

# Newnham Junior School



15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well.

It's been another fantastic week at the school. The '2 Johns' presented their e-safety sessions to the children, staff and parents, Year 6 visited Brunel University as part of their transition to secondary school, Year 5 children held their lunchtime concert and we opened up the school for our first ever Science Fair. Next week there is the District Netball Tournament held at the school, Newnham Silvers are representing Hillingdon at the London Finals for netball the next day and the Easter disco is happening at the end of the week. The learning and fun never stops.

**Science Fair** – I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Horn and all of the science ambassadors who were responsible for our first ever science fair. It was amazing to see how many parents and carers attended and supported this event. I'm sure everyone was impressed by how well the science ambassadors spoke about their experiments and the enthusiasm they showed throughout.

**Clubs Working Party** – Thank you to everyone who wanted to join this. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 8.55pm where we will be discussing how to improve the system for club applications. A few parents have indicated that they don't like staying up until midnight to apply for clubs so please use this chance to put forward your opinions. If you cannot make the meeting and have a strong opinion, please email your ideas to the school office so they can be discussed.

**Spring term clubs** finish next week. Summer term clubs will go live on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

**Year 3 & 4 Dodgeball Club** - As previously advised, this club finishes today.

**Comic Relief : Red Nose Day** - It was great to see so many children dressed up in red, knowing that money is being raised from this. If your child was wearing non uniform today and you haven't yet donated, this can be done here <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=13716> You may also donate via the Gateway.

**Year 5 lunchtime concert** - Congratulations to our Year 5 pupils who performed in this informal gathering of budding musicians in our very own music room. Year 4s, your opportunity is coming up soon. Keep practising those instruments!

**E Safety Sessions from the 2 Johns** - Thank you to all the parents who logged in to watch the session on Tuesday. I would like to thank Ms Curtis for organising this. The presentation they gave to the children was excellent and they certainly got their message across. The presentation to staff and parents was very blunt, giving everyone a lot to think about. If you missed it you can still watch it by either:

- Following the link to view. This is available until the 9th April:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/eri4nYfONzpqNUVap50Rg3v4gQhdHRJ7WYbhAeXe-7wx5Zl-q6-kugNJErkFYxF.m5RkoTRiJshNnL0Z>
- Joining us on Tuesday 19th March in the school hall at 1:45pm (please note we would like to gauge interest in viewing this session in school therefore please let us know if you plan to attend by clicking on the following link: <https://forms.gle/BcGGNu8GiMdT4ZxQ6> It will only go ahead subject to sufficient numbers of parents/carers wanting to attend).

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**Year 6 Parent & Carers Meeting next Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm** - This meeting will cover the following:-

- The arrangements for the SATs taking place during the week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May
- Provide further information for the School Journey from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May
- How SRE (Sex & Relationship Education) will be taught next term.

This meeting is for parents/carers only – on this occasion children may not attend.

**Eco Update** - Thank you all for taking part in The Big Plastic Week. It was great to hear so many of you talking and thinking about plastic pollution. You will be able to submit your results next week at school. We've been looking at how we can improve the green areas around the school. Trees are essential for the environment and we'd like to thank Mr Mansi, Miss Dyer and Mrs Connolly for helping us plant some trees in the playground. We're starting off with 3 but as our motto states - every little helps!



**Food Waste Update** - Please remember to only book a lunch if your child is going to eat it and to cancel the meal if your child is off school. You can cancel at The Pantry up to 9.00am each morning.

<b>Eco-Team Food Waste Update</b>	<b>LAST WEEK</b>	<b>THIS WEEK</b>
Junior meals ordered but not served	22	42

**Term Dates** - As previously advised, these are shown below and further details will follow in due course. Any new items are shown in bold print.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>YEAR/ CLASS/ GROUP</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<b>MARCH</b>			
18 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup>	All	Big Walk & Wheel Event	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>5N</b>	<b>Manor Farm Visit</b>	<b>9.30 - 11.45am</b>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>All</b> <b>All</b> 6	<b>Parent/carer working party - clubs</b> 2 Johns Parent/Carers recording of E-Safety session Parent/carer meeting for SATs, school journey & SRE	<b>8.55 – 9.25am</b> 1.45pm 6-7pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	4UW <b>5BC</b> Silver & Burgundy teams 4CH	Class assembly (parents/carers welcome) <b>Manor Farm Visit</b> District netball tournament Class assembly (parents/carers welcome)	9-10am <b>9.30 – 11.45am</b> 1 – 4.30pm 2.30-3.15pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Silver</b> 5CU 4S 4	<b>London School Games</b> Class assembly (parents/carers welcome) Class assembly (parents/carers welcome) <b>Deadline to consent for Frameless trip</b>	<b>7.45 – 5pm</b> 9 – 9.30am 2.30pm

