



# New City Primary School

## Newsletter



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### Head Teacher Update

Dear parents and carers

As this is the last day of the Spring term I would like to thank you all for your support during this strange term. Everyone has worked so hard with the remote learning and ensured that the children returned to school happy and safe. Thank you for all your support with the staggered start and end of days and for wearing a mask in the playground. Let's hope we will have a 'normal' term in the summer.

Please can I remind everyone about our school uniform. Children should be wearing the uniform as stated in our uniform policy and on the website at <https://www.newcity.boleyntrust.org/information-for-parents/parents-handbook>. We will be checking all the uniform when we return so please use the Easter break to update your child's uniform if necessary.

Finally I would like to wish you a happy spring break  
Best wishes  
Mrs Stone  
Head Teacher



### Important dates—Spring Term 2021

April 1st—Last Day of the Spring Term

April 2nd—16th Easter Holidays

April 19th—First Day of the Summer Term

May 6th—School closed as a polling station

May 28th—End of Summer Term 1

June 7th—Start of the new half term

July 22nd—Last day of the term

Please note all information regarding dates, policies and the curriculum can be found on our website at [www.newcity.boleyntrust.org](http://www.newcity.boleyntrust.org)

### Year 6-7 Transition

By now, you should have all received an email or letter letting you know which secondary school your child has been allocated. We understand how exciting, difficult and daunting it can be for our Year 6 pupils who are getting ready to move to secondary school. To combat any anxieties your child may have in school we are doing the following:

- During PHSE lessons we are talking and discussing strategies to cope with change and how seek help if anything worries them.

- We are focussing on making sure your child has the key academic skills needed in readiness for Year 7 curriculum.

- We will be doing transition work in partnership with neighbouring Newham Secondary School.

- Working with IntoUniversity (an external company) to do workshops related to transition.

- We are offering the children support from our learning mentors and in school counsellor if needed.

Please do talk to your child about their feelings about transition to secondary school and do let us know if we can help in anyway.



### Easter Lunch

On Wednesday March 31st we held an Easter lunch for all the children. This was like the Christmas lunch we all missed in December. It was a great occasion and lovely food thanks to our kitchen staff!



### After School Club

We are pleased to be able to open an after school club provision in the Family Centre from next week. This is being organised and run by an external organisation called KidsClub. To book a place you need to visit <https://www.kidsclub.org.uk/new-city/>

### Free School Meals

You can check and apply for free school meals by clicking [www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Free-school-meals.aspx](http://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Free-school-meals.aspx)



### Easter Zoom Activities Plaistow Library

Wednesday 7 April

11am: Story & Nursery rhymes and how to make a chick  
<https://zoom.us/j/9581126482>

3.30pm: Science experiments and more..  
<https://zoom.us/j/91486014099>

Friday 9 April

11am: Storytelling and egg arts and crafts  
<https://zoom.us/j/98090496452>

3pm: Book Quiz and make a chocolate nest  
<https://zoom.us/j/94657403394>

Monday 12 April

11am: Interactive storytelling 'Ladybird' and arts & craft  
<https://zoom.us/j/95436826951>

3pm: Scavenger Hunt and bunny art & craft  
<https://zoom.us/j/95218280740>

Wednesday 14 April  
Bunny Day

11am: Interactive storytelling and rocket bookmark art & craft  
<https://zoom.us/j/96589253278>

3pm: Bunny arts and crafts

Friday 16 April

11am: Bingo  
<https://zoom.us/j/99819717127>

3pm: Easter celebration party  
<https://zoom.us/j/95158902075>

Saturday 17th April

2pm: Max out your card live & Guess how many Easter eggs in the jar  
<https://zoom.us/j/96929272876>

For more information please contact Plaistow Library on: 020 3373 0859 or email: [CN.Plaistow@newham.gov.uk](mailto:CN.Plaistow@newham.gov.uk)

## Debate Mate

The Year 6 debate team, including Turab , Nabia , Musa, Felix, Aicha and Mateo have been working incredibly hard on their debating skills all year round and have now been showing their skills in online competitions with other schools! They have debated a range of topics such as the importance of saving money and the positives and negatives of home learning. They have participated in two debates against two different schools and both times they performed amazingly and won! Not only did they show great debating skills but also great respect and humility towards the opposing teams during the competition. Brilliant work!



## Child of the Term



RG—Zekharayah RK—Aiza  
RM—Khadijah 1F—Rubab

1D- Zakariya 1T- Alamin 2P- Diana 2B-Naheem  
2H- Abid 3K-Ayaan 3D-Mashood 3P-Muhammad  
4M- Zainab 4T-Mahir 4P- Arshia  
5B-Crayden 5S- Areeza 5R—Mahita  
6J—Mass 6C—Aidan 6W-Dejay



## New City Watches a Brass Quintet

On Monday 29th March, children from nursery up to year 6 all watched a brass quintet. Their group was called "Chapel Brass" This performance was an interactive, live and virtual experience. Their introduction piece was Star wars. Chapel Brass had pre-recorded some music such as Battle Suite, Hunter's Moon, The Acrobat and Brooklyn.

The instruments we were shown were 2 trumpets, a trombone, a French horn and a tuba. We learnt that the French horn used to be used for hunting and trumpets were used to start a battle. We participated in activities such as pretending to ride a horse when we heard the French horn and pretending to pull out a sword when we heard the trumpet. The French horn, before, used to have less tubing and had no valves so you had to put your hand in the bell to change the pitch.

The people who did this amazing performance were Becky, Russel, Steph, Sabrina and Christopher. We all hope to see them in school when it is safe. By Sumaya 4P



## Mr Freeland's Book Review

Set in a rural village on the shores of Papua New Guinea, this is a remarkable tale of love, loss and friendship. Following the death of her parents, Blue Wing moves in with Siringen, a gentle village elder who becomes her waspapi, or guardian. Obsessed by his role as a shark caller, Blue Wing pleads with Siringen to teach her this ancient tradition, but he refuses, fearing that the anger in her heart will lead her to misuse the skills. The inclusion of Papuan Pidgin English words throughout the book enlivens the narrative, particularly when read aloud. Engaging characters, a compelling plot and vivid descriptions of the glorious setting masterfully transport the reader to Blue Wing's island. This exceptional novel, which explores complex emotions of guilt and grief, will remain with the reader long after the final page.



## Learning Maths at Home Counting

Younger children should practise counting as often as possible. Here are some ideas for counting games:

Sing number rhymes together.

Give them the opportunity to count a range of interesting objects (coins, pasta shapes etc), encouraging them to touch and move each item as they count it. Then ask them to count things they cannot touch or see (more difficult!) such as claps or jumps.

Look for numbers in the environment, for example in your house or when out shopping.

Cut out numbers from cards, magazines etc. and ask your child to order them

Make deliberate mistakes when counting or ordering numbers. Can your child spot what you have done wrong?

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Choice	Macaroni Cheese	Chicken Sausages, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Roast Chicken with Stuffing Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Tikka Curry with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips
Vegetarian Choice	Soya Spaghetti Bolognaise	Vegetarian Sausages, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetarian Wellington and Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Lentil and Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Wholemeal Cheese and Tomato Quiche with Chips
Sides	Sweetcorn Peppers	Cauliflower Cabbage	Swede and Carrot Mash	Broccoli Carrots	Baked Beans Peas
Dessert	Marble Sponge with Custard	Pineapple Cake	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt	Apple, Cheese and Crackers	Chocolate Cocoa Cookie

Jacket Potatoes, Salad Selection, Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt are available every day. Baguettes/Sandwiches are also available