



Inspiring Excellence

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Keir Hardie Newsletter

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parent/Carer, The first half of the Spring Term has flown! Thank you to our dedicated members of staff for continuing to plan enriching learning opportunities for our pupils. Wishing you all an enjoyable, restful Half Term Break and thank you for your continued support, your partnership and contributions are vital in educating and enriching our pupils learning experiences. We look forward to the continuation of our exciting learning journeys when we return on **Monday 19th Feb**.

Reading

At Keir Hardie we are passionate about reading, please encourage your child to read 20-30 minutes per day. We are committed to ensuring that the school provides creative and enriching books for pupils to take home and read. There have been a number of books which have not been returned to school, please help your child look at home for any unreturned books. A polite reminder, if a book is lost or not returned to the school, a payment of **£5** will be requested to cover the cost of a new book.

Picture News

A reminder that each week Keir Hardie pupils and staff discuss a **Big Question** linked to current affairs in the news which also links to **British Values**, **UN Rights of a Child** and the **MAGIC Habit** of the week. The resources are updated weekly on the Homepage school website and discussed in assemblies. Please remember to have discussions with your child about the weekly Big Question topic. This will develop children's **oracy** ability to discuss and **debate** skills current issues.

Keeping Children Safe Online

It is important for our pupils to stay online whilst in school and at home. LGFL have some great advice and tips for parents/carers for keeping their children safe online. Please visit <https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/> for more information.

Important Dates for the Diary

- **Friday 9th February**
INSET Day (School Closed for pupils)
- **Monday 12th - Friday 16th February**
Half Term Break (School Closed)
- **Monday 19th February**
All pupils return to school
- **Thursday 7th March**
World Book Day (celebrating book characters)
- **Friday 15th March**
Comic Relief / Red Nose Day
- **Wednesday 20th March**
Parents Evening
- **Thursday 21st March**
World Poetry Day
- **Friday 22nd March**
Friendship Friday
- **Thursday 28th March**
Last Day of the Spring Term (**Pupils finish @ 1pm**)
- **Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April**
Easter Break (School Closed)
- **Sunday 31st March**
Clocks go back 1hr
- **Monday 15th April**
Pupils return to school

World Book Day (Celebrating Books)

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March where pupils and staff come to school dressed as book characters. Each year group will be allocated a theme:

Nursery - Once upon a time (traditional fairy tales and nursery rhymes)

Reception - Julia Donaldson

KS1 (Year 1/2) - Stories around the world (celebrating authors, stories and characters from different cultures)

LKS2 (Year 3/4) - The wonderful world of Roald Dahl

UKS2 (Year 5/6) - Classic Stories (for example, Jane Austen, Lewis Carroll, Charles Dickens & Shakespeare)

Year group competitions will be posted on Class Dojo.

House Points Update



GARNET
2457



EMERALD
2990



SAPPHIRE
2972



CITRINE
2748

Celebrating Our Outstanding Learning & Events!

Please click the links below to view some of the exciting learning that's been taking place!



[Celebration of Peace](#)



[BETT 2024](#)



[Food Taster Sessions](#)



[WOW \[Year 1\]](#)



[WOW \[Reception\]](#)



[Balanceability Sessions](#)



[African Vases](#)



[Spanish Day Celebration](#)



[Chinese Dragon Workshops](#)

Newham Updates



Half term programme + weekly sessions in February and March



[Learn more and book](#)

Ballet Club

February Half Term Programme
Calling all aspiring dancers aged 9 – 12 years, who live in Newham and love to dance!

Join English National Ballet's new programme, Ballet Club, to dance and create new moves with professional artists. Be inspired and meet dancers and creatives at English National Ballet's state of the art studios in Canning Town. Find out about life as a professional dancer, gain behind the scenes insights and create a choreography to perform to family and friends. This is an opportunity you won't want to miss!

The programme is **FREE OF CHARGE** and is available for Newham residents. Places are offered on a first come, first served basis and booking via the English National Ballet website is essential. No previous dance experience is required.



Free activities this February Half Term



Free activities for children and young people this half term! Come and try a variety of activities. Sessions include Cricket, Basketball, Badminton and Football! The programme will take place at both East Ham Leisure Centre and Newham Leisure Centre.

Times / Ages:

12pm-2pm – 5-11 years
2pm-4pm – 12-16 years

Mini Activities

Introducing your little ones to sport can be great fun. Come along and try our Free Mini activity offer including: Mini Tennis, Mini Dance, Mini Yoga & Mini Kickers at East Ham Leisure Centre and Newham Leisure Centre.

Times / Ages:

11am-12pm – 3-5 years

Inclusive Activity

Come and try a variety of free taster sessions in a range of sports and activities for children and young people with disabilities on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th February only at East Ham Leisure Centre.

Times / Ages:

12pm-2pm – 8-18 years

Dates: Monday 12th-Friday 16th February

Venues:

East Ham Leisure Centre, 324 Barking Rd, London E6 2RT
Newham Leisure Centre, 281 Prince Regent Lane, London E13 8SD



To book: www.eventbrite.com/cc/newham-february-half-term-youth-activity-2928919

For more information: sports@activenewham.org.uk or 07741 293506