

IN FOCUS MANOR PARK

September 2011

PUPILS ARE LEARNING THE LESSON OF GOOD ATTENDANCE

Pupils from across the Manor Park Community Forum are showing how important it is that children and young people never miss a day of school.

The 100% attendance initiative has been written by head teachers in the Manor Park Soft Federation, a collective of schools working to raise aspirations and achievements of their pupils, parents and the local community. Little Ilford secondary and Avenue, Monega and St Winefride's primary schools are at the forefront of the campaign, supported by forum councillors.

Community lead member Cllr Kay Scoresby said: "Every school day counts and good attendance is so

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Sumaya, left and Aazil receive their certificates

important for a child's education and development. Our schools work hard to raise attendance and we are doing everything we can to support them in this."

Little Ilford School pupils Sumaya Amin and Aazil Ahmed, both 15, received certificates for their 100% attendance last year.

Sumaya said: "I think it's important to be in school, it's the key to success. My attendance used to be poor but I learned that it was vital for me to attend school so that I can make sure I have a bright

future ahead of me."

Aazil added: "My advice to all students that have poor attendance is to leave home early in the mornings and go to bed early. If you are organised and have the right attitude towards learning, then everything will be positive."

Monega School head teacher Sara Morgan said: "Our children enjoy coming to school and know that they miss learning if they are not in class. They understand the impact that extended time out of school has on their learning."

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Exam results are top class



Newham's schools are celebrating their best ever GCSE results with the number of pupils achieving A* to C grades increasing for the eighth year in a row.

This year's results are the biggest annual rise since 2004 and the percentage of young people achieving five or more A* to C GCSEs or equivalent including English and Maths rose from 52 per cent in 2010 to 58 per cent this year.

Little Ilford School in Manor Park increased their attainment from 55 per cent to 58 per cent and Plashet School in East Ham upped their results from 61 per cent to 72 per cent.

Little Ilford ward councillor and governor at the school, Farah Nazeer, said: "It is great news that our schools continue to show improvement in their results. It is a testament to the hard work of the head teachers, teachers and staff."

WARNING OVER DANGEROUS MODELS



Residents are being warned to be alert for dangerous flashing religious models that have not had proper electrical checks or certification.

Newham Council's trading standards officers have so far seized nine models featuring Hindu gods and goddesses from shops in Manor Park. They have flashing lights and range in price from £10.99 to £20.99.

Officers say the goods – which they suspect have been imported illegally from the Far East – have

loose wires and a two-pin plug which is illegal in the UK. Anyone caught selling them faces a fine of up to £5,000 and a custodial sentence of up to six months.

Community lead councillor Kay Scoresby said: "These items are unsafe and we want them out of the shops and out of the hands of customers."

People spotting these items should contact 01622 626 520 or 01622 626 523 or visit www.consumerdirect.gov.uk

BE AWARE OF RISKS OF CANCER



Charity Community Links are hosting sessions in Manor Park designed to raise awareness of various types of cancer and promoting the importance of screening.

The sessions, supported by Manor Park community forum councillors, take place at the Froud Centre in Toronto Avenue. Visitors can get advice and ask questions.

"Better awareness and the confidence to go to a doctor early could save many lives," said East Ham North ward councillor Firoza Nekiwala, who asked for the

workshop sessions to take place.

Breast and lung cancer awareness sessions for men only take place on Tuesday 11 October from 9.15am to 11.15am and on Thursday 20 October from 1pm to 3pm. Women only sessions are held on Thursday 13 October from 1pm to 3pm and Tuesday 18 October from 9.15am to 11.15am.

Sessions which are open to all take place on Tuesday 11th October and Tuesday 18 October from 1pm to 3pm.

VISION FOR PARK LIFE IS WELL RECEIVED

New wildlife habitat areas, a new central building with toilets and baby changing facilities and a new multi-use games area with extended trim trail and running track were among a host of suggestions people would like to see at Little Ilford Park.

Newham Council has been asking residents what they would like to see for the park in Church Road, Manor Park, before agreeing a plan for improving, managing and developing it in future.

