

# NEWS CORNER

The latest news and information about Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.



20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## Updates from Sarah Jane

As we continue to foster a thriving environment here at Mulberry Wood Wharf, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the values that define us. These principles guide every aspect of school life, shaping not only academic achievements but also the character and well-being of our entire community.

### Community:

Our school is built on the strength of a supportive, inclusive community. We value collaboration and encourage everyone—pupils, staff, and families—to work together to create a nurturing and engaging environment. Whether in the classroom, during extracurricular activities, or at school events, the sense of togetherness is a cornerstone of who we are.

### Resilience:

Challenges are a part of life, and here at Wood Wharf, we believe in the importance of resilience. We teach our pupils to approach difficulties with determination and perseverance, always striving to overcome obstacles. This strength of character will serve them not only in their learning but in all aspects of life.

### Creativity:

We celebrate creativity as a vital part of learning and personal growth. Whether in art, science, problem-solving, or daily challenges, we encourage our students to think outside the box. Creativity fuels innovation and curiosity, and we aim to provide an environment where every child feels empowered to express their ideas freely.

### Respect:

Respect is fundamental to maintaining harmony in our school. We emphasise the importance of treating others with kindness, listening to diverse perspectives, and showing consideration in every interaction. Respect fosters mutual understanding and creates a space where everyone feels valued and heard.

### Kindness:

We believe that kindness is the heart of our school. Through small acts of compassion, we create an atmosphere where everyone feels safe and supported. By practicing kindness every day, our children learn to become empathetic, thoughtful individuals, both within the school community and beyond.

### Being Active (Body and Mind):

At Mulberry Wood Wharf, we encourage the importance of staying active, both physically and mentally. Physical activity not only strengthens the body but also sharpens the mind, enhancing focus and well-being. Similarly, keeping our minds engaged—whether through problem-solving, curiosity, or exploring new ideas—is essential for growth. We promote a healthy balance of activity that nurtures both the body and the mind, helping our pupils achieve their full potential.

As we move through this term, let us all continue to embody these values in our daily lives. Together, we can ensure that Mulberry Wood Wharf remains a place of growth, belonging, and success.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend!



# Lion and Panda Class news...

Panda class have had fun learning about their new curriculum in Year 1. We have started to explore subjects like Science, PSHE, Geography and Art. In PSHE, pupils got to know Jigsaw Jack. Jigsaw Jack is our character this year that will help us navigate discussions and ideas about our wellbeing. This week we spoke about feeling safe and special. Liam shared that 'we must ask people how they are feeling' and Liyana shared "we must help others who are stuck".

In Geography, we explored our mapping skills and understood the word *location*. We described different places on a map and had a go at locating England. We have started to learn the 7 continents in the world. We tried to order them according to their size. Panda Class learnt about the Mid-Autumn festival as Baishi shared that he was taking part in this celebration with his family. He told us his favourite part was enjoying mooncakes. Throughout the week we have spotted lots of examples of our core value, **Creativity**. Pupils have enjoyed junk modelling, building lego and expressing their ideas visually. This week we have sent home a picture book for all pupils to enjoy. Next week phonics groups will commence, and your child will bring home 2 RWI books. Enjoy reading over the weekend!



This week Lion class have been building on their learning from last week through the varied range of classroom provision. Lion class have flooded our camera roll with so much **creativity** in the classroom- especially through the use of the arts and craft trolley really well! Hanna and Siyuan worked wonderfully together to create a house out of a cardboard box, carefully crafting the windows and doors using a range of materials. Raphael and Daniel enjoyed drawing illustrations around their boxes. Dakota made a hand chain using pipe cleaners and a wonderful model which was thoughtfully made of using a range of materials.

In addition to all of the independent choices this week we have started subject specific learning such as Science, Geography, Art, and PSHE. In Art, Lion class explored with pencils, crayons and charcoal, applying heavy and light pressure to create dark and light shades of marks. In Science we began using magnifying glasses to make observations of objects using the language of comparison such as 'similar' 'same' 'different' and explaining why? What another wonderful week of great learning!



**STARS OF THE WEEK  
FOR DEMONSTRATING:  
CREATIVITY**

## PANDA CLASS

Xavier for showing lots of different techniques to attach things when exploring junk modelling.

Idris for representing his numbers using number stories and for being so enthusiastic about maths.



## LION CLASS

Hannah for showcasing her creativity and using a range of materials to design and create a house

Aarav for planning and creating a very sophisticated rocket demonstrating a range of creative skills.





