



12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## **School Newsletter**

### **A message from the Headteacher**

Welcome back to the Spring term. Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas break with their families and have returned refreshed and revitalized.

I'd like to welcome some new members of staff: Mrs Malik, who is now the Year 1 Year group leader and 1Blue teacher and Mrs McKenzie who has joined the Nursery team. I would also like to welcome Miss Emin back from her maternity leave. I'm sure you will all make them feel very welcome.

As the weather is very cold please make sure your children are wrapped up warm for school. Please make sure that you CLEARLY LABEL all of your children's clothes and check that the ink has not washed off after laundering. If children's clothes are labelled it makes it easier to identify and return them if they are lost or mislaid.

There are a huge number of training courses and support meetings in the local area, many of which are free. I have included a range of them at the end of this newsletter. Why not take a look?

### **Words of Encouragement**

The words of encouragement for this week are from Psalm 119:105 (NIV):

*"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."*

As we start this New Year it is good to remember that to stay on the right path we need to consider God's word as we make our daily decisions.

### **Attendance award**

Our attendance awards for last week go to:

Reception Blue

2 Red

3 Blue

5 Yellow

Very well done!



## Look what the children have been doing!

### Nursery

We would like to welcome all of our children and families back to the nursery and welcome some new children who have joined the nursery this week. We have been settling the children once again and reinforcing all of the routines again.

This week the children have been exploring space travel with our story 'Whatever Next'. We acted out the story using props and enjoyed using junk modelling to build rockets to take us into space. We saw some interesting things in space such as the planets Mars, Earth, Jupiter and Saturn, stars, aliens, the moon and the sun.

We watched a moon landing and made some amazing aliens. We then practiced our robot dance moves and loudly counted down from 5, ready to blast off!!!



### Reception

We have been reading a very interesting book called 'Our Very Own Dog.' It is a story about a rescue dog called Sophie who goes to live with her new family. The book also gives information about how to care for dogs. The children enjoyed using the role play area which has been transformed into a Vet's surgery.

Nico the dog came to visit and the children asked lots of questions in order to find out how to care for a pet.



Our RE focus for this term is: **Who Cares for This Special World?**

For the first lesson we discussed the problem of pollution and did an experiment to demonstrate how pollution is spoiling the sea and harming the sea creatures.

For lesson 2 we learned all about the importance of recycling.

### Year 1

The children in year 1 have been busy learning about extreme weather and how it affects us and our planet. So far, they have looked at floods and have learnt about how these can occur as well as the damage they can cause. We will continue looking at other extreme



weather conditions over the spring term. In RE, the children have started to explore Judaism, learning key words and looking at objects connected to the faith. Place value is our topic for maths and the children are consolidating their understanding of numbers up to 20 using concrete objects and various different pictorial representations. Our science learning this half term is centred around animals and understanding how to group them. The children thoroughly enjoyed categorising different animals into their animal groups. We look forward to learning about what different animals eat next week!

## Year 2

The Year 2 team wish you a warm welcome back. It has been wonderful to see how the children have matured following their time away, as they have returned with such vigour and enthusiasm. A gentle reminder that the completion of Homework and the Home-Reader questions, will support your child in preparation for the Year 2 assessments. Let's work together to help our children achieve the best they can.

## Year 3

Happy New Year! During the Christmas holiday, Year Three completed their FITT project on Language and Communication. This week, they presented their projects in the junior hall. Here is a selection.



This week, we began looking at writing in different periods – hieroglyphics, Greek writing and Viking runes.

Following an exploration of Viking runes, we are making necklaces using pendants made by writing our initials, Viking-style, on clay. The photos show the first part of this work which will be finished once the clay is dry.



