



Together Everyone Achieves More



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well we have come to the end of a very different 6 weeks of education, and we just want to say a huge WELL DONE to all of our parents, carers and family members for all of your hard work. We are SO proud of all of the children who have worked extremely hard – both in school and at home – under very trying circumstances. We hope that you ALL have a well-deserved break over the holidays and enjoy having some screen-free time. Please remember that Newham's booklet includes ideas for activities and support services for the half term break. <https://www.curwen.newham.sch.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyid=2038>

We are continuing to update the information on our school website, so please do have a look there for ideas and activities as well as support <https://www.curwen.newham.sch.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning&pid=317>.

Finally we would like to say a massive THANK YOU to all of our wonderful staff who – we're sure you will agree – have been working tirelessly to provide the very best they can for our families.

We wish a very Happy Chinese New Year to all of our staff and families who are celebrating, and we hope that you all have a happy and healthy half term.

Mrs Mansfield



### Coffee Breaks



Thank you to all of you that attended our virtual 'coffee breaks' this week. It was lovely to see you all, and many of our parents shared some helpful hints for managing home learning which we thought we would share with you:



- Lingo is on ITV at 3:00pm and comes recommended as a game for all of the family to play.
- Whatever happens there is always tomorrow. If things go wrong try not to worry – just try again tomorrow.
- Juggling everything is a challenge for everyone. Just do your best and be kind to yourself.
- Take care of yourself: make time for things that you enjoy or treat yourself to something nice.
- Use support networks you have. Send messages to friends and family, share good ideas and don't be afraid to ask for help.
- Children need time to connect too. If possible try to arrange (supervised) time for children to call/video call friends.
- Don't worry about the small stuff!

Lastly please remember we are here to help and support everyone the best we can through these unprecedented times.

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### Family Support

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Family Support services are available on Monday—Thursday, between 9:00 AM -4:00 PM (term-time only.) Family support can help with a variety of issues that you and your children may encounter. Support includes: Health and Wellbeing advice, Emotional Support, Employment and Training ,Housing and Benefit advice, Community Participation, Child Development, Safety at Home ,Free Early education , Parenting programmes ,Domestic Violence support, etc. If you feel you will benefit from any of the services on offer you can contact the Family Support Worker on her **Mobile number: 07494749890**

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### Parental Hotline

We understand how difficult this period has been on everyone, therefore we are here for you.

Parent Hotline for Non-Medical Issues/ Signposting parents to essential services. This line is monitored by our staff Monday to Friday 10am — 3pm. **Contact : 07944 224 266.**

### Our Official YouTube Channel

The Tapscott Learning Trust are pleased to announce the launch of our YouTube channel. This was created to support parents with home learning and other educational videos. Find us at: [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) - Tapscott Learning Trust

### Gold Shakespeare School

We would like to congratulate all our Shakespeare cast and directors for achieving yet another fantastic result in the Coram Festival. We have been awarded the Gold Shakespeare School Award and we couldn't be more proud of our children! Congratulations everyone!



## Pupil of the Week



AM— Arita & Lena

PM— Rayyan & Aila

RDR— Samuele

RM— Abdullah

RF— Latif

RS— Anita

1K— Absar

1C— Abir

1M— William

1D— Zakariya

2L— Antonia

2B— Awaan

2R— Amira

2M— Gerrard

3B— Harlie

3G— Afsa

3H— Ahyan

3L— Alexia

4C— Heather

4N— Alaina

4B— Erich

4A— Renad

5C— Sahir

5B— Lukas

5W— Lorena

5L— Ismail

6I— Daneya

6K— Tobi

6U— Josiah

6B— Hale

LST1— Emmanuel

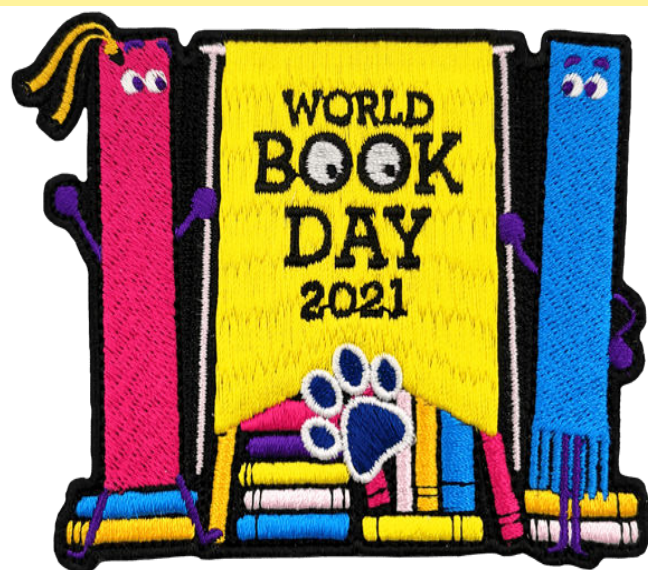
LST2— Raiyaan

### World's Book Day—2021

This year to celebrate World Book Day we're going to have a Pyjama and Hot Chocolate Day. Whether children are learning at home or in school, we'd like them to get dressed in their pyjamas and relax with a nice hot chocolate whilst they listen to their teachers read fantastic stories and have fun discussions with their classmates about their favourite books and authors.

Over half term and the week leading up to World Book Day, we'd like our pupils to create their own Story Jars relating to their favourite book. This will involve them filling a jar or small container with items that are important to them about their favourite book. Things they might put in their story jars include: memorable words or lines from the book; pictures of their favourite characters; everyday items linking to key moments in the book or anything else that they deem important to telling the story.

We'd like you take the time to make the story jars as a family as this will give our pupils the opportunity to discuss and get excited about their favourite books and authors. During World Book Day itself, each child will have the opportunity to share what they've put in their Story Jars and answer questions from their teachers and class mates.



World Book Day will take place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March so the children have got plenty of time to start thinking about and creating their story jars. Class teachers will tell you more about the other activities they'll be doing on World Book Day itself, nearer the time.

If you need inspiration or ideas of what your child might put in their story jar please check your child's Google Classroom or the school website for a video created by our Literacy Lead – Mr Smale.



# Pyjama Day

