



New City Primary School

Newsletter



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Head Teacher Update

Dear parents and carers

Thank you all for your support last Friday when we closed at lunchtime for staff training. On this newsletter is information about why we closed.

We will be closing for half term on February 11th for one week and returning on Monday February 21st.

Thank you Best wishes
Mrs Stone



Chinese New Year

The children at New City have taken part in numerous activities to celebrate Chinese New Year (also known as Lunar New Year and the Spring Festival), the Year of the Tiger, which began on February 1st.

Each year group took part in a workshop led by their Lǎoshī 老师 (Mandarin teachers) to understand the purpose of the festival and how to celebrate. The children discovered that the New Year is all about new beginnings; Spring is the beginning of a new year, just as the morning is the beginning of a new day. In Chinese culture, all celebrations focus on removing the old and welcoming in the new. New clothes are worn and cleaning takes place. The children know that red is a lucky colour in Chinese culture and red envelopes are given as gifts.

In their Mandarin lessons this week, the children participated in more activities to celebrate. Year 1 and 2 created tigers in honour of 2022 being the Year of the Tiger. Year 3 created paper lanterns with tiger strips. Year 4 engaged in the Lion and Dragon dances. Year 5 and 6 created decorations such as the couplet; The Chinese couplet refers to two complementary poetic lines adhering to certain rules, often written on red paper or carved on wooden uprights for appreciation. People will put the couplets as decorations the morning of Chinese New Year. Chinese New Year activities and decorations are created to give blessings for the next year. Both the names and looks are symbols of wishes for prosperity, happiness and auspiciousness. Finally, the winners of the at home competition were announced in the whole school assembly: Halima Nursery, Sara 1T, Khadija S 2B, Diyana 3G, Hafsa 4P and Fatima S 4P, Sarah † 5Ra and Sameya 6C

Happy New Year! 新年好! Xīnnián hǎo!



Important dates-Spring Term 2022

February 7th - 13th - Children's Mental Health Week

February 11th - Random Acts of Kindness Day

February 11th—Dress to Express Day

February 11th—End of Spring Term 1

February 21st—First Day of Spring Term 2

February 23rd—Opening of the Family Centre

March 3rd—World Book Day

March 18th - Comic Relief Day

March 21st—International Day

April 1st - World Autism Day

April 1st - Last Day of the Spring Term

April 19th—First day of the Summer term

May 2nd—Bank Holiday—School Closed

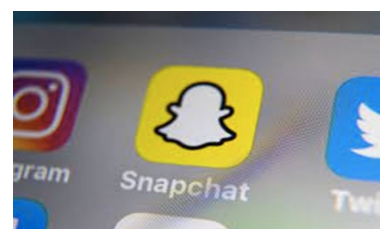
May 5th—Election Day—school closed

May 9th—KS2 SATs week

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

Online Safety at home

Dear Parents and Carers to ensure that our children remain safe we ask that you monitor your child's use of social media at home with such sites as Snapchat, Facebook and Roblox. According to terms and conditions the minimum age for children to be using these sites is 13 years of age. There are parental permission facilities that you can put in place on all of your devices to support with this. Should you need any further information or clarification then please do not hesitate to contact the school.



Debate Mate

On Tuesday, the New City Debating team took part in their first competitive debating competition against other schools in London. They debated on two different topics; creativity over academic attainment and whether everyone deserves a second chance. They showed amazing confidence and debating skills and most importantly displayed the New City values when participating by showing respect to other competitors throughout. After a very narrow defeat in their first debate, the pupils showed great resilience to win their second one; we are all immensely proud of them and can't wait to see them compete again in a few weeks time!



KS2 Online Reading Journals

Reading with your child at home is very important and makes a big difference to their happiness and motivation at school and learning outcomes. You can let the teacher know how it's going by completing the Reading log found on your MarvellousMe home screen. We have moved our reading logs online so parents are able to give concise feedback of their children's reading in seconds. Please read with your child every day for at least 15 minutes and fill in the online reading journals every **Sunday**. If you have any questions about the online reading journals, please speak to your child's teacher who will be happy to support you.



Education for Change

Last Friday, New City closed early for whole school staff training around Education for Change (E4C).

What is Education for Change? E4C is a programme designed for educators by educators to ensure schools provide high-quality, practical opportunities to explore diversity and racial issues in a meaningful way.

At New City, we pride ourselves at being a diverse and inclusive school community that celebrates every individual and their race, culture and background. We are proud to be part of a programme that aims to engage and open minds by challenging, inspiring and motivating children and young people to both prepare for, and call out, racism when they experience or encounter it.

The staff training raised some difficult conversations about racism, but conversation proved a powerful tool. Staff were left with an even deeper understanding and insight of the impact of racism on everyday life and how this impacts not only ourselves but our children.

Alongside the E4C project, we want to continue to empower our school community to have the difficult conversations about the existence and widespread impact of racism, ultimately raising expectations, shifting mindsets and enabling children and young people that encounter racism to overcome real and perceived barriers.



Celebrating European Heritage Competition

Children have been set a competition to celebrate our European heritage. The competition is to select one historical figure from **Europe** and highlight why they are significant, how their work has made an impact on the world and how they inspire you. All entries need to be in by February 7th.



Star of the Week



RG—Bailey
1T—Dorcas

RS—Aydin



1F—Ayman

2U- Khadija 2B- Eva 2D—Sufaian 3K- Walid
3D- Aadila 3G-Diyana 4M-Shayne 4T-Nafija
4P-Kanij 5Ra-Yusra 5S-Emil 5R—Jannatul
6J/F- Jessie 6C—Aminah 6W-Regina 6B—Laiba
Learning Hub—Sienna



Book review By Mr Freeland Not If I Can Help It

There are certain things you cannot tell anyone, even your closest friends. At least that is the way 11-year-old Willa feels about the fact that she lives with a sensory processing disorder. An accessible, well-paced and engaging coming-of-age story with a casually inclusive cast and a perfectly loveable and perfectly flawed young protagonist.



Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Choice	Vegetarian Tortilla Stack with Rice	Chicken Sausage with Wedges	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken, Lentil and Gravy Pie with Mashed Potatoes	Fish In Batter with Chips and Peas
Vegetarian Choice	Vegetarian Meatballs with Rice	Vegetable and Bean Fajitas	Mixed Vegetable Loaf with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Wholemeal Vegetable Pasta Bake	BBQ Quorn and Chips
Sides	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Garden Peas Carrots	Carrot and Swede Mash	Green Beans Cauliflower	Baked Beans Garden Peas
Dessert	Rice Pudding with Mixed Berries	Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Fruit and Yoghurt	Eves Pudding with Custard	Pinwheel Cookies

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