

NEWS CORNER

The latest news and information about Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.



1st May 2024

Updates from Sarah Jane

Panda Class news...

Thank you to all the parents that took the time to have engaging conversations about our year one children during Parents Evening. This week, Panda class have been thinking about their trip to the Transport Museum and have written detailed recounts of their visit last week. Our writing focus was using the correct tense. I am really pleased with the progress the class have made in writing this year which will stand them in good stead as they prepare to transition into year two. In computing we have started the programming animation unit using ScratchJr. The children have used iPads to familiarise themselves with programming blocks and how to get their avatar '**Sprite**' to move. We had a visit from The Cats Protection team this week who delivered a workshop on how to look after cats. Nikita's favourite fact that he learnt was **that cats use their whiskers to feel the space around them**. In the coming weeks the children are going to spend time with 'Rosie the dog' who is a therapy dog and based at the girls school, very exciting! We finished our week with a sustainability focused learning opportunity with **Eco Active** who taught the children about the wonderful biodiversity (living things in like plants and animals) that surrounds us in London, they explored the problems of littering and inspired pupils to think how we can coexist harmoniously with nature and wildlife in our urban environment.



Last week Anita and I had the pleasure of interviewing candidates to join our teaching team and we are delighted to announce that we have appointed two new teachers! I will of course update you soon on which teachers will be based where in September 2024.

A lot of consideration goes in to this decision, we think about the children's needs and the skillset of each teacher and their experience so we can develop and grow the school to be the best place to learn and grow.

We believe in a well organised and thoughtful transition plan for all of our year groups and we approach this with care and compassion. We understand for some children change can be hard and that's ok, we are here to support children navigate through the emotions they experience during change so that they feel safe and secure with any new surroundings or new faces. We approach this with positivity and have a whole unit about 'changing me', which covers topics on looking forward to the future. If you are worried about your child please speak to one of the team, we are here to put your mind at ease. There will also be opportunities for the children to spend time with the class teacher and we will be hosting celebration events such as graduations to symbolically mark the end of a chapter and exciting new beginnings!

What I really want to say though is, where has this year gone? We have been so so busy learning and having fun that it has literally flown by!

Have a fantastic long weekend!

Blue Whale and Tiger Class news...

This week we had a special visitor from the Cats Protection Charity. Jerry shared special facts about cats and how to take care of them. The children enjoyed asking Jerry questions such as, How do cats use the toilet? Can cats drink milk? What do you clean cats with? What do cats play with? After the visit the children created cat masks and took turns pretending to be cats that needed taking care of.

The children enjoyed exploring our core story Jack and the Beanstalk by creating their own beanstalks using playdough and natural materials. They compared their beanstalk's length to each others and placed them in order of tallest to shortest. Dylan said "My beanstalk is little like our beanstalk. It will grow bigger later." We designed our own magic beans in the creative area. Stella said "I want purple and blue magic beans! They will grow into a big beanstalk that will take us to a unicorn." Outside, the children enjoyed the warmer weather by creating castles for Jack with the bath foam and duplo bricks. Dev said "It's like cement. I can use it to keep the bricks together for my castle."

During our cooking session, the children prepared the vegetables that would go into our pasta salad and made a dressing. They enjoyed mixing all the ingredients together before sharing it as lunch time with their classmates.



STAR OF THE WEEK

This week's value is
COMMUNITY

Panda Class' stars:

Younus

For having great teamwork attributes when working in a group

Ram

For collaborating with others to achieve his next step in a task.

Blue Whale Class' star:

Allegra

For her sense of community by taking care of others when they are feeling upset

Tiger class' star:

Aliah

For being an outstanding role model for taking care of our learning environment

In recognition, all children have been given a certificate and their class mascot to take home for the weekend. We are looking to hearing about the adventures they get up to at the weekend.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- 7th May – Duckling eggs arrive
- 13th May – Photographer in/class photos
- 22nd May – National Numeracy Day
- w/c 10th June – Y1 phonics screening
- 17th June – School closed for Eid
- 21st June – Summer show
- 28th June – Summer fete



TABLE OF THE WEEK

Every week we reward children for positive behaviors around lunchtime, such as good manners, playing with the resources safely and with kindness, and trying new food. Well done to:

- Adi
- Lalani
- Isaa
- Mikaeel



ATTENDANCE
(Target 97%)

The winning Class this week is **Panda-94 %**

Blue Whale 91 %
Tiger 87 %