



FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023

# News at Newfield

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another year at Newfield! Thank you for choosing Newfield as your school (whether you are a new parent or an existing parent). We look forward to working with you to make 2023-24 an incredible year for your child / children. Our vision is to support every child to achieve the very best that they can over their time with us at Newfield.

We have had a good start to the year. Pupils are working hard at school and enjoying their learning. Pupils should also be bringing home their homework back every Friday and this should be returned on a Wednesday. Reading is so important for every child- please do read regularly with your child if you can. All pupils should be bringing home a book matched to their reading level and another book to read for pleasure. If you need any support with homework please do let us know.

Our youngest pupils in Nursery and Reception are settling in well. We do have spaces in Nursery if your child is aged 3. Please remember that we also take Nursery pupils in January and April if they turn 3 within the term before.

I hope that all parents have now met Ms To, our amazing new Deputy Headteacher. She has made a great impact on the school in the short time that she has been here. I would like to take this opportunity to formally welcome her to Newfield. Details about staffing as well as information about our curriculum, policies etc are all available on the school website [www.newfield.brent.sch.uk](http://www.newfield.brent.sch.uk).

## **Educational visits and activities in school**

September was full of activities and events for pupils- Year 3 went on a River Cruise, Year 6 visited Kew Gardens and Year 2 visited a Sikh Gurdwara. We have raised funds for the Moroccan Earthquake Appeal and for McMillan Cancer Research. The School Council Representatives were elected in Years 1 to 6 and School Council Meetings will start shortly.

We are an active school! Pupils are doing two hours of P.E. every week. Pupils also take part in the Daily Mile. Please make sure that your child has the correct kit for P.E. on the days that they need it. Football, Netball, Dance, Multi-Sports and Running Clubs have all started for pupils in KS2. Year 6 have taken part in Bikeability – these are cycling classes to develop their skills and confidence in cycling.

## **School lunches**

We are a healthy school! Please remember to send in a water bottle with your child every day. All meals are now free for pupils from Reception to Year 6 as part of the Mayor of London's offer. For pupils in Nursery, they are entitled to free school meals if they are eligible. If you do send in a packed lunch, please make sure that it is healthy. Suggestions for a healthy packed lunch can be found on the school website.

## **Parents information**

Thank you to all parents who attended Parents Information sessions to find out about the curriculum, classroom organisation and timetables for your child's year group. I hope that you found this useful. Thank you for returning the Home-School Agreement. If you haven't done so, please can you complete this. Copies are available in the school office.

The Parents Questionnaires that you completed last summer were analysed by a school Governor and indicate that the vast majority of parents who completed the survey are happy with Newfield. This is fantastic news. The survey is based on 20 parents' responses. Please see the analysis below:

*On the whole the responses are extremely positive particularly: my child is happy at Newfield; feels safe; makes good progress; is well looked after; pupils are well-behaved; child is well taught; parents receive valuable information about progress and parents would recommend the school.*

There were areas for development brought up by parents, which we will be addressing over the year. These tended to represent individual parents' views and concerns.

Parent Workshops are being run on a Monday morning at 9.00 a.m. by the Mental Health Support Team. Attendance has been very good, but please feel free to join next Monday's session if you would like to find out more about how to support your child.

Some parents have requested English classes to be provided at Newfield. We are researching how we might be able to facilitate these. We will keep you informed about this.

## **Year 6 Secondary Applications**

If your child is in Year 6 please remember to complete the Secondary School application online by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023. If you need any support with this please talk to the Year 6 Team, Office Staff or Ms Bolt or Ms To.

Please remember that you can always raise any concerns with me or ask any questions on the gate or by emailing [slt@newfield.brent.sch.uk](mailto:slt@newfield.brent.sch.uk).

## Key Dates

**Black History Month (October)**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct: Y4 Golders Hill Park**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct: Speech and Language  
Coffee Morning**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct: Y1 local area walk**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct: Y5 Science Museum**

**16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Oct: National Recycling Week**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct:  
Reception Phonics Meeting 3:30pm**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct:  
Y2 Sea Life Aquarium**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct: Staff Inset Day  
(School closed for pupils)**

**23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Oct: Half Term**

## Attendance

The attendance target is 95%.

Week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> September:

Nursery: 79.6%

Reception: 90%

Year 1: 93.1%

Year 2: 94.6%

Year 3: 99.3%

Year 4: 96.3%

Year 5: 100%

Year 6 Palm: 91.7%

Year 6 Elm: 95.6%

ARP: 82.9%

Congratulations to 5 Cedar for  
achieving 100% attendance!



## Back to school Measles / MMR

With millions of children across the country going back to school this term, NHS England is urging parents to check that their children are up to date with their MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccinations in the wake of measles cases rising across the country. Childhood vaccination rates have fallen over the past ten years and this week statistics show that over 102,000 children aged four and five years old starting in reception are not protected against catching measles, mumps and rubella. Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious. If you are unsure if you or your child are up to date, check your child's red book or GP records and make an appointment to catch up any missed doses.

For more information on the NHS vaccination schedule, please visit the following link:  
[NHS vaccinations and when to have them - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

