



# Twiss Green Newsletter

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## Mental Health and Wellbeing

At Twiss Green we are committed to supporting the mental health and wellbeing of all members of our school community. This year, we have addressed this in a number of ways for our children including nurture groups and nurture support for individuals, the development of our Sunshine Room and calm boxes and calm corners in our classrooms. Our Year 4 class have also been trialling sessions from the myHappymind programme, which supports positive mental wellbeing. After Easter, this will be rolled out across school. More information about myHappymind can be found on the myHappymind website: <https://myhappymind.org/>

We are also beginning to support individual children through ELSA. ELSAs are emotional literacy support assistants working in schools.

They:

- Help children recognise, understand and manage emotions to increase success.
- Plan and deliver individual (and small group) support programmes.
- Receive training and supervision from educational psychologists.

Mrs Bishop will be delivering ELSA sessions to our children and has been trained to do so by Warrington's Educational Psychology Team. Parents/carers will be informed if their child's class teacher feels they may benefit from ELSA support. ELSA sessions will take place in our newly revamped Rainbow Room (next to Year 5's classroom).

As a school, we are working towards achieving a Wellbeing Award which provides us with a framework to support this very important work.



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#### **Spring Term Diary Dates**



**17th—31st March**

**Twiss Green's PAN artwork on display at the Gateway**

**20th March**

**Year 6 Parents' Evening**

**21st March**

**Year 5 Parents' Evening**

**22nd and 23rd March**

**Spring Parents' Evenings**

**24th March**

**Y3 Sunshine Assembly**

**29th March**

**Class Photos**

**29th March**

**PAN performance at the Parr Hall (Year 2 children)**

**31st March**

**End of spring term**

#### **NEU Teacher Strikes**

The next strike days for members of the NEU teaching union in the North West are on the 15th and 16th March. Once again, we remain in full support of the NEU and our colleagues in this union, but can confirm that Twiss Green will remain fully open on those dates.

#### **Your Views!**

As key stakeholders, the views of our families are very important to us as we continue in our aim to provide the very best learning experiences for our children. We regularly gather the children's thoughts in a number of different ways and feel that it is equally important to gather your views also.

Therefore, over the next few days, you will receive links to questionnaires about the following:

- Our behaviour and rewards system
- Our Breakfast and After School Club offer
- Our provision for children with a special educational need or disability (SEND)

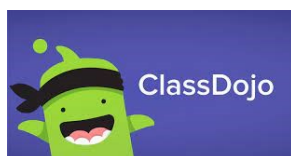
We do appreciate the time taken to fill out questionnaires and always carefully consider all feedback we receive. For example, we have extended our range of after school clubs and have streamlined our communication systems in response to feedback and used your views in the creation of our school vision and values. Mrs Lea is also busy currently analysing the feedback she has received in response to her questionnaire around next half term's after school club options. We are grateful in advance for the time taken to complete this latest round of questionnaires.

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#### **Dojos**

Speaking of feedback, we have recently been informed by some parents that their child isn't sure how many dojos they have or how many they need before they earn their next badge. In order to address this, we will set up log ins to Class Dojo for each child. This will enable your child to log in at home to see how many dojos they currently have and will allow them to share and discuss this with family members. To do this, we will need to obtain your permission. Look out for more information and a Ping seeking your permission over the next few days. It is always lovely to see the children feeling so proud of themselves, their hard work and how well they are reflecting our values when they receive their dojo badges and we hope that by having log in details, they will be able to further share this pride at home.



#### **PAN**

We are taking part in Warrington's Primary Arts Network (PAN) exhibition and performance this year. All classes have produced artwork based on this year's theme of 'Same but Different.' The aim is to enable schools to address the equality and diversity, LGBT, disability and mental health agenda in an exciting and relevant way. The children's artwork will either be displayed in school or in the Gateway Centre in Warrington town centre. The exhibition at the Gateway will be between the 17th and 31st March—please go along and have a look! We are also looking forward to supporting some of our Year 2 children at a performance at the Parr Hall linked to the theme on the 29th March—if their rehearsals are anything to go by, they will be fabulous!

#### **Lovely News**

We are happy to share with you the exciting news that Mrs Lea is expecting a baby! Mrs Lea's baby is due to arrive in July and we are very pleased to also share that Miss Bond has agreed to cover Mrs Lea's maternity leave. Miss Bond already works with the Year 3 children regularly and will be with them to see out the end of the summer term when Mrs Lea's leave begins. Miss Bond will then remain with us in September and stay until Mrs Lea's return. We will make sure we keep Year 3 families updated and will of course share the news about the safe arrival of Mrs Lea's baby when the time comes!



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