

New City Primary School



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Newsletter



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Head Teacher Update

Dear parents and carers

Thank you for all your support over the past 4 weeks and supporting your children with their learning. This is a very challenging time and by working in partnership we can ensure our children do not miss too much of their learning.



It is now possible to message your teacher via Marvellous Me as well as the email address. Your class teachers will have sent you information about this. If you do not have your Marvellous Me log in details then please contact the school office or email me at info@newcity.boleyntrust.org

We have sent out vouchers to all families who are eligible for free school meals. If you shop in Marks and Spencer's they are offering an extra £5. Please see this link for more information [Marks & Spencer is adding £5 to every £15 free school meal voucher - how to claim it \(msn.com\)](#)

You can check and apply for free school meals by clicking www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Free-school-meals.aspx

Have a good weekend and take care

Mrs Stone

Important dates-Spring Term 2021

February 1st—7th—Children's Mental Health Week

7th February—Wear your 'Dress to Express' outfit

12th February—Chinese New Year

12th February—end of the half term

February 15th—19th—School closed.

March 8th—12th—Science Week

April 1st—Last Day of the Spring Term

April 2nd—16th Easter Holidays

Please note all information regarding dates, policies and the curriculum can be found on our website at www.newcity.boleyntrust.org

Remote Learning at New City

We are so proud of all our children and teachers who have embraced Remote Learning as part of our Learning Platform here at New City. We have seen a huge uptake in our children who have been joining in from school and from home on Google Classroom for online learning.

Please see some example of home learning from KS1:

Kayleb in 1T produced this as part of his art learning



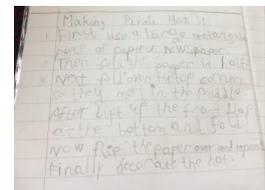
Dodo in 2H writing a newspaper article



Arthur in 2H writing a newspaper article



Ayaan 1T instructions for making a pirate's hat



Holocaust Remembrance Day

Every year on 27th January people across the UK mark Holocaust Memorial Day by putting on events, assemblies, candle lightings, performances and many other activities. We do this to remember some events in the past when people were treated badly because of their religion or the colour of their skin. For our assembly 2 of our Y6 children Raif and Humdaan wrote this poem.



Be the light in the darkness

The flickering flame of hope is not yet blown out.
Each and everyone one of us is a microscopic star,
But together we glow up the night.
The dark clouds of oppression threaten to eclipse the sun,
But don't lose faith:
Love and kindness will find their way
To light the fire in our hearts.
The memory of the lives that were extinguished
Is a lighthouse that guides us through the roughest storm.
We will hold on to our knowledge,
Like we would hold on to a torch in the darkest of times.

Star of the Week

RG— Aryan for using his sounds independently in English to write full sentences to a high standard

RK—Daniyal for settling back into learning at school and producing amazing writing using his phonic knowledge

RM— Sara for making an incredible robot out of different materials at home

1F—Michelle for her incredible work using a number line to count back

1D—Aiman for always making sure she attends all the Google Meets and participates

1T- Radhika for her amazing contribution to the TT Rockstars competition

2P- Hasnain for his excellent work on Google Classroom and for engaging in all activities

2B- Ayaat For her enthusiasm and commitment to her learning from home

2H- Izaan for engaging in all activities this week and being our TT Rockstar Champion

3K- Zoya for working extremely hard on Google Classroom and submitting her work to a high standard

3D-Kian and Mashood for being utterly consistent and dedicated to learning via Google Classroom

3P- Uzair for his consistent hard work on Goggle Classroom

4M- Ayaan for his fantastic work on Goggle Classroom

4T- Annyah for always completing her work to the best of her ability and really engaging in all online learning.

4P- Ibrahim for the fantastic work he has produced since the start of term

5B- Joao for his fantastic work in English this week. Well done!

5S—Usman for the spectacular work he submits for his home learning!

5R—Junior for his incredible amount of focus in class

6J— Alayna for consistently doing her best in every single subject and helping her peers, even remotely—well done!

6C—Raif for coming into school in a good spirit and showing an outstanding attitude to his learning

6W- Madina for her positivity during this difficult time



Mr Aloum's Maths Tip

Use maths talk every day

Practise reading the time

As we move into digital, many children are growing up not reading analogue clocks. Make sure your child practises reading analogue clocks in everyday life, as this is part of the maths curriculum.



At New City, we encourage our children to be 'Global Citizens' - to recognise that as individuals we share responsibility for looking after the planet. Watching nature is also great for mental health! This weekend is the RSPB's annual bird survey, where they ask members of the public to spend an hour in their garden or local park counting the birds they see. To take part, go online to: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/> The website also has games and quizzes to entertain!

You can send in any of your observations to your class teacher. It would be great to see what you find.

Art Resources - Whitechapel Gallery

If you're looking for creative activities to do with your children look no further than this activity pack inspired by the current exhibition Nalini Malani: **Can You Hear Me?**

Designed by artist and activist Jacob V Joyce, this activity can be done at home - and at the Gallery when it reopens - to inspire children to engage with some of the themes and ideas within Malani's current display. This resource is aimed at families with children aged 6 and up, but you can also use the images and texts to inspire play with movement and gesture for younger children.

<https://www.whitechapelgallery.org/about/blog/can-you-hear-me-activity-sheet-for-families/>

Well Being and Mental Health

It is really important that during this second school closure that we look after our mental health and well being. We will endeavour to include weekly updates to sign post you to websites and resources to support you all during this time.

It is important to take time away from screens, especially when we are using them even more frequently for our learning. Go for a walk, take some exercise, watch out for some birds!

We also have a really excellent resource to help children understand what's happening if they have a family member in ICU? This is from an education psychologist.

<https://icusteps.org/assets/files/activity-book/aboutICU.pdf>

Check out our website for lots of resources to support mental health during this time:
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every mind matters