



# New End News



**Newsletter 31**  
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See the future



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### Events over the Next Week

W/B 12<sup>th</sup> May      Year 6 SATs  
Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May      1K Class Assembly

**Karyn Ray Headteacher**  
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**Spelling Bee Champions**

Congratulations to all the children who learnt lots of words for our annual spelling competition.

We were able to give out lots of certificates to children who achieved 15+ in the first round.

Competing in the Spelling Bee section of the competition is always a challenge as you have to be able to spell the words out loud!

Congratulations to the following children who will be receiving their trophies as winners and runner ups in assembly tomorrow.

Year Group	Winner	Runner Up
Year 1	Alice and Leia	
Year 2	Hibah	Zeynep
Year 3	Jia and Lucas	Emily and Yanai
Year 4	Aarav, Ali, Bella, John, Leka and Remy	
Year 5	Nicolas	Ariel, Clara and Mika W
Year 6	Rose	Alana, Milla and Nea

**Congratulations Hampstead Affordable Art Competition Winners**

We were inundated with entries for the Affordable Art Competition with a focus on Happiness and the Heath. Thank you to everyone who contributed an entry – you should have received your certificate by now.

We were fortunate to have a number of winners. Congratulations to the following children whose pieces will be displayed at the Affordable Art Fair on the Lower Fairground Site, Hampstead Heath from today until Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> May.

Iain (Reception)  
 Rosie (Reception)  
 Leia (Year 1)  
 David (Year 3)  
 Elina (Year 3)  
 Erina (Year 3)  
 Hadas (Year 3)  
 Jia (Year 3)  
 Rukako (Year 3)  
 Wynter (Year 3)  
 Clara (Year 5)  
 Ilay (Year 6)

Special mention to **Rosie** who was awarded the winning prize in the Reception/Year One category and **Clara** who was awarded the winning prize in the Year Four-Six category. Rosie and Clara will be receiving their prizes on Saturday. Congratulations!



### Healthy Snacks Guidelines

Most children require a snack at morning break to keep them going through the day.

We encourage children to bring in healthy snacks full of vitamins and minerals containing no added salt, fat or sugar. Many of these will help contribute to their 5 daily portions of fruit and vegetables, keep them alert and help them concentrate. It can be hard during the week to think of suitable items for them to bring in to school, but we are aiming, with the help of the children, to not only support them in making healthy choices regarding snacks, but to also reduce food packaging and waste.

Providing snacks in a small, named, recyclable container is ideal. Children in EYFS and KS1 have a daily snack of fruit or veg provided for free by the government, so additional snacks for these ages may not be required.

If you are intending to send in healthy snacks with your child please limit them to the list below.

- Vegetable sticks – such as celery, cucumber, peppers or carrot, a range of colour ensures different vitamins and minerals.
- A piece of cheddar cheese or Babybel
- A piece of fresh or dried fruit, high in soluble fibre and vitamins would also be a great snack – pineapple, mango, kiwi, plain raisins, apricots, blueberries, banana slices.
- Bread sticks, plain pretzels, banana bread, malt loaf, oat/rice cakes and small pitta breads are also good snacks, providing children with carbohydrate to sustain them in-between meals.
- Homemade snack - flapjacks or other oat/whole grain based snack. These must be nut free. Items brought into school should be carefully checked by you, to ensure this. New End has pupils who are severely allergic to a range of nuts.

We are aiming for a common-sense approach, with the key being to keep it healthy i.e. no chocolate, sweets or crisps (which also reduces litter around the school).

We need the children to stay hydrated and so please ensure they bring a named water bottle into school daily. Squash and fruit juice are not permitted.

We hope that with your help, we can encourage the children to develop healthy eating habits that become a normal part of everyday life. By keeping high calorie snacks to a minimum and establishing healthy eating habits early on, improvements can be made for a child's quality of life both in the short and long term.

### In Consideration of our Neighbours

Parents and carers are reminded that they should only park in designated areas when dropping off or collecting their child / children each day. Please do not double park or park in our neighbours' driveways. Where possible, children should be walking to school to help ease local congestion as well as to aid their own fitness. If you have to drive, there are many places locally for you to park and then walk the final journey to school.

Please also ensure that children do not climb on our neighbours' walls or go into their gardens.

Parents are also reminded not to use our neighbours' steps as a seat to wait for the gates to be opened before and after school.

**The reputation of the school amongst our neighbours is important so please show consideration and respect.**

**Attendance and Punctuality**

Here is last week's attendance and punctuality for individual classes.

