



TUESDAY 12TH MARCH 2024

News at Newfield

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you for all of your support and kindness following my recent bereavement. I am incredibly grateful and truly appreciate it. I am back in work now and I will be here until the very end of term, when the funeral will take place and I will be absent for two days. Please rest assured that I am fine and that I am here 100% for the school community. Ms To did an amazing job running the school in my absence and I would like to thank her and all of the amazing Newfield team for their hard work whilst I was not at work.

Please accept our apologies once again for having to close the school last Thursday. Last minute closures are disruptive for everyone but this was beyond our control. As you are aware the school was broken into and there was a lot of damage to internal and external doors, making the site unsafe for children and staff. It filled me with great sadness that people would target a school for a burglary. Our school is not a place of great wealth and everything that we do have is for the children. We have been told that the thieves have tried to sell school laptops and iPads in the local area in shops. If you are approached or hear of this, please do inform the police and the school.

As a result of the break in to the school kitchen, we had to cancel our Mother's Day lunch celebrations scheduled for yesterday and last Friday - both freezer doors were left open, spoiling all of the food inside. The Mother's Day lunches have been postponed until after the Easter holiday- please see the dates attached. If you have already paid, your payment will be carried over to the new dates. We will send out more details after the holidays.

World Book Day

We have rescheduled World Book Day for Thursday 21st March. Children can come to school dressed up as their favourite character on this date! Please also remember to submit your 'Story in a box' competition entries by next Thursday. Assembly dates have also been rearranged for some classes either this term or next term. Please see the dates attached.

Spelling Bee Competition

You may have heard about the exciting Spelling Bee which Ms To has organised. This week, classes will be selecting their representatives in preparation for the grand final on Tuesday 26th March. If your child reaches the final, we will send you an invitation to attend.

Orchard Tree Planting

Thank you to the parents who supported with the Orchard Tree planting. Please see the photos on the school website. It is wonderful that Newfield can support local community projects and help to improve the environment.

Comic Relief

This Friday is Red Nose Day (Comic Relief). To support this charity, we will be selling Red Noses both before and after school. On Friday 15th pupils can wear their own clothes to school and bring a £1.00 donation. The theme this year is "Red to Toe", but children can dress as they wish - with crazy hair or clothes or just in non-uniform.

Wembley Stadium Tour

On Thursday Ms McKeon is taking a group of children who have very good or much improved attendance to Wembley Stadium. If your child is taking part, congratulations and well done! We work really hard to improve attendance at Newfield and we can only do this with your support. Punctuality is becoming an issue for some pupils. Please remember that the school gates open at 8.40 a.m. and that children should be in their classroom by 8.55 a.m. Some pupils regularly arrive after 8.55 a.m. and are missing some of their learning every day. Please work with us to improve this from tomorrow. **Be on time by five to nine!**

Our famous Easter Egg Raffle will take place on the last day of term. We will be selling tickets all of the last week. More details to follow!

Ramadan Mubarak to those families who are currently observing Ramadan. We do allow older pupils to fast if parents provide written permission for them to do so. Pupils are expected to follow a full school day and to follow the full National Curriculum as normal. If parents wish to discuss this with me, please feel free to do so.

We break up for the Easter holidays on Thursday 28th March at 2.00 p.m. and return to school on Monday 15th April. We have lots of learning, some trips and exciting events to fit in before then. Please see the dates below and remember to look at the school website for all up-to-date information www.brent.sch.uk

Attendance

Yearly attendance 4th Sept – 8th March

Nursery: 94.9%
Reception: 89%
Year 1: 93.7%
Year 2: 93.7%
Year 3: 94.7%
Year 4: 95.2%
Year 5: 95.4%
Year 6 Palm: 92.2%
Year 6 Elm: 93.8%
ARP: 87.2%

Total school attendance this
academic year:
93%

Attendance

Weekly attendance Monday 4th – Fri 8th March:

Nursery: 98.9%
Reception: 87.3%
Year 1: 95.8%
Year 2: 88.1%
Year 3: 98.1%
Year 4: 93.1%
Year 5: 98.4%
Year 6 Palm: 84.9%
Year 6 Elm: 98.5%
ARP: 91%

Total school attendance for the week:
93%

Key Dates

Wednesday 13th March

Y4 trip: St. Paul's Cathedral

Thursday 14th March

Y5 trip: Central Mosque
30 pupils Wembley Stadium tour

Friday 15th March

6 Elm assembly
Comic Relief - Non-uniform day
'Red to Toe'

Tuesday 19th March

Class photos
Y4+5 trip: St. Claudine's dance show (pm)

Wednesday 20th March

School choir- Voice in a Million at Wembley Arena

Thursday 21st March

World Book Day
Y2 assembly (9am)

Friday 22nd March

Y3 assembly (9am)
PTA film afternoon

Tuesday 26th March

Newfield Spelling Bee final

Wednesday 27th March

Y5+6 Cross country competition

Thursday 28th March

Learners of the term
School closes at 2pm

Monday 15th April

School open (Summer Term begins)

Thursday 18th and Friday 19th April

Mother's Day + Eid lunch