

Personal goals: This week we have focused on **respect**. The children have specific teaching on this quality, with examples on how to apply this every day. Do you as parents see your children being respectful? Do you encourage your children to take the initiative in helping you around the house, in saying 'please' and 'thank you' and following your instructions first time without questioning you?

Next week we will focus on **cooperation**; another essential life skill.

Home / School communication: We recognise that having a positive relationship between home and school is essential – for you as parents, for us as teachers and of course for your children. As experienced professionals, we all work very hard to establish excellent relationships with the whole family. The New Islington staff team is open and friendly and welcoming; our office staff are forever positive, calm, friendly and helpful.

Please can I request that communication is civil at all times, whoever you are talking to. Also, please understand that if your child gives you a perspective on an issue, this perspective may not be 100% accurate.

We are grateful to those parents who support the school. High expectations and excellent behaviour are at the heart of our ethos (see our weekly focus on key behaviours that are essential for life) and are central to ensuring strong educational outcomes for our pupils. This is a two way process; we are all working towards the same aim – together.

Keeping your child safe online: Following the Christmas holidays, pupils may have received new technology, including phones for Christmas. We would like to remind all of our families of the need to keep themselves and children safe when using social media, and online, generally.

The following tips may be useful for you – please talk this list through with your child:

- Use the privacy settings on the phone to limit who reads your feed
- Keep location settings off when on social media
- Do not share personal information or images/video with anyone online
- Do not accept a friend request from someone you do not know in real life
- Know how to block or report anything concerning on sites and apps they use. Use Net Aware to find out how.
- Look out for the CEOP icon to report any suspicious or concerning areas on apps/sites
- Check out the NSPCC tools, including being Share Aware.
- Remember that online behaviour should mirror behaviour in person. Screen shots are used as evidence of unkind and unpleasant behaviour.
- If you have received or sent any information, images or video to someone whom you do not know, you may want to talk about this with someone.
- You can share a concern with staff at school. The Designated Safeguarding Officer is Mrs Smith but all of our class teachers are fully trained in such supporting pupils with issues.

Attendance / lateness: Our Policy is on the website – please take the time to read it and look out for the letter that we sent out yesterday.

Days and Dates:

New term – new events in **bold and underlined**.

There are lots of new events coming up!

Week beginning	Event
21 st January	<p>Tuesday January 22nd: MFL workshop for 4 x Year 5 pupils at MGS</p> <p><u>Tuesday 22nd: Year 5 visiting speaker – ‘what’s in the news’</u></p> <p>Wednesday January 23rd: Year 6 trip to Manchester Youth Zone: TechOver <u>We will not be able to take any children who do not return their permission slip.</u></p> <p>Thursday 24th January: Fantastic beasts workshop for Year 3</p> <p>Thursday 24th January: ‘In the News’ workshop for Year 5</p> <p><u>Friday 25th: Year 4 trip to see world class racing at the Velodrome</u></p> <p><u>Friday 25th: A Workshop focusing on Maths for Year 6 – this is a repeat of the Autumn term session as some parents were unable to attend. Year 5 parents who did not attend last time are welcome too.</u></p>
28 th January	<p>Monday 28th: Fire Service visit for EYFS</p> <p>Friday 1st: Year 4 PTA cake sale – <u>Year 4 parents should provide cakes/cookies (no nuts) to sell at 3:30. We will need parental volunteers from Year 4 to sell these cakes.</u></p> <p><u>Friday 1st: A Workshop focusing on English for Year 6 – this is a repeat of the Autumn term session as some parents were unable to attend. Year 5 parents who did not attend last time are welcome too.</u></p>
4 th February	<p><u>Friday 8th: PTA meeting at 4 - 5pm – new faces always welcome</u></p>
11 th February	<p>Thursday 14th : Circus workshops for Year 2 – more details to follow with an approximate cost of £8:00 per child</p> <p><u>Thursday 14th : We are providing an opportunity for parents in Years 4&5 to come to a Q&A session with representatives from MGS / Manchester High School for Girls and Withington High School. Starting at 2:15, this is a chance to ask about their entry system at Year 7.</u></p> <p><u>Friday 15th: PTA disco. Tickets on the door £2:50. Reception and KS1 Starts at 6:00 to 6:50 and KS2 7:00 to 8:00. Dancing shoes please!</u></p>
25 th February	
4 th March	March 4 th : Whole School Science event (cost about £2:50 per pupil)

	<p><u>Tuesday 5th: Pancake racing – more details to follow</u></p> <p>Thursday 7th March: World Book Day</p> <p><u>Friday 8th: Reception and KS1 PTA Film Night – more details to follow. 6pm start. Come in your PJs, bring your teddy and a blanket and snuggle down to watch a film.</u></p>
11 th March	<p><u>Friday 15th: Parent Forum at 2:30. Come along to ask questions, find out about how and why we do things, and tell us what's going well.</u></p>
18 th March	<p>Scholastic Book Fair this week</p> <p>Wednesday 20th: English workshop for 4x Year 5 at MGS</p> <p>Wednesday 20th: sign up for parents evening</p> <p>Thursday 21st: Lecture and workshop Day at MGS</p> <p><u>Friday 22nd: PTA chocolate collection for our Bingo Evening – more details to follow</u></p>
25 th March	<p><u>Friday 29th: PTA Family Chocolate Bingo night 6:00 to 7:30. More details to follow.</u></p>
1 st April	<p>No teacher run clubs this week</p> <p>Wednesday 3rd / Thursday 4th :Parents Evening</p> <p>Friday 5th: Spring Sing KS1 at 9:20 and KS2 at 2:30</p>
Further ahead	<p>Monday 29th April: Pirates Workshop for Year 1 – cost about £5:00 per pupil</p> <p><u>Wednesday 8th May: PTA Bag 2 School collection – more details to follow but please start collecting unwanted / old / worn out clothing.</u></p> <p>Wednesday 22nd May: NSPCC ‘Speak out, stay safe’ assemblies and workshops</p>