



# New City Primary School

## Newsletter



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### Head Teacher Update

Dear parents and carers

Welcome back to the second half of our Spring term. As you may have noticed the strong winds over the last week have had an impact on our walkway by the dining hall but we hope to get it repaired very soon.

Next week we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday March 4th** with lots of workshops taking place. Please see the article below.

Please can I remind everyone about our attendance, punctuality and uniform policies and procedures that are on our website at [www.newcity.boleyntrust.org](http://www.newcity.boleyntrust.org)

Thank you for your ongoing support

Best wishes

Mrs Stone



### Important dates-Spring Term 2022

February 28<sup>th</sup> - World Book Day Workshops

March 1<sup>st</sup>—Stay and Read

March 2<sup>nd</sup>—Phonics coffee morning in the Family Centre

March 3<sup>rd</sup> - Children visit Stratford Library

March 4<sup>th</sup> - World Book Day Fancy Dress

March 9<sup>th</sup>—Early maths coffee morning in the Family Centre

March 10<sup>th</sup> - Y5 IntoUniversity starts

March 14<sup>th</sup> - Assessment Week

March 15<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Skype a school in Canada

March 15<sup>th</sup> - Y6 visit Marvin's Binoculars

March 16<sup>th</sup>—Online Safety coffee morning in the Family Centre

March 18<sup>th</sup> - Comic Relief Day

March 21<sup>st</sup> - International Day Lunch

March 22<sup>nd</sup> - Parent's Evening at school 3 - 5

March 23<sup>rd</sup> - Cultural exchange with a partner school

March 24<sup>th</sup> - Parent's evening 3:30 - 5:30

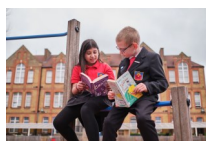
**Please note all information regarding dates, policies and the curriculum can be found on our website at [www.newcity.boleyntrust.org](http://www.newcity.boleyntrust.org)**

### World Book Day

Next week, New City will once again be pulling out all the stops as we celebrate World Book Day. We have loads of exciting things going on throughout the week, including Shakespeare Explorer Workshops that will use drama to give children an in-depth exploration of our greatest storyteller's most famous plays. With the guidance of an expert actor-facilitator the children develop their collaborative skills as they explore the characters, story and themes. By taking creative ownership of the play they gain a newfound confidence with Shakespeare that they can carry with them outside the classroom and in future. On top of this, there will be two author visits where children will have the opportunity to ask questions to one of the most famous authors in Britain, Joana Nadin.



Also, do not forget that on **Friday 4th March** New City will be hosting its annual fancy dress competition! Children are invited to come to school wearing the costume of their favourite characters, with some incredible prizes to be won for the best dressed. We can not wait to see what the children come up with this year!



### New City's Eco Warriors

Mrs Jukes and Ms Bilgis met with the eco-warriors this week. Earlier in the school year, the eco-warriors had identified that New City needed to encourage more wildlife. In an effort to increase New City's biodiversity, the eco-warriors have made seed balls. This involved lots of messy fun mixing pulped scrap paper and seeds. The seed balls will be planted in the school's roof garden. The chosen seeds produce a range of wildflowers that are particularly attractive to pollinators such as bees.



### Stay and Read

After last term's success we will be inviting parents/carers to another 'stay and read' session for our Nursery and Reception parents. This session will give parents an opportunity to stay and read with their child and discuss why reading is vital for a child's development. Our Early years staff will be available to answer any questions parents have and demonstrate how to read to your child. We would look forward to seeing you at this beneficial and informative learning experience.



Reception session:  
Tuesday 1st March 2022,  
8:30-9:30am

Nursery sessions  
Am children: Wednesday 2nd March  
2022, 8:30-9:30am  
pm children: Thursday 3rd March 2022,  
12:00-1:00pm

## Acts of Kindness Week and Dress to Express Day

### Children's Mental Health Week: Acts of Kindness and Dress to Express Day

In the final week before we broke up for the February break, New City raised awareness of Children's Mental Health through a range of activities. We discussed that everyone has mental health, everyone has times that they may feel sad and lonely and what we can do if we feel that way, or notice someone else feeling that way. We explored the 'Five Ways to Wellbeing' - Be Active, Connect, Take Notice, Keep Learning and Give - through the week with different activities such as mini exercises in our classrooms and at lining up time, learning about different emotions and how to express them, taking notice of the weather and gazing at the clouds, connecting with others by asking about their 'Dress to Express' costumes and finally by raising money for our partner school in Uganda and for Place2Be the Children's Mental Health Charity. All pupils in our school pledged to do an 'Act of Kindness' each day over the week and were sponsored by their friends and family. Through these sponsorships, we raised an enormous £603 for the Jireh Rainbow Primary School in Uganda. This will really help the school to begin to rebuild after recent flooding damage, and create flood defences to prevent future damages. On our 'Dress to Express' day, we raised an additional £419 for Place2Be. This has been an amazing charity effort from New City - with over £1000 raised in only one week. The children really enjoyed the fundraising and it was clear how much giving to others also has a great impact on their own wellbeing. **A huge thank you to everyone in our school who participated!**



## Star of the Week



RG— Ibrahim RS—Robyn  
1T—Muhammad 1P—Aiza 1F—Yahya  
2U—Chinyere 2B—Adil 2H—Toby 3K—Nur Nubi  
3D—Ibrahim 3G—Nnamdi 4M—Destiny 4T—Ruby  
4P—Kelsya 5Ra—Khadija 5S—Eugene 5R—Fatimah  
6J/F—Jessie 6C—Areeza 6W—Nazri 6B—Aisha  
Learning Hub—Blessing



## Book review By Ms Fuzzi

Aya is eleven years old and has just arrived in Britain with her mum and baby brother, seeking asylum from war in Syria.

When Aya stumbles across a local ballet class, the formidable dance teacher spots her exceptional talent and believes that Aya has the potential to earn a prestigious ballet scholarship. But at the same time, Aya and her family must fight to be allowed to remain in the country, to make a home for themselves and to find Aya's father - separated from the rest of the family during the journey from Syria.

With beautiful, captivating writing, wonderfully authentic ballet detail, and an important message championing the rights of refugees, this is classic storytelling - filled with warmth, hope and humanity.



## New City Visits Fairplay House

Our SEND children had a great day out at Fairplay House last half term. The activities included archery, low ropes and canoeing on a local river. All the children enjoyed the day learning different skills as well as team building exercises.



Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Choice	Macaroni Cheese	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Jollof with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips
Vegetarian Choice	Vegetable Curry with Rice	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognaise	Roast Quorn, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Gravy	Vegan Burger in A Bun with Wedges	Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips
Sides	Sweetcorn Cauliflower	Mixed Peppers Green Beans	Carrots Peas	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Peas Baked Beans
Dessert	Apple and Berry Crumble with Ice Cream	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Fruit and Yoghurt	Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie with Chocolate Sauce	Apple, Cheese and Crackers

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