

# Newnham Junior School



9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

This half term has flown by and I know the children are looking forward to all well-earned rest.

**Newnham's Got Talent** – Well done to all of the children who reached the final of NGT. Every child performed their talents bravely in front of a respectful and enthusiastic audience. The house captains compered the whole event and were a much better option to Ant and Dec who were unavailable. Simon Cowell cancelled at the last minute and was replaced by the head and deputy head boys and girls who judged each act, selecting eventual winners.

Eloise was the winner of the lower school for her performance playing the ukulele while singing 'Riptide'. From the upper school, Emilia, Mehreen and Aarya were chosen for their energetic version of 'Crazy What Love Can Do'. The third winner was a dance and bongo group from Year 4, Florence, Lily, Aarya, Leah and Amisha, who performed an innovative version of 'Bad Habits'. I would also like to add a huge thank you to Mr Kent for organising the whole event.

**Parent's Questionnaire** – Thank you to all of the parents and carers who came to Open Evening and completed a questionnaire. The feedback on how you think the school is performing for your child is very useful for school development. If you haven't yet completed it, please use the QR code to the right. It only takes 3 to 5 minutes to complete.



**The Pantry Menu Change** - Please note that a new (attached) menu will be in place when we return after half-term and this will start on Week 2. All previous meal orders made from the old menu will be cancelled and please therefore ensure you have ordered from the new menu from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February onwards. **Please check the food you have ordered to avoid any confusion!**

**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.

Eco-Team Food Waste Update	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
Junior meals ordered but not served	72	62

**I am a Scientist Competition** - Mrs Horn is running a Science competition for the children over half term - please see the flyer attached. The children need to have adult permission/supervision before they carry out investigations at home.

**Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show** – As mentioned last week, we have registered for this online art exhibition and if your child would like to submit an entry via the school, please send it in to Ms Wilson by Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Full details can be found on the link below and on the poster on our website <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>

**World Book Day costume drop** – As part of our commitment to recycling, we are asking for donations of dressing up clothes to be sent into school. If your child has any outgrown costumes, please send them in after the half term break. These donated clothes will be available to all parents to come and view after school on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March** (ready for World Book day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>). Anything left over will be donated to charity.

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**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.

DATE	YEAR/ CLASS/ GROUP	DETAILS	TIME
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
12 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup>	All	Half-term holiday	
12 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup>	6	Bikeability	
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	All	Deadline to pay for FONJSA Race Night	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	All	School restarts	8.45am
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	All	FONJSA Race Night & Family Raffle	6.30 - 8.30pm
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	6	Support Plan meetings	All day
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	3 <b>Eco Team</b>	Support Plan meetings <b>Eco Team visit to Forest school</b>	All day <b>12 – 3.00pm</b>
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	4 & 5BC	Support Plan meetings	All day
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	5CU & 5N 6	Support Plan meetings School Journey 4 <sup>th</sup> payment due	All day
<b>MARCH</b>			
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	6 <b>All</b>	Secondary Transfer Offer Day <b>Pre loved World Book Day costumes on display</b>	<b>3.15pm</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Silver team	Borough Netball Tournament	1 – 4.30pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	All	World Book Day	
11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	All	The big plastic count week	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	6	Junior Citizens event at Brunel University	PM
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	All All	2 Johns - Safeguarding event 2 Johns Parent/Carers E-safety session - online	All day 8pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	All	Science Fair in hall	3.15 – 4.15pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	All 3 & 4	Comic Relief Red Nose Day Final Dodgeball Club for the term	All day 3.15 - 4.15pm
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	All	Deadline to pay for FONJSA Easter Disco	
18 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup>	All	Big Walk & Wheel Event	
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Parent/carers meeting for SATs, school journey &amp; SRE</b>	<b>6-7pm</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Silver & Burgundy teams	District netball tournament	1 – 4.30pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	5CU	Class Assembly (parents/carers welcome)	9 – 9.30am
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	3 & 4 5 & 6	FONJSA Easter Disco	3.30 - 5pm 5.30 - 7pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Burgundy, Midnight & Storm teams 5N	B Team netball tournament Class Assembly (parents/carers welcome)	1 – 4.30pm 9 – 9.30am
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	5 & 6	Sing 24! At the Beck Theatre (selected pupils) Sing 24! Concert	9am – 3.15pm 6.15 – 7.45pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	4 5BC 6 All	Visit to Frameless, Marble Arch Class Assembly (parents/carers welcome) Maths Challenge Deadline to pay for FONJSA Break the rules day	All day 9 – 9.30am 3.45 – 5.15pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	All All	FONJSA Break the rules day Last day of term	1.30pm

