

Newnham Junior School



31st January 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well.

A Dazzling Night at the 02 Arena – Friday 24th January - Since 2013, we have offered pupils in Year 6 the chance to participate in the Young Voices concerts at the 02 Arena. This year we took 40 excited children who sang and danced their way through the afternoon rehearsal and evening concert, performing alongside thousands of other school children. The children were treated to spectacular dance routines from Urban Strides and had the opportunity to sing alongside MC Grammar and Tommy Blaize (lead singer with the *Strictly* band). Thank you to all the families who have supported the children since September, including being creative on the way home after the Jubilee Line was out of action! We look forward to involving the current year 5s next year. Please do take a look at the school website for some photos of the day.

“I loved the experience!” – Jake

“My favourite moment was all the dancing.” – Kian

“It was great fun and I would recommend it to everybody.” – Rachit

“It was thrilling!” – Rien

Girls' Year 3 and 4 Football Tournament – *On Wednesday two teams from Newnham played at the Borough Tournament. There were 20 other schools there and we were all very excited. In the A team's first match we won 5 – 0. I scored 2 goals, Daisy scored 2 and Danika scored the other. The B team's first match was 0 – 0. During the second matches the A team won 2 – 0 and the B team drew 0 – 0 again. The A team lost the 3rd match 2 – 1 and the B team lost 2 – 0, but both teams still stood a chance of going through to the next stage. In the last game the A team lost to Deanesfield 1 – 0 – and they had beaten everyone in their group. The B team lost as well. That meant that neither team got into the quarter finals. We all tried our best, I really enjoyed it and I'm pretty sure everyone else did as well.*

By Olivia Nowell

Spring Term Parents and Carers Meetings - As previously advised, we have arranged the following meetings to discuss your child's progress:-

- Year 6 : Tuesday 4th or Thursday 6th February - Year 6 parents and carers are invited to book two 5 minute appointments - one with their child's Maths teacher and one with their English teacher. Don't worry if you are not sure who the appointment should be with as the booking system has been set up to show the correct teachers. The teachers will meet you in their classes and Mrs Wood will be in Class 5BC.
- Years 3, 4 & 5 : Tuesday 11th or Thursday 13th February - These 10 minute meetings will take place with your child's class teacher in their classroom.

Appointment Booking System - Appointments should be made via SchoolCloud and details are attached showing you how to do this. Please note, the information you use to register must be the same as that held in our records.

Support Plan Meetings – If your child has a Support Plan, these meetings will take place during the week commencing Monday 10th March and we will let you know the specific dates and times of these meetings in due course. As these meetings will be focused on the Support Plan, you are advised to book an earlier meeting with your child's teachers in February, as detailed above.

Please contact the School Office if you require any further information.

Dress up for Digits – Although we try to join together with the Infants to do the same non uniform days please note we are **not taking part in 'Dress up for Digits'** on Friday 7th February – it is a normal school uniform day in the Juniors.

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Eco news – Please remember to cancel hot lunches if your child will not be eating them

Eco-Team Food Waste Update	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	COST TO THE SCHOOL
Junior meals ordered but not served	27	34	£81.94 (£2.41 each)

Cartridge recycling - This term we will continue to incorporate recycling into our daily lives. We have signed up for exciting new initiatives that only help our planet but help raise money for the school! We have partnered with a company called Denner UK to collect empty inkjet and toner cartridges. Details are attached and the recycling box is in the school lobby.

Cable recycling – Our second exciting project is recycling cables. We aim to collect and recycle cables for the valuable materials contained in them and save them from going to waste. It's simple – start searching your homes for forgotten and unwanted or broken cables stashed in drawers or cupboards, bring them to school and place them in the pink bin which will be on our playground very soon!

Coffee morning : Neurodiversity on Tuesday 4th March at 9am - As previously advised, we have been taking part in the Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) program, which aims to improve support for children with additional needs. This is our second coffee morning on this topic and we would really like to see as many parents/carers as possible. This is open to everyone but we would particularly like to encourage parents/carers of neurodiverse/SEND children (such as ASC/ADHD) or who have concerns in this area, even if no formal diagnosis. Please come along and find out about (and share your opinion on) the progress we have made as well as to find out more about support available.