## Year 4

Welcome back everyone, wishing you all a happy new year! Year 4 are starting a new Topic called Trade and Transport. As part of these lessons, we hope to expose children to various modes of transport in London such as tube, train, Thames river boats and the DLR. They will explore various means of travel through the ages and various trade routes across the world such as the Silk Road. In Science, they will learn about the changing states of matter and continue their music recorder lessons with Miss Morgan. We look forward to another exciting term.



## Year 5

We started the Term with finding out that the Year 5s are banned from break for the rest of this year!

Of course, we could not let this slide - we needed to take immediate action.

After a quiet sit - in, in the hall and a few children in a picket line, Year 5s managed to convince SLT team to give us back our break.

This protest was held to help the children understand how women earned the right to vote.

We have been learning about the Suffragettes and Suffragists who fought for women's suffrage very differently.

Towards the end of the week, we spent time planning a debate that some of our Year 5s participated in.

## Year 6

This week in science children explored a diagram of a heart –they looked at blood flow, - flow of both oxygenated blood and deoxygenated blood.

They then accurately labelled the different parts of the heart and explained the job of a blood vessel.

Why not test their knowledge and ask them the following questions:

- What is at the heart of the circulatory system? **Heart.**
- What does the heart do? – **It pumps blood around the body, taking oxygen (from the lungs) and nutrients to the different parts and then returning to the lungs with carbon dioxide to be exhaled.**

Our maths lessons this week focused on the Metric System and conversions. Some children are still unsure how to convert between metric units- it would be most beneficial to their learning if you could encourage them to learn these conversions off - by - heart:

### **KEY FACTS - LENGTH**

1 cm = 10 mm

1 centimetre = 10 millimetres

1 m = 100 cm

1 metre = 100 centimetres

1 km = 1000 m

1 kilometre = 1000 meters

### **KEY FACTS - WEIGHT**

1 kg = 1000 g

1 kilogram = 1000 grams

### **KEY FACTS - VOLUME**

1 L = 1000 mL

1 litre = 1000 millilitres

## **Admission to Reception classes Sept 2024**

Please make sure you submit your application for Reception classes in Sept 2024 to the Local Authority by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

If your child is in our Nursery and you wish them to attend Latymer All Saints for Reception you MUST apply through the Local Authority route as your child does not automatically get a place.

Supplementary forms should be submitted to our school office IN ADDITION to the online application to the local authority.

Please click on the link below to apply.

[Admission to primary school - September 2024 | Enfield Council](#)





### **Voicemail messages from school**

If you have a missed call from school on your phone, please listen to the voicemail message that has been left before you call us back as this will help us to better direct your call.

### **Reporting your child's absence**

If your child is unwell and unable to come to school, please call the school number and press option 1 to report the absence on the voicemail facility. If we need to follow up with you a member of the office staff will call you later in the morning.

### **Special school dinner menu**

Our special school census day (Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024) menu is detailed on the flyer below. Thanks to the Mayor of London Free school meals for Primary school children initiative you don't have to pay anything and there are no forms to fill in. If your child does not already have a school lunch this might be a great day to start! Your child just has to choose their preferred option during morning registration and they can enjoy their choice at lunch time.



## Adoptive Parents Education Support



### Coffee Morning

- Are you the parent of an adopted child?
- Are you aware of the educational support available for your child?
- Would you like the opportunity to discuss any educational issues? (Examples could include SEN, attendance, homework, friendships, or anything else!)
- Would you like to meet other adoptive parents?

Please come and join us on

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**10 – 11.30 am**

**West Lea School, (Haselbury Campus)**  
Haselbury Road  
Edmonton, N9 9TT

Please contact Jane Manning (contact details below) to reserve your space



To find out more contact: Jane Manning (Previously Looked After Children Officer): [jane.manning@enfield.gov.uk](mailto:jane.manning@enfield.gov.uk)



## Special Guardianship Education Support



### Coffee Morning

- Are you a Special Guardian?
- Are you aware of the educational support available for your child?
- Would you like the opportunity to discuss any educational issues? (Examples could include SEN, attendance, homework, friendships, or anything else!)
- Would you like to meet other Special Guardians?

