

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

Postcards home:

This week, postcards have been awarded to:

Year 6: Chizell and Billy for the Pride in my Work award

Year 5: Tanish, Zoe and Jahnavi

Year 4: Mill and Gokturk, Theodora

Year 3: Charlie and Mohammed, George and Theon

Year 2: George, Amelia B and Oliver plus Erin and Kaleb for Pride in my Work award

Year 1: Eva and Alma, Sofia and Ishana plus Yoshiqa for Pride in my Work award

Reception: Iman, Dalal, Eesa and George

Music of the week: The Last Post, for Remembrance Day.

Anti-bullying week: Our focus next week will be on 'One Kind Word'. We will work with the children on really understanding the impact that their words and actions have on others, and how the choices they make have positive or negative consequences. To kick the week off, we are encouraging children to come to school wearing odd socks or fancy tights!

Individual and Family Photos: On Tuesday, those who have younger siblings can come to school from 8:10 to have a family 'shot'. Please can all children come to school on Tuesday 16th in their full normal school uniform and not their PE kits (even if you have PE on that day). Your photos will be far smarter if your child is in the usual school uniform and not the PE kit! Please do not worry about sending in a PE kit to change into.

Parents Evening: You have had a letter explaining how this will work. Please keep your phone near to hand.

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

Raffle Prizes: If there are any parents willing and able to offer raffle prizes for our Christmas Fair, please can these be delivered to the school by December 1st at the latest. All donations very welcome!

Music in the community: There are now seven music centres across the city of Manchester, offering FREE music workshops covering a wide range of music styles including rock, pop, urban, vocal bands & orchestra for all levels! Click on this link to learn more: <https://sway.office.com/nDox8DyX9Y44BBuB?ref=email>

Football match: Our team played brilliantly against Mount Carmel and we won 9:0. There was a cracking goal from Matti and Mateo scored a hat-trick! Well done, boys!

Remembrance Day: Thank you for your generosity when buying poppies. Your support is really appreciated. All our classes spent some time learning about and reflecting on the contribution service men and women have made.

We would like to share a few poems with you all; they are beautifully written.

Ruthless man
Exhausted soldiers
Marking battlefields
Emotional people
Minute's silence
Bowing down
Enough fighting
Raging fight.

By Lee Year 4

You have marched, and you have tried,
You have done your best and that's fine.
Poppies will grow from all your strength and might,
And we will be quiet for you who died,
In Flanders Field, where poppies rise.

By Caroline Year 4

Thank you all our soldiers,
Helpful heroes,
And you have helped us go through no harm.
Now we live a very peaceful life.
Kindly, you have sacrificed for us.
You don't need to protect us anymore,
Our lives are great.
Under the sun, we will remember.

By Deen Year 4

In Flanders Fields where we lay,
We find the days to rest, and some to stay alert.
We saw day, saw the sun,
We loved and were loved,
We shall lie peacefully in Flanders field.
We tried our best to stay alive but,
We didn't survive,
So that's why we are here in Flanders Field.

By Kunnumi Year 4

Thank you: Your support this week has been amazing – your generosity for our charities has been overwhelming; for both the poppy appeal (see above) and today's Children in Need charity. We raised £274.99. A huge thank you. Additionally, the support for our PTA cake sale was superb too. Not only did

you provide wonderful cakes, but then you came along to buy them. An amazing £154 was raised. Your involvement with the school's activities is really appreciated.

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

15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week - One Kind Word / Odd Sock Monday – details above
15 th November	Year 5&6 Primary Maths Challenge this week
16 th November	Individual and family photos - details above. Please come to school in usual uniform and not PE kits.
17 th & 18 th November	Parents evening (Year1 JM's class 16 th and 17 th) To be held via a telephone call
18 th November	Year 5&6 author Zoom event to link in with anti-bullying week
19 th November	INSET staff training day – NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL
22 nd November	Stone Age Workshop for Year 3 – letter has gone out requesting payment
22 nd 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 th 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 th November	Boys football match at home (earlier start of 3pm) More details to follow.
26 th November	Chocolate collection for the Chocolate Tombola at the Christmas Fair (more details to follow)
29 th November	Ms Peeks returns from maternity leave to job-share with Ms Bowers in Year 5
1 st December	Final date of raffle prize donations for our Fair
1 st December	Letter to go home for children who usually have a packed lunch, inviting them to have the Christmas Dinner on 15 th December (£2:50)
1 st 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 rd December	Bottle collection for the Bottle Tombola at the Christmas Fair (more details to follow)
3 rd 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 th 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 th December	Final payment date of £2:50 for the Christmas Dinner on 15 th December
9 th December	EYFS nativity at 9:30 – parents welcome
9 th December	Bag to School collection – please start saving unwanted/old clothing, shoes, bedding sheets and covers, towels, blankets.
10 th December	PTA Christmas fair – 6:00 to 7:15
14 th December	Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2) Carol Concert and Poems at 9:15
15 th 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 th December	Panto x2 performances (am/pm)
17 th December	Toy day / parties / finish
4 th January	INSET Day (Teacher training) NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL
5 th 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 19th November 2021
- Tuesday 4th January 2022 – *please note – this is a re-arranged date, moved from April. Term will therefore start for children on Wednesday 5th January 2022.*
- Monday 6th June 2022

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