	Attendance	Unauthorised Absence	No of Lates (no of chn)
RF	100% 😊😊	0 😊	1 (1)
1D	100% 😊😊	0 😊	0 😊
1K	95.79%	0 😊	2 (2)
2S	98.00%	0 😊	1 (1)
3J	96.07%	0 😊	1 (1)
3P	96.92%	1.54%	1 (1)
4M	92.27%	1.82%	4 (1)
4W	99.05%	0 😊	0 😊
5M	97.20%	0 😊	0 😊
5P	95.60%	0 😊	1 (1)
6R	97.60%	0 😊	3 (2)
6S	96.80%	0 😊	4 (4)

**Congratulations RF and 1D – 100% attendance last week!**

**Well done RF, 1D, 1K, 2S, 3J, 4W, 5P, 5M, 6R and 6S – the classes with no unauthorised absence last week!**

**Well done 1D, 4W and 5M - everyone in school on time last week!**

Attendance across the school last week is 97.21%, with an unauthorised absence level of 0.27%. Remember that good attendance is seen as 96% or better. Attendance to date this academic year is 95.55% with an unauthorised absence level of 0.37%.

**As always, if children are ill, they must remain at home. Please ensure that you contact the school office to explain any absence to ensure that it is authorised.**

**REMEMBER....**

**School gates open at 8.50am. School starts at 8.55am.**

There have been **18 lates** last week (2 more than last week) involving **14 children** (1 more than last week) throughout the school. Let's keep these improvements going!

**Children who are late will miss important learning time. Children who are late disrupt teachers' teaching and other children's learning!**  
**AND...**  
**Children HATE being late!!!**

**Please respect others and be in school on time.**

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS		
MINUTES LATE PER DAY	EQUIVALENT OF MISSING	HOW MANY LESSONS THIS IS MISSED
5 MINUTES	3.4 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	17 LESSONS
10 MINUTES	6.9 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	35 LESSONS
15 MINUTES	10.3 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	51 LESSONS
20 MINUTES	13.8 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	69 LESSONS
30 MINUTES	20.7 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	104 LESSONS



**NESA News****NESA – the New End School Parent-Teacher Association****THE SECRET GARDEN:**

Thanks to everyone who came to the open mornings last week! If you want to get more involved please do join the Secret Garden WhatsApp Group - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/EOy8qxnTdx80mxlucODok>

We are trialling the garden being open to everyone between 9am-10am, and you can sign for a key from the main reception - just make sure you lock up and return the key after use.

Garden rules are simple:

Please return all tools to where you found them.

Take away your own rubbish.

Don't forget to turn off the hose if you've been watering.

Enjoy, have fun!

The Secret Garden will also be open on a trial basis between 3pm-4pm every day, and will be reviewed at half term. Please do pop in.

(Adults are responsible for their children, and all are requested to ensure they treat the garden with respect - no ball games, and litter needs to be cleared.)

**Secret Garden Party**

Please join us on Thursday 15th May from 7pm, to soak in some sunshine, mingle with other parents and enjoy a drink. (Please note this is a child free event.)

Tickets are £5 and include entry & nibbles.

A cash bar will be available. Purchase them here –

<https://bit.ly/nesasecretgardenparty>

Many thanks,

Max Christodoulou  
NESA Chair



### And Finally

As there were three nominations for the position of Parent Governor, an election will be held next week. Information will be circulated to all parents and carers about the nominees and how to vote – either in person or by postal vote.

Continue to take care of yourselves and look out for each other.



Karyn Ray      Headteacher

#### 2024-2025 Dates for your Diary

W/B 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs
Wed, 14 <sup>th</sup> May	1K Class Assembly
W/B 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 School Journey
Wed, 21 <sup>st</sup> May	1D Class Assembly
Mon, 26 <sup>th</sup> – Fri, 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
W/B 2 <sup>nd</sup> June and W/B 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
<b>Fri, 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Sports Day – Reception to Year 6</b>
<b>Fri, 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Star Assemblies – change of date</b>
W / B 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year One Phonic Screening
<b>Thurs, 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>School Production – Nursery, 1K, 2S, 3J, 4M, 5M (6R am. 6S pm)</b>
<b>Fri, 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>School Production – Reception, 1D, 2S, 3P, 4W, 5P (6S am, 6R pm)</b>
<b>Fri, 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Last Day of the 2024-2025 Academic Year – School Closes at 12.30pm</b>
<b>Mon, 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>
<b>Tues, 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>

#### 2025-2026 Dates for your Diary

<b>Mon, 1<sup>st</sup> Sept</b>	<b>INSET Day – school closed to children</b>
Tues, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Children return to school
Mon, 27 <sup>th</sup> – Fri, 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Half Term
<b>Fri, 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Last Day of Autumn Term – School Closes at 12.30pm</b>
<b>Mon, 5<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>INSET Day – school closed to children</b>
Tues, 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Children return to school
Mon, 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri, 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half Term
<b>Fri, 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Last Day of Spring Term – School Closes at 12.30pm</b>
<b>Mon, 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>INSET Day – school closed to children</b>
Tues, 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school
Mon, 25 <sup>th</sup> – Fri, 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
<b>Mon, 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>
<b>Fri, 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Last Day of the 2025-2026 Academic Year – School Closes at 12.30pm</b>
<b>Mon, 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>

**IF A DATE CHANGES OR IS ADDED, IT WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED IN THIS SECTION.**

**DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE – OFTEN BY OUTSIDE FORCES!**