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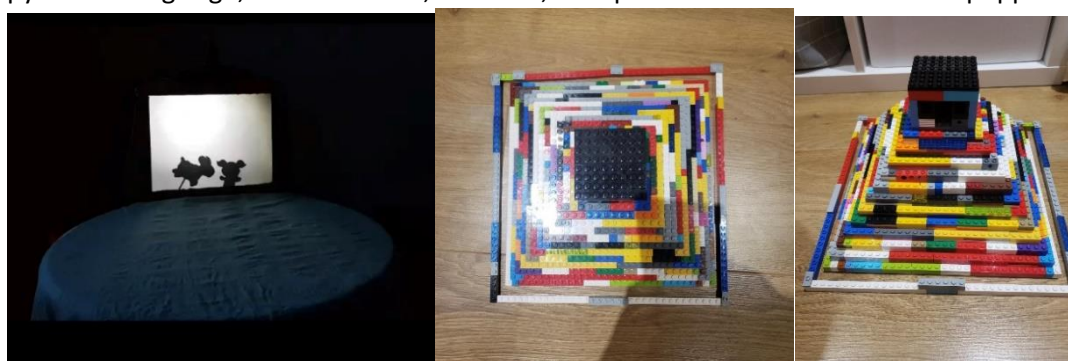
Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I hope you are all well and staying healthy during this lockdown. It is really challenging to get work done and maintain a healthy lifestyle when much of our day is spent using technology. Do not forget to look after yourselves and take time to go out for walks, drink plenty of water and spend some time everyday away from your screens.

Once again, we are all immensely impressed with the efforts from the children. The standard of work they are uploading shows how well they are engaging with their learning.

Happy Hour today was a delight. The children were so polite, listening to each other and waiting until asked before unmuting themselves and taking their turn to talk.

Here are a couple of excellent pieces of work uploaded today by Jokubas in Year 4, who made a pyramid using Lego, and Dishaanth, in Year 2, who posted a video of his shadow puppet show.



Please encourage your children to attend all lessons and groups that are set up. I, and other senior staff, lead reading sessions and the enjoyment children get from these is phenomenal, but they need to attend to reap the benefits.

### **Update on Schools Reopening**

As you will be aware from the Prime Minister's statement this week, schools will not be reopening to all pupils until March 8<sup>th</sup> at the earliest. This news might have prompted some of you to think about whether you should send your child into school.

The criteria for allowing children into school is set out by the government here:

[Critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools or educational settings - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/critical-workers-and-vulnerable-children-who-can-access-schools-or-educational-settings)

If you meet the criteria and want your child to attend school, you must contact the school first, so we can arrange adequate staffing levels. Currently, all class-based teachers are working remotely so



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they are able to teach the vast majority of their children. If the numbers in school rise, and a bubble group goes above the current risk assessment agreement of no more than 15 children in a bubble, I will need to split that group and bring more staff into school. This could mean using class-based teachers and remote teaching could be compromised.

I would therefore ask that you only request a place if you are desperate and do not take up a place just because you can – we must continue to keep the numbers in school as small as possible.

### **Attendance and Punctuality for Live Lessons**

Please make sure your child turns up on time for the start of lessons. Missing the start could mean that children do not learn everything their teacher has worked hard to plan for them. There are also some children who have missed lessons and said they had to go shopping with their parents. We know that you need to get your shopping but try to ensure a shopping trip does not coincide with key lessons, particularly in English and mathematics, as these are planned sequentially and missing one could affect a child's understanding of the next lesson.

### **Children's Mental Health Week**

Last week, I said the theme for this year was called What's your Brave? I was wrong. That was last year. This year's theme is actually called 'Express Yourself'. We are encouraging children to attend lessons dressed in a way that really expresses who they really are. If you still want to show what makes you feel brave though, please feel free to express yourself that way.

### **Newham Library - National Storytelling Week**

Next week is National Storytelling Week and Newham Library has a couple of great events happening on their website.

Firstly, from Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January – 6<sup>th</sup> February they will be showing storytelling for the whole family by *Iroko* theatre group. ***The Goat, The Chicken and The Cow*** is a spellbinding story of a friendly chicken that fell into a deep hole while trying to be kind to others. It is a poignant and playful tale about, friendship, helping one another and forgiveness and is suitable for the whole family.

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 11am ***Creative Briefs*** will live stream a workshop for children aged 7+ and their families looking at the fascinating journey of dyslexia. Participants will follow along to activities with the ***Creative Briefs*** young designers aged 8-17, who have created their own book, The Dyslexia Street Book. Those viewing the stream will find out how to think like a real designer, express themselves through storytelling and figure out the journey of dyslexia. This workshop is designed to create empathy and understanding.


Here is the link for both events. <https://bit.ly/3r6r8yv>

### **Newham Together Workshops**



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# NEWHAM PARENTS, CARERS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Need some support for yourself or your family during lockdown? Not sure where to start? **Join us for our weekly workshops taking place every Thursday, 4pm-5pm on Zoom and we will inform you of the support that is available to you in Newham.**

We want to make sure that every family in Newham knows about the amazing support on offer, especially during this difficult time. This includes support for wellbeing and mental health, finances, housing, befriending and much more. **Click the link below to join our workshop!**

### Join Zoom Meeting

Phone one-tap: United Kingdom: +442034815240, 95579486838#  
or +442039017895, 95579486838#  
Meeting URL: <https://zoom.us/j/95579486838>  
Meeting ID: 955 7948 6838




### Join by phone

If you do not have Zoom on your phone or computer, you can still join by phone. Call the below number on your phone (if the first one does not work please try the next one along). You will be instructed to key in the 'Meeting ID' (below). Then press '\*' and you will be let in to the meeting!

Dial: United Kingdom: +44 203 481 5240 or +44 203 9017 895 or +44 131 460 1196 or +44 203 481 5237  
Meeting ID: 955 7948 6838

### We look forward to seeing you there!

[Strengthening.Families@newham.gov.uk](mailto:Strengthening.Families@newham.gov.uk)



## WORKSHOPS

- Supporting parents during the Coronavirus pandemic**  
Thursday 28th January 2021, 4-5pm
- Supporting teenagers during the Coronavirus pandemic**  
Thursday 4th February 2021, 4-5pm
- Supporting children during the Coronavirus pandemic**  
Thursday 11th February 2021, 4-5pm
- Taking care of yourself during the Coronavirus pandemic**  
Thursday 18th February 2021, 4-5pm
- Support for children and young people with additional needs**  
Thursday 25th February 2021, 4-5pm
- Immigration support for families**  
Thursday 4th March 2021, 4-5pm
- How to protect your children online**  
Thursday 11th March 2021, 4-5pm
- Keeping children and young people safe in their community**  
Thursday 18th March 2021, 4-5pm

As I say every week, if you are struggling, need support or just want a friendly listening ear to chat to, we are always here.

Have a lovely weekend everyone. Stay safe and take care of yourselves.

Kevin Reid

Headteacher