# Elephant Class news...

Elephant Class has dived into a new text, *Grandad's Island* by Benji Davies. The children have made predictions about what might happen next in the story, using clues from both the text and illustrations. Their enthusiasm and use of vocabulary have been astounding! In English, the children have been practicing selecting precise adjectives to describe characters. Some amazing adverbs have been used by Elijah, who wrote, "The fast, fierce tiger pounced hungrily," and Frederick, who wrote, "The old, brave grandad splashed gigantically into the waterfall."

We have also started exploring some of our foundation subjects. In Science, we discussed how to define if something is living or not using the MISS GREN criteria. We learned how to scientifically classify objects as living, once living, or never alive. In History, we unleashed our creativity by building and drawing what London would have looked like in 1666. We discovered how different London looks now compared to back then. Mana shared, "Houses were made of wood and tar. They were built close together and were very flammable."

I would like to thank Elephant Class for confidently and respectfully sharing their knowledge of different religions, demonstrating their right to have their own thoughts and beliefs.



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**ELEPHANT CLASS**



Anvit for writing creative sentences about a fierce tiger using accurate verbs and adverbs.

Mana showing her creative flair when designing and creating the Great Fire of London out of cubes



# Tiger and Blue Whale Class news...

This week the children have been exploring different ways to make dens using various materials. The adults had modelled and supported the children with creating dens last week. Now they are confidently creating their own dens by communicating their ideas and listening to each other.



This week blue whale class have been delving into the nursery rhyme Grand old duke of York whilst practicing how to march up and down a hill like a soldier. They have thoroughly enjoyed role playing soldiers whilst marching around the classroom. Saya referred to how the grand old duke of York reminded her of the Guards that stand outside Buckingham palace. She explained how they stand still like a statue. Alice also commented that "the soldiers outside the queens house walk around like robots." Blue whale class have also been learning about adding one more by using the song 5 little apples. The children used real apples to count along with the song and keep track of how many apples they had. We are excited to move onto exploring sorting techniques next week in maths.



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## Blue Whale Class Superstars:



Irie- For her creativity in her role play when dressing up as a princess.



Nahyaan- For his creativity in his artwork. Nahyaan loves to use paint and create abstract art.



## Tiger Class Superstars:

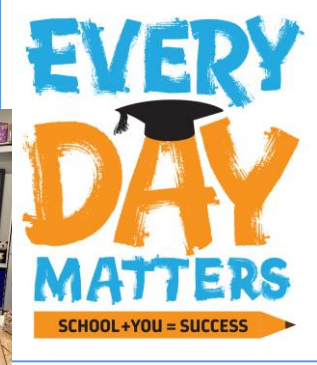
Theodora – for showing creativity through her drawings.



Henrique – for creating exciting stories in the fire station.







# Mulberry Wood Wharf attendance 2024-25

## Going for Gold together!

Well done families, it is wonderful to see you all arriving on time.

### This week:

- GOLD Attendance goes to:**
  - Blue Whale (98%)
  - Tiger (97%)
- SILVER Attendance goes to:**
  - Lion (96%)
- BRONZE Attendance goes to:**
  - Panda Class (90%)
  - Elephant Class (91%)



Our **GOLD Class Attendance** are our classes who have 97+ attendance for a whole week

Our **SILVER Class Attendance** are our classes who have 95-97% attendance for a whole week

Our **BRONZE Class Attendance** are our classes who have 90-95% attendance for a whole week.

The Department for Education has amended their attendance expectations and processes for schools and families, and these came into effect from the **14<sup>th</sup> August 2024**. Schools have been sent the flyer below to share with families – this details the implications for absences including absences for the academic year.

The flyer below from Tower Hamlets details implications for families for absences including holiday absences for this academic year.

