3: Football</p> <p><b><u>3:00- 3:30</u></b>            Year 3 &amp; 4 : Police Cadets</p> <p><b><u>3:30 - 4:30</u></b>            Year 5&amp; 6: Police Cadets</p>	<p><b><u>Before School Club</u></b>  <b>8:00-8:45</b>            Year 1: Handball            Year 4: Handball</p> <p><b><u>After School Club</u></b>  <b>3:30-4:30</b>            Year 1: Gym Club            Year 4: Football</p> <p><b><u>3:30 - 4:30</u></b>            KS2 Guitar Club</p>	<p><b><u>Before School Club</u></b>  <b>8:00-8:45</b>            Year 6: Early Riser's Maths Club            Year 2: Athletics</p> <p><b><u>After School Club</u></b>  <b>3:30-4:30</b>            Year 2: Handball            Year 3: Netball</p>

*Mrs Cecilia Mojzes*  
 Executive Head Teacher

*Mr Rick Probett*  
 Chair of Governors

*Mrs Amber Ilyas*  
 Associate Head Teacher

## 5 STEPS FOR COVID-19 WELLBEING

<p><b>STAY SAFE</b></p>  <p>Do the basics</p>	<p><b>BE KIND</b></p>  <p>Look after yourself &amp; those around you</p>	<p><b>STAY HOME</b></p>  <p>If you have symptoms, or test positive</p>	<p><b>GET TESTED</b></p>  <p>Know your Covid-19 status</p>	<p><b>GET VACCINATED</b></p>  <p>Protect yourself and others</p>
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