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The Death of Lazarus

This week's Gospel tells us how Jesus, once again, had to prove himself to others. Much like our children have to continually participate in tests during their school life and beyond. Like Jesus the children may draw strength from the fact that we all know how great they are at the things they do and how proud of them all the adults and parents and carers are of them.



We would like to take this chance to wish everyone involved in the school a very happy and holy Easter.

Things to do at Easter

There are many activities for the children being run over the Easter break. There is a 'Bunny Run' at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park on Saturday 8th April 2017, contact active Newham on 0300 124 0123 or go to www.londonathletics.org or call Coral Nourrice on 07718 394756, The dress code is 'Fluffy'!

There are also the activities at Newham City Farm which are advertised below and active Newham are organising lots of activities including fun swims, kids clubs, outdoor activities and soft play sessions, again contact Active Newham on 0300 124 0123 for more details.

ACTIVE PEOPLE
ACTIVE PARK

Put down that carrot,
fluff up your fur and
don't be late, late
late for this year's

Bunny Run

1k, 3k or 5k Bunny Run
& Little Bunny Fun Run

Open to all ages and abilities -
no previous experience necessary!

Saturday 8 April 2017
Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park

Start 10am at the Timber Lodge cafe • Dress code: Fluffy! • £5 adult
£3 for children under 12 • Two children run free with every adult

This family event features a beautiful course around the Park that the family can enjoy. There will be a visit from the Easter Bunny, plus a goody bag and a unique finishers medal for all participants. There's a Little Bunny Fun Run for children aged 8 and younger.

Register by calling: 0300 124 0123 or go to www.londonathletics.org
Further information from Coral Nourrice 07718 394756 cnourrice@englandathletics.org

Please keep sending in the SAINSBURY'S Active Kids Vouchers! Don't be afraid to ask for them when you shop as they will often forget to offer them to you!



School Dinners

Please see the back of this newsletter to see a letter written by the Newham Branch of the National Association of Head Teachers regarding the issue of School Dinners and funding cuts. As soon as we have any further updates we will let you know.

Pupil Premium & Free School Meals

Due to funding concerns highlighted previously, it is vital that all parents log on to the following website <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk> and see if they qualify for Pupil Premium this year. For every child that is registered on this website the school receives extra funding that may only be spent on children on this register. It is also used to register for Free School Meals. Although School Meals are currently free **this is only guaranteed until the end of this school year**. So PLEASE go to the above website and check if you are eligible.



Newham City Farm
Newham, London

Newham City Farm Easter Events

Tuesday 4 and 11 April	11am - 3.30pm	Be a Farmer for a day - Hands on activity where you can learn more about working on a farm and caring for animals. £40 per person. Please book in advance by emailing Theresa.salmon@newham.gov.uk.
Saturday 8 and 15 April	11am - 3pm	Meet and Greet session - This is your chance to get up close and personal to farm animals.
Sunday 16 April	12pm - 4pm	Easter Trail - An educational activity tracking Easter eggs around the farm. Also includes meet and greet sessions.
Tuesday 4 to Friday 7 April	12pm - 4pm	Play ping pong in the surroundings of the farm.
Tuesday 11 to Friday 14 April	12pm - 4pm	Play ping pong in the surroundings of the farm.
Monday 3 and 10 April	Closed	
Monday 17 April	Open for Bank Holiday	

All activities are free unless stated otherwise but there is a suggested donation of £2 for adults and £1 for children. All groups need to pre-book and are chargeable.

Newham City Farm, Stansfeld Road, Beckton, London, E6 5LT.

Limited free parking is available in King George V park, E16 3HR.

Nearest bus routes: 300 / 376 / 262 / 147 / 473 | Nearest DLR Stations: Royal Albert / Prince Regent.

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Newham City Farm

Newham City Farm are running lots of events over Easter, some are next week while we are still at school but many go into our first week off. Have a look at the posters around the school, or squint your eyes and try and read this small version!

Easter Egg Raffle and Governors Assembly

The Annual Easter Egg Raffle will take place during tomorrow's Governors Assembly.

Tickets are on sale from priced at 50p each.



They will be available during the Parents Evening. Friday is the day of our Governors Assembly where children will be awarded our termly Governor Prizes. Please come along to see the children receive their certificates and prizes.



Don't Forget School Closes at 1:30pm tomorrow FRIDAY 7th April 2017

Gladys Elphinstone

Class 8 visited Gladys on Wednesday and presented her with a certificate for her greatly improved behaviour since 1929! The photos will be in the next newsletter.

Before and After School Clubs

There will not be any Before School Sports Clubs the first week back after Easter as the clubs offered may be changing.

There will be a Cheerleading After School Club beginning on Tuesday 25th April 2017, letters will be handed out tomorrow.

This Week's Prayer

Please join with your children in saying this prayer;

Heavenly Father, we are thankful that Jesus is our Best Friend Forever. We praise him, we love him, and we thank him for dying on the cross so that we might have everlasting life. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

God Bless You,

Mr Underwood ⁵⁵

**Don't Forget School
Closes at 1:30pm
tomorrow 7th April 2017
and**

**Re-opens at 8:55am,
Monday 24th April 2017**



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An open letter to Newham Parents

School Funding

You may have seen a number of stories in the press around school funding. There have been worrying headlines and we felt it important that we let you know, as far as we are able at this stage, how this will affect Newham schools.

School budgets across the country have been under pressure for some time leading to a number of tough decisions being made. Our schools are not alone. The National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT) has shown that more than half of school leaders felt that their budget would be untenable by 2018/19. The National Audit Office estimate a £3 billion real terms cut across all phases and in all schools.

The recent headlines have been caused by a proposed new funding formula for schools, designed to create a fairer allocation. However with increasing costs placed onto all schools the new formula will not bring the benefits that we had hoped to see. Indeed Newham schools will be significant losers under the new formula. The School Cuts website, analysing DfE data, projects that schools in our local authority will lose over £30 million of funding in total by 2019.

As school leaders we will work hard to ensure that cuts have the least impact on teaching possible. However, rising costs and a frozen budget mean that tough decisions will have to be taken. We cannot guarantee that such cuts will not impact on teaching, despite doing our utmost to prevent this.

In the more immediate future these cuts are likely to impact upon some of the activities that broaden pupil experiences, and support their wider needs, such as our provision of after school clubs and educational visits. In recent years schools have partnered the mayor to deliver the 'eat for free' programme, at some costs to schools. Under a new more transparent arrangement from April 2017 schools are being asked to pay 60% of the cost of this scheme. This is unsustainable in the current climate and schools will not be able to continue to provide free meals for all junior aged pupils unless the national funding picture changes, or the mayor decides to fully fund his initiative.

Please be assured that we will take the utmost care with budgets, to ensure all the money we have is spent effectively on your children. We are also letting the local authority and government know just how serious the funding crisis has become.

Yours

Newham NAHT Branch Officials