Please come and join us on

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**10 – 11.30 am**

**Dugdale Arts Centre Cafe,**  
39 London Road  
Enfield Town. EN2 6DS

Please contact Jane Manning (contact details below) to reserve your space

To find out more contact: Jane Manning (Previously Looked After Children Officer): [jane.manning@enfield.gov.uk](mailto:jane.manning@enfield.gov.uk)







# Baby and Us



A free 9-week programme run by trained local parents for local parents.

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Learn how to bond with your baby, understand their needs, look after your wellbeing and meet new friends.

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Suitable for parents of babies 0-9 months

**Date:** 25/01/2024 to 28/03/2024



For more information or to book on please contact:

(No session on 15/02/2023)

**Time:** 9.30am - 11.30am

**Location:** Ponders End Youth & Family Hub, 129 South Street, Enfield, EN3 4PX

**Katrina** - 07719324861 -

**Katrina.O'Gorman**@enfield.gov.uk

**Nadine** - 077719324754 -

**Nadine.Small**@enfield.gov.uk



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## January 2024 Newsletter

### LET'S FACE THE NEW YEAR!

Tuesday  
16th Jan  
19:00 - 20:00  
FREE



#### FREE SESSION

**Cannabis Awareness**

Get the facts so you can have the conversation

Thursday  
1st Feb  
19:00 - 21:00  
£24



#### Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging stereotypes, explaining what ADHD is and offering a range of interventions that can make lasting differences.

Monday  
5th Feb  
19:00 - 21:00  
£24



#### Autism: Improving Communication

Small changes in how you communicate, lead to huge improvements with your ability to communicate with someone on the spectrum.

Tuesday  
9th Jan  
19:00 - 21:00  
£24



#### Getting a Good Night

Screen Addiction, insomnia, energy drinks and more. Get a range of extremely useful ideas on how to improve the quality of their sleep.

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

[info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)





## Recovery College Courses and Workshops Spring 2024

### — Workshops —

(All online)

#### Anger Management

**Thurs 28 Mar (10am to 1pm) Via Zoom.**  
For people wanting to understand anger, and be introduced to tools to manage it.

#### Mind Body & Soul

**Mon 19 Feb (10am to 1pm) Via Zoom.**  
A chance to explore the power of sound, creative visualisation and meditation for positive mental health.

#### Mindfulness for Self Compassion

**Thurs 7 Mar (6pm to 9pm) Via Zoom.**  
For people wanting to learn some mindfulness techniques and apply them to developing self compassion.

#### Gratitude for Wellbeing

**Thurs 1 Feb (10am to 1pm) Via Zoom.**  
Learn about the science of happiness, and the power of gratitude. Includes an introduction to keeping a gratitude journal.

### — COURSES —

(All 10 weeks)

#### Anger Management

**Wed (11am to 1pm) starting 24 Jan @ 55 Christchurch Avenue, North Finchley, N12 0DG.**  
For people wanting to understand anger, and be introduced to tools to manage it.

#### Art Course

**Tues (6pm to 8pm) starting 23 Jan via Zoom.**  
People of all levels learn how to develop skills and express themselves using art techniques.

#### Body Care and Makeup

**Tues (11am to 1pm) starting 23 Jan via Zoom.**  
For people wanting to learn simple everyday practices for body care (inc washing, using scrubs and oils, and breathing techniques) and applying make up for a positive mind and body image.

#### Effective Communication

**Tues (2pm to 4pm) starting 16 Jan @ 275 Fore Street, Edmonton, N9 0PD.**  
How to verbally communicate with confidence in different situations.

### — Courses —

(All 10 weeks)

#### Gardening with Nature

**Mon (11am to 1pm) starting 15 Jan @ 55 Christchurch Avenue, North Finchley, N12 0DG.** (some sessions at Whetstone Stray allotments, N12 7DX) To learn simple growing techniques and how these can be applied to students own growing conditions.

