

Value of the week: This week we have focussed on **KINDNESS**. Next week the focus will be respect. Can you spot and praise your children when demonstrating these values at home?

Postcards home: Our assemblies are a special time, to gather together and recognise the children who have demonstrated our values. Children who have gone over and above expectations, who show a real understanding of the values in all situations, are rewarded with a postcard home.

This week, postcards have been awarded to:

Year 6: Marie-Sophie

Year 5: Sophie & Tymoteusz

Year 4: Kimora & Tara, and Esme

Year 3: Leonie & Edie, Lucy, Naci & Tim

Year 2: Victoria I, Parry, Eryn & Alan

Year 1: Sienna, Levi, Amelia & Jethro

Reception: Soline, Beaudon, Oscar, Miguel & Evie

Chief chicken carer postcard go to: Charlie, Minnell & Cassius

Chief Gardener postcards go to: Ava, Rosie & Jamelia

Music of the week: We want to share music with our pupils – music that they might not usually hear. In our assemblies this week, the children have listened to **'Swan Lake'**. This music was composed by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky for the ballet of the same name. Swan Lake is now one of the most popular ballets of all time. Why don't you have a listen on YouTube this weekend?

Roles and Responsibilities: We now have Year 6 monitors who will take the lead this term

Book monitors: Sophia, Anya and Emily

Reception buddies: Billy, Cerys & Jordelle

Sports Ambassadors: Jacob, Matthew & Phoebe

Digital Leaders: Jada, Skye and Leyan

Eco warrior: Zyanna

Uniform and Lost Property: It is essential that uniform is named. It is best to use a Sharpie pen as these do not fade in the wash. It is impossible for us to return clothes that have no name, or a name that has faded through washing.

PTA Book Sale: Next Thursday, September 30th, the PTA will hold a 'nearly new' children's book sale from 3:30 to 4:00 in the main playground.

We need your help!

- Please bring in good quality children's books to the MAIN OFFICE on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th September at morning drop off.

- We will need volunteers on Thursday 30th from 9:00am to help sort and arrange the books – we group them in rough age categories to make the sale easier. If you can help please email the PTA directly – pta@newislingtonschool.co.uk
- We will need volunteers to set up and then sell the books from 2:30 to 4:00. If you can help then please email the PTA directly – pta@newislingtonschool.co.uk
- We need your support– bring plenty of 50ps to buy many books – all books will cost just 50p.

PTA Lottery: We have our very own New Islington School Lottery. Registering and setting up a recurring Direct debit is so easy - £1:00 per week with recurring numbers means that you are in with a chance.

You've got to be in it to win it!

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/new-islington-free-school>

Communication: We want you all to feel welcomed and valued in school. We are here to help answer questions and to resolve any worries. However, please be respectful, considerate and calm in your interactions with all our staff, including our amazing office team.

Term dates: The following list gives an outline of the term's events. They are not set in stone! **New additions or alterations will be highlighted.** Greater details will be given as appropriate nearer the time.

27 th September	Value: Respect
29 th September	Bring your nearly new children's books into the main office at morning drop off (see above)
30 th September	Bring your nearly new children's books into the main office at morning drop off (see above)
30 th September	Year 6 Water Cycle Workshop – a topic-based free event
30 th September	National Poetry day
30 th September	PTA nearly new book sale at 3:30 in the playground (see above)
1st October	INSET day – NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL
4 th October	Value: Resilience
5 th October	Year 5 Most Able Mathematician workshop at MGS for 4 pupils
8 th October	Year 5 singing at school to rehearse for the concert in November
8 th October	Nasal Flu vaccinations FOR ALL PUPILS. Please return the permission forms as soon as possible
11 th October	Value: Doing the right thing
12 th October	PTA meeting via Zoom at 7pm
14 th October	Year 4 MGS concert (pm) Please return the permission slip as soon as possible
15 th October	PTA Halloween disco – come dressed up to party! Reception, Years 1&2 6:15pm to 7:00pm and Years 3, 4, 5&6 7:15pm to 8:00

- 18th October Value: Cooperation
- 18th and 19th October Height and weight checks for our reception children – please return the form as soon as possible
- 21st October Parent Forum (TS) @ 9:15 more details to follow, but this is a chance to come and have your questions answered, about anything school related!
- 22nd October Finish for half term

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- 1st November all pupils back in school
- 2nd November Year 2 Great Fire of London immersion workshops
- 2nd November Year 6 Ancient Greek immersion day with Yellow Brick Road Workshop
- 2nd November Year 5 Most Able Scientist Workshop at MGS for 4 pupils
- 8th November Sign up for parents evening this week
- 9th November PTA meeting via Zoom at 7pm
- 10th November PTA cake sale at 3:30, more details to follow
- 12th November Children in Need day – come to school in your own clothes and bring a £1:00 donation
- 15th November Year 5&6 Primary Maths Challenge this week
- 17th & 18th November Parents evening (Year 1 JM will be held on 16th and 17th)
- 19th November INSET day – NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL
- 24th November Year 5 concert at the cathedral – more details to follow
- 7th December Possible Carol Concert at the Halle (Year 3&4)
- 9th December EYFS nativity
- 10th December PTA Christmas fair
- 14th December Key Stage One Carol Concert and Christmas poems
- 15th December Christmas Jumper and Dinner day
- 16th December Panto x2 performances
- 17th December Toy day / parties / finish

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