Dates for your diaries - See below. Further details will follow in due course. Any new items are shown in bold print.

DATE	YEAR OR CLASS	DETAILS	TIME
FEBRUARY			
Monday 3 rd	All	Mental Health Week	
Monday 3 rd	4UW	Visit to Tower Bridge	
Tuesday 4 th	6	Open Evening	3.30 - 6.30pm
Wednesday 5 th	3	Permission deadline for Science museum trip	
Thursday 6 th	6	Open Evening	4 - 7pm
Thursday 6 th	5 & 6	Road Safety training	1.15pm
Thursday 6 th	All	FONJSA Krispy Kreme deadline to order	
Friday 7 th	6	Deadline to order SATS Revision Books	
Tuesday 11 th	All	Internet Safety Day TBC	
Tuesday 11 th	3	Visit to The Science Museum	
Tuesday 11 th	4 & 5	Open Evening	4 - 7pm
Tuesday 11 th	3	Open Evening	4.30 – 7pm
Thursday 13 th	3, 4 & 5	Open Evening	3.30 - 6.30pm
Friday 14 th	All	FONJSA Krispy Kreme's given out	3.15pm
17 th - 21 st	All	Half Term	
Sunday 23 rd	6	School Journey - 4 th payment due	
Monday 24 th	All	School restarts	
Thursday 27 th	4CH	Visit to Tower Bridge	
Friday 28 th	4BF	Visit to Tower Bridge	
Friday 28th	All	FONJSA Family Race night	

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FONJSA news - – FONJSA will be selling original glazed Krispy Kreme's on Friday 14th February. £2.00 each or £13.00 for a dozen. Payment should be made via the Gateway by Thursday 6th February if you would like any.

Next event – FONJSA Family Race night on Friday 28th February – details to follow.

Community news

Learn Hillingdon - Childminding Training

Since the pandemic, the number of trained childminders has significantly dropped across the borough. Add to this the need for more wrap around care and the changes in childcare funding we are now facing a 'crunch' point. Here at Learn Hillingdon we offer Childminding Training including support from the Childminding team within the council.

CHO1039 - Introduction to Childminding is an 8-week course to help prospective childminders understand: [About the course | ontrack: Learner Hub](#)

- Safeguarding and welfare, including the new EYFS Framework and ELG's
- Observation and assessment and planning for development opportunities
- Planning for their business
- Planning for registration and initial Ofsted visit

The course starts Tuesday 25th February (online) 6.30 pm - 9.30 pm. Becoming a childminder offers:

- Flexible working hours that suit you and your family
- Working from your own home
- Making a positive impact for children, parents and the wider community

For more information, including how to attend one of our childminding briefings, please email tdonnelly@hillingdon.gov.uk

Year 5 and 6 study group – As previously advised, Mr Kent and Mr Frape will be delivering small group sessions (SATS preparation classes and preparing Year 5 children for Year 6). The sessions will take place during the first week of the Easter holidays – Monday 7th – Friday 11th April from 9am to 1pm. The sessions will be charged at £30 per day or £120 for the whole week and numbers are limited to a maximum of 24 children. The sessions will be broken down into three 1 hour sessions covering SPAG, Maths and reading. Two short breaks will be built into this time. Please complete the following form to reserve a place by Friday 7th March - <https://forms.gle/rFtU25p75t1GBXL26> Please note that Mr Frape and Mr Kent are doing this as an individual enterprise and are not being paid by the school for these sessions.

Half Term activities

- Evolution Netball Camp (held at Newnham) – 17th – 19th February
- PSD Funweeks (held at Newnham) – 18th -21st February
- Northolt Leisure Centre – Swimming Crash course 17th to 21st February
- Tech club at Vaughan Primary school 17th to 21st February
- Girls Rugby Camp Ealing Trailfinders – Wednesday 19th February

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey
Headteacher

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