

Newnham Junior School



11th October 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well.

Now that all of the voting has ended and the children's positions of responsibility are filled, I am delighted to announce the following children as head and deputy head boys and girls.

Head Boy	Amaru 6R	Head Girl	Anisia 6S
Deputy Head Boy	Collin 6R	Deputy Head Girl	Frances 6R

All of the children who put themselves forward for positions like class reps, history ambassadors, music prefects, eco reps, house captains and sports captains should be congratulated for their efforts in preparing speeches and bravery for delivering them to their classes. I know that the majority of children who stood for a position didn't get it, but these situations are so good for encouraging resilience and reflection in children.

NSPCC TALK PANTS - Each year we talk to the children, through an assembly, about the importance of personal safety. Talk PANTS (NSPCC) is also available to help parents by having a simple but important conversation with your child to help keep them safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S (PANTS), each letter provides a simple but valuable message that can help children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried. Further information has been emailed to you today with some resources that can help you help your child to learn more about keeping themselves safe. In addition, the NSPCC are offering a parent information session on Wednesday 16th October at the Beck theatre. For more information and resources please visit: www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule

LUNCHTIME VACANCY - We are advertising for a lunchtime supervisor and further details are available on this link <https://crinklerecruitment.com/Job/School-Meals-Supervisory-Assistant-5788>

UNIFORM & LOST PROPERTY: With our weather constantly changing, we are finding more and more jumpers and sweatshirts lying around the school grounds. Whilst we don't mind the odd misplaced clothing item, this week alone we have had to return over 30 jumpers! Please remind your child to take their things with them; any unclaimed clothing will be reused! Don't forget to check the lost property boxes which are brought onto the playground at the end of each day.

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	29	22	£47.30 (2.15 each)

Trees for Cities are working with the London Borough of Hillingdon to plant new trees in Bessingby Park. The Eco team and the class reps will be helping to plant some trees next week. Thereafter, on **Saturday 19th October 2024, 11am-3pm**, there will be a free community tree planting day at **Bessingby Park, Hillingdon HA4 9TW**. Trees for Cities will provide all the tools and equipment you need as well as guidance on tree planting from their team. There will also be a free hot lunch and refreshments provided. If you would like to attend, **please fill in the form below or scan the QR code** on the leaflet on our website. <https://www.treesforcities.org/bessingby-park>

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REMINDERS - See last week's newsletter for further information

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION – 2 VACANCIES - Application deadline Thursday 17th October.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR & READING CAFES - Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th November - Please complete this form <https://forms.gle/r65vaVnGu1HzC89i6> by Wednesday 23rd October if you are interested in volunteering to read to the children at the Reading Cafes.

DIWALI COFFEE MORNING 9-10AM FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER - All parents and carers welcome – click here if you would like to attend <https://forms.gle/G29XRDvDuYJrYc838>

FOODBANK COLLECTION – Donations in by 21st October please. They are especially short on:

Tinned potatoes	Noodles	Jam	Sugar	Long life juice	Rice	Toilet rolls	Puddings
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If you are in need of a food package please contact the school and we will arrange this confidentially.

SCHOOL HALL REFURBISHMENT – Contact the School Office if you would like to quote to paint our school hall.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES - See below. Further details will follow in due course.

