

Personal goals: This week we have focused on ‘**cooperation**’. Can you see how our values are becoming clearer to your children? Have you taken part in our Survey Monkey survey to find your preferred values? Please do so by clicking this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/G6SF9F9>

Playground development: Phase One of our Playground development starts on Monday, and will take three weeks. During this period, temporary fencing will be erected in the main playground (making it smaller) as well as around the main gates. Please take extra care and bear with us during this time. We hope to move to phase two rapidly!

Water Safety: Two assemblies have been arranged for our pupils, to teach them about water safety. It is vitally important that our children are ‘water aware’, being in such close proximity to the canals. To this end I have arranged two assemblies – one aimed at Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children on Friday 22nd March at 2:45, and another aimed at Key Stage Two children on Monday 25th March at 2:45. PARENTS ARE VERY WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR THESE. We now have a throw rope that is available for any member of the public and I am working with the fire service to arrange water safety sessions for adults.

PTA Official Launch: On Thursday 15th March at 5:30 we need as many parents as possible to come along and vote on the new, official PTA committee. If childcare is an issue, we will pop your children into our Wraparound club for 15 minutes. Remember – every parent is automatically a member of the New Islington PTA.

Keeping children safe: A few weeks ago I reminded parents about the role they need to play in keeping children safe online. There are new games and apps that can be upsetting for children. Please can all parents:

- Ensure you know what your children can access online
- Ensure children understand the importance of not giving personal information to anyone they do not know
- Tell your children no-one has the right to make them do anything they do not want to do
- Use parental controls to keep children safe

These links are useful too:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-safety-online-a-practical-guide-for-parents-and-carers/child-safety-online-a-practical-guide-for-parents-and-carers-whose-children-are-using-social-media>

Mayfield park: Open space in the city centre are crucial, and our pupils have the chance to be involved in the development of Mayfield park. Please follow this link for details of free workshops

<https://mayfieldmanchester.co.uk/happening-now/events/playfield-workshops/>

World Book Day Thursday 7th March: Children are very welcome to come to school dressed as a book character – and bring the book with them. There will be book themed events and activities throughout the day.

We would also love to spread the joy of reading – and ask that children bring in a good quality/good condition book that they no longer want or need. The PTA will then run a book stall after school where, for just 50p, your child can pick up a new book to enjoy.

New Islington Community Cook Book: Please look out for the letter requesting recipes that capture the wonderful cultural mix of the school.

Lost Property: In every school across the land, lost property is a real issue because clothes are not named. Classes have systems for managing jumpers on a day to day basis and then there is a more general lost property collection in one of the Wraparound rooms. Today, there were four unnamed coats and 25 unnamed jumpers/cardigans. It is impossible for us to reunite clothes with their owners unless they are clearly labelled. Some have names that have faded so much we cannot read them. Un-named uniform will be recycled. Please can you also check at home that you do not have uniform belonging to other children? Thank you for your support.

Movie Magic Menu: To coincide with our PTA film night on Friday 8th March, we are offering a theme menu for all children – we would encourage those children who normally have a packed lunch to join us! Look out for the letter with more information on it that will be sent home on Monday 25th February.

Days and Dates:

New events in **bold and underlined**.

There are lots of events coming up – please read this section so that you and your child do not miss out!

Week beginning	Event
	March 4 th : Whole School Science event Tuesday 5 th : Pancake racing – Reception, Year 1 and Year 4 <u>Tuesday 5th: Year 3 and Year 4 parents invited in for a Volcano exhibition at 9:05 in the hall</u> Thursday 7 th March: World Book Day see details above

	<p>Friday 8th: Reception and KS1 PTA Film Night – Toy Story. Arrive for 5:50 for a 6:00 starts Come in your PJs, bring your teddy and a blanket and snuggle down to watch Toy Story. (With an opportunity to buy additional items of uniform at a great price.)</p> <p>Friday 8th: Move magic Menu – theme school dinner £2:35 – more information to follow</p> <p>Friday 8th: School nurse in to teach Year 3 about food and healthy eating</p>
11 th March	<p>Tuesday 12th: EYFS trip to Smithills, Bolton</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Friday 15th: Official launch of our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) at the Annual General Meeting at 5:30. See note above.</p>
18 th March	<p>Scholastic Book Fair this week</p> <p>Tuesday 19th/Wednesday 20th: EYFS visual and hearing checks</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>Friday 22nd: PTA chocolate collection for our Bingo Evening – more details to follow</p> <p>Friday 22nd: The Great British Spring Clean</p> <p>Friday 22nd: Year 2 trip to the farm – more details to follow</p> <p>Friday 22nd: Disability Awareness day for Year 4</p> <p>Friday 22nd: Assembly @ 2:45 open to parents on Water safety – see above</p>
25 th March	<p>Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th: Sign up for Parents Evening</p> <p>Monday 25th: Assembly @ 2:45 open to parents on Water safety – see above</p> <p>Friday 29th: PTA Family Chocolate Bingo night 6:00 to 7:30. More details to follow.</p> <p>Friday 29th: Year 2 trip to the farm – more details to follow</p> <p>Friday 29th@ Dance competition for Year 5/6</p>
1 st April	<p>No teacher run clubs this week</p> <p><u>Tuesday 2nd Year 4 trip to Museum to support their work on the Rainforest</u></p> <p>Wednesday 3rd / Thursday 4th :Parents Evening</p>

	Friday 5 th : Spring Sing KS1 at 9:20 and KS2 at 2:30 – more details to follow
Further ahead	<p>Monday 29th April: Pirates Workshop for Year 1 – cost about £5:00 per pupil</p> <p>Wednesday 8th May: PTA Bag 2 School collection – more details to follow but please start collecting unwanted / old / worn out clothing.</p> <p>Friday 10th May: Computing workshop MGS</p> <p>Monday 13th May: Year 6 SATS week</p> <p>Monday 20th May: International Week – more details to follow but on the Friday of that week (24th) we want parents to come in and run events and activities celebrating their culture.</p> <p>Wednesday 22nd May: NSPCC ‘Speak out, stay safe’ assemblies and workshops</p> <p>Monday 10th June: Year 1 phonics checks</p> <p>Tuesday 11th June: EYFS trip to Zion Arts, Hulme</p>