

# NEWS CORNER

The latest news and information about Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.



10<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## Updates from Sarah Jane

### Blue Whale and Tiger Class news...

This week we have had some special resident guests, eggs which hatched in to ducklings! The children have been given the opportunity to learn, observe and take care of ducklings. It has been a wonderful experience and a great way for children to learn about the science of life cycles.



Alongside the ducklings, we have also started our new topic book, 'The enormous turnips.' The children have been learning that turnips are root vegetables, and how and what they need to grow. They have also created character puppets to reenact the story in their small world set up.



As we document the progress of our beanstalks, we discussed what's going well, and what we could do to help improve its growth.

I have recently started a senior mental health training course run by the Anna Freud organisation. By the end of the course I will have developed a plan for a whole school approach to positive mental health and wellbeing, which embodies respect, values and diversity.

So far the course has been very informative, as well as learning about triggers and trauma that can cause stress and ill health, I have learnt about protective factors and how schools can support pupils, staff and the wider community to create a culture that is respectful of people's feelings and individual needs. It has been really reassuring to know that we do so much already to consider the wellbeing of our pupils and staff, this training is giving me more of a strategic outlook on how I can embed wellbeing in the curriculum and create an environment that disseminates psychological safety for our school community.

We put the wellbeing of our pupils at the heart of everything we do at Wood Wharf and I would like to take this an opportunity to thank all of the staff for the unconditional care, compassion and nurture they give to each personality and pupil they interact with on a daily basis.

This short video is a really good way to understand more about how positive experiences for children forms positive neural pathways in their brains meaning they will become more resilient and able to cope with negative experiences they may experience when they are older.

Have a wonderful weekend in the sunshine!

[Building Resilience | Tipping the Scales | NSPCC \(youtube.com\)](#)

# Panda Class news...

Panda Class have been busy writing letters sharing their advice on how to get the pesky seagulls to stop eating the fisherman's lunch! Children have learnt the use of the un-prefix and came up with words like: **unpleasant, unkind, unreliable, untie and unwrap**. The children shared ideas of a disgusting sandwich and drew their ideas. Next, they wrote a description and edited their writing by looking out for **capital letters, finger spacing, full stops and the use of the conjunction 'and'**.

In Maths, Panda Class have been learning all about arrays to visually support their multiplication learning. They have been spotting rows and columns to identify equal groups. The children have used lots of concrete resources to build arrays. I wonder what things they can use at home to represent **5 equal groups of 2?**

In Science, children have enjoyed exploring the question 'do animals need to move and how to they do it?'. Panda Class have used a **Venn diagram** to help sort animals by the way they travel. The groups they used where land, water, air or a mixture.



## STAR OF THE WEEK

This week's value is

**ACTIVE**

Panda Class' stars:

Noa

For engaging in creative play at playtimes and being mindful to include others

Aila

For sharing your passion for gymnastics and showing your abilities safely

Blue Whale Class' star:

Dev

For showing our value active by passionately sharing and teaching us facts about the Titanic

Tiger class' star:

Sarah

For actively applying her phonics in her writing on her own during her big write and play.

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

**13<sup>th</sup> May** – Photographer in/class photos

**22<sup>nd</sup> May** – National Numeracy Day and parent quiz!

**w/c 10<sup>th</sup> June** – Y1 phonics screening

**17<sup>th</sup> June** – School closed for Eid

**21<sup>st</sup> June** – Summer show

**28<sup>th</sup> June** – Summer fete (school closing at 13:30pm)

## 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:

- Arielle
- Adam
- Victoria
- Natalie

**ATTENDANCE**  
(Target 97%)

The winning Class this week is  
**Tiger–95.6 %**

Blue Whale 90 %  
Panda 84%



A message from National Numeracy Day

**WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY**

Founding Supporter: **KPMG**

LET'S GET CREATIVE AND SHARE OUR LOVE FOR NUMBERS. JOIN IN WITH THE FUN BY DRESSING UP IN NUMBER FASHION!

YOU CAN BE ANY CONCEPT OF NUMERACY AND NUMBER. WE WILL HAVE FUN ACTIVITIES TO EXPLORE THE WAYS MATHS IS EMBEDDED IN OUR EVERY DAY LIVES.

3,2,1.....LET'S GO!

**Mulberry**  
Wood Wharf Primary

Don't forget to pack water, sunhats and suncream for school!