

Safer Internet Week: Next week, there is a focus on safer internet use. To support this, we have arranged two online workshops for parents. This is an opportunity not to be missed and I would urge you to put one of the two dates in your diary.

The sessions will be run by Kat Howard, an expert in e-safety. The focus will be on helping you to ensure your children stay safe when on the internet. There will be wide ranging and relevant topics of discussion including an overview of the most popular social media sites, many of which (eg TikTok) pose a real concern in terms of safety.

Session 1: THURSDAY 4th MARCH at 6:30 – 7:30pm

Session 2: THURSDAY 11th MARCH at 6:30 – 7:30pm (this will be a repeat of the first session)

I cannot recommend this highly enough.

Celebrating our Values: In our assemblies, we have a ‘shout-out’ for pupils who have exemplified one of our values. This week, the focus has been on RESPECT:
In school, the following children have a ‘shout out’ for showing respect: Noah, Jane, Roman, Obi, Moaiad and Kiano

Our home learners having a ‘shout out’ are: Mahmoud, Grace, Billy, Fikayomi, Zach, Nadeem, Isaac, Astrid, Ramia, Zoe, Kira, Albert, Ezana, Isla and Hannah

Face covering: Please can parents wear a face covering when dropping off and picking up children from school.

PTA Donate Your Commute: The PTA is thinking creatively of ways to continue to raise funds for the school – at the moment the focus is on making as large a contribution as possible to the AstroTurf project.

This half term, there is a chance to Donate Your Commute! Now that fewer of our parents are travelling to work, you might be willing and able to donate the money saved on your commute. You decide whether to donate the cost of a single journey, a two way journey, or several days’ journeys.

Until such time as we can operate as normal, your continued support of the New Islington PTA is greatly appreciated. All contributions will be welcome and valued! However big or small – the choice is yours.

Our next PTA meeting will be at 7pm on Tuesday 9th March

School dinners: There are still some families who owe us for dinner money. Ms Morris does send out reminders. Even if the debt is small, it is essential that this is paid off. Please go onto School Gateway to clear any money owing.

February half term: All teachers will be in school with the Critical Worker Plus group of children on Friday 12th. They will leave online learning but there will be no live lessons that day and no assembly. During the half term holiday week (Monday 15th through to Friday 19th) there will be no provision for our Critical Worker Plus group, and no online work set by teachers. Have a proper break!

New Islington Marina development: The development of the marina is well underway, with a project to build floating nests for ducks and swans. A new duck house is being built too – and our pupils have been invited to name the duck house! The chosen name will be engraved on a wooden plaque and hung on the duck house for all to see.

March 8th: This is the date that has now been announced as a possible return to school date. We will keep you informed as soon as we have more details of the plan.

As always, contact me any time: t.smith@newislingtonschool.co.uk