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Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>5CU</b> 3 & 4 5 & 6	<b>Manor Farm Visit</b> FONJSA Easter Disco	<b>9.30 – 11.45am</b> 3.30 - 5pm 5.30 - 7pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>5N</b> Burgundy, Midnight & Storm teams	Class assembly (parents/carers welcome)  B Team netball tournament	9 – 9.30am  1 – 4.30pm
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>5 &amp; 6</b>	Sing 24! At the Beck Theatre (selected pupils) Sing 24! Concert	9am – 3.15pm 6.15 – 7.45pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>4</b> <b>5BC</b> <b>6</b> <b>All</b> <b>5</b>	Visit to Frameless, Marble Arch Class assembly (parents/carers welcome) Maths Challenge Deadline to pay for FONJSA Break the rules day Deadline to consent for Hampton Court trip	All day 9 – 9.30am 3.45 – 5.15pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>All</b> <b>All</b>	FONJSA Break the rules day Last day of term	 1.30pm
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>6</b>	School Journey 5 <sup>th</sup> payment due	
<b>APRIL</b>			
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>All</b>	School restarts for the Summer Term	8.45am

**FONJSA Easter Discos : Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** - The deadline to sign up for this event has now passed and please note the following timings:-

- Years 3 & 4 - This will start straight after school and children may bring a change of clothes in to school with them. Children should be collected at 5pm.
- Years 5 & 6 - This will start at 5.30pm and children should be collected at 7pm

## Local Authority Information

**Repair Week 2024** - Hillingdon's Recycling Team is inviting everyone to join their [Repair and Reuse Day](#) on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, between 10am and 2pm, where you can learn to mend your clothes, have one electrical item repaired or bring your bicycle in for a basic repair. This event will be supported by our partners from TRAIID, Friends of the Earth and the Restart Party, Dr Bike, Learn Hillingdon and Freegle. For further information, you can email the recycling team at [recycling@hillingdon.gov.uk](mailto:recycling@hillingdon.gov.uk)

**SEND Family Support** - We are happy to announce that the SEND Family Support's Easter Funday will be held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 at Oak Wood School, Sutton Court Road, Uxbridge, UB10 9HT. Join them at their fun filled & informative Easter Funday for families caring for children/young adults with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their siblings. £5 per child/young adult – for children/young adults with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities and their Siblings. Details can be found here: [www.sendfs.co.uk/easter-funday](http://www.sendfs.co.uk/easter-funday)

## Community news

**Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust** – Spring Asthma newsletter attached.

**Raring2go** - Please click on this link for the Spring edition of the magazine [CLICK HERE FOR LINK](#)

**The Water Safe Friendly programme** is supported by Becky Adlington OBE who is a former gold medal Olympian swimmer who is passionate about teaching children to swim and stay safe in or around water. With 46% of UK accidental drownings in 2022 taking place in the three summer months of June, July and August,

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the National Water Safety Forum (NWSF) is reminding people to “Respect the Water” as the warmer weather begins but with the water temperatures remaining dangerously cold. 60% of these accidental deaths took place in lakes, rivers, reservoirs & quarries. These devastating numbers are a reminder about raising the importance of Water Safety with you and your young people. The Water Safe Friendly programme provides an informative broadcast and interactive quiz which can be viewed by clicking on this link:

<https://learnliveuk.com/water-safe-friendly/>

**Easter holiday activities** - Details are available on our website.

- Primary Sporting Development Funweeks – taking place at Newnham during the Easter holidays.
- Nick Jones Creative Tech club – taking place at Newnham during the Easter holidays.
- Evolution netball club – taking place at Newnham during the Easter holidays.
- Swimming lessons at Hillingdon Sports complex.
- Swimming crash courses at Northolt swimming pool
- Omega Sportz have partnered with Hillingdon council to bring a free Easter programme this holiday for children who are on free school meals. Paid places are also available. The children get involved in free daily activities and also get a free hot meal every day they attend.

**Adolescent Development Services Team - #DoSomethingThisHoliday April 2024**

- Have an active Easter with two fun-filled days of creative arts, sports, and a trip to Paccar Scout Camp for outdoor adventure and thrills. Ever wanted to hold an exotic animal? Well, you can do so this Easter with a visit from Zoo Labs, which specialises in ethical and engaging animal encounters. Over the two days, we will focus on environment and animal welfare, fitness, wellbeing and teamwork. **Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th April 2024 for School years 4-6|10:00-15:00 |Ruislip Young Peoples Centre Bury Street, Ruislip, HA4 7SX | off site trip to Paccar Scout Campsite Denham Ln, Chalfont St Peter, Gerrards Cross SL9 0QJ.**

Yours sincerely

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