

IN FOCUS MANOR PARK

May 2011

Essex School transformed

Essex Primary School has been transformed after a revamp was carried out to modernise the school.

The £6.3m redesign and rebuild project which began in autumn 2009 to update the school in Sheridan Road was carried out in three phases as part of the government's Primary Capital Programme to improve primary schools.

Upgrades include:

- > improved outdoor play areas with a new Multi Use Games Area and a running track
- > enlarged hall
- > new staff room and meeting rooms
- > 16 redesigned classrooms
- > landscaping improvements to surrounding area outside, such as the creation of grassed areas
- > replacement and upgrading of the heating system.

The deputy head teacher, Caz Langbridge, said: "Everyone is extremely proud of the new redesign and rebuild. The children enjoyed working with Richard Probee, project manager for contractor Jerram Falkus, to understand the building process. The new facilities ensure that pupils are able to reach their potential in an exciting and stimulating environment."

Following a recent Ofsted inspection, improvements in the school's performance were also noted in a glowing report. Inspectors



Essex Primary pupils at a Holocaust memorial event with St Winefride's pupils in one of the refurbished classrooms

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noted: 'This is a good school, where pupils are very happy and behave exceptionally well. Throughout the school, pupils make good progress

and achieve well.'

Inspectors also noted that children were involved in the redesign and rebuild of the school and chose the colours for the refurbished classrooms.

Community lead councillor, Kay Scoresby, said: "Improving schools in the borough is an important priority for us and current pupils and future generations will reap the benefits of learning in a comfortable and quality environment."

Plans are now being drawn up by the school to build a sensory garden, amphitheatre and an allotment/food growing area - these improvements will be funded by the school.

CONTACT US

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Go green with your garden waste



Green fingered gardener or eco warrior – whatever your reasons, make sure you recycle your green garden waste.

The council offers a FREE green garden waste collection to all residents. The service accepts grass cuttings, weeds hedge trimmings, leaves, small branches and flowers.

All you need to do is place them in a black bag, leave them at the front of your property and call to arrange a collection. The waste will be picked up within five working days.

All garden waste is turned into compost at Jenkins Lane Reuse and Recycling Centre instead of being sent to landfill sites. So if you want to do your bit for the environment, make the most of this council service.

To arrange a collection or for more information, call 020 8430 2000 or book the collection online at www.newham.gov.uk and search for 'green waste'.



CALLING ALL CREATIVE TYPES

We want your help to beautify two areas in Manor Park.

Whether you're a resident, school, business or community group – we are looking for all kinds of volunteers to work with Newham Council on two art projects. One on Bluebell Avenue, a road that runs parallel to the railway line from Woodgrange Park Station, and Sibley Grove, near East Ham Station.

In the past, there have been some problems with anti-social behaviour in these two roads and the council wants

to create some art to brighten up the area and make it more welcoming. You will be working with a professional artist to turn your ideas into a reality.

Kensington School in Kensington Avenue is already involved but we want to create a community working group to improve the look and feel of the area.

If you live locally and want to get involved, call Glennette Bowles-Dove on 020 3373 8382 or email glennette.bowlesdove@newham.gov.uk

DON'T BE OUT FOR THE COUNT

Census collectors are going door-to-door in Manor Park to offer help with completing the forms and ensuring the questionnaires are returned.

The census is important for Newham in making sure that the borough receives a fair allocation of funding from central Government. It means the council can deliver the essential services that residents say are important, such as cleaner streets, better healthcare, community protection and education.

Each census form is worth at least £6,000 from the Government over

the next ten years. In previous years a census undercount of at least 20,000 has meant Newham has lost out on millions of pounds in funding.

The census collectors are warning people that they face the risk of a fine or prosecution should a form not be returned.

Posters are also going up around the borough explicitly warning that residents risk a £1,000 fine and a criminal record if the form is not completed.



Manor Park's got talent

Are you bursting with undiscovered talent? Have you got what it takes to become a part of the Manor Park's Got Talent showcase?

Manor Park's Got Talent is the perfect opportunity for you to show your community what you can do. The showcase is looking for Manor Park's best talent act. Whether you're a singer, band, dancer, comedian, variety act or musician, we want to hear from you.

The contestants will get to perform on stage at the Manor Park summer festival on Saturday 25 June from 12noon-4pm. The winner will then go on to perform at the Mayor's Town Show in July.

Start rehearsing and get yourself along to the auditions on Thursday 9 June, 7-9pm, at the Little Ilford Youth Centre, 1a Rectory Road, E12 and



Calling all performers to take part in Manor Park's Got Talent

Saturday 11 June, 12noon-4pm, at The Froud Centre, Toronto Avenue, E12. For more

information call Shaka Daanwi on 07747 565 373 or email shaka.daanwi@newham.gov.uk

FREE home fire safety visit is offered

If you live in the Neighbourhood Improvement Zone (NIZ) in Little Ilford you can benefit from a FREE home fire safety visit.

The initiative is part of Newham Council's NIZ pilot project to tackle residents' key concerns. As part of the scheme, the council is working in conjunction with the London Fire Brigade to offer you a FREE home fire safety visit to improve your safety and reduce the risk of fire.

Visits are undertaken by the London Fire Brigade, who will give you advice on how to prevent fires as well as install a FREE smoke alarm.



Get your free home safety visit

A council officer will be knocking on your door in the coming weeks to see if you'd like to take up the offer.

To see a map of the NIZ go to

www.newham.gov.uk and search for NIZ. To book a home fire safety visit call the NIZ team on 020 3373 0995 or email resid.niz@newham.gov.uk

Spotlight on... What's on in Newham

From the Newham London Run to four spectacular nights of free entertainment under the stars at Central Park – Newham is the best place to be for top FREE events.

Don't be caught crying into your cup of tea when you've found out you've missed one – note down the dates and keep your eyes peeled on your In Focus, the Newham Mag and www.newham.gov.uk/whatson for the latest up-to-date listings.

To you give you a taster of what's on the menu for this summer here are some important dates.



Boogie nights at last years Under the Stars in Central Park

Forget it and regret it – dates for your diary

- Sunday Fun Day, Sunday 29 May, 12noon-6pm – fun for all the family at Stratford Park, around the town centre and in the Old Town Hall
- Mayor's Newham Show and Carnival - Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 July – this annual event kicks off with a colourful carnival that'll make its way around East Ham and yes – the beach is back again this year
- Under the Stars, Thursday 25 to Sunday 28 August, Central Park, East Ham – four nights of top live entertainment
- Guy Fawkes Night, Saturday 5 November, live entertainment and fireworks on Wanstead Flats

WHAT'S ON MANOR PARK

Auditions for Manor Park's Got Talent

Thursday 9 June, 7-9pm
Little Ilford Youth Centre
1a Rectory Road, E12
and Saturday 11 June
12noon-4pm
The Froud Centre
Toronto Avenue, E12
(read p3 for more details)

Keep fit exercise classes

Every Monday
6-7pm
Hathaway Community Centre
Hathaway Crescent, E12
Call the centre on 020 8548
4980 or email hathaway.centre@newham.gov.uk for more information

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.