Little Ilford ward councillor Andrew Baikie said: "We were pleased people came up with some really positive proposals. Most people felt improvements to the wildlife areas would really benefit the park and encourage even more people to use it."

The council will use the plan to apply for grants to pay for the proposed works. When the funding is in place, detailed designs will be prepared and contractors appointed.

Also included among the suggestions were new entrances and way-finding signs, new picnic tables and bins, improved toilets and a relocation of the water fountain.

Opinions were divided on whether to remove, lower or retain the park's boundary fence, though many people were keen to see some change in order to improve visibility. The council is looking at whether it is feasible to remove it for a trial period.

How a new wildlife area might look



The proposed new corner entrance



You can comment on the plan by visiting the following venues during opening times until 14 October: the Froud Centre, Romford Road, E12 5JY; the Jack Cornwell Centre, Jack Cornwell Street, E12 5NN; and Manor Park Library, Romford Road, E12 5JY or visit the parks section at www.newham.gov.uk

SEARCH FOR COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

Councillors in East Ham North ward are looking for volunteers who can help to strengthen their community.

People are needed to join the area's active community team. Team members volunteer to help out with and arrange free, fun events and community projects.

Councillors will be having a drop-in stall in High Street North opposite Kensington Avenue on Tuesday

4 October from 2pm to 3.30pm for anyone interested.

Councillor Jose Alexander said: "We are looking for people to come and join in the fun and become part of a strong and happy neighbourhood."

If you would like to know more about becoming an active community volunteer please ring on freephone 0800 519 4015

Spotlight on... Safer Neighbourhood Teams



Safer Neighbourhoods Teams (SNTs) are about policing at a local level: residents working with police and partners to identify and tackle issues of concern in their neighbourhoods.

Following consultation with residents, from 30 September, your SNT will be changing. Under the changes SNTs will remain responsible for addressing local crime and safety concerns. There will be no reduction in the number of police constables (PCs) and police community support officers (PCSOs) within SNTs, so every ward

will still have at least five, some six.

However, SNTs can now share officers with their neighbouring wards in times of need. During these times, wards that are supporting their neighbours will have a minimum of one PC and one PCSO from its dedicated team to make sure there is still a permanent uniformed presence in every ward.

SNTs will also play a role in tackling anti-social behaviour in their neighbourhoods.

You can get involved with your local SNT by going to www.met.police.uk/teams/newham

WHAT'S ON MANOR PARK

East London Textile Art

are staging creative embroidery sessions at Hathaway Community Centre, Hathaway Crescent, E12, on Fridays from 1pm to 3pm. Sessions are free.

Non contact boxing sessions

for young people aged eight to 19, take place at the Hathaway Community Centre, Hathaway Crescent, on Wednesdays from 7pm, hosted by West Ham Amateur Boxing Club. Call Carl Barton on 0203 373 6034.

For even more things to do check out the What's On in Newham calendar, where you'll find listings for more than 6,000 events visit www.newham.com

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MEET YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR

Councillors out and about: If you would like a councillor to visit your community organisation, school, place of worship, meeting or event please call 020 3373 8382 or email glennette.bowles-dove@newham.gov.uk
To email your local councillor write firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk e.g. jose.alexander@newham.gov.uk



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Amarjit Singh



Salim Patel



Andrew Baikie



Farah Nazeer



Khalil Kazi

East Ham North Ward

Every Saturday (alternating)
10.30 - 11.30am
Kensington School,
Kensington Avenue,
Manor Park, E12

Manor Park Ward

Every Saturday (alternating)
10 - 11.30am
Manor Park Local Service Centre,
685-689 Romford Road,
Manor Park, E12

Little Ilford Ward

Every Saturday (alternating)
10 - 11am
Jack Cornwell Community Centre,
Jack Cornwell Street,
Manor Park, E12

Need to talk to Mayor Sir Robin Wales? Being an elected mayor, Sir Robin is directly accountable to you. Look out for Question Time times and dates in the Newham Mag, visit www.newham.gov.uk/mayor or call 020 3373 0437.