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Schools hit SATs targets

Pupils beat national average for standards in English and maths

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Primary schools in Newham have come 61st out of 150 boroughs in a national government performance table.

The figures from the Department for Education show pupils' performance in national curriculum tests, known as SATs, in English and maths.

In Newham 2,954 of 3,692 pupils reached the expected SATs level compared to 2,833 from 3,728 last year.

That is equivalent to 80 per cent of pupils reaching Level 4 in English and maths compared to 76pc last year.

In England, 79pc of pupils reached expected standard in both subjects compared to 74pc in 2011.

In Newham 86pc of pupils reached the standard in English, and 85pc hit national targets in maths.

In Tower Hamlets the figures were 89pc and 86pc respectively.

The highest performing school was St Edward's Catholic Primary in

Green Street, Upton Park, where 100pc of pupils achieved Level 4 standard in English and maths.

Gallions Primary in Beckton was the seventh most improved school in the country, according to the data.

The number of the school's pupils attaining Level 4 rose from 31 pc in 2009 to 92pc this year.

Headteacher Paul Jackson put their success down to offering creative subjects at a time when funding for such classes is being cut.



Lyn Brown MP with residents campaigning to reopen Grade II listed pub, the Spotted Dog in Forest Gate

MP backs campaigners' bid to reopen historic pub

Lyn Brown was at the Spotted Dog pub in Upton Lane, Forest Gate, to back campaigners trying to preserve it and run it as a co-operative.

The West Ham MP visited the Grade II listed pub after being invited by campaign organiser Mark McGlynn.

The timber-framed inn, rumoured to have been kennels for Henry VIII's hunting dogs, has been empty since it closed in 2004. It is understood the firm which owned it has been taken over by liquidators leaving its future uncertain.

Ms Brown said: "The Spotted Dog is the oldest, secular building in West Ham and must not be allowed to further dilapidate.

"It is a place where, I am sure, I share many happy memories with other local

people and it would be a crying shame to see the building go into further decline.

"It's vital we preserve this historical and beautiful building for the local community to enjoy for years to come."

Guitar teacher Mr McGlynn, who played at the venue, said Ms Brown had helped them to gain support from heritage groups.

He said: "We're all keen to preserve the building and restore it as a community hub, and stop it being turned into flats as has happened to so many pubs.

"But we're busy people and none of us are experienced in running a pub, and would need to bring professionals in, so it would be ideal if a pub landlord came in and saved us a lot of hard work."



Tessa Sanderson, left, and Jermain Defoe, second right, with Salma Mohamed, left, Afasana Benozir and Jeremy Jackson

Youngsters quiz sporting heroes about their careers

Tottenham Hotspur footballer Jermain Defoe and Olympic gold medallist Tessa Sanderson CBE were among stars quizzed by youngsters at West Ham United Football Club.

"reaching your goals through sport" at the event hosted by BBC presenters Chris Hollins and Sonali Shah.

The youngsters explored the legacy of the Olympics and how it has engaged young people with sport.

The Prince's Trust helps disadvantaged young people to get their lives on track. It supports 13 to 30-year-olds who are unemployed, those struggling at school and at risk of exclusion.

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