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Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	6	School Journey 5 <sup>th</sup> payment due	
<b>APRIL</b>			
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	All	School restarts for the Summer Term	8.45am

## FONJSA news

- **FONJSA Family Race night, sponsor a horse & Family Raffle** – This is the next event being organised by FONJSA and full details have previously been emailed out. The deadline to pay is Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February. Places will be limited so please book your tickets early. As always if you are able to help out at this event please email FONJSA at [FONJSA@gmail.com](mailto:FONJSA@gmail.com).

## Local Authority Information

**'Fizz Free February'** In the month of February, Hillingdon Community Dental Service are taking part in 'Fizz Free February' which aims to encourage everyone to think about reducing the number of fizzy drinks they are drinking and giving them up. Some facts:

- Drinking fizzy drinks can lead to tooth decay and other health conditions.
- Hillingdon has 28.2% of 5-Year-old children with decayed, missing or filled teeth which is above the England average.
- More 5-9-year-old children are hospitalised due to tooth decay than for any other reason.
- Some fizzy drinks can contain as much as 20 teaspoons of sugar!!!

Further details are shown on the links below which provide help with help finding an NHS Dentist and also contain lots of useful information about keeping teeth healthy.

[https://leap.hillingdon.gov.uk/media/13448/Fizz-Free-Feb-24-event-information-flyer/pdf/7rFizz\\_Free\\_Feb\\_24\\_event\\_information\\_flyer.pdf?m=1707128050843](https://leap.hillingdon.gov.uk/media/13448/Fizz-Free-Feb-24-event-information-flyer/pdf/7rFizz_Free_Feb_24_event_information_flyer.pdf?m=1707128050843)

[https://leap.hillingdon.gov.uk/media/13449/Finding-an-NHS-Dentist--OHP-Website/pdf/7rFinding\\_an\\_NHS\\_Dentist\\_OHP\\_Website\\_1.pdf?m=1707128082293](https://leap.hillingdon.gov.uk/media/13449/Finding-an-NHS-Dentist--OHP-Website/pdf/7rFinding_an_NHS_Dentist_OHP_Website_1.pdf?m=1707128082293)

**Children's Services** – Please see the newsletter from Brilliant Parents on our website.

**Community events** – Full details on our website

- Evolution Netball Club – February half term
- PSD Fun weeks – February half term
- AJs Soccer camps (boys and girls)
- Swim school courses at Highgrove swimming pool
- Learn Hillingdon are running a free family learning course during the half term, 'Escape to the Garden & Get Recycling'
- Uxbridge Library Rock Show - 5<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February.
- View the night sky from Ruislip Lido 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> February

**Winter Playday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024** - Winter Playday is a free fun event for families in Hillingdon. Taking place in the Pavilions Shopping Centre on 13<sup>th</sup> February from 10 am to 4 pm. Please click on the following link for more details:

<https://discover.hillingdon.gov.uk/playday>

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**Girls Football Development Team at Uxbridge High School Dome** – There is a new girl's football centre running every Wednesday from 5pm to 6pm for girls aged 5 – 11. The programme gives girls the opportunity to play football in a fun and friendly environment.

**Half term** - Finally, may I remind you that we break up **today** for half-term and return to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

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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