

Newnham Junior School



12th May 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week the Year 6 children took their SATs tests. I know the reading test was in the headlines, with teachers complaining about how difficult it was and I have to agree that the designers of the test should have put more thought into making into something the children could enjoy reading. Despite this, I would like to congratulate the Year 6 children for the resilience they showed throughout this week. They worked hard and tried their very best which is such an important skill to develop in life.

A team football tournament. – On Wednesday the football team played in the District Football Tournament. During the group stage they won three games, drew 1 and lost 1, meaning they qualified for the next phase of the competition. In the quarter finals, they played Harefield, beating them 2 – 0. The semi-final against Glebe was very close with the team losing 1 - 0 to a last minute free kick. This meant the children won a fully deserved bronze medal. The boys should be proud of their achievements and for representing the school so well.

E Safety Advice - The online world changes so quickly it's hard for many of us to keep up. The NSPCC offers safety guides to help parents navigate online risks such as gaming, chatting, posting or streaming. These are accessible using this link: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#guides> As teachers, we often hear children talking about meeting online in virtual games after school and talking about the games in which they are playing. Lots of these games often also involve communication in the wider online community and some are not age appropriate. Please remember that your child needs your guidance and protection in this online world as they would out on the streets in the real world. Have a look at what they are doing *with them* and try to keep the conversation open and honest to help keep them safe and for them to know they can trust you when things go wrong.

Cricket club next week – boys cricket will not take place on Wednesday 17th and Friday 19th May as Mr Allerton will be away on school journey. Girls cricket will still go ahead.

Please see below for a reminder of the dates for this half-term.

MONTH	YEAR	TIME	DETAILS
MAY			
Saturday 13 th	ALL	1 - 4pm	FONJSA Laser Tag event
Monday 15 th	6	9am	School Journey - Group 1 depart from school
Thursday 18 th	ALL	Lunchtime	The Pantry School Favourites Day - see attached Please note the menu change for today and order via The Pantry website
Thursday 18 th	5 & 6	PM	Girls' Cricket Competition
Friday 19 th	6	4pm	School Journey - Group 1 return to school
Monday 22 nd	6	9am	School Journey - Group 2 depart from school
Wednesday 24 th	5 & 6	PM	Choir competition
Friday 26 th	5	9am	Road Safety theatre performance in school
Friday 26 th	ALL	3.15pm	School closes for the half-term holiday
Friday 26 th	6	4pm	School Journey - Group 2 return to school
JUNE			
Monday 5 th	ALL	ALL DAY	Training Day - school closed to children
Tuesday 6 th	ALL	8.30am	School restarts

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FONJSA news:

- **Lasertag** takes place at the school tomorrow (Saturday 13th May).
 - Year 3 – 1.00pm start
 - Year 4 – 1.45pm start
 - Year 5 – 2.30pm start
 - Year 6 – 3.15pm start
- **Personalised gifts** – Father's Day/Special person gift. The deadline to order on the Gateway is Thursday 18th May.

Holiday Activities - Details are available on our website <https://www.newnham-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk/>

- Ruislip Baptist Summer Holiday Club
- Nick Jones Creative Tech club – held at Newnham
- PSD May Half Term Active Camp

Please see below, sent on behalf of the Local Authority:-

Interested in Fostering for Hillingdon Council? If you're interested in becoming a foster carer - or know someone who is - **Foster Care Fortnight, from 15th to 28th May**, is the perfect chance to find out more about it. Foster Care Fortnight is a national campaign which raises awareness and understanding about fostering and the positive influence it can have on young people's lives. The campaign hopes to build support for fostering, challenge stigma surrounding children in foster care and encourage more people to come forward to foster.

Hillingdon council's fostering team is looking for people who can provide different types of fostering and is encouraging people to consider fostering or raise awareness among family and friends. You can foster short-term or offer a child Respite on weekends or during school breaks. People from all backgrounds can foster, the minimum age is 25, and a spare bedroom is needed for any child fostered over the age of 2. We support and guide you in the fostering role and you receive a generous allowance, among other benefits.

Want to find out more? We are holding 2 information sessions at the Civic Centre on:

- 9th May 2023, from 2-3pm and
- 16th May 2023, from 5-6 pm

There is no need to book, just come to the Civic Centre Main Reception (High Street, Uxbridge) and you will be shown to the meeting room. We will present a short program and a foster carer will be in attendance who can answer any questions you may have.

We are also holding 'drop-in' sessions just outside Waitrose in Ruislip on:

- Friday 19th May and
- Friday 26th May from 9am to 5pm. Stop by and talk to our team members on the day.

If you think you could foster, please call the Fostering team on 0800 783 1298, Email fosteringrecruitment@hillingsdon.gov.uk or visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/fostering

[Fostering 2021 6pp A5 Leaflet Final \(PDF\) \[3MB\]](#)

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Hillingdon Youth Offer Consultation - Have Your Say on Youth Services Young people, families, carers, partner agencies and community organisations are invited to have their say on new proposals for the youth offer for Hillingdon. The borough's current offer is mainly a static, single-use buildings-based model. Attendance rates have dropped, and young people have told the council that they would prefer services to be closer to home and in different formats. The proposed new youth offer sets out the council's commitment to creating a wider programme of more modern, relevant, flexible and digital services for young people to receive the support they need, in their communities, to help them reach their potential. The strategy outlines plans for an offer underpinned by the needs and wants of the borough's young people, working with them to co-produce services that are dynamic, culturally aware, more efficient, and accessible - both digitally and at a range of locations across the borough. Detached street based youth work will continue and be supported with outreach youth work and more flexible location based sessions and activities at a range of buildings within local communities, including schools, sports facilities, community centres and family hubs. The plans also include increasing access to outdoor learning and volunteering opportunities. To view the strategy and have your say, visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/youth-offer-strategy before Monday 5th June.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Wilkey', written in a cursive style.

Mr N Wilkey
Headteacher

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