#### Hand Sewing

**Weds (2pm to 4pm) starting 24 Jan @ 55 Christchurch Avenue, North Finchley, N12 0DG.**  
To learn a range of skills to produce a number of useful items.

#### Mindfulness for Stress & Anxiety Reduction

**Thurs (6pm to 8pm) starting 25 Jan via Zoom.**  
For people wanting in-depth understanding of Mindfulness and how it can be used to manage stress and anxiety.

#### Personal Development

**Thurs (11am to 1pm) starting 18 Jan @ 275 Fore Street, N9 0PD.**  
To help you achieve your full potential, and build confidence to manage life's challenges.

## Recovery College Courses and Workshops Spring 2024

### — Courses —

(All 10 weeks)

#### Self Esteem

**Weds (6pm to 8pm) starting 18 Jan via Zoom.**  
For people that would like to understand and develop skills of self esteem.

#### Singing Skills (TBC)

**Fri (6pm to 8pm) starting 19 Jan via Zoom.**  
Learn a range of techniques, and build confidence in singing.

### — Support Groups —

#### Moving Forward (10 weeks)

**Weds (4pm to 5.30pm OR 6pm to 7.30pm) starting 17 Jan @ 55 Christchurch Avenue, North Finchley, N12 0DG.**  
Ongoing groups for people wanting to explore changes in their life in a facilitated peer support group.

#### Sleep Support (5 weeks)

**Mon (2pm to 4pm) starting 15 Jan and 26 Mar @ 55 Christchurch Avenue, North Finchley, N12 0DG.** To explore ways to improve sleep in a supportive group.

**FREE and open to all adults 18 years +**  
**Funded by Barnet & Southgate College and the Barnet Wellbeing Service.**  
To register for a place contact [wellbeinglearn@mindeb.org.uk](mailto:wellbeinglearn@mindeb.org.uk) - Tel: 0208 906 7504

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# Enfield Psychology Service



## Telephone support line for parents and carers

Enfield EP Service is offering Enfield parents and carers the opportunity to speak to a member of the Educational Psychology Service (EPS) about a concern or issue they may have in relation to their child.

Educational Psychologists are professionals concerned with the development, learning and social and emotional wellbeing of children and young people. Issues we can help you to think about include:

- ▶ Learning
- ▶ Emotions (e.g. fears and worries, low mood, anger)
- ▶ Transitions at school and home
- ▶ Parenting
- ▶ Resource seeking
- ▶ Signposting to appropriate services



Calls can be booked between 9.30am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

If you have internet access, please fill in the online form here to request a phone call.

If you don't have access to the internet, please call us to request a phone call.

### 0208 379 2000

We will do our best to respond to your request within ten working days.

A telephone consultation is not a formal referral to our service.



For more information email [eps@enfield.gov.uk](mailto:eps@enfield.gov.uk)

[www.enfield.gov.uk](http://www.enfield.gov.uk)



### Dates for your diary

- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb: children break up for half term at 3.15pm
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb: Children return to school after half term
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Mar: Children break up for Easter 1.30pm (No after school club this day)
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April: Children return to school after Easter Holiday
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April: Class photographs
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May: Children break up for half term at 3.15pm
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: Children return to school after half term
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July: INSET day (No children in school)
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July: Children break up for Summer holiday at 1.30pm (No after school club on this day)

If you have any queries about information in the newsletter please do not hesitate to contact school via the office or to ask one of the staff team in the playground at the beginning and end of the day.

Best wishes  
Katy Brennan  
Head teacher

In our school we love deeply, respecting everyone and treating them with dignity;  
we aspire with confidence, working hard and embracing challenge and  
we serve God and the community, following the example of Jesus, to create a better world.

### **Ephesians 5:2 (NLT)**

*“Live a life of love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us”*

