

### FINANCIAL POSITION—SCHOOL BUDGETS

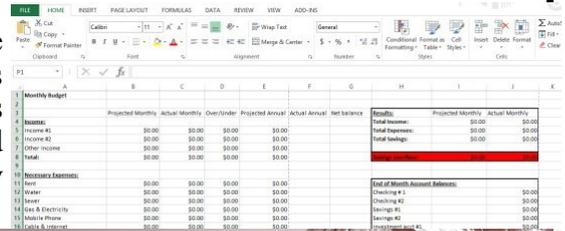
As we start the new financial year, each school took their budgets to the Governors last week for approval. This year was the first year that Central Park and Dersingham had to carefully consider how they allocated their budget. In previous years, the schools have been in a position to be able to effectively decide what they wanted and still had some money left over for unexpected costs. This year it wasn't that easy; each school had to think about where they could reduce the budget spend to make the budget balance. This activity will have been done in schools across Newham and up and down the country.

The school budgets will be hit this year with exactly the same pressures you will be experiencing in your home— cost of food increasing impacting on school meals; energy costs increasing by an astronomical amount; inflationary cost when buying resources; etc.—but on a bigger scale when you are considering the millions of pounds each school receives.

Unfortunately, Calverton is not quite in the same position. The school remains in a deficit position. As it tries to reduce its spend they are equally hit by the cost of living increases, so as one pound is saved in one area we are having to spend one pound extra in another. The school is in talks with the Local Authority to find ways of bringing the school budget back into balance over the next couple of years.

In all 3 schools, it will continue to affect the offer we can make to our children e.g. activities on a smaller scale, cheaper options, raising prices or reducing the amount of time we do something. These are not decisions we like to take but they will help in these more challenging times.

Anyone working in companies that donate materials or resources or support schools in any way put in a good word for us!!



Monthly Budget	Projected Monthly	Actual Monthly	Over/Under	Projected Annual	Actual Annual	Net Balance
Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Income #1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Income #2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expenditure	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expenditure #1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expenditure #2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expenditure #3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expenditure #4	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expenditure #5	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenditure	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Net Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00



### SATS

In each school KS2 SATs went very well, the children were a credit to the schools and despite having missed months of learning the last couple of years they

showed great resilience in focusing on the questions and doing their best. The schools sent off all papers and now have to wait until early July to get the results. Calverton were moderated by the LA during the week and both Calverton and Dersingham have been selected for writing moderation which will take place next month.

Children in Year 2 have sat KS1 SATs over the past two weeks. The information gained from this will inform teacher assessments. These teacher assessments are submitted to the LA and DfE next month.

Children in Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 will have been tested already or will be tested very soon using school tests.

Year 1 undertake Phonics Checks after half term and Year 4 will sit a Multiplication Timetables check.

### JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Over the coming week there will be many celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee; celebrating a special and unique moment in history—a monarch reigning 70 years on the throne. This is something unlikely to ever be repeated.

This week each school will have had their own celebrations to mark this event. I am sure the children will come home saying what a wonderful time they have had. Whilst having fun, the children will have also learned in lessons about the Queen and this momentous occasion. It will be one of those historic events that will hopefully become a long lasting a memory for them. It would be fantastic to think children will remember the day they celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The children are due to receive a book to commemorate this, provided by the DfE, and we will issue it as soon as we receive it.





## SPORTS AND GAMES

A big congratulations to Calverton who achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award this year. A huge amount of credit must go to Rob Cooper in driving this and his passion for PE and Sport.

All 3 schools take part in sports' competitions and usually do well in them. We promote healthy living and participating in sport as fun and good for children but we don't shy away from encouraging competitive sport as well.

This year is another big sporting occasion. The Commonwealth Games are being held in Birmingham. The Opening Ceremony takes place at the Alexander Stadium on 28 July 2022, with all 72 countries within the Commonwealth. The Closing Ceremony takes place on 8 August 2022, with all 72 countries return to the Alexander Stadium.

The Commonwealth Games Federation flag will be handed over to representatives of Victoria, the hosts of the 2026 Commonwealth Games.



## RSHE LESSONS

Next half-term we deliver as part of our RSHE lessons the elements linked to Changing Adolescent Bodies. This will be taught at an age-appropriate level across the school. Staff have received training and are prepared to answer questions sensitively, including saying if necessary 'that is a discussion to have at home'.

You should have had the opportunity to come in and view the materials being used and the chance to ask any questions you may have had. You should have also been informed of the circumstance you can withdraw your child from these sessions in Y6.

Containing our focus within one week enables us to all be a state of readiness and be prepared for children's responses and remain faith sensitive. It also means that you can ask questions of children at home each day about they have learned and support the learning taking place in school.

Do not hesitate to talk to a senior member of staff if you were not able to come into school or you have questions you still need answering.

'This Is Me' week will take place w/b 13th June 2022.



## HALF-TERM HOLIDAYS

We have reached the half-way point of the summer term, the summer holidays are just around the corner. During this break, remember the Bank Holiday is not on Monday as usual but becomes part of an extended Bank Holiday weekend Thursday and Friday linked to the Queen's Jubilee. I hope you have a great holiday, enjoy family time and fingers crossed for good weather.

Newham Council continue to provide free activities but you will need to book, details of how to do so are here:

Free activities will be taking place this half term for children and young people to celebrate the up and coming 10 year anniversary of London 2012. Come and try a variety of Olympic and Paralympic Sports. Sessions include Combat Sports (Taekwondo, Judo, Karate, Boxing), Racquet Sports (Tennis, Badminton, Table Tennis) and Team Sports (Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Hockey, Handball, Baseball/Softball, Rugby).

Dates: Monday 30th May – Wednesday 1st June

Times/Ages: - 12-2pm – 5-11 years

Venues include: Central Park, Beckton District Park North, Keir Hardie Recreation Ground, Plashet Park, Stratford Park. Book your place

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