PENALTY NOTICES	
New National Framework for Penalty Notices for poor school attendance and unauthorised leave in term time are changing from 19 August 2024.	
<p><b>Per Parent, Per Child</b></p> <p>Penalty Notices will still be issued to each parent for each absent child.</p> <p>For example – 2 siblings absent for unauthorised leave in term time will result in each parent receiving two separate fines.</p>	<p>Term Time Leave: 5 consecutive days</p> <p>10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period</p>
<p><b>First Offence</b></p> <p>The first time a penalty notice is issued, the amount will be £160 per parent, per child, if paid within 28 days.</p> <p>(Reduced to £80 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days.)</p>	<p><b>Second Offence</b></p> <p>The second time a penalty notice is issued, the amount will be £160 per parent, per child, if paid within 28 days.</p> <p>(There is no reduction for any early payment.)</p>
<p><b>Third Offence</b></p> <p>The third time a penalty notice is issued, the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court.</p> <p>Fines of up to £2500 per parent, per child, can be issued by the courts.</p>	

BEHAVIOUR AND ATTENDANCE SUPPORT SERVICE  
 London Borough of Tower Hamlets, Town Hall, 160 Whitechapel Road, London E1 1BJ  
 Email: [LETHAttendance&WelfareServiceAdmin@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:LETHAttendance&WelfareServiceAdmin@towerhamlets.gov.uk) Telephone: 020 7364 3450



# UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER...

23<sup>rd</sup> September – Y2 offsite visit

1<sup>st</sup> October – Elephant Class Offsite Trip

23<sup>rd</sup> October – NO CLUBS/PREMIER – Staff offsite from 15:45pm for Trust Event

25<sup>th</sup> October – Break up for Half Term Holiday

4<sup>th</sup> November – Return to school



New families... please keep an eye on your emails for a message from school ping, we may need to send you a copy of your log on details if you are not receiving anything. Once up and running, the app is very simple to use and has key information about the school at the click of a button!

**Mulberry**  
Wood Wharf Primary

## Breakfast menu

- Healthy Cereals
- Porridge
- Toast
- Spreads
- Bagels
- Crumpets
- Pancakes
- Fresh Fruit
- Beans on toast

Mulberry Wood Wharf is a nut free school and we have a whole school approach to allergy management. We offer a vast variety of choices for breakfast including gluten and dairy free options.

GLUTEN FREE  
DAIRY FREE

Please make sure you label all of your children's belongings to prevent them getting lost!

**FamiliesMatter**  
Parent and Family Support Service

Strengthening Families. Strengthening Communities  
parenting programme for Somali parents

Learn to develop strong, healthy relationships with your children and gain simple, practical strategies to manage children's behaviour in a positive way.

Venue:	Malmesbury Primary School, Coborn Street, London E9 2AB.
Date:	Mondays 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup> September 9 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
Time:	10am-12pm
How to refer:	Please contact 020 7354 6398 or email to <a href="mailto:parenting@towerhamlets.gov.uk">parenting@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a> to book your place.

During the course you will:

- The process of discipline for positive parenting
- Enhancing parent-child relationships
- The benefits of praise
- Managing conflict situations

It is advised that parents attend all sessions to get the most benefit from the course.

**FamiliesMatter**  
Parent and Family Support Service

### Emotional First Aid

A course to support parents' emotional health and wellbeing.

Is everyday life sometimes stressful?  
Feeling pressured by children and family life?  
You're not alone! Take time out for self-care.

Venue:	Mulberry England Green Centre 15 Richard Street (off Bogford Street) London E9 2AP
Date:	Monday Mornings (8 weeks course) 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> October, 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> November 10am-12 noon
How to refer:	Self-referrals are accepted - please email: <a href="mailto:parenting@towerhamlets.gov.uk">parenting@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a> or call on 020 7354 6398

During the course you will:

- Meet other parents and build up a network of support
- Discover new ways to manage your worries
- Identify the early signs of anxiety in adults, children, and young people
- Find out about services available in Tower Hamlets to support families

# COMMUNITY NEWS

**IN2SPORTS & LJ Fitness**

POSTNATAL FITNESS

- new mums and babies
- one 45-minute session per week
- every Friday
- In2Sports - 40 Harbord Sq, E14 9QH
- 10:30 AM
- designed by Lisa from LJ Fitness
- IG: @lj\_fitness\_uk
- email: [ljfitness.uk@gmail.com](mailto:ljfitness.uk@gmail.com)

GET 50% OFF YOUR FIRST SESSION

RISK-FREE GUARANTEE

[WWW.IN2SPORTS.ORG](http://WWW.IN2SPORTS.ORG)

London, Greater London  
Updated a few minutes ago

24 °C / 75 °F

Precipitation: 14%  
Wind: 18 KM/H  
Humidity: 57%

Sunny - Sat 21, 3:00 pm

1 AM	4 AM	7 AM	10 AM	1 PM	4 PM	7 PM	10 PM
23°	24°	19°	20°	19°	17°	16°	13°
15°	17°	15°	14°	13°	12°	9°	7°