

**Value of the week:** This week we have focussed on **Resilience**. Can you spot and praise your children when demonstrating these values at home?

**Postcards home:**

This week, postcards have been awarded to:

Year 6: Zyanna and Anya

Year 5: Minnell and Jamal

Year 4: Clotilde and Deen, Muhammad and Sophia

Year 3: Lucy and Shivansh, with Iker and Fatima being awarded the 'Pride in my Work' award

Year 2: Ryder, Edith, Abdwaris and Donnie

Year 1: Mason, Shashmikaa, Harry, Kai and Eleanor

Reception: Ashaya-La'Nay, Mia, Goldie and Kit

**Music of the week:** 'I'm Feeling Good' performed by Nina Simone – to get us all through the dark morning and evenings!

**Sporting achievements:** We would like to celebrate and acknowledge the many sporting activities and achievements of New Islington pupils outside school. Please share photos and newsworthy messages directly with Miss Morris, our Lead Teacher for PE: [j.morris@newislingtonschool.co.uk](mailto:j.morris@newislingtonschool.co.uk)

**Year 5 teachers:** We will be welcoming back Ms Peeks back from maternity leave at the end of November. Ms Peeks has had several 'Keeping in Touch' days recently and so she has met the children, and has spent time with Ms Bowers and Ms Dixie ensuring she is fully aware of the teaching and learning expectations. Ms Bowers will continue in a job share role. Our thanks go to Ms Dixie who has been an excellent addition to the team whilst we wait for Ms Peeks' return.

**Parents Evening:** You will have in your diary the dates for our parents evening – which we will conduct via a telephone call. You will receive a letter about the date and time of your call next week.

**PTA cake sale:** You will also have in your diary the date of our PTA Cake Sale, which is after school on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November. We need donations of cakes (homemade or bought) and these will be on sale from 3:30 in the hall. If you are able to help set up the cake sale from 3pm please email the PTA directly on [pta@newislingtonschool.co.uk](mailto:pta@newislingtonschool.co.uk)

Please can cakes – individual cakes rather than larger whole cakes – be brought to school in the morning of Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Please avoid any ingredients that may cause a common allergy; no cakes should contain nuts of any sort.

Bring your money along with you - all cakes will cost 50p and money raised will go to the PTA funds.

**Parent Forum:** As a result of our Autumn term Parent Forum meeting, I would like to highlight information on our website (<https://www.newislingtonschool.org/>) that you may find of use.

Spend some time exploring the 'Curriculum' tab. There you will find information about our Modern Foreign Language which is Spanish, taught by a Spanish member of staff. There is helpful information about homework. There is information and advice about reading in the 'homework' section as well as in the dedicated 'reading and phonics' section, along with suggested reading lists. There are 'end of year' expectations for each year group covering reading, writing and maths. Our new PHSE curriculum map is available too, giving an overview of the areas taught.

**Children In Need day:** Next Friday (12<sup>th</sup> November) we are supporting the Children in Need Charity. Pupils can come to school in their home clothes and please bring a £1:00 donation to this very important charity.

**Squid Games – a warning:** All parents should be aware of the new 'Squid Games', which has dangerous, upsetting, inappropriate and unpleasant content and an age rating of 15 years. Please click on this link to the National Online Safety's guide on how you as parents can keep your children safe from harm.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/wakeupwednesday/squid-game-trending-across-platforms-what-parents-need-to-know>

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

### **Term planner Autumn 2, 2021**

9 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA meeting via Zoom at 7pm – the code will be sent out on Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> November
10 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA cake sale at 3:30 – please see details above
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day lessons in school (age appropriate)
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need day – home clothes for £1:00 donation – please see details above
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week – One Kind Word / Odd Sock Monday – more details to follow
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5&6 Primary Maths Challenge this week
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual and family photos
17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents evening (Year1 JM's class 16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> ) To be held via a telephone call
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5&6 author Zoom event to link in with anti-bullying week
19 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET staff training day – NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Stone Age Workshop for Year 3 – letter has gone out requesting payment
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Parent Workshop – raising a happy multicultural family. This is a free session starting at 9am. Please check the letter that has already been sent out for more details.

24 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 concert at the cathedral. The concert for parents starts at 3pm. Please return the permission slip as soon as possible, and book your free tickets online.
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Boys football match at home (earlier start of 3pm) More details to follow.
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Chocolate collection for the Chocolate Tombola at the Christmas Fair (more details to follow)
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Ms Peeks returns from maternity leave to job-share with Ms Bowers in Year 5
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Letter to go home for children who usually have a packed lunch, inviting them to have the Christmas Dinner on 15 <sup>th</sup> December (£2:50)
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Sponsored Elf Run to the North Pole to raise funds for our PTA. The children will take part in this event every day, collecting enough miles to reach the North Pole in time for Christmas! More details to follow about how you can sponsor your child and raise money for our PTA in the process.
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Bottle collection for the Bottle Tombola at the Christmas Fair (more details to follow)
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	PC Maxine Norton to lead sessions for Year 5&6 on cyber-safety, keeping safe online, appropriate and safe use of social media, digital footprints etc
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Concert at the Halle (Year 3&4) at 2:30pm – more details to follow but parents very welcome to this free concert in a beautiful venue.
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Final payment date of £2:50 for the Christmas Dinner on 15 <sup>th</sup> December
9 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS nativity at 9:30 – parents welcome
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Bag to School collection – please start saving unwanted/old clothing, bedding sheets and covers, towels, blankets.
10 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas fair – 6:00 to 7:15
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2) Carol Concert and Poems at 9:15
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper and Dinner day. The Christmas Dinner will be offered to all pupils who normally have a packed lunch at the cost of £2:50. A letter will go out at the start of December with more details.
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Panto x2 performances (am/pm)
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Toy day / parties / finish
4 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET Day (Teacher training) NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL
5 <sup>th</sup> January	Term starts for all pupils

**INSET Days:** Teachers have training days (INSET days). There are no children in school on these days. The next ones are:

- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – *please note – this is a re-arranged date, moved from April. Term will therefore start for children on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.*
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

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