DATE	YEAR OR CLASS	DETAILS	TIME
OCTOBER			
Sunday 13th	ALL	Deadline to order FONJSA Halloween Treat Bags	
Monday 14 th	ALL	Leading Parent Partnership Assessment	2pm
Tuesday 15 th	6	Support Plan Meetings - Mrs Shah's English Group	AM
Wednesday 16 th	4UW & 5BC	Support Plan Meetings	AM
Thursday 17 th	4	Endangered Animals Day	
Thursday 17 th	ALL	Closing date for Parent Governor nominations	
Monday 21 st	6	Support Plan Meetings – Mrs Nahal's/Mr Kent's/Mrs Robert's English Group	AM
Tuesday 22 nd	5P & 5S	Support Plan Meetings	AM
Wednesday 23 rd	4BF & 4CH	Support Plan Meetings	AM
Wednesday 23 rd	6	School Journey payment due	
Thursday 24 th	3	Support Plan Meetings	AM
Friday 25 th	ALL	Diwali Day	
Friday 25 th	ALL	Diwali Coffee Morning	9 – 10am
Friday 25 th	ALL	FONJSA Halloween Bags given out	
Friday 25 th	ALL	Closing date for Parent Governor ballot	
Monday 26 th	ALL	Half-Term	
28 - 31 st	6	Bikeability Course	
Thursday 31 st	6	Closing date for Secondary Transfer applications	
NOVEMBER			
Monday 4 th	ALL	Training Day - school closed to children	
Tuesday 5 th	ALL	School restarts	8.45am
5 th - 8 th	ALL	Scholastic Book Fair	3.15 - 4pm
5 th – 8 th	ALL	Reading Cafes in hall	1.40 – 3pm

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Wednesday 6 th	5	Trip to Mountfitchet Castle	Back at 4pm
Thursday 7 th	3	Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum	
Tuesday 12 th	ALL	Individual & Family Photos	
Thursday 14 th	ALL	Flu vaccine	
Friday 15 th	ALL	Children in Need	
Friday 15 th	ALL	FONJSA Children's Quiz	3.15 - 5pm
Saturday 16 th	US Choir	Singing at Ruislip Manor Christmas Fair	10.45-11.45am
Saturday 23 rd	6	School Journey payment due	
Friday 29 th	ALL	Visiting Pantomime Company	1.45pm
Saturday 30 th	LS Choir	Singing at St Lawrence Christmas Fair	2.45 - 3.45pm
DECEMBER			
Tuesday 3 rd	6R	Visit to Gunnersbury Museum	
Wednesday 4 th	6KN & 6S	Visit to Gunnersbury Museum	
Thursday 5 th	ALL	FONJSA Christmas Gift Shop	
Friday 6 th	US Choir	Singing at Eastcote Library	10-12pm
Tuesday 10 th	3	Group 1 Nativity - Dress rehearsal to grandparents - Performance to parents & carers	2 - 3pm 6.30 - 8pm
Wednesday 11 th	3	Group 2 Nativity - Dress rehearsal to grandparents - Performance to parents & carers	2 - 3pm 6.30 - 8pm
Friday 13 th	3 & 4 5 & 6	FONJSA Christmas Disco FONJSA Christmas Disco	3.30 - 5pm 5.30 - 7pm
Tuesday 17 th	5BC	Last swimming lesson	
Tuesday 17 th	6	Carol Concert at St Lawrence Church - Rehearsal at the church - Performance to parents & carers	All day 6.30 - 8.30pm
Wednesday 18 th	All	Christmas lunch and jumper day	
Friday 20 th	All	School closes for the holidays	1.30pm
Monday 23 rd	6	School Journey payment due	

FONJSA NEWS – Halloween Treat bags. Details were emailed out this week and the deadline to pay on the Gateway is Sunday 13th October.

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES – details on our website

- PSD Funweeks held at Newnham - Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November
- Nick Jones Creative Tech Camp held at Newnham - Monday 28th to Wednesday 30th October
- Evolution Netball & Multisports Camp at Newnham - Monday 28th to Wednesday 30th October
- Nextthing Tech Club – held at Vaughan Primary school
- Northolt Swimming Crash course

COMMUNITY NEWS

Hillingdon Disability Network – see our website for their newsletter detailing charities in the borough that can help support young children and their families in regards to disability.

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Learn Hillingdon Wider Family Learning Autumn Workshops 2024
[WFL Autumn 24 Programme \(PDF\) \[76KB\]](#)

Centre for ADHD & Autism Support –The centre will be running several sleep workshops over the next year. Please see the poster on our website that has a QR code with all the dates and times as well as the booking link.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